



The Good News

May 2017

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

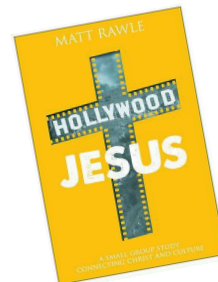



**Bella Vista Mayor's
Prayer Breakfast
May 4**


**WE
CELEBRATE**



ALOHA!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
SATURDAY, MAY 6th ~ 8:30 til done
 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

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Boxes, "For Sale" Signs, piles of stuff, dates to meet, money to spend, and so much more are all a part of moving. We have all had to deal with moving, but unless you move often you forgot how painful a process it is to relocate. My personal world is about change right now. My home of 15 years is changing, my treasures are in boxes, and I am being pulled in many directions. During this time of change, I want to thank you for your support, encouragement, and understanding concern. I am so excited for FUMCBV and its blessed future. It has been such a blessing to witness God's kingdom purposes be revealed over these past 6 years through *Everyone in Ministry*, worship services, mission outreach, determined prayer, in personal lives, fellowship meals, and so much more. It will be exciting to learn how God is fulfilling kingdom purposes in the years ahead. During May and June, I will be meeting with persons at FUMC Texarkana and will be at FUMC Bella Vista so my normal schedule will be difficult to follow, especially when the two locations are 5 hours apart.

I want to share with you how the next two months will look for me and you together.

- ◇ May Sermon Series (April 30 thru May 21) is called "Great Expectations" and will focus on God's expectations of us.
- ◇ Honor the women and girls of the church on Mother's Day (May 14)
- ◇ Memorial Day Sunday (May 28) will honor the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of our nation.
- ◇ Pentecost Sunday (June 4) we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, confirm the confirmands, and celebrate promotion to new classes for children and youth.
- ◇ June 11th Pastor Judy will offer her farewell sermon
- ◇ June 18th Celebrate United Methodist Woman's Sunday and Father's Day (Arkansas Conference Annual Conference will be held in Hot Springs)
- ◇ June 25th Bro. Jaimie will offer his farewell sermon and the Musical "Esther" will be offered from the music ministry team of Memorial Drive UMC in Houston, Texas that evening. This will be my last day with you as your Senior Pastor.
- ◇ During that week, Pastor Jeanne Williams and her family will arrive and her first service with you will be July 2nd.

I cannot say to you enough what a privilege it has been to be your Senior Pastor. You have been so supportive and caring. I cannot say "Thank You" enough!

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don't just come to church, *Be the Church!*



NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER ~ THURSDAY, MAY 4TH
Please join with us at the Bella Vista Mayor's Breakfast
on May 4th at 7:00am at First Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista
1880 Forest Hills Blvd.
Tickets are \$5 and available in our Church Office.



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Judy Rudd-Platt, Associate Pastor

I have often considered nature God's office. When I lived in Little Rock a number of years ago, I would say that I was headed to a conference in God's office as I made my way to the trail at Pinnacle Mountain. Nature has always been a place where I can find God and drink deeply from the well of living water Jesus promised us when we seek him.

Due to a recent move, I am in a beautiful apartment with a balcony that overlooks a wooded creek bed and a field in the distance. When I first arrived, I could see the animal shelter above the dull brown grass and bare trees of winter. But as the trees and plants have budded and the leaves unfurled, all I can see is the lush green of new growth. I can still hear the yaps and howls of discontented four-legged, fur babies; but I can no longer see the shelter.

As the birth colors of green explode and morph before my eyes, I watch as every few days brings a new vision. Life is bursting forth: sometimes slowly and at other times at warp speed. Brown patches of earth are replaced with bright green ground cover. Views through the shrubs and trees become obscured as a palette of green leaves now dance in their place. Although the expansiveness and views of the clearing are disappearing, the Creator's presence in the abundant new life emerging each day invites me to look inward for the comfort and security that only the Holy Spirit can provide.

Promise, hope and resurrected life are wrapped in the wonders of each budding spring. New growth, emerging beauty, and renewed confidence are the gifts that are born of the dark, winter times of our lives. God is in the miracle-working business. Paul reminds us that "*all things work for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose.*" Rom. 8:28. Even in the deepest, darkest moments, we can have faith that God is always working for good in the world. God is love. God can only work for good in the world. Just as God brings new life in the spring of each year, God brings healing and restoration to each one of us as we seek it.

