



The Good News

May, 2015

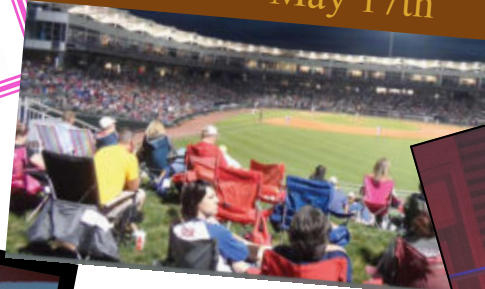
Things to do in May around the FUMCBV Neighborhood

~May 10~
Mother's Day &
Graduation Sunday
We will honor our mothers
and our five graduates



UMM
Pancake Day
Friday, May 1 ~
6:30am to 12:30pm

Naturals ~ May 17th



Saturday, May 9 ~ 7:00pm



UNITED METHODIST MEN
LADIES NIGHT
OUT
Wednesday, May 13 ~
6:30pm



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FAITH WALK

with Senior Pastor Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

The next few weeks will bring about a change in the pastoral staff of the church that I want to share with you. Pastor Zach Underwood will be moving, Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt will be arriving, and Brenda Wideman will be staying. I would like to individually share about each of these wonderful persons.

Pastor Zach Underwood's last Sunday is June 7th

Pastor Zach arrived last July, but he and his wife Kerry have made a decision to move to Ft. Smith at the end of June. Pastor Zach will share about his and his family's decision in his column of this newsletter. It has been a great privilege to work with Zach! His bright smile and giggle never fail to make me so happy. I appreciate Zach's partnership in ministry of the year. He has been so easy to work with and has been a true support. I am sad to see him leave us, but I respect his decision as he discerns where he feels the Lord is guiding him in ministry. Zach will be at FUMC until the second week of June. He will preach his last sermon as one of your pastors on June 7, and there will be a "come and go farewell card shower reception" for him and his family throughout that morning. I invite you to share your love, appreciation and comment to pray for him through a card and bring it on or before June 7th to be presented to him. If you would like to include a gift to Zach in your card please feel free to do so.

Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt's first Sunday as the new associate pastor is July 5th

Rev, Judy Rudd-Platt will arrive on Wednesday, July 1st. She will preach her inaugural sermon on Sunday, July 12th and that afternoon there will be a come and go reception for her and her husband. You will be receiving more details about the reception in the June newsletter. Judy refers to herself in this way, "I am what some refer to as a cradle Methodist." She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and baptized at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church where her family actively worshiped. Her brother and sister are 18 months younger and twins. Her brother is a retired pilot from the Air Force and currently works as a simulator instructor. He, her sister-in-law, her niece and nephew live in Beebe, Arkansas. Pastor Judy's sister is an elementary school principal and lives with her husband and two daughters in Stafford, Virginia. Both of her parents are deceased.

For twenty-three years Pastor Judy worked as a litigation attorney, primarily in the areas of criminal and workers' compensation law. She became active in leading small groups and worship at Pulaski Heights in the early 2000's. In 2005, she attended the Walk to Emmaus and in 2007-08, she attended the Upper Room Two Year Academy of Spiritual Formation in San Antonio, Texas. As she matured spiritually, she began to sense the call to professional ministry. By 2009, she began commuting to Memphis Theological Seminary once a week while continuing to work full time. At MTS, she met the man who would become her husband, Rev. Dixon Platt.

After completing a year at MTS, she was ready to jump into the waters of seminary with both feet. She decided to move to Evanston, Illinois in August of 2010 to attend a United Methodist seminary. After four long years and some on-line and distance courses, she received a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in spiritual formation from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in May 2014. Pastor Judy is a certified candidate for ordination and will be seeking a change of status as a provisional elder later this year.

The Dixons moved to northwest Arkansas in the summer of 2012 when her husband was appointed as the pastor of Elm Springs United Methodist Church. They live in the parsonage next to the church. Pastor Dixon has one son, Ben Douglas, who is 23 years old and lives in Lubbock, Texas.

Ministry Intern Brenda Wideman will remain as Minister of Grief Support and Spiritual Growth

So many people have expressed their hopes that Brenda could remain at FUMC for longer and, because of the associate pastor change, this has been made possible. The new appointment of an associate pastor

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Epistles from Pastor Zach

with Associate Pastor Zach Underwood

Change is all around us! Sometimes we search for change, sometimes we run from change, sometimes we change because we want to, and sometimes we change because we have to. The song "The Times they are a Changin'" by Bob Dylan suddenly popped into my head. I am not sure I have actually ever heard the song and had to look up who sang it, but I have definitely heard people utter that phrase. It is true, no matter how much we would like to go back and live in a moment or stay the same, we are constantly changing and prayerfully constantly moving forward. No matter how much I would like the boys to stay young, the truth is they are changing and growing and learning and I have to accept that change.

