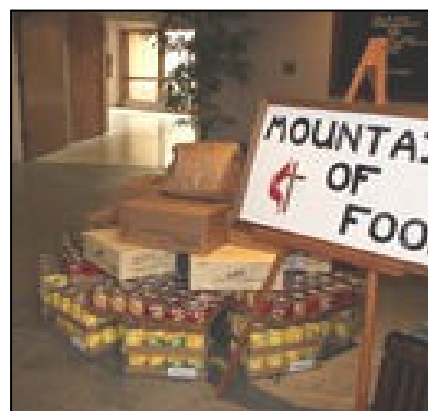




The Good News

May, 2016

*Activities and Articles You won't want to miss in May!
Read all about them inside . . .*



**Bella Vista Mayor Christie's
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 am
Highlands Church**



May 4th ~ Midweek Manna Celebration!

Let's celebrate our Small Groups before taking a Summer Break! New classes begin in the fall. Bring a Potluck dish (not a dessert) at 6:00pm & we will share our meal and our experiences. **ALL DESSERTS WILL BE SUPPLIED from our Cake Decorating class!!**



**LUNCH
LEARN**

**BROYLES
FOUNDATION**



*UMKC Graduate
Fellowship String Quartet*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

SATURDAY, MAY 14th ~ 9:00 to 2:00

Please bring a breakfasty snack to share, and come join the inside & outside fun!!

There's a job for everyone!





FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor

It's General Conference time again! General Conference is the Worldwide United Methodist Church's top legislative body and it meets every 4 years. This year it will meet at the **Oregon Convention Center**, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20, 2016. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets

for church-wide programs. The best-known aspect of General Conference is the legislation. General Conference is the body that determines direction and speaks officially for our denomination. 864 delegates elected by their annual conferences will consider 1044 petitions. Half the delegates are clergy and half are laity. Bishops lead the sessions, but have neither voice nor vote. Amendments to The Book of Discipline that guides the work of local churches, pastors, annual conferences, general agencies, and bishops, are adopted. Delegates also vote on resolutions that give the official positions of The United Methodist Church on social issues which are published in our Book of Resolutions. The General Conference covers a wide array of issues that affect all levels of our church. A small percentage of them receive a great deal of attention. Others will pass or fail without much fanfare, but will have lasting impacts in the life of our local churches. At the 2016 General Conference legislation will be presented and debated on human sexuality, the budget of the general church for 2017-2020, a more global church structure, the ordination process for our pastors, formation of a hymnal revision committee, and more. Whether widely publicized or not, General Conference legislation directs our work globally, regionally, and locally in our congregations.

When the United Methodist gather from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America at General Conference. The delegates come together as one through faith in Jesus Christ. There are, however, a variety of languages and cultures represented. The worship of General Conference celebrates our unity and cultural diversity. Eleven worship gatherings and nine opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are offered during the 11 days. The worship reminds us all that we are part of something much larger than our local congregation. We are a connectional church, united to do wonderful work of Christ across the globe.

On Wednesday, May 18, at 9:48 a.m. (PDT), the delegates of General Conference will celebrate one of the ministries by which United Methodist Christians have helped millions, *Imagine No Malaria*. *Imagine No Malaria* has greatly contributed to a coordinated international effort to eradicate this preventable disease. Through the efforts of this amazing ministry, more than 1 million mosquito bed nets have been distributed and more than 250,000 people have been diagnosed and treated. That is reason to celebrate

Please be in prayer for the work of the 2016 General Conference and the Arkansas **delegates to General Conference: Clergy:** The Revs. Mark K. Norman, Dede Roberts, Rebekah Miles, John P. Miles II and **Laity:** Karon Mann, Todd Burris, Karen Millar, Asa Whitaker.

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie





Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt

Wow! My May calendar is filling up at an alarming rate! Just in the last two days about five new events have made their way to my schedule. It seems that every year, May holds a plethora of events, activities and commitments: travel, weddings, graduations, celebrations and more. It is a time of rebirth, renewal and excitement as the promises of spring are fulfilled and new promises of summer begin to emerge.

Early in the month of May, one of the events that is on our calendars is the celebration of Mother's Day. On the second Sunday of May, we remember women who gave us birth, women who nourished and nurtured us at various points in our lives, women who encouraged, supported and prayed for us, women who believed in us when we sometimes could not believe in ourselves, women, whether biological mothers or mothers of the heart, who wrapped us in grace and love on the journey of life. It is a time to remember and to give thanks for all the mothers in our lives.

