



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

MAY 2021



The Stepping Stones of our Discipleship



*Alec Gilmore*

*Best wishes to our  
High School  
Graduates!*

*They will be  
honored in worship  
on May 9th at 9:30am*



*Brittany May*



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Friends! The pandemic seems to be shifting and changing tides for the better! I am so excited that we are beginning to allow small groups to meet again, that some restrictions are lessening, and that there seems to be hope on the horizon. Of course, the pandemic is certainly not over, and we will continue to be vigilant and “do no harm” as we meet.

So what is happening, you ask? Well, thanks to a grant, we were able to purchase air purification units to go on a few of our ventilation systems: those in the Sanctuary, Becker Hall, Chapel/Parlor, and Room 6. Why is this so good? Well, we don’t have to wait 72 hours between utilizing these rooms before it can be used again! The time limit restrictions were also lifted in the last month, so this is helpful in small group meetings and for worship. (Sometimes that preacher gets long-winded!) We are continuing to social distance and wear masks at all times.

A major change is happening on June 6. The Church Council approved moving the Contemporary Worship Service back to Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM while Traditional Worship will shift to 9:00 AM. The hour between services is to allow for the greeters, ushers, technology, and staff teams to shift from one location to the other. This is a slow return to our “normal” Sunday schedule, so please be patient as our leadership assesses how we continue to move forward as the pandemic lessens its hold on all of us.

We will also begin in-person Sunday school at 10:00 AM on June 6! This is for children, youth, and adult classes. If your adult class would like to begin meeting, please let Amy Gilmore ([amy@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:amy@fumcbellavista.com), 479-855-1158) know so we can work with you on location and such. If you have previously not been involved in a Sunday morning adult class, but would like to be now, please also let Amy know. If you’d like to serve with our children or youth on Sunday mornings, please let Renee van Dyke know ([renee@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:renee@fumcbellavista.com)).

Our deepest hope is that we will be able to return to Midweek Manna this fall! Please pray with me that we will be able to gather again for a meal, fellowship, and study by then.

One last thing! You’ll notice a new section in the newsletter this month. It’s called Discipleship Stepping Stones (at least for now – I’d love to hear some creative names!). This section will encompass many aspects of our life together that help us grow in our discipleship of Jesus. Included will be Missions news, Worship news, Generosity news, Outreach news, Faith Formation news, and Community Life news. Some months this will include information from all of the categories and other months only a couple. I invite you to give us your feedback as we seek to keep you informed, and provide opportunities for serving God and our church in a variety of ways.

Finally, I just want to say that I have been deeply encouraged by seeing some of you venturing back into our building and from the messages, notes, and emails I continue to receive from others. If you are still not comfortable returning to in-person activities, please know that we understand and are happy to continue to connect with you in other ways. Our goal is that as we move forward post-pandemic, we will continue to offer quality online worship and online small group studies. If you have any way that your church can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, as our Easter sermon series focus states: You Belong Here!

Easter blessings!  
Rev. Jeanne





## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### Finding Rest

*“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me— watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

(Matthew 11:28-30 The Message)

Jesus said to the people who gathered to listen, ““Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” How do you find rest for your weary soul? Well for me, it almost always comes with some form of being near water. I was raised in a little town of only 1,200 people on the Eastern Shore of Maryland on the Miles River. Water and the soothing sounds of the waves lapping against the shore were everywhere; I grew up surrounded by it. Although no one in my family still lives in that little town, being in a place that has those same qualities is where I find our God and where I find rest when I am weary.

All of us have experienced weariness in the past year and have been or are still in need of getting away. As I write this, I am about to spend two weeks during late April in Pensacola Beach, FL soaking in beautiful sunsets, taking long walks on the beach with the sand between my toes, listening to the waves, hearing the birds, not having to keep a schedule, being in a place where my soul can find rest. This picture is from a February 2020 pre-COVID trip also to Florida, when my husband and I got away to restore our souls. I am thankful that the vaccine and enough folks being vaccinated has reduced the risk of the corona virus to myself and others to the point that travel is once again possible.