Our family is in the midst of another major life change as I step away from ministry. I would like to share with you a little bit on why I am making this change. It has nothing to do with First United Methodist Church Bella Vista. When I entered into ministry I felt God calling me into a specific area of ministry within the UMC and that was Wesley Foundations. I felt like God was calling me (and still do) into a campus ministry role, not a local church role. The Bishop and cabinet have had a different idea of what they think I should be doing. So ultimately, what led me to make this decision to step away, was the question I kept asking myself, "Am I called by God to follow Him or am I called by the Arkansas Conference of the UMC, and should I follow them?" I feel I am called by God, not called by what the Bishop and cabinet feel is best for me. Now, I knew this was the UMC way and agreed to it as I was ordained an Elder within the church, but there is still some disappointment of not being in campus ministry that I am feeling and that is why I need to step away.

I praise God that I have a wife that is beside me through all of this change and who is willing to allow some major life changes to happen to her as I make this decision. As many of you know, she will begin to work full-time at Fresh Roots Counseling in Fort Smith, while I pray, search and discern what God is leading me to; In the mean time I will stay at home with the boys. We appreciate your support and prayers as our family makes this change. We pray for you, as our change has a ripple effect and forces change on you with the appointment of your new associate pastor. The times they are a changin'!

Pastor Zach



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has caused a reduction in cost of insurance for this position from a family insurance plan to a single individual insurance cost. Through this savings, without raising the budget, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has approved a part-time ministry position for a "Minister of Grief Support and Spiritual Growth". Brenda Wideman will become the minister in this position. She will continue to be present in worship, will further expanded the grief and loss support groups for all ages, will offer guidance and follow-up to visitors, make pastoral visits, and teach classes. She will have part-time office hours. She will continue to explore her call as a deacon as she seeks ordination. Brenda's time as a Perkins School of Theology Student Ministry Intern will end on May 11th and she graduates from seminary on May 16th. On Graduation Sunday, May 10th, we will celebrate her graduation with other graduates in the church family. Brenda will then have time away as she and her husband take a two week trip. She will preach on June 14th, which is UMW Sunday, and then will assume her new role at the end of June.

So in closing I simply say I am terribly sad to see Zach move, I look forward to welcoming Judy, and Brenda - glad you will remain!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don't just come to church, BE the Church



Joining in the Journey Together with Brenda Wideman, Ministerial Intern

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

I'm Graduating!

Can it possibly be that the nine months of my internship here at FUMC of Bella Vista are almost complete? When I arrived back on Sunday, August 10, little did I know what a wonderful experience this would be with all of you. I was nervous; I was anxious; I was excited; I was ready to join in the journey with you. And what an incredible journey it has been!

You welcomed me with open arms and made me a part of your faith family. God took that and used it to His glory! I felt the love of Christ through all of you. I have laughed with you, cried with you, prayed with you, and shared many hugs and warm handshakes with you. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have grown together in Christ, grown together as a community of faith, grown together in understanding of the love and grace of our Lord and Savior.

And now, bunches of mentor pastor meetings, 8 Lay Teaching Committee meetings, 20 learning competencies, 12 theological reflection papers, 1 extended contextual study, 4 sermons, and 3 evaluations later, the Perkins requirements have been completed. (Perkins keeps us out of trouble by keeping us busy!) I will graduate Saturday, May 16 from Perkins School of Theology on Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a Masters of Divinity degree. I have all of you to thank for that. I could not have done it without you, without you and your love and grace and support. I especially want to thank those who have served on the Lay Teaching Committee: Noah Pittman (Chairman), Dixie Young, Vicki Forrest, Ewart Scarff, Roger Scoles, Katrina Sparlin, Bryan Hickman, and Rev. Susan Metcalf, pastor of Forest Hills Church. They have given a phenomenal amount of time, attention, and support to the infinite details of the internship process. I also want to sincerely thank Brother Jaimie as my mentor pastor – what a blessing he has been to me. He has counseled and supported me in ways beyond anything we ever could have expected; and he has given me so many opportunities to grow in servant ministry. I want to thank those of you who were a part of the Grief Support Ministry, both co-facilitators and participants; how much we have learned about grief, about God, and about ourselves as we have journeyed together! I thank Pastor Zach and all the staff: Janet, Jan, Marge, Patsy, Larry, Dawn, Troy, Allan, David, and Kristin for their help and for putting up with my naïve innocence. Everyone here at FUMC has been a blessing; you have become family and friends!