Nature seems to extend a motherly generosity to all of creation in the month of May. As the bare limbs of the trees become covered in a multitude of fresh green finery and the flowers continue to show off their array of colors, we are reminded of the nurturing and nourishing love of God, the God who gave us birth (Deuteronomy 32:18). Entering a sermon series on God's grace and generosity, we are invited to consider the gentle, nurturing and motherly nature of God. There are times in our lives when we need to imagine ourselves crawling up in God's lap to receive the love of a Holy Mother. The psalmist recognized the human need to receive God's motherly embrace. "My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child, I am content (Psalm 131:1-2).

Although we often think of God in terms that are traditionally masculine, the God of the Universe is not limited by gender. There have been times in my life that I needed a "Momma God" who would nurture me with grace, reassure me with love, and encourage me with words of hope. We all need a Savior who longs to gather us together, "as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings" to protect us and restore us to new life (Luke 13:34). As we experience God's generosity and grace this May, and as we celebrate the gift of mothers of every kind, I invite you to linger in the love of a Savior whose love and adoration for you holds the promise and assurance of a mother's tender love.

Pastor Judy



*Happy Mother's Day to ALL Mothers ~
Biological Mothers and Mothers of the Heart*



**Congratulations to Our Graduates!
Carly Engle & Austin Roath**



Please join us in worship on Sunday, May 8 as we honor our mothers and our graduates!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care & Grief Support

Grace in Summer Sabbath

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail. By the seventh day, God had finished his work. On the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done.
(Genesis 2:1-3 The Message)

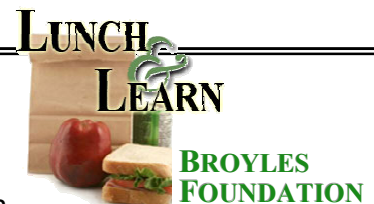
For the majority of my life, I have been a student or a teacher or in some way associated with an academic calendar. In the academic world, once the school year has finished and all the last details of creating for that year have been done, we take a rest. We might look at that time as a "Summer Sabbath." Even when I was a part of the university staff and had no immediate teaching responsibilities, there was a semblance of "Summer Sabbath" because the students were not on campus. During the quiet of the summer, we would laugh that the "university would be a really nice place, if it weren't for the hoards of students walking around."

Do you take a "Summer Sabbath?" Once you have moved Heaven and Earth, all the way down to the last detail, do you take a "Summer Sabbath?" Many who are retired take "Summer Sabbath" multiple times per year. But even during retirement, we sometimes forget how much we need a break from all the creating details of whatever stage of life we are in at the moment. My husband and I will take "Summer Sabbath" on several long weekends this summer and into the fall. Four of our nieces/nephews/children will marry between April 30 and October 15 this year. Our "Summer Sabbath" will be experienced as we share in the joy of these weddings with family. Our first "Summer Sabbath" is at the Outer Banks of North Carolina over the April 29-May 1 weekend.

As I prepared for a devotional recently and thought of this first "Summer Sabbath", I remembered how much I am replenished and renewed by walking on the beach to the sound of the waves. The "heart beat" rhythm of the waves has a peaceful effect on my soul. The water washing over my feet feels like the calming touch of God. It does feel like stepping on holy ground in a holy moment when I do this. The devotional I read described the ocean as being so very much like God, a source of life, strength, and tranquility. It also described how the visual of the waves washing to shore is like grace. Our sin is like the sand, riddled with holes and rocks and partial footprints. But the waves are like God's grace and mercy; constant and never ceasing, washing over us, removing our imperfections and smoothing us to a shiny surface so that God's image can be reflected. I pray that you will find your own unique "Summer Sabbath." Along your journey this summer, look for the waves of God's grace washing over the sands of your life, smoothing them out so that God's image can be seen. And may that create holy ground for you.

Blessings, *Brenda*

Upcoming Caregivers Support Group Lunch & Learn Event Broyles Foundation Presentation Monday, May 2nd, Becker Hall, 10am-3pm



The mission of Broyles Foundation is to turn the crisis of caring for a person with Dementia including Alzheimer's into a positive life event and to ensure the best quality of life for all family members involved.