One of the sources of new growth, connection and healing that has been a blessing to our church family and beyond is Midweek Manna. Long-time and new members, alike, have joined together for a meal, fellowship and small groups where they received comfort, new life, and promise of God's love and faithfulness. Midweek Manna has provided an opportunity for our church family to invite friends and acquaintances to visit our church and encounter the amazing love and acceptance this church offers.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Midweek Manna celebration on Wednesday, May 3rd will be upon us. I hope and pray that you will join the celebration as we rejoice and give thanks to God and to all of those people who have been the hands and feet of Christ in making Midweek Manna possible. Whether you have regularly attended Wednesday night Midweek Manna, were only able to attend occasionally, or are interested in learning more about this vital ministry of our church, I hope you will make your reservation in the office and attend the celebration. *Pastor Judy*

Midweek Manna CELEBRATION ~ MAY 3RD ~ 5:30pm

Everyone is invited, as we remember with gladness and joy the wonderful experiences we shared during mealtime, classtime, crafttime, preptime ~ and as we plan ahead to the possibilities for us next fall. Please join us!!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

We Believe in the Resurrection!

This spring I have been privileged to spend time with our newest confirmation class, six of our youth who have been exploring their faith and will formally commit to Christ on June 4th. They are Caleb Adler, Madhura Roath, Piper Engle, Drew Baker, and Alec and Jenna Gilmore. It has been delightful to get to know them.

We talked about the historic creeds of our faith and what is different about each of them. We briefly looked at a creed written in 1968 that is used in the United Church of Canada. Here are the beginning lines:

*We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

As I read the words of this creed, I thought of how alive, how active and present, the words of this statement are. This creed is not worded to give a historical account of the major events of our faith, but rather these words are written to describe our faith in the current moment. With Easter being just a few weeks behind us and the words of the Resurrection still resonating within us, I thought how this creed is a creed of Resurrection. This creed describes a risen Savior who is in the world today, a Savior who lives within our hearts and daily brings us hope and promise. We can **hear** it.

And this spring, we can **see** it. As I have watched spring unfold this year, going from the dead brown of winter to the alive green of the leaves and grass, to the multitude of brilliant colors of the flowers, as well as to the kaleidoscope of birds' plumage, we can **see** the Resurrection. My husband and I have seen blue birds, indigo buntings, goldfinches, cardinals, and so many more, a full rainbow of colors. "*We believe in God: who has created and **is** creating...*" We have watched as Jesus has come to make new.

This creed continues with "...we are called to celebrate God's presence...." What a celebration of God's presence this spring has been. What a celebration of God's presence, of New Life in Christ, our confirmands will experience on June 4th. Be sure to be in church that Sunday to experience it with them. Without a doubt, the Resurrection tells us, as does this creed, that we are not alone. As you join in the journey with the confirmands and all the church family in the days and weeks ahead, may you hear, may you see, may you experience, may you **believe** in the Resurrection. Thanks be to God!

Blessings, Pastor 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 Sunday, May 7th and deadline for Fathers is Friday, June 9th. 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, your name, and your usual service—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.





VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader, Director of Children's Ministries

Welcome to Spring. I love to see all the flowers and the trees blooming, What a beautiful world we live in. Thank you, Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. From the United Methodist Men setting up and cooking the wonderful Pancake Breakfast, to the photo station, crafts, beanie walk, prizes and everyone who donated eggs and candy, and to those who helped with hiding and finding eggs and working with the kids. It was a big success and we received a lot of compliments from families. What a great ministry for the public. We had a wonderful Easter even with the rain. God is truly good!

Mid-Week Manna is almost over. The kids have been learning the Pledges, and the Books of the Bible. We are half way through the Old Testament. We have also learned about Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah. We will finish with Moses. I am so proud of them and have had a lot of fun with them. Thank you so much for Ms. Pam and Ms. Judy being so very helpful. On April 30th, we will be going to the DEB store. This has been our mission project for the last few months, and we have collected over \$60 to be donated to the DEB PROJECT. Due to car seats, we will have parents drive us over and tour the store, and after, we will have a pizza party in the park, weather permitting. If it is rainy, we will come back to the Church for our party. I am very proud of the families and this has been a great learning lesson for the children.