God **has** had a plan in the internship here and that plan continues to unfold. I promise I will bring back pictures of the graduation. Know that you will be with me in spirit as I walk across the stage.

Blessings and love in Christ, *Brenda*



WANTED! MOTHER'S DAY and FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS

Please bring in a photo of you and your Mother and of you and your Father (or separate ones of you and separate ones of your parents if you don't have any of you together) **if we do not already have them on file.** Deadline for Mothers is Monday, May 4th and deadline for Fathers is Friday, June 12th. Remember, if you have children, you are the parent and we can use pictures of you and your children. Please bring them to the office, labeled on the back as to who they are and your name—the photos will be returned. A video will be shown on both Mother's Day and Father's Day honoring these very important people in our lives.





VISTA KIDS

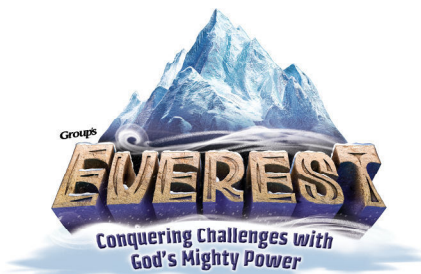
Our children have been learning a whopper of a bible verse during Sunday School, "But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and

that believing, you will have life in his name." John 20:31. We have been talking about what it means to believe and looking at people in the bible who can teach us about our beliefs. We all hope you enjoy seeing the children sharing with *The Well* service their bible verse and a peek into our Sunday School each month!

During May, we will be learning of the fruit of the spirit and studying the verse from Micah 3:8, "But me! I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord." The children need more volunteers downstairs! We have some that need a personal touch...someone to sit beside them during class and help them learn. Our teachers dearly need the support of the congregation during our Sunday School hour through helpful volunteers. Please contact the office and donate an hour of your time from 9:30-10:30 am.

Going forward, Vista Kids will continue loving God, learning His Word and leading through missions! Before long, our largest and biggest impact on the Bella Vista community will be here. Every year, Vacation Bible School brings families from our church, the community and beyond together to make a 5 day impact on their lives! Our goal is to reach far and wide to spread the love and excitement of God's Power. Whether you have seen and participated in 50, 5 or 0 VBS events, this is not the one to miss! We are calling all to consider coming together to shine a light bold and bright on Northwest Arkansas!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-23, in the evenings. We will be heading to ... Everest!



This expedition will lead us to overcome obstacles with God's Awesome Power. Soon, you will find an Everest Outpost in Becker Hall. This will be your station to sign up for volunteering, leading, and donations of materials. Please contact Kristin at Kristin@lovelearnlead if you can't wait to sign up! We are expecting record numbers this year, so we want to be prepared and ready to serve.

Kristin Crider

Director, Children's Ministries

YOUTH LIFE



In the next month and a half we will be offer several fundraising opportunities for people who wish to help support our mission/fellowship trip to Orlando Florida. The Youth 2015 event is a grand scale gathering for all United Methodist youth in the United States to come gather and build the knowledge and faith as one. We are in need of lots of support whether it is financial or prayer or any other way that you may feel you can support this trip. If you'd like to sponsor a youth the cost is \$450 each. If you like to pay for a tank of gas, pay for some meals or snacks please feel free! Just indicate that you would like to support us that way. There is an envelope station in the narthex and in the office for people to donate whatever amount they would like. Right now we need to raise an additional \$3,000 to finance the trip there and back, and to pay for our time in Orlando. We will also be doing some dinners and other fundraising event, so please keep a lookout in the weekly bulletin, or please feel to contact David about supporting the Youth 2015 trip (479-601-1028).

May 10 is Graduation Sunday! We have four seniors graduating: Maddie Hamrin, Sidney Hanna, Joshua Patterson, and Devon Presley. Come see their tables in the hallway then, and wish them well. We will have cake and punch in Becker hall after first and second service. Thanks and God bless.

David Hanson

Director, Youth Ministries



OUR FAMILY



Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Gretchen and Les Magee became members of our church on March 31 at a special service where their eldest son, Keagan was baptized. They usually attend The Well service. Les, a grad of Oklahoma State has an undergraduate degree in microbiology and a masters in business. He is a



medical technologist/microbiologist at Mercy Medical Center. Gretchen, a grad of University of Central OK and OU, started her private practice as a Doctor of Audiology here in Bella Vista, 5 years ago. Her practice is called Better Hearing and Balance Connection. They have two children, Keagan Myles will be six on May 11. He attends Glenn Duffy Elementary. Layton Marcus turned three last month and attends Little Feet Street Day Care. Outside of work, Les and Gretchen enjoy travel, reading, genealogy, service activities, and movies. They especially like things the whole family can do together. They are members of the "One" Shepherd Group; Sean and Kristin Crider are their First Friends.