The presentation will be made by Betsy (the daughter) and Molly (the grand-daughter) of the late Barbara Broyles who was the wife of Coach Frank Broyles. Both women are certified counselors and have a vast amount of experience and knowledge as a family caregiver.

Betsy and Molly will discuss day-to-day care tips for your loved one and tips on how to take care of YOU, the caregiver. They will also place emphasis on the issue of family dynamics. This will be an information-packed session and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. Please call the office if you are coming, so we will know how many to expect for lunch.



YOUTH LIFE

with David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

***The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take
refuge, my shield and the horn of
my salvation, my stronghold.***

Psalm 18:2

These past two weeks have brought many changes to my family. When one enters the world of adulthood and parenthood, you don't expect all these moments that will test, define, and change you. For the past 10 years Andrea and I have raised our family in the house we made home. Andrea and I have been feeling this call to take a move in life. Not sure what all is in store for us, but The Lord is Our ROCK and we trust in him.

To add to it all of this, our house didn't even get on the market and it sold. So we are in time crunch to figure out our next stage. Fortunately, God delivered us a good rental house that a great friend of mine is letting us start moving in, and it is closer to town. The Lord is my is my fortress and my deliverer.

So with all this happening so quick, it has been an emotional time. Seeing our family grow in this house and all the memories that have been created in this house, makes it hard to let go. What I am sure of is God has plans for us. God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

With any change in life comes challenges and sacrifices. We are simplifying our lives and focusing more on God and family. To add to our change, Andrea is taking on a new job after May. She is looking forward to a change in her daily pace. She is excited but scared. She is letting go of two sets of memories and taking on two major changes at once. What I know for sure, is she has the Lord as her shield. So when I read Psalms 18:2 it gives me strength and faith that no matter what happens, the Lord is with us. I know God has great things ahead for us. I can't wait to see them. Thank you GOD for Loving my family and me.

The Youth are wrapping up testing and school this month. Our church is blessed to have a couple of graduates this year. Austin and Carly will be taking on the next chapter in their life. I hope and pray that

Psalms 18:2 speaks to them in this time of change. The other day I asked Austin how he felt about graduating. He said "I am scared, but excited". I think this is common when any major shift in life happens. We are scared of change, but excited for new beginnings. May 8th we plan to celebrate their accomplishments during each service. Please join us in praying and supporting them in their next chapter of life.

Some exciting times in Youth this past month - a group of youth and adults went to Silver Dollar City for Young Christian Weekend. It was a great time for fellowship and revival. A HUGE "THANKS" to Ted and Judy for joining me. The youth also had an uplifting time when we attended the movie "God's Not Dead 2" If you have not seen it, I highly suggest you see it.



Upcoming: one Major event is coming up in June and we need some help. I have 3 youth that are looking to attend the Disaster Relief Camp in Kansas. The Disaster Response Teen Corps is a program made possible through partnering with *All Things New Ministry*. It is designed specifically for youth who are preparing to go on a mission trip. Campers will learn the skills needed to help rebuild houses, as well as how to help people process the emotions that come while handling a traumatic event. The Cost: \$350 per camper. We are looking for members to help sponsor those who want to go. Additional donations are also accepted for gas and food. As always, the youth will share their experiences upon returning. Please contact David or the Office if you are interested in helping to sponsoring a camper.

God bless you all,
David



Vista Kids

Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministries



*Springtime sings a sweet hello,
showing again God's promise unfold!
Rejoice! Renew Again!
'Tis Never Too Late!
To look inside thine own self,
and find new life in you.*

Have you seen new life this spring? Some has already come and gone, while some is coming back from deep within the earth. We have seen new life in our ministry to children through the shining "YES"s when they were called to serve! We have been blessed on Wednesday nights to hear stories told by Elaine and Doug, to have had the helping hands of Cathy, Don, Judy, Carly, Janet and a chorus of "Angels" that sit in our office and the compassionate, mission hearts of four special teachers, Marianne, Hal, Linda and Richard. We will begin a whole new Wednesday Night Mission Series with the kids when we start back in September this year!

Vacation Bible School is SET for July 10-14, from 6:30-8:00PM. Our theme is *Egypt*, and it will feature the popular "marketplace" we did several years ago in the chapel. Don't miss out! Vacation Bible School is a great time to spend time with your friends at church! While volunteers are ALWAYS happy when VBS is over, they are NEVER regretful that they participated in this special time in our church.