On Sunday, June 4th, we will have promotion Sunday during 2nd service. After the service, we will have a family and teacher appreciation lunch in the Chapel. This is a time to celebrate the Children being promoted and the Teachers who have taught them. We have the best teachers and I am very thankful for their love and help. There will be a card basket for the teachers if you would like to share your love and thanks, As always, If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. I am always here for you.

God Bless and enjoy your Spring.

Ms. Angie



Promotion Sunday

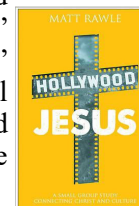
June 4th

in The Well Service (9:30am)

- **RECOGNIZE** our Children and Youth as they move up to their next level
- **CONFIRM** the six members of this year's Confirmation Class
- **CONGRATULATE** our graduating Senior
- **BAPTIZE**
- **COMMUNION**
- **HONOR** Teachers, Volunteers & Parents in a luncheon for them in the Chapel following the service

New Class ~ New Time!

Beginning Sunday, May 7th at 10:50, during the third service time, a new Sunday school class will meet in the chapel! If you have wanted to be a part of a small group on Sunday mornings but could not make it to the existing classes, this might be an option for you. Janelle Engle will be leading the class, with childcare provided on the lower level. The first study will be *Hollywood Jesus: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture*. Together the class will watch what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords. Matt Rawle's four-week, DVD-based study explores Jesus and Christ figures in films including "Cool Hand Luke," "The Lion King," "The Truman Show," and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Prayerfully consider being a part of this small group as together we learn about Jesus and what he means in our lives today. Books are available in the Office—suggested price \$11.





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.

MARRIAGE

Sandy Schmidt and Ted Ivy were joined in holy matrimony on Thursday, April 20 in Cancun, Mexico. Bro Jaimie performed the ceremony on this happy occasion.



RELOCATIONS



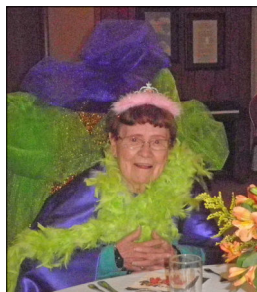
Marge Smith

Our beloved Financial Secretary since 1990, passed away unexpectedly on April 6th. Her memorial service was held in our Sanctuary on April 10th, and was attended by family &

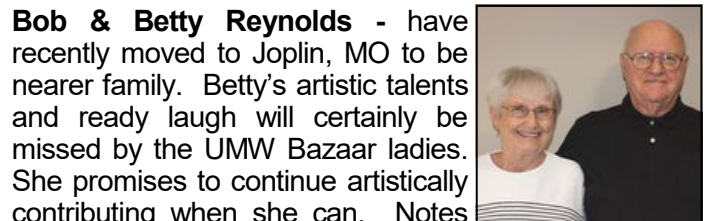
friends from far and wide. Marge came to FUMCBV to "fill in until they find someone permanent." Her meticulous hand-written records and reputation of always balancing to the very last penny allowed her to remain in this "temporary position" until the day she died at age 94. Marge has left a legacy that will be impossible to match. She was a living history book of all that has transpired at FUMCBV since she became a member so many years ago. Marge was always "in charge", and we will miss her dearly. Please keep us all in prayers as we mourn her passing together.

Queen for a Day

*March 24, 2013~
Marge as she
celebrated her 90th
b-day with Family
and Friends*



Ken Fisher – has relocated to North Carolina, to be close to family. Notes and cards can be sent to : c/o Carol Hardison, 505 Lake Shore Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534 We will miss him. Please pray for Ken and his family in this time of transition.



Bob & Betty Reynolds - have recently moved to Joplin, MO to be nearer family. Betty's artistic talents and ready laugh will certainly be missed by the UMW Bazaar ladies. She promises to continue artistically contributing when she can. Notes may be sent to: Bob & Betty Reynolds, 2018 Rolla St., Joplin, MO 64801

IN MEMORIUM



John DeVan – long-time former member, passed away April 23rd. in Kansas. John had moved there last August to be closer to his family. His memorial service will be held at the Ft. Scott, KS Natl Cemetery, Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:30pm. Cards may be sent: C/O Ken DeVan, 19022 Santa Fe Trail, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Please keep his children, Ken, Jillie, and Allison, and all of the family in your prayers as they grieve this loss.