Judith McVickers became a member of FUMC, BV on April 20, without a lot of fanfare. She has been attending the third service for about three years. Her First Friend is Sally Peterson. Her Shepherd Group is "One." She moved here from Pittsburg, KS. Judy has also lived in Pasadena CA, Phoenix, AZ, Salt Lake City, UT, and Emporia, KS.



Judy is retired, but had a secretarial background. She was a full-time mom, raising three daughters, and a part time secretary. She enjoys golf, crafts, reading, and quilting. Please make Judy feel welcome when you meet her at church.

SOARING SOLOS

(Where singles come together for fellowship and fun)

May Plans:

May 8—Friday, 8:30am Breakfast at Steak and Shake in Rogers, behind Olive Garden.

May 15 Friday, 5:00pm—Fish and more at Papa Mikes; 7:00pm, B. V. Men's Chorus at Bella Vista Lutheran Church, 1990 Forest Hills Blvd. The B.V. Women's Chorus will also join in the program, titled "In the Good Old Summer Time." There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken for Village House. Refreshments following the concert.

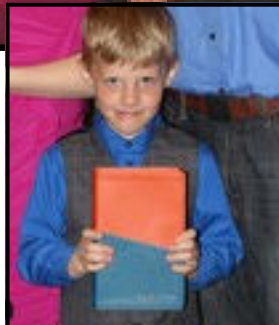
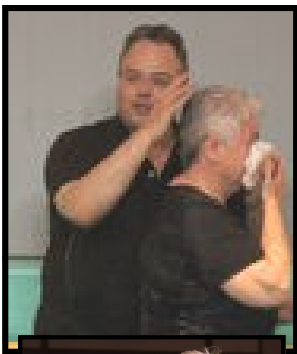
To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.



OUR FAMILY

TWO ARE BAPTIZED in SPECIAL SERVICE

Several members of our church had expressed a desire to be baptized by immersion, and since we do not have the facilities to do that, The Assembly of God Church was gracious in allowing us to hold a special service at their church on Tuesday, March 31 so that our members could have that experience. As the time neared, two of the children had second thoughts about being immersed, and chose not to participate. The evening of the service, Bro. Jaimie stood knee high in the water as Keagan Magee stepped to the water's edge and chose to celebrate his baptism by sprinkling. Keagan, soon to be six, made the decision to be baptized on his own. He is shown below holding his new Bible, received to mark the occasion. Gail Phillips was a full participant in the immersion as Bro. Jaimie helped her into the water and gently lowered her fully beneath the waters and immediately raised her to an upright position. In both cases, Keagan and Gail were participants in the words of Service of Baptism found in the Methodist Hymnal, and both, by their chosen method, were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



DEATHS

Ray Roeder (pronounced "Rader"), died Mar 28, 2015. We didn't know him nearly long enough. Ray joined the church at the Well service, two years ago, when he was 92. He had been befriended and invited by Donald and Karen Deal. Duane and Gail Phillips were another couple who became friends of Ray, and through that friendship they became members also. Ray was a special guy, who touched the lives of all who met him. He had no family and when he became ill, the Phillips took him in and cared for him. They brought him to church until his last weeks when he was admitted to the hospital. He went back to their home knowing his days were numbered. He also knew how much he was loved by so many people. We are glad we knew him, for a little while.

Frances Larsen, mother of Steve Larsen, died April 6, in Spencer, IA. She had just been moved to Hospice days before. Services were held on Thursday, April 9 in Iowa. Please pray for the family.

Rega Diesburg, daughter of Marcy Mershon, died unexpectedly April 14. Although Marcy was not able to attend a service that was held in Iowa, her other two children were able to come to Bella Vista to share in this time of loss with their mother. Please pray for the family.

MOVING ON

Peg Schuette moved to live near her daughter, Nell Nash in Wisconsin in mid-April. She and her husband Don, had been members here for 25 years. After Don died in 2013, Peg had been hospitalized numerous times for severe and consistent back and leg pain. In early 2015, she was admitted to Bradford House where she remained until her move to her daughter's. The move is a welcome one for her. She was a member of the Young At Heart Shepherd Group. If you would like to send her a note, you can contact her in care of her daughter, Nell Nash, 5289 N. Lake Drive, White Fish Bay, WI 53217.