My inbox is always open and I am usually standing outside Becker Hall from 9 - 9:30 AM on Sunday Mornings. Praise God for each of your ministries; it is an honor to serve with you through FUMC Bella Vista.

With love, *Kristin*



Carly Engle

*Best wishes to our
High School
Graduates!*

*They will be honored
in worship services
on May 8th*



Austin Roath



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 Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com, or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Linus and Jeanette Faber— When the Fabers joined on February 28, we did not have a picture yet available for the March Newsletter. We wanted you to be able to see their smiling faces so that you can greet them the next time you see them at the church.



Welcome Linus and Jeanette!

Connie Hinton—became a part of our church family on April 17th. She moved to Bella Vista in 2013 to be close to her two sons after having lived in Russellville for many years. Before retiring, she was a Human Resource Manager for Save the Children HeadStart Programs and other non-profit organizations. Now that she is retired, she enjoys reading, bowling, watching HGTV, traveling and spending time with her 2-1/2 year-old granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann. She is excited about becoming more involved in the life of FUMC and getting to know more of us through fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Shirley Newton— became the newest church family member on April 24th at The Well Service. She was a teacher-librarian for 20 years in Iowa, prior to retiring to Bella Vista in 1996. Now that she is here, she loves to golf, quilt, read and travel. She already has two trips planned for the fall: to Colorado to see the aspens, and to the Catskills and the Hudson Valley. Be sure to get to know Shirley and get some great travel information for your next trip.

DEATHS

Please keep these families in your prayers as they journey through the grief of their loss.

Denise Narrell— sister-in-law of Sue Nebrig, passed away Thursday, April 21, in Amarillo, TX. Sue travelled to Amarillo to be with her brother and her family as together they celebrated the life of Denise and mourned her passing.

ACTIVITIES COMING IN MAY

Metfield Methodists' Shepherd Group - will hold their annual pot luck picnic at Metfield Pavilion on Monday, May 9, at 6:00pm. Among other reasons to gather, they will honor John and Janie Koonce, as they prepare to move to Kansas to be closer to grandchildren.

Shepherd Group One will meet at Blowing Springs Park on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30pm for a picnic and attend the Big Band Concert. If you would like to sit closer to the band during the concert bring your own lawn chairs. Bring your own picnic, or purchase a box dinner there from the Rotary Club. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the hosts. Please call Bud & Dottie Henke or Glen & Caroline Roach if you can be there.

Soaring Solos— will travel to War Eagle Mill for lunch on May 13th. They will also stop at Hobbs State Park Conservation Area to see the exhibits before returning home. Let Marianne Johnson or Karen Roenfeld know if you will joining the group for this fun Friday event.



CONGRATULATIONS!
Chet Campbell hit a
Hole-In-One
on the 190 yard #5 hole
at
Highlands Golf Course



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Howard & Mary Johnson
- 3 Billy & Carlene Jerman (70th)
- 4 Coleman & Sharon Farrar
- 4 Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
- 6 Steve & Lara Sandusky
- 8 Darrell & Verna Bottjen
- 8 Wayne & Jeanette Horner
- 10 Greg & Juanita Franklin
- 12 Ron & Jan Walton
- 14 Bryan & Katie Hickman
- 16 James & Amy Gilmore
- 17 Herb & Kathy Ayres
- 19 Billy & Sandra Beverage
- 22 Jurl & Malinda Hickey
- 26 Richard & Peggy Henault
- 26 Ralph & Mona Johnson (60th)
- 27 Gene & Dixie Young (60th)
- 29 Bruce & Vickee Fleming
- 29 Bill & Bobbie Platt
- 31 Harry & Kandi Mount

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 1 Colby McCarthy
- 2 Bobbie Platt
- 4 Jack Dunn
- 4 Dorothy Kropp-Henke
- 5 Mary Patrick
- 5 Wilda Tague
- 6 Stan Tague
- 8 Jenna Gilmore
- 8 Bob Reynolds
- 8 Jacob Smith
- 8 Phyllis Widle
- 9 David Frisby
- 9 Joyce Horle
- 9 Charlene Irwin
- 9 Jean Justice
- 9 Jan Walton

MAY BIRTHDAYS (continued)