OUR FAMILY

IN MEMORIUM *(continued)*

Jacqueline Hansen – mother of Vicki Schroeder, passed away Sunday, March 19th in Kansas City. Vicki and David had travelled to be with her in her last days of her battle with cancer. Her service was held Thursday, March 23. Please keep Vicki, David, and the family in prayers as they mourn the passing of Jackie.

William Stewart – son and only child of Syble Highfill, died during the night of Monday March 21st in West Monroe, Louisiana. A memorial celebration is being planned for the future. Please keep Syble, J.D. and their family in your prayers as they mourn this unexpected loss. Cards can be sent to Syble at: Highlands HealthCare and Rehab, Room #107, 670 Rogers Rd., Bella Vista, AR 72715.

GROUP ACTIVITIES in MAY

YOUNG AT HEART SHEPHERD GROUP plans to have dinner together on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30 PM at PAPA MIKE'S RESTAURANT. They will not have a Saturday May breakfast meeting.

2 SERVE SHEPHERD GROUP will gather for a luncheon on Saturday, May 13th at 11:30am at Duffer's Cafe. (about 1/2 way between FUMCBV and Highland Gate on Lancashire). Please let the Andersens know by May 11th if you will attend. Duffers has a large and varied menu.

Future gatherings will be July 4 at Blowing Springs Park sponsored by Phyllis Widle, and September at a local park for a potluck picnic. Stay tuned!

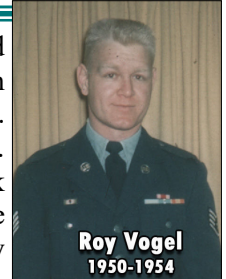
BELIEVERS SHEPHERD GROUP will meet Wednesday, May 17th at 5:00pm at the home of Gene & Dixie Young for a potluck. Tim Smith and friends will musically entertain.

NEEDS for the BAZAAR WORKSHOPS!!

Clay Pots ~ 1/2-Pint Fruit Jars
Bowling Balls

Please put them under the Missions table in the Narthex or one of the tables in the Craft Room.

My Church Family ~ I was honored to fly into Reagan Washington National Airport in D.C. on April 19th. All the memorials were breath-taking. The Korean Memorial took me back about 65 years. The changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery will always be remembered.



The reception at XNA and Reagan airports was unbelievable going out and returning. My special joy was seeing so many young people welcoming the Honor Flight.

My special thanks to the OK/AR Honor Flight people, plus our guardians and support group making up the flight of approximately 160 people.

For God and Country! *Roy Vogel*



Our very own Contemporary Worship Praise Team Director, Shannon Wicker, and her Advanced Women's Choir and Advanced Men's Choir from Lincoln Junior High went to Worlds of Fun Music Fest in April and competed with choirs from all over the area, including Missouri and Kansas. They qualified for this competition after receiving all 1's at the Choral Performance Assessment in March. The women's choir placed 1st in their division, and that was after a day of roller coasters, carnival games, and amusement park food. Jenna Gilmore, who is a member of our YouthLife group and also a member of our Praise Team, was a member of the winning Women's Choir (3rd from right ~ first row). Way to go Shannon and girls!



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Michael & Sandra Duden
- 3 Billy & Carlene Jerman
- 4 Coleman & Sharon Farrar
- 4 Lou & Judy Kaufmann
- 4 Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
- 6 Steve & Lara Sandusky
- 8 Darrell & Verna Bottjen
- 8 Wayne & Jeanette Horner
- 10 Greg & Juanita Franklin
- 12 Ron & Janet 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
- 27 Gene & Dixie Young
- 28 Glen & Carolyn Roach
- 29 Bruce & Vickie Fleming
- 29 Bill & Bobbie Platt
- 31 Harry & Kandi Mount

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 1 Colby McCarthy
- 2 Bobbie Platt
- 4 Jack Dunn
- 5 Wilda 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 Rick Mayes
- 9 Glenn Roach
- 9 Janet Walton

MAY BIRTHDAYS *(continued)*

- 10 Richard Andersen
 - 10 Bill Miller
 - 11 Keagan Magee
 - 11 Genie Schupp
 - 12 Mike Liddekee
 - 13 Kay Dunn
 - 13 Sally Peterson
 - 13 Eunice Truman
 - 15 Jessica Mendoza
 - 15 Nancy Spangler
 - 15 James Thuma
 - 17 Jill Darling
 - 17 Marc Engle
 - 19 Roy Vogel
 - 20 Cheryl Campbell
 - 20 Ruth Jackson
 - 21 Mickey Cleveland
 - 21 John Justice
 - 22 Jessica Patterson
 - 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
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MAY is a BUSY MONTH for UMM