OUR FAMILY

SHEPHERD GROUP LEADERS The Glue that Holds us Together

All of the Shepherd Groups were represented at the Annual Shepherd Group Leader Luncheon, held on Wednesday, April 15, at 10am.

One of the toughest things, the leaders reported, is to find new and interesting things to do. Each Shepherd Group is going to send Jan Lowe a list of places they go, things they do, and ways they volunteer in service. The lists will be combined and sent to all of the S.G. Leaders. At the same time, many of the S.G.'s are happy to sit around a table over breakfast and talk. It is a great way to get to know one another on a more personal level.

While some of the groups are meeting more frequently, a few of the groups are going from monthly to every other month. Several of the leaders need to find ways for members of their groups to take a turn at hosting an event during the year.

We all agree that the Shepherd Groups are as important now as they ever were—maybe even more, with the busy lives we all lead. But for anything that is good, we have to work at it. And it takes more than just one person to make a Shepherd Group successful. Our leaders play a vital role in keeping our groups alive.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTORS will be held Sunday, May 3, in the Chapel immediately following the last service. If you are a visitor, have recently joined, or would just like to know more about this church and have a chance to visit with our pastors one-on-one, please plan to attend. Call the office (855-1158) to let us know you are coming so we will have enough food prepared. Childcare is available and children are welcome to join us for lunch. (About 1 ½ hours, including lunch).

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Every One In Ministry

Find a Ministry
Where You can
Serve

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Sanctuary Upkeep - once weekly, come into the sanctuary and clean up anything that may have been overlooked. Replenish supplies in the pew slots, replace missing or damaged bibles/hymnals as needed; straighten and replenish supplies in Narthex desk. This position can train in late May and be ready to begin in June.

Prepare Communion Elements for 8am service
Purchase bread and juice for all three services, arrive by 7:00am on Sunday morning to have everything in place on the altar by 7:50am. Training will be provided for several months.

Sunday Office Angel - If you are willing to volunteer any time between 7:30am and noon on Sunday mornings to work in the office addressing the needs of members and guests, we will work with you based on your availability. Greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude; answer questions or find out and get back to them; sign people up for various happenings at the church. Contact Jan Lowe.

Sunday Bus Drivers - to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please see Bob Kennedy for more information.



We are so grateful for the many Prayer Shawls that are knit or crocheted by a loyal group of women who come to the church on Tuesday mornings, or who work at home and bring their finished shawls in to be labeled and prayed over before being presented to some special person. Prayer Shawls provide warmth and comfort but are not for sale. You can make a donation to this ministry to help defray the cost of materials. Make checks payable to the church. In the Memo section, write *Prayer Shawl Ministry*.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Howard & Mary Johnson
- 3 Billy & Carlene Jerman
- 4 Coleman & Sharon Farrar
- 4 Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
- 6 Eric & Danette Baker
- 6 Steve & Lara Sandusky
- 8 Darrell & Verna Bottjen
- 8 Wayne & Jeanette Horner
- 10 Greg & Juanita Franklin
- 12 Ron & Janet Walton
- 14 Bryan & Katie Hickman
- 19 Billy & Sandra Beverage
- 22 Jurl & Malinda Hickey
- 25 Charles & Marian Korns
- 26 Richard & Peggy Henault
- 26 Ralph & Mona Johnson
- 27 Gene & Dixie Young
- 29 Bill & Bobbie Platt



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cindy Johnson
- 1 Mary Johnson
- 1 Colby McCarthy
- 2 Bobbie Platt
- 4 Jack Dunn
- 5 Mary Patrick
- 5 Wilda Tague
- 6 Stan Tague
- 7 Lucile Roberts
- 8 Bob Reynolds
- 8 Jacob Smith
- 8 Phyllis Widle
- 9 David Frisby
- 9 Joyce Horle
- 9 Charlene Irwin
- 9 Jean Justice
- 9 Janet Walton



MAY BIRTHDAYS *(continued)*

- 10 Richard Andersen
- 10 Bill Miller
- 11 Genie Schupp
- 11 Keagan Magee (6)
- 12 Mike Liddekee
- 13 Kay Dunn
- 13 Joanne Fischbach
- 13 Sally Peterson
- 13 Eunice Truman
- 15 Clyde Cheek
- 15 Jessica Mendoza
- 15 Nancy Spangler
- 15 Clarence Williams
- 16 Code McIntyre
- 17 Jill Darling
- 17 Marc Engle
- 19 Jim McMillen
- 19 Roy Vogel
- 20 Cheryl Campbell
- 20 Ruth Jackson
- 21 Mickey Cleveland
- 21 John Justice
- 22 Jessica Patterson
- 22 Brett Potts (10)
- 23 Lara Sandusky
- 24 Mark Lucht
- 25 J.D. Highfill
- 25 Kerry Underwood
- 27 Evelyn Weigel
- 28 Jeneda Mickelson
- 29 Don McMahon
- 30 Bryan Hickman
- 30 Charlene Marshall
- 30 Mary Verkest
- 31 Larry Marshall