- 10 Richard Andersen
- 10 Bill Miller
- 11 Keagan Magee
- 11 Genie Schupp
- 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
- 17 Jill Darling
- 17 Marc Engle
- 19 Roy Vogel
- 20 Cheryl Campbell
- 20 Ruth Jackson
- 21 Mickey Cleveland
- 21 John Justice
- 22 Jessica Patterson
- 22 Brett Potts
- 23 Lara Sandusky
- 24 Mark Lucht
- 25 J.D. Highfill
- 27 Evelyn Weigel
- 28 Jeneda Mickelson
- 29 Don McMahon
- 30 Bryan Hickman
- 30 Charlene Marshall
- 30 Mary Verkest
- 31 Larry Marshall





*The Wesley Series Concerts
of
First United Methodist Church
of Bella Vista
20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas
presents*



*University of Missouri
Kansas City
Graduate Fellowship
String Quartet
Saturday, May 7, 2016
7:00pm*

*For additional information on future concerts:
www.lovelearnlead.com (Wesley Series) or
wesleyseries.org*

**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 2nd and deadline for Fathers is Friday, June 10th.

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 Fathers' Day honoring these very important people in our lives.



**Bella Vista Mayor Christie's
Prayer Breakfast**

Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 am

Highlands Church

371 Glasgow Rd

Cost is \$5 at the door

Reservations are required

Space is limited

Featured Speaker: Mayor Peter Christie

To reserve your seat, visit humcbv.com

and click on the

**National Day of Prayer logo
at the bottom of the page.**

*If you do not have internet access,
call 479-855-2277 to register.*



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK

On May 15th our collection of non-perishable food will be for Souls Harbor, located in Rogers. This is a transition home for men in NW Arkansas needing to get their lives back on track. They are in need of all types of pantry food including coffee and creamer, dried beans, pasta, sauce, canned meats, cereal, peanut butter, & soups.



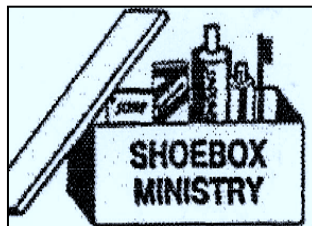
SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Shoebox delivered 209 shoeboxes in April. Shelters served were Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter, Soul's Harbor, and Salvation Army-Bentonville. Cooper Elementary School received 78 Sunshine Sack. May will be the last month to distribute Sunshine Sacks until school resumes in August. Shoebox would like to thank the Martha Circle for packing these sacks each month. The ladies packed approximately 700 sacks during the school year. A special thanks to Vicki Forrest, circle member for delivering these sacks each month.

During their April meeting the members of Hope Circle filled cosmetic bags to be delivered to Havenwood, Restoration Village, Oasis, and Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter. The bags are filled with special toiletries donated that are not used in our shoeboxes. They can include makeup, bath items perfume, notepads, pens and costume type jewelry.

Needs. . .

. . . full size toothpaste, full size shower gel, shampoo, nail clippers, short cuff socks for women, men, boys and girls are always needed.



As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team

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 an "order form" in your Sunday bulletin or on the desks in the Narthex and Becker Hall. Listed are all the items you can purchase with your donation. This year, a full order costs \$191.52 – up \$.02 from last year. You can choose to purchase a full order, just a few items, or simply make a donation to the Mountain of Food. Be sure to write "Mt of Food" in the memo of your check.

Last year, our congregation exceeded all expectations by raising over \$7,000 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.

(Remember – donations to the Mission of the Month should be in addition to your regular giving to the church.)





MISSIONS

The Texas Youth are Coming!

We are super excited to host a group from the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission (CTCYM) who are coming to Arkansas June 12th -18th. While over 2000 students and adults will be in several communities in Arkansas, we will host about 80 here at FUMCBV. The group will stay in the church and have breakfast, devotionals, dinner, some evening activities, and worship here and work throughout the community during the day. Their main emphasis for projects is building ramps, porch rails, and minor outside repair work. They do not do plumbing or electrical projects. Applications will be available in the church office if you or someone you know is in need of this help. Please remember, submitting an application is not a guarantee that the work will be done. It will be reviewed by their project manager and he will make the decision. Our church has been asked to help them by washing towels. Amy will have a signup sheet for this in the office, so please keep it in mind and as we get closer to the dates, she will be reaching out. They will need to be picked up in the evening and returned by noon the next day. We will also host a potluck while they are here so they can talk about their week and explain their mission. This date will be announced after we meet with the coordinators in May. I know we as a church will do all we can to make them feel welcome as we are truly blessed to have them back in our community.