The United Methodist Men will have their first Pancake Breakfast of 2017 on Friday, May 5. Darrell Bottjen has sent packets of tickets out to all the men and everyone's help in this effort is really appreciated. This is one of our two big events that we have to raise money for the many charities that we support. Rod Alford is our morning shift kitchen supervisor and Steve Larsen is in charge of the Dining Room. Chuck Whittenberg is the kitchen supervisor for the second shift along with Ron Buker, dining room supervisor. This is Ron's first time at this and he will need all the help he can get. If you get a call from one of these men, just remember, it is better to give than to receive.

On May 10 we will be having LADIES NIGHT OUT. This is the evening that we have a special dinner for the Ladies of our Church. Along with our spouses and friends, we want to get invites to as many women as we can. Our special entertainment this night will be Doug Anderson, a comedy magician. He performs all over the country and especially likes to perform in churches. We will be both laughing and amazed at his magic. He may even make one of our UMM members disappear in front of your eyes. Tickets are \$12 for a fine dinner and wonderful entertainment, and they are sale now. See any UMM member or in the church Office.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ...



. . . will sponsor the church's annual rummage sale on Saturday August 5th. This is a HUGE undertaking! Manpower will be needed for set up and tear down.

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

Donations of your time are always welcome. 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 and we'll try to accommodate your needs.

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

Sarah
Tuesday 5/9
1pm ~ Chapel

Evening
Thursday 5/11
6:00pm ~ Chapel

UMW CIRCLES

Naomi
Tuesday 5/16
1:00pm ~Chapel

Hope
Thursday 5/11
1pm ~ Chapel

Martha
Monday 5/15
9am ~ Quilt Rm

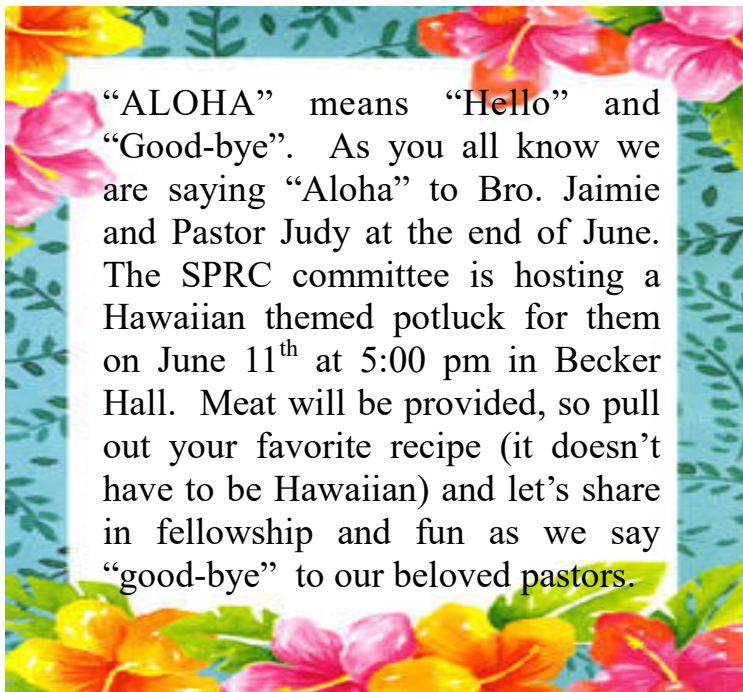
The finance committee will keep our Church Family informed on a regular basis concerning our Church's finances in a number of different ways. This includes a new email address at the Church website where questions or comments may be addressed. All questions will be answered by email or phone call.. The email address is financecomm@lovelearnlead.com.



CONNECTIONS with Amy G

EOIM - Everyone in Ministry - *I am getting ready to put together the EOIM ministry Sunday Worship schedule for the second half of the year. Please let me know if you have specific dates when you will be out of town or otherwise unable to volunteer. We have had so many changes already this year and I would like to have as much correct information as possible to make a clean schedule ☺. Situations come up and changes will be made and that is okay. Thank you so much for your continued commitment to these ministries and for helping to make our church so welcoming.*

First UMC Blue Springs youth will be headed our way again in early July. They will be staying in the church and doing some missions work while they are here. They will have time to do work for our members if needed. This group is middle school age and they do not have resources for large jobs, however they are eager to tackle small jobs that may need done around your house – washing windows, yard work, moving boxes, etc. If you have anything like this that needs to be done, please let me know (amy@lovelearnlead.com) or the church office 855-1158 and I will make arrangements.