MISSIONS

Shoebox Ministry

Boy's and girl's shoeboxes were packed on Monday, April 13th by volunteers Phoebe Bader, Evelyn Weigel, Mildred Davidson, Sue Nebrig and Mabel Ashline. Team Leader Cheryl Campbell organized and led the pack. A big thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you to our volunteer phone caller, Jan Abbott.



The members of the Liberty Bell Extension Homemakers Club in Lowell, dropped off a donation of items included in our shoeboxes. This group has been donating to Shoebox for well over 10 years. God Bless each and every one of you.

We need SOCKS of every kind. Children's socks need to be for school age K-12th grade. Adult men's and women's also. Low style and white is the best.

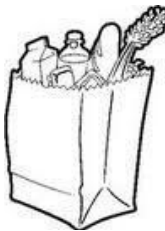
Picky, Picky, Picky!!!!

We have been asked about our preference and some do not understand why we are so "picky" about specifying the type of sock we need. When people are homeless, one of biggest issues is foot disease. White socks are thicker, stay dryer and seem to ease the problem. Also the thicker white socks last longer.

Until next month ~ As always in His service,
The Shoebox Team

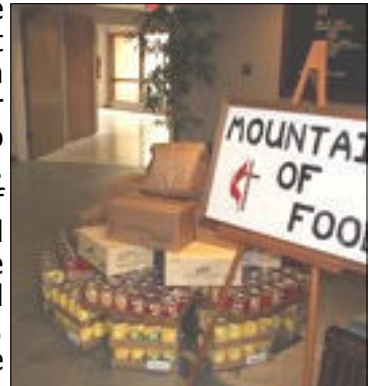
PAK A SAK

Our collections of food on Sunday May 17, will be delivered to Souls Harbor located in Rogers. This shelter is for men trying to get their lives back on track and become self-supporting individuals in the community. They are in need of all types of food, especially coffee, dried beans, pasta, sauce, canned meats, cereal, and peanut butter. Thank you in advance for your support for all the people in need here in Benton County.



MAY MISSION of the MONTH MOUNTAIN of FOOD

Each year in May, the congregation of First United Methodist Church Bella Vista dedicates our Mission of the Month to the Mountain of Food. We build a mountain of canned goods, rice and other non-perishable food to be given to food banks in our area. Helping Hands and Care and Share in Gravette, both of whom serve large populations of the hungry in our area, receive a portion of the food we purchase.



The program is easy. You'll find a yellow order form in your Sunday bulletin, on the desk in the Narthex, or in the office. Listed are all the items you can purchase with your donation. This year, a full order costs \$191.50 – down over \$8.00 from last year. You can choose to purchase a full order, just a few items, or simply make a donation of any amount to "Mountain of Food".

Last year, our congregation exceeded all expectations by raising over \$6,000 for this project. The impact we had on hunger in our area was impressive.

Unfortunately, the need is still great. This is one way we can fulfill our mission to **Be the Church** by doing what we are called to do.

2015 MOUNTAIN OF FOOD ORDER FORM

Name _____		
_____ Corn	\$14.16 case	_____
_____ Green Beans	\$14.16 case	_____
_____ Pork & Beans	\$18.00 case	_____
_____ Peas	\$14.16 case	_____
_____ Applesauce	\$17.88 case	_____
_____ Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 9.36 case	_____
_____ Instant Potatoes	\$21.40 case	_____
_____ Mixed Soups	\$14.16 case	_____
_____ Tuna	\$32.64 case	_____
_____ Rice	\$15.30 case	_____
_____ Peanut Butter	\$20.28 case	_____
	Total Due:	_____

(total to order one case each = \$191.50)



United Methodist Men

United Methodist Women



United Methodist Men's Coffee

You are invited to join other men from around the Northwest District for a UMM Coffee on Saturday, May 2.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mackey Yokem
Executive Director of Mission and Ministry
Arkansas Conference

The Annual Conference is attempting to restart a state wide Men's ministry. Each district is being asked to begin with an organizational meeting to select district officers. The next step is a conference gathering (to be held in August).