Church Work Day
Saturday, May 14th
9:00 until
we're finished!
Come join the fun ~
inside and outside projects



Your Heart and Hands Can Help Disaster Survivors

First UMC is inviting YOU to be a part of an adult mission team this summer from 7/17-7/23. We're looking for 12 adults to repair flooded homes in McGehee, Arkansas as we help people there recover from the devastating March floods. For many, their only hope is through compassionate volunteers. You do not need to be an expert builder to join us on this team. We'll travel, work, cook, eat and play together in fellowship! Our team will stay at the Catholic Center as it offers the luxury of bunk beds, showers, and a kitchen for our use. More information about the cost will be available soon. Feel free to contact Richard and Linda Stewart for more information at 316-706-2384 (cell) or by email at richard_linda_stewart@hotmail.com. We hope you'll feel God's nudge for you to step out in faith as together we are called to "Be the Church!"

UNITED METHODIST **Attention all (male) golfers!**



Our summer leagues have just begun and we are always looking for more golfers! Our three leagues consist of two 18-hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays, and one 9-hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell, Darrell Bottjen, or James Forrest if you are interested.



UMW



Mark your calendars:
UMW Annual Rummage Sale
 Saturday, August 6
 Set aside your cast offs now.
 Do you have ideas and ???'s
 Call Co Ellen Sterwald 721-2902

Please begin to set aside your cast offs now. We welcome all types of items EXCEPT clothing, televisions and furniture and other large items. Our storage is limited, so we ask you keep things at home until the week of the sale. If you are moving or have other circumstances please call, we'll try to accommodate your needs.

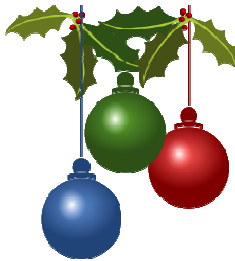
This is a big undertaking, so, a donation of your time is always welcomed.



Bazaar Workshop News -

Thursdays 9am - 2pm

(or however long is convenient for you) - downstairs in the Quilt Room is where the action is. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us for fun, fellowship, and knowing that we are creating things to sell at the October Bazaar that will benefit many charities for women and children. No special talent required - there is a job for everyone! Crafters and sew-ers are welcome to share new ideas. If you can't make it to the work shop and enjoy sewing, contact Verna Bottjen as she has some patterns to share with you that you can make at home.



Marlene Clapp is looking for Chargers (those large plates that go under dinner plates at a formal table) for a project for the bazaar. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the Quilt Room or the church office with a note designating them for the bazaar.

BOOK NOOK



LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

NO SAFE SECRET by Fern Michaels

As secrets old and new are revealed, Molly must face painful truths and the choices she made.

MERMAID MOON by Colleen Coble

As answers fall into place, Mallory realizes her search is about finding herself as well as her father's killer.

FOOL ME ONCE by Harlan Coben

Can you believe everything you see with your own eyes?

THE WIDOW by Fiona Barton

A dark, intimate tale of a terrible crime, and the lies spouses tell not just each other, but to themselves.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

ANGELS WALKING SERIES by Karen Kingsbury

Book 3: BRUSH OF WINGS

THE HERITAGE OF LANCASTER COUNTY by Beverly Lewis

Book 1: THE SHUNNING

Book 2: THE CONFESSION

Book 3: THE RECKONING

LARGE-PRINT NON-FICTION:

WHERE I AM by Billy Graham (236)

Mr. Graham shares what the Bible has to say about Eternity from all of its 66 books.

Don't forget the UMW Reading Program!

UMW has it's own bookshelf in the Library with suggested reading program books available in all the reading categories. Reading lists are also available on the shelves.

CHECK IT OUT!!