If you have not already done so and your doctor agrees, I encourage you to get vaccinated. In doing so, the worry of contracting COVID-19 is reduced to almost nothing and you can, once again, regain in **your** life the walks with the Lord that give you rest. Maybe it is seeing family, maybe it is going shopping, maybe it is being in worship, maybe it is getting a hug from a friend you had to isolate from for a year, maybe it is going to the beach, maybe it is a quiet moment reading a devotional; whatever it is, find what it is that gives rest to your weary soul and walk with the Lord to that place. Do not be afraid, search for **your** way to “Keep company with the Lord and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

I pray you will join in the journey to find rest and that the peace that passes all understanding will flood into your soul.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



- **Sunday School classes beginning for all ages ~ June 6**
- **Adult Servants needed for Teaching, VBS, assisting with Youth and Children**
- **Adult Bible studies and classes beginning again soon**



## 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, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care** at 479-855-1158 or [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com)

### The Joy of Being Together Again

We are so thankful for being able to be together as a church family during the many Easter celebrations. The Youth egged yards, we had a congregational drive-thru with the Easter Bunny, we had in-person worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday morning. The Easter Sun-Rose service was a big celebration in our parking lot. We look forward to continuing joy as we gather more in the months to come! Our next "drive-in" parking lot service will be May 2nd at 9:30am ~ please join us-no reservations needed!



### PRAISES



93 days ago I was diagnosed with what we would eventually learn was Stage IV triple negative (aggressive) breast cancer with spread to my lungs. Last Thursday I had my first follow-up CT scan. My breast tumor is completely gone, the lymph node between my lungs is back to normal, and there is just one area in my right lung that is stable, with all other areas having resolved. Keep in mind the treatment I was receiving was to extend my life NOT to heal me!! If anyone has any question if God is still performing miracles today I can say most assuredly ABSOLUTELY. So many have been with me through this journey, God has blessed me beyond measure. **Becky & Scott Kaufmann** (Becky is the daughter-in-law of Lou & Judy Kaufmann and has been on our prayer list)

### RELOCATIONS

#### Bill and Aggie Danenhauer –

After a tough past year, fighting health difficulties, Bill and Aggie have relocated to Nebraska to be close to family. This breaks our heart, for they have been members with us since 1991, but the move is a wise one for them. They headed north on Friday, April 9. Their new address to send cards of support in the transition will be: Ox Bow Living Center, 1617 Bills Dr. Apartment #215, Ashland, NE 68003.



Bill Miller – has relocated to 'House of Three', care home here in Bella Vista. His new address is 26 Allison Dr., Bella Vista, 72715. Cards and visitors are welcomed.



Sue Smith—has moved with children and grandchildren to Fernandina Beach, FL. She will miss us all, but says where those 'grand-boys' go, she goes. She said she hopes to find a church as welcoming as ours when she arrives there. Please send well-wishes in her transition to: 2805-B 1st Ave., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Juanita Clark – a member with us since 1987, has been diagnosed with aggressive bladder cancer. She has moved to Ashley Rehab and Health Care, 2600 N 22<sup>nd</sup> St. #217, Rogers, 72756. Although strict visitation procedures do not allow us to go see her, cards are welcomed. Please keep Juanita and her daughter Pam, who also lives here in Bella Vista, in your prayers in this difficult time.



Marie Carlson – is a former member who moved to be close to family in Iowa in the fall of 2018. We have learned she has recently had major surgery and has now relocated to a memory care unit. Cards can be sent to her at: Mill Pond Skilled Care, Apt. #109, 21201 SE Mill Pond Rd, Ankeny, Iowa 50021





***Nextgen Newscast***  
Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

# OUR FAMILY

## IN MEMORIAM



**Boyce Billingsley** – one of our Charter Members from 1976 and a long-time supporter of our church passed away after a long illness on March 18 at her home in Bentonville. She was 89 years old. Please keep her family in prayers as they mourn her passing.

**Leon Fordham** - a former member from 2005 until 2017, passed away Tuesday, April 6 at Circle of Life. Condolences may be sent to his wife Mary Ann Gorman, 10 Dunvegan Lane, BV 72715

The Youth Group has been very, very busy these past weeks. We made a video of “The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross” for the noon Good Friday online worship service. The Bunny Brigade hid Easter eggs and decorated doors the evening of Holy Saturday. It was a nearly 6 hour endeavor with lots of fun and laughter. UMM built the Blessings Box and the Youth turned it into a creative masterpiece. We’re assisting/participating at worship services, helping in the nursery and helping with church parking lot events. Look around and you’ll see us busy in the life of our church!!