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, also receive a portion of the food we purchase.

The program is easy. You'll find an "order form" in your May 7th Sunday bulletin, or on the desks in the Narthex, Becker Hall, or Office. Listed are all the items you can purchase with your donation. This year, a full order costs \$186.60 (down from \$191.52 last year). You can choose to purchase a full order, just a few items, or simply make a donation to the "Mountain of Food" (make notation on 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. One quarter of our neighbors in Northwest Arkansas are still food insecure, meaning that they are unsure at least one day each week where or if they will have food. This is one way we can fulfill our mission to *Be the Church* by doing what we are called to do.





MISSIONS

PAK A SAK

On May 21st our collection of non-perishable food will go to *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.

If you are able to stay after the middle service for a few minutes on the 21st to help sort and pack for delivery, your assistance will be greatly appreciated!! Please meet at the back of Becker hall.

SHOEBOX MINISTRIES

Thank you so much for the donations of money and packing items. After our plea for help the response has been awesome. God Bless each and everyone of you for your continued support.



If you did not receive a thank you note from Shoebox and gave a donation through the church directly, we are not notified of the person or persons who gave, only the amount when we ask for our balance in our church account. Possibly in the future we can change this method.

WE are looking for volunteers to deliver to some the shelters each month. Please contact us if you would like to come aboard .

We look forward to future donations of items we can use in the boxes, and other programs we have such as the Sunshine Sacks. April was the month that we provided the following items to "health week" at Glen Duffy Elementary School. This program started in 1999 and now supplies 426 K thru 2nd grade students with travel size bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and a toothbrush.

We no longer fill purses but receive special women's items not used in shoe boxes through the year. They are sorted prior to Mother's Day and sent to different shelters such as Havenwood, and the Women's Shelter of NWA.

Until next month-

As always in His Service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team

"Snack Packs for Back Packs" BANKS

When Cooper School first opened 10 years ago, only 40 students were eligible for the "Snack Pack for Back Pack" program. This program provides healthy, easy to prepare foods for school age children over the weekend. The school counselor places a "snack pack" of eight to ten items into the student's back pack on Friday afternoon so the child has food over the weekend.

Due to changes in demographics and school boundaries, Cooper School provides 140 + students with these much needed hunger packs each Friday.

FUMCBV has been asked to be a part of this very necessary program beginning with the 2017-18 school year. We'll be responsible for 40 students each week. Other churches and the Samaritan Center in Rogers are picking up the balance of the students in need. We've done the math. We've prayed. We've conferenced. And we feel this is a project that we are being called to do.

You'll notice the "goat banks" are out full time now-one in the hallway across from the Library and one in the Narthex. The Mission Team's focus is on beginning to raise funds now. We estimate that it will take approximately \$300 per month (1200 quarters!) to pack 160 healthy food bags. This last month we collected 516 quarters ~ keep up the good work!!!

Bring your quarters !

Fill the Banks !

Feed a Child !





UNITED METHODIST
MEN

Attention all (male) Golfers!

Our summer leagues have just begun and we are always on the lookout 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.

Erma Winifred Johnson Blosser is 100 years young on May 12, 2017!



Erma became a member of FUMCBV in 1983 and moved to Oklahoma City about 4 years ago to be near family. They invite you to send her your birthday wishes.

Erma Blosser
9900 S. Western Ave #104
Oklahoma City, OK 73139

Hike is Rescheduled

Kay Curry from the City of Bella Vista is eager to share the beauty of the Buckingham Trail on a rescheduled day and time. We will now join her on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00pm. The first 14 people to sign up can ride the bus from the church to the trail. Alternatively, you may meet us at the Buckingham Trailhead. Since parking is limited, we encourage folks to ride the bus or carpool!



ESTHER

Save the date!

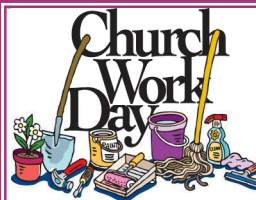
It's a musical... "ESTHER."