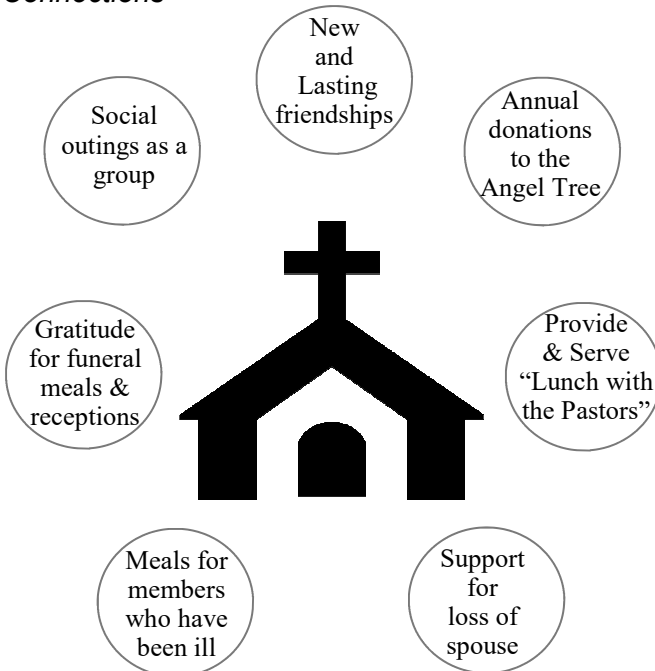
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Amy Gilmore, *Director of Community Life & Connections*

SHEPHERD GROUP LUNCHEON

We had a wonderful turnout at the Shepherd Group Leader Luncheon on April 17th. All of the Shepherd Groups were represented and there was sharing of “glory stories” (shown in the circles below) as well as some challenges that were faced over this past year. We were all reminded of what it means to be a Shepherd and of the Shepherd’s Covenant. Shepherd groups are vital to the life of our church, and a great way for you to be involved with a small group within our church. They are a great support system during times of crisis and a great source of friendship all year long. So the next time your Shepherd Group leader calls you or emails you, say “Yes” to whatever it is—a meal to serve, a trip to the museum, or a potluck and game night. Jesus said “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...” John 10:14

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As you know, members complete their *Every One In Ministry* (EOIM) form in the fall for the following year and from this information, I make a schedule for the worship services based on how people signed up. At the beginning of the year – the schedule is complete! But then.... things happen and blank spaces appear.

If you are new to the church or if you feel called to help in one of the following areas, please email me or call me so that our schedule is complete once again. So many visitors comment how friendly and welcoming our church is and new members have mentioned the same thing. All of this comes from YOU, from US being the CHURCH! Greeters, Ushers, Room Hosts, these are among the positions that are so important to maintaining what our church is, has been, and will continue to be. Currently, the following areas have “blank spaces” –

- 8:00 service Usher Captain
Team Leader for Acolytes
Coffee Set-up
- 9:30 service Greeters in the Narthex
Becker Hall Hosts

Please consider stepping into one of these areas; some of them are just one Sunday a month.

Thank you, **Amy**

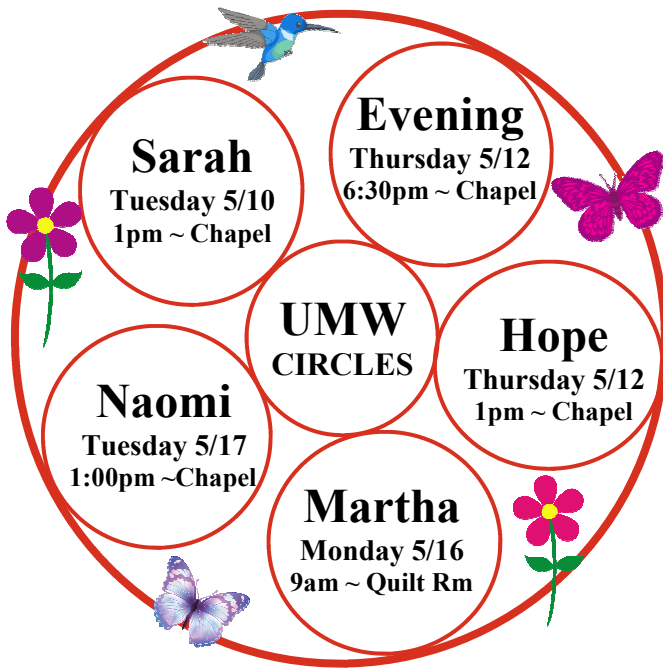
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

AV Worship Assistance— Do you like technology? Well, we have a ministry for you! Help out during Sunday Worship in any of the three services with the soundboard or video camera or computer. All you need is a willing spirit; we will happily train you. Help is also needed to deliver the worship recording from the first service to the local TV station (about 3 miles) Talk to Troy or Alan in the AV booth for details.