## Graduation Sunday & Celebration of the Christian Home

is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The youth will be leading a special 9:30 service with Bentonville High School Senior Alec Gilmore delivering the message. Gravette High School Senior Brittany May will also be participating in the service. Please join us in-person (pre-registration required) or online as we honor the accomplishments of our graduates. There’s a saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” If these young people are any indication, and I believe they are, y’all are doing an amazing job of that!

We would like to recognize all graduating seniors for a job well done. If you have a child, grandchild, or other important person in your life graduating from high school or other higher education please email Renee at [renee@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:renee@fumcbellavista.com) with the following information: Name, School graduating from, Degree, Special honors and Your name/relationship to the graduate. If they are a high school graduate, feel free to include post-high school plans.

Welcome to our new Next Gen Staff Member: Destanee Collins. Destanee will be working with our wee ones in the Nursery. She’s a mother, experienced day care provider, and fantastic with children! Her knowledge and calm, caring demeanor will be a true asset to our Next Gen Program. Welcome Destanee!

Much gratitude to those who supported the Egg Your House/Decorate Your Door fundraiser. Between fundraising and generous donations that came in we raised enough money to send half our OMP family to camp. I also secured an Action Project Grant from Thrivent Financial which will cover all expenses for our meals and snacks.

### Upcoming Events:

- Reopening in-house Sunday School June 6th! Watch your email for updates.
- OMP day camp June 20-24 ~ One adult volunteer is still needed. (see page 9 for more info)
- VBS will be June 27—July 1 Volunteers wanted!

Blessings, **Ms. Renee**



**COMMUNITY LIFE**



### LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader



The past few months have been trying, exciting, frightening, awakening, exhausting and exhilarating. More emotions than I can put into words. I won't belabor the past, but I will set my eyes on a future of hope. Let me share the words from the first three verses of Psalm 96.

*<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth <sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord, praise his name proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

This is where I think we are at. A time to sing a new song. Not to return to what we have always done but to come back together with a new song, a new hope, a new beginning.

As we continue to return to the building. As we gather we will sing a new song. We will not go back to the way we have always done church. We will have made it through the time of wandering in the desert and made it a new and revitalized body of Christ. We return with joy and clap our hands.

The Trees of the Field, by Bill and Gloria Gaither  
*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
 The mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
 There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of field  
 Will clap, will clap their hands*

Continue to be patient as the re-launch committee goes through their processes and modifications. We cannot rush the process, we cannot push God's hand into acting. We must not be as Judas and try to hurry to kingdom as he thought it should be. We must trust the journey and experience the fullness of the Crucifixion, death, and resurrection before we can celebrate the newness of life. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Peace and blessings. . . *Dave*



Artie Lawless,  
UMM President



### Friends, Care for each other! Hello Methodist Men!

As I look around our neighbors' yards, as well as our own, it is great to finally see nature greening up. Dogwoods and Rosebud trees starting to bloom as well as daffodils, pansies, and even our indoor Amaryllis plant has three pods growing. Mother Earth renewing our lives with happiness and promise.

And why not, May is a celebration of motherhood. This Mother's Day let us spend a few moments thinking about, and thanking, one very special mother. Her name was Mary. History knows very little about her childhood and her older age years. But, we sure do know about her motherhood.

Luke & Mathew talk about her. Her visit to Elizabeth when she became pregnant, then having to bring a child into the world in nothing more than a stable. Her dangerous flight escaping murderous King Herod with her husband and child. Her panic and concern when losing her 12-year-old child in the city of Jerusalem. Finally, as we all know, having to stand by as her son was beaten, whipped, crowned with thorns, and finally crucified on a cross.

Mary's victory would overcome all that tragedy for her son was born the Savior of all mankind. He would perform many miracles. John and Revelations speak how She would be present to see Jesus' first miracle, turning water into wine, all the way to Christ's crowning in heaven.

Mary would inspire many great works, such as, Michelangelo's sculpture, *Pieta*, and Franz Schubert's, "*Ave Maria*". She would reportedly appear to many faithful in Guadalupe, Mexico, Lourdes, France, and Fatima, Portugal.

We, as men, will never understand, truly, what women experience being a mother, but this Mother's Day thank them for their strength, their courage, their faith, and most of all their love.

Many Blessings. . . *Artie*

### Bedtime Books and Blessings

Join Ms. Renee and her dog, Angel, on Facebook at **FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children**  
 Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM for storytime!

Put on your jammies, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet her on Facebook as she does a live reading from a wonderful book each week. We hope you'll join us!