The purpose is to develop ministries and programs that interest men that would lead to mission opportunities and provide spiritual nurture to men. Hopefully, this would mirror the UMW.

May 2, 2015 ~ 10:30am to Noon
Elm Springs United Methodist Church
118 North Elm Street, Elm Springs, AR
RSVP: District Office by email at
bneighbors@arumc.org
or by phone at 479-783-0385



UNITED METHODIST MEN
LADIES NIGHT OUT
Wednesday, May 13 ~ 6:30pm

Entertainment by
Vocal Expressions
Barbershop Quartet

Dinner Catered by Papa Mike's
Parmesan Crusted Pork Chops
Scalloped Potatoes ~ Tossed Salad
Dessert

Tickets \$12
Available in the church office
or after each Sunday Service in Narthex

United Methodist Women

will sponsor the church's annual rummage sale

Saturday, August 1st.

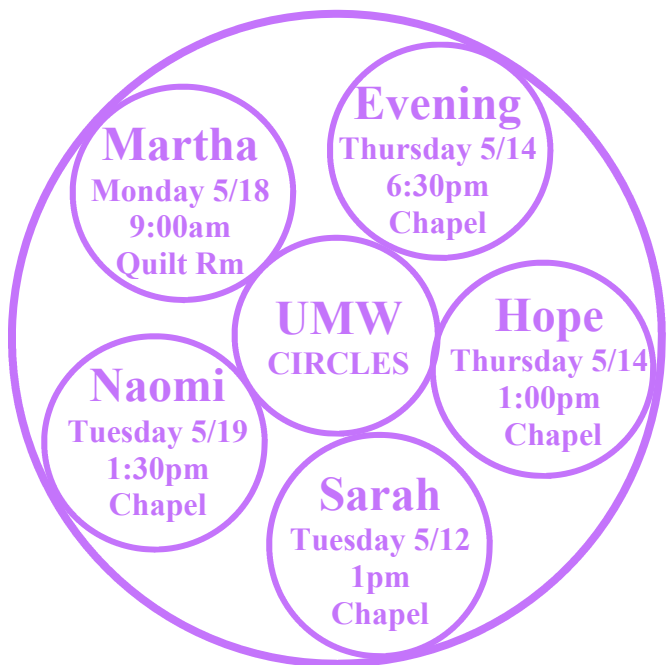
Please begin to set aside your cast-offs now. We welcome all types of items except clothing, televisions and furniture.



Our storage space is limited, so we ask that you keep things at home until the week of the sale. If you are moving or have other circumstances, please call — we'll work with you.

This is a big undertaking, so, a donation of your time is also welcomed.

Ideas? Questions? Please Call Co Ellen Sterwald @ 721 2902.





THE BOOK NOOK

2015 UMW READING PROGRAM

EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS: CATEGORY I

A GIRL CALLED PROBLEM by Katie Quirk
 GOOD GOD, LOUSY WORLD, AND ME by Holly Burkhalter
 WHAT'S SO BLESSED ABOUT BEING POOR by L. Susan Slavin
 FAITH AND STRUGGLE ON SMOKEY MOUNTAIN by Benigno Beltran
 MY NAME IS BLESSING by Eric Walters

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY: CATEGORY II

BULLY.COM by Joe Lawlor
 THE END OF YOUR LIFE BOOK CLUB by Will Schwalbe
 THE ROUND HOUSE by Louise Erdrich
 JANUARY FIRST by Michael Schofield
 THAT USED TO BE US by Thomas Friedman (Large Print)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: CATEGORY IV

NASREDDINE by Odile Wuelersse
 FINDING GOD IN A BAG OF GROCERIES by Laura Lapins Willis

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: CATEGORY V

SUM IT UP by Pat Summit
 THIS GIRL IS DIFFERENT by JJ Johnson

2015 MISSION U STUDY BOOKS:

CREATED FOR HAPPINESS by Cynthia Bond Hopson
 LATIN AMERICA PEOPLE AND FAITH by Sonia Maria Barbosa Dias

This entire list with reviews is available in the Library. Although these books are in the UMW Reading section of the Library, they are available to all readers to check out and enjoy. There are new books coming in to the Library all the time—if you think you have read them all—come check us out!



FUN and FELLOWSHIP

NWA Naturals Baseball Game

Sun., May 17th at 2:05pm
 (Family Day, Kids eat Free)

Benefits Oasis of NW Arkansas



For more information, contact Brenda Wideman
 FUMCBV Ministerial Intern, 479-855-1158 x705

Tickets are \$8.00 (\$3.00 goes to Oasis)

Sign up in the church office soon ~

Deadline is Sunday, May 10th. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

SAGER BROWN TRIP

Mark your calendar for August 28 thru September 4, 2015. This will be the time for our next mission trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA. The cost of this trip is \$250 and does not include the cost of one night motel stay on the way down. If you are interested in one of the 12 spots available, please contact Jim Prather.