Sunday Office Hostess— Do you have a friendly face and helping attitude? We would love to have you welcome and assist folks who come to the church office on Sunday during the 10:45 Worship service. Talk to Jan in the church office—855-1158 for more details.



THANK YOU



A note of "Thanks" -

Bob and I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the church for providing the Sunday morning services for members who for various reasons cannot attend. Thank you to all those who have a role in providing a way for us to feel that we are present in spirit, if not in person. We are thankful for all your prayers, too!

Helen McBride

Dear FUMCBV Family,



"Thank you" to each of you for your support of our guests from Uganda. We were honored to host Duncan Ojambi and Lazarus Wogoli of Kibo Group International from Jinja, Uganda on Monday, April 18th. Thank you so much for your donations to missions to support the work of Kibo in improving the lives of persons in Uganda and for the thoughtful welcome you gave these two wonderful men.

Bro. Jaimie

March 2016 FINANCIAL DATA				
		*= -Endowment	2016 Budget	Compare 2015
Month to date (as of 3/31/16)	Actual Receipts	*\$49,131	*\$54,326	*\$76,219
Month to date (as of 3/31/16)	Actual Expenses	\$51,526	\$54,326	\$50,274
	Month of MARCH	-\$2,395		\$29,945
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$155,099	*\$162,978	*\$185,355
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$153,698	\$162,978	\$157,705
	YTD	\$1,401		\$ 2,765

Operating Account Balance 3/31/2016 **-\$3,520**

MAY 2016

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	2	8:59 Golf-BVCC 9:00 Calico Projects 10:00 BroylesProgram 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	3	10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:24 Golf-Highlands 5:30 Grief Group	4	8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Meeting 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 MANNA POTLUCK 6:45 Youth Life	5	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:07 Golf-BVCC 4:00 Chancel Choir	6	UMM PANCAKE DAY 	7	8:30 Yng at Heart SG 9:00 Amp Big Book 7:00 Wesley Series
8	MOTHER'S DAY GRADUATION 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	9	9:30 DAR 9:41 Golf - Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 calico board 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:00 Finance com 6:30 Men's Chorus	10	9:00 PEO-BR 9:58 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Grief Group	11	8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Calico Newbies 9:00 CC Special Proj 9:00 Disciple IV 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 UMM Ladies Nite 7:00 Youth Life	12	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf-Kingswood 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Evening Circle	13	8:30 Believers Disciple 11:30 Preschl Brd Mtng	14	9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
15	PAK-A-SAK 7:05 Bells Rehearsal 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 <i>The Well</i> SG 3:00 Men's Chorus-VH	16	8:16 Golf - Scotsdale 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 5:30 Board of Directors 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	17	8:59 Golf-Highlands 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:30 Mving Frwrld Lunch 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 1:00 Member Mtng 5:30 Grief Group	18	8:00 Calico Special Pro. 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple IV 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Youth Life	19	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf - Dogwood 4:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Preschool Program	20	8:30 Believers Disciple	21	9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 PEO Fshn Show
22	7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	23	9:00 Caregivers 9:41 Golf - BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Calico Cutups 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	24	9:37 Golf-Brittany 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 BV Library Board	25	8:30 Bible Study 9:00 CalC Dog Beds 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple IV 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Youth Life	26	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf-Kingswood 4:00 Chancel Choir	27	8:30 Believers Disciple	28	9:00 Amp Big Book
29	7:30 Praise Team 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	30	CHURCH CLOSED 	31	10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:24 Golf-Highlands								

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Director of Youth Ministry - David Hansen
Dir. of Music Ministries - Dr. Lawrence Zehring
Director of Media Ministries - Troy Jorgensen
Handbell Director - Dawn Thompson
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To the Home of ...



UMM
Annual Ladies Appreciation Nite
Becker Hall

Wednesday ~ May 11th ~
6:30pm

\$12

An Evening to Remember!!

Toe-tapping Music
Delicious Dinner
Door Prizes



United Methodist Men
Pancake Day

Friday, May 6th
6:30am-12:30pm

Becker Hall
Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
Applesauce, Drink
\$6.00 per person

Tickets may be bought from
any UMM member,
in the Church Office,
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