A youth group from Houston, TX will be here on **June 25th** to perform the musical "Esther." Our church is only one of four in the area where they are performing and we are so excited! Here's what they have to say:

"The musical comedy Esther takes a fun fresh look at the Book of Esther and puts a comic twist on the story in the Old Testament. The script follows the setting of the Persian Empire 483 BC. King Xerxes had a conquered all of the known world at the time with exception of Greece. Jerusalem was destroyed and the Hebrews taken captive. From this scenario emerges of one lovely orphan girl who was raised by her older cousin Mordecai. She eventually rises to become the queen of Persia and saves her people from an impending holocaust."

We are using this as an opportunity to have a fundraiser for our church building needs. Phyllis will be cooking a fabulous meal and we are selling tickets to attend. Seating will be limited so plan ahead.

Be on the lookout for posters and promotional videos this month. Tickets will go on sale June 1st.



**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!!**

**SATURDAY
MAY 6th**

8:30am until the work is done

Please bring a breakfasty snack to share, and come join the inside & outside fun!!
If you have tools, gloves, rags, buckets, etc
~ please bring them with you.

**There are enough jobs & fun
for everyone!!
PLEASE JOIN US!**



Book Nook



Musical Notes

BOOKS IN SERIES:

MERCY FLATS TRILOGY by Lori Copeland

Book 1: THE SISTERS OF MERCY FLATS

Book 2: MY HEART STOOD STILL

Book 3: AMELIA AND THE CAPTAIN

THE MEN ON LANCASTER COUNTY

(Books 1-3 by Mindy Starns Clark; #4 Virginia Smith)

Book 1: THE AMISH GROOM

Book 2: THE AMISH BLACKSMITH

Book 3: THE AMISH CLOCKMAKER

Book 4: THE AMISH WIDOWER

A LONE STAR HERO'S LOVE STORY by Shelley

Shepard Gray Book 2:

AN UNCOMMON PROTECTOR

AN EVERY AMISH SEASON by Kelly Irvin

Book 1: UPON A SPRING BREEZE

SUGARCREEK AMISH MYSTERIES Book 14:

NO TIME FOR TROUBLE by Olivia Newport

NON-FICTION:

THE BOOK OF DAVID by David Rosenberg (222) This book redefines the meaning of spirituality in our time.

FICTION:

GRACE AND THE PREACHER by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Can the faith of one small prairie town and a kind woman's generous heart survive such a great deception?

THE AMISH WANDERER by Laura Hilton

The lessons Bethany and Silas learn are life-changing.

THE EBB TIDE by Beverly Lewis

Has Sally been too hasty her promises or will she only find what her heart is longing for back home?



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!!

Upcoming Wesley Series Concert

Tuesday evening May 9th at 7:00 we invite you to come and hear the Lyrique Quintette. The group is made of faculty members from the University of Arkansas' Music Department. Their program is entitled "Music of the Americas" and will feature selections by composers from both North and South America. The music on this concert will include a number of selections from their soon-to-be-released CD of the same title. The Quintette has performed throughout the US and abroad, including tours to Thailand, Germany and Canada; and have also participated in many national and international music conferences and festivals.

Like all Wesley Series events, these programs are free, but we do encourage the contribution of a free-will offering to help defray the expenses of the concert.

Larry

Wesley Series Concerts presents



The Lyrique Quintette

Resident Woodwind Quintet at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:00pm ~ FUMCBV



THANK YOU

Dear FUMCBV Staff and Friends,

Many Thanks for many things:

- ◇ The beautiful Altar Flowers
- ◇ The White rose on her desk
- ◇ The tulips in her parking space
- ◇ The farewell message on the outside message board
- ◇ The Facebook post
- ◇ The wonderful lunch and reception

As you know, she would have said "NO!" to all these things, but we truly appreciate you acknowledging her contribution to the church for so many years. Thank You!

Marge's Family

Thank You FUMCBV! Thank you to the staff, our church family and friends for your prayers, calls, cards, and encouragement to both of us during the past several months. Your love and support helped Rich pull through his back surgery and continuing improvement.

I have completed my first and most difficult phase of chemo treatments. Thank You "Prayer Shawl Ministry Group" for the lovely prayer shawl.