Be a Booster

*If you think your church the best,
tell 'em so!*

*If you'd have it lead the rest,
help it grow!*

*Where there's anything to do,
let them always count on you.*

*You'll feel good
when it is through.*

*If you're used to giving knocks,
change your style:*

*Throw bouquets instead of rocks
for a while.*

Let the other fellow roast.

Shun him as you would a ghost;

Meet his banter with a boast.

*When a stranger from afar
comes along,*

Tell him who and what you are -

Make it strong.

Tell the truth, for that's enough.

Be a Booster, that's the stuff.

Don't just belong!

BE THE CHURCH!!

*Contributed by Marjorie Plunk,
from her Father's pastoral files*



WESLEY SERIES CONCERTS

presents

**UMKC Conservatory Graduate Fellowship
String Quartet**

Saturday, May 9, 7:00pm

The musicians will be performing selections from
Beethoven, Schulhoff, and Corigliano.

As always, the concert is free
and open to everyone. Please join us.



Volunteers are always needed
at Cooper School.

If you are interested in
helping, please contact

Maryann Johnson at 721-9987 or
sign up in the office - Bronco Buddies.

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THANK YOU

Brother Jaimie, The Benjamin Family expresses their thanks and gratitude to you and the FUMC church family for the beautiful prayer shawls. The Benjamins believe that the shawls will help them to heal in the midst of their loss.

Sisters & the Benjamin Family

Dear Brother Jaimie, We want to thank the Prayer Shawl group for the beautiful shawl. Ed uses it every day because he always seems cold since he fell and shattered his shoulder and needed surgery. Thank you also for the cake. Ed enjoyed it very much since he has a sweet tooth. I managed to get a bite. We hope to get back to church soon as we have been away too long.

Ed & Lorraine Swanson

o FUMCBV, Thank you so much for the use of the 4-wheeled walker and mobile toilet chair. They were very useful and much appreciated during my time of immobility. Enclosed is a donation from this non-member of your church.

Vic & Janet Horswell



Many THANKS to over 50 folks who showed up for All-Church Workday April 25th!!



Newsletter MARCH 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				2015	Compare
		*=	-Endowment	Budget	2014
Month to date (as of 3/31/15)	Actual Receipts	*	\$76,187	*	*\$69,241
Month to date (as of 3/31/15)	Actual Expenses		\$50,914		\$50,220
	Month of MARCH		\$25,273		\$19,021
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$185,961	*	*\$178,601
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$156,794		\$158,965
	YTD		\$ 29,167		\$19,636

Operating Account Balance 03/31/15 **\$8,240**
 March is typically a good month

May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Lunch with Pastors	4 9:16 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	5 9:16 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Prayer Shawl 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	6 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	7 7:00 Mayor's Brkfst 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Highlands 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Nat'l Day of Prayer	1 UMM Pancakes 6:30am-12:30pm  9:00 Gospel Bible Study	2 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
10 MOTHER'S DAY GRADUATION 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	11 9:00 Caregivr Spprt 9:16 Golf-Berksdale 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Board 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow-up 6:00 By the Book AA 6:00 Finance Comm 7:00 Church Council	12 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	13 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 1:00 UMW Nominatng 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	14 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Dogwood. 12:00 Epic of Eden 1:00 HOPE Circle 4:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Evening Circle	15 9:00 Gospels Study	16 9:00 Amp Big Book
17 PAK A SAK 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	18 9:00 Martha Circle 9:16 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Calico Cut-ups 12:00 PEO-CD 5:30 Brd of Directors 6:00 By the Book AA	19 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	20 Men's Emmaus 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	21 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Scotsdale 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:45 Sanctuary Bells	22 9:00 Gospels Study	23 9:00 Amp Big Book
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31 PROMOTION SUNDAY						

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Lord, hear Our Cry

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**Bella Vista Community-Wide
National Day of Prayer Service**

Thursday, May 7 ~ 6:30pm
Bella Vista Community Church
75 E. Lancashire Blvd, Bella Vista
A cooperative effort of Bella Vista churches,
sponsored by the BV Ministerial Alliance
BV Men's and Women's choruses will be singing



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United Methodist Men

Pancake Day

Friday, May 1

6:30am-12:30pm

Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
Applesauce, Drink

**\$6.00
per person**

Proceeds support
Local Ministries