Our sincere Thanks, *Rich & Jan Abbott*





**Manna Celebration!!
SAVE THE DATE!**

May 3rd, we will celebrate Midweek Manna! Mark your calendar now. You don't want to miss it. Join us for a fabulous meal created by our faithful and talented Wednesday night Kitchen Krew as we recognize and give thanks to everyone who has allowed us to gather and be physically, emotionally, and spiritually fed on Wednesday nights as part of Midweek Manna.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in Midweek Manna but want to join the celebration to find out more about it, please join us! We do need to know the amount of food to prepare, so please RSVP to the Church Office with the number of people you will have in attendance.

Newsletter ~ March 2017 Financial Data					
		2017 Actual	2017 Budget	Compare 2016 Actual	2017 Year-end Budget
Month to date (as of 3/31/17)	Actual Receipts	\$54,539	\$50,701	\$49,131	
Month to date (as of 3/31/17)	Actual Expense	\$50,637	\$53,307	\$51,639	
	Balance	\$3,902	-\$2,606	-\$2,508	
	Year to Date Actual Receipts	\$157,904	\$152,103	\$155,100	\$608,420
	Year to Date Actual Expense	\$148,593	\$159,921	\$153,062	\$639,707
	Balance	\$9,311		\$2,038	-\$31,287
Operating Account Balance 3/31/17 = \$12,298 Again, keeping expenses low is what is saving us!					
<i>Patsy Attaway</i> , Treasurer					

MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:34 Golf-Berkedale 9:00 Calico Specl Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	2 9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf-Highlands 5:30 Mourning Dawns	3 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 9:30 UMW Board 10:30 Healthy Living 1:00 Disciple III 1:00 Mens Emmaus 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Celebration 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Youth Life	4  7:00 Prayer Breakfast 8:33 Golf- Kingswood 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:30 Brenda Residency 10:00 Pancake Set UP 2:00 Thur. Small Grp	5 UMM PANCAKES 6:30 UMM Pancakes 	6 ALL CHURCH WORKDAY 8:30 Work Day 9:00 Amp Big Book 
7 BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Planning	8 7:34 Golf-Highlands 9:30 DAR 10:00 Calico C-Ups Brd 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Abram Shep Grp 6:00 Finance Comm. 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9 9:00 Workshop Prep 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf - Kingswood 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Mourning Dawns 7:00 Wesley Series	10 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 9:00 Calico Spec. Proj. 1:00 Men's Emmaus 1:00 Disciple 3 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 Conf. Class 6:30 UMM Ladies Nite 6:30 Youth Life	11 8:33 Golf Dogwood 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:30 PEO-CD 1:00 Hope Circle 6:00 Evening Circle	12 9:00 Jesus in Gospel 11:30 Preschool Bd Mtg	13 9:00 Amp Big Book
14 MOTHER'S DAY 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Concordia Wrshp	15 7:00 Golf Dogwd 9:00 Marth Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Village House 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Brd of Directors 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	16 9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf - Scotsdale 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 5:30 Mourning Dawns	17 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple 1 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 10:00 Calico Anytime 1:00 Disciple 3 1:00 Men's Emmaus 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Believers 5:00 Chancel Choir	18 8:16 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 2:00 Thurs Small Group 2:30 Beautiful Colors 5:00 Pre-School Prog. 5:30 Wed Nite Leaders	19 9:00 Jesus in Gospel	20 9:00 Amp Big Book
21 PAK-A-SAK 7:05 Hndbls Practice 7:30 Praise Team Rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	22 7:00 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Calico Cut-ups 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	23 9:00 Workshop Prep 9:58 Golf BVCC 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 BV Library Brd	24 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Dog Bds 9:00 Disciple 1 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 1:00 Disciple 3 1:00 Men's Emmaus 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meetng 5:00 Chancel Choir	25 8:33 Golf Berkedale 9:00 Bazaar Wkshp	26 9:00 Jesus in Gospel	27 9:00 Amp Big Book
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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

To the Home of ...



United Methodist Men Pancake Day

Friday, May 5th
6:30am-12:30pm

Becker Hall

Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
Applesauce, Drink

\$6.00 per person

Children age 5 and under ~ free

Tickets may be bought from
any UMM member, in the Church Office,
or at the door on Pancake Day

Proceeds help fund local
UMM mission projects

Volunteers Welcome!
Contact Lou Kaufmann



UMM

Annual Ladies Appreciation Nite
Wednesday ~ May 10th ~ 6:30pm

\$12

An Evening to Remember!!

Amazing Entertainment

Delicious Dinner

Door Prizes