**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Lou & Judy Kaufmann
- 4 Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
- 6 Steve & Lara Sandusky
- 8 Darrell & Verna Bottjen
- 8 Wayne & Jeanette Horner
- 16 James & Amy Gilmore
- 17 Herb & Kathy Ayres
- 19 Billy & Sandra Beverage
- 20 Shelby & Kacy Spears
- 21 Kevin & India Hight
- 22 Artie & Marian Lawless
- 26 Tommy & Lynn Runnels
- 27 Terry & Cynthia Augspurger
- 27 Gene & Dixie Young
- 28 Glenn & Carolyn Roach
- 31 Harry & Kandi Mount

**MAY BIRTHDAYS** (continued)

- 10 Richard Andersen
- 10 Sharon Andrews
- 10 Lynden Forst
- 10 Bill Miller
- 11 Keagan Magee
- 11 Genie Schupp
- 15 Jessica Mendoza
- 15 Nancy Spangler
- 17 Marc Engle
- 18 Marian Lawless
- 19 Roy Vogel
- 20 Cheryl Campbell
- 21 John Justice
- 23 Lara Sandusky
- 27 Evelyn Weigel
- 28 Jeneda Mickelson
- 29 Don McMahon
- 30 Charlene Marshall
- 30 Mary Verkest
- 31 Larry Marshall

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 8 Jenna Gilmore
- 8 Phyllis Widle
- 9 Jon Baker
- 9 David Frisby
- 9 Joyce Horle
- 9 Jean Justice
- 9 Rick Mayes
- 9 Glenn Roach
- 9 Janet Walton

If your anniversary or birthday is in May and you are not listed here, please call the Office and leave a message, so we can add you to the list for next year.



**May 2021 Newsletter ~ March 2021 Financial Data**

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of March Contributions	*Income	\$45,554.33	\$36,709.76
Month of March	Expenses	\$45,669.68	\$47,059.66
	Difference	<b>(\$115.35)</b>	<b>(\$10,349.90)</b>
Year to Date (as of 3/31/21)	*Income	\$103,655.99	\$110,129.52
Year to Date (as of 3/31/21)	Expenses	\$128,623.14	\$141,178.98
	Difference	<b>(\$24,967.15)</b>	<b>(\$31,049.46)</b>

\* Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

**Amy Gilmore**, Church Administrator



## Stewardship Corner

### Stewardship of Creation is Our Human Vocation

The concept of environmental stewardship originates with the first of the creation stories, in which God gives humans dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the animals of the land (Genesis 1:1-2:4). Traditionally, Christians have distorted the mandate to “exercise dominion” to mean that creation was made for human beings and that we have a right to dominate and exploit creation for our own wants and needs. This has led to incalculable abuses of nature.

What we now know is that the Hebrew word for dominion does not mean “to dominate” or “to exploit.” Rather, it means “to take responsibility for,” as a ruler would be responsible to assure the well-being of those in the realm. In this first creation story, human beings were created last, not as the so-called “crown of creation” but to exercise responsibility for the well-being of the garden Earth. According to Genesis 1, exercising responsibility as part of God’s creation is the main reason humans were created. Therefore, being stewards of creation is foundational to what it means to be human. Caring for creation is not an add-on, not a sideline, not related just to part of our calling. It represents our proper human relationship to Earth. This portrayal puts human beings squarely in a caretaker position regarding environmental stewardship.

Adapted from: *The Stewardship of Creation: A Theological Reflection* by David Rhoads

**Ken Swanson**, Finance Committee Chair



*Since the church is not able to honor our seniors as we normally do after worship, The Gilmore's are hosting an open house for Alec on Sunday, May 16 from 1-3*

*at their home: 2400 NW Harvard Walk, Bentonville*

*Please come by to wish Alec well,*

*and give him your best advice for life after high school.*

*There will be COVID friendly snacks to munch on.*

*It is requested that masks be worn during this celebration.*

**Do Your Part:  
WEAR A MASK**



**MY Mask  
Protects YOU**



**YOUR Mask  
Protects ME**



## From the Organ Console Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

Another month of Piano Postludes begins on Sunday, May 9th, with the first four dances from the Danzas Españolas of Enrique Granados. These pieces are from the same year as the España Suite of Albéniz that I played in February. Even though these pieces are fairly short and not virtuosic, they have great impact. I hope you will enjoy them.

We're continuing to have a great selection of solos and small ensembles during May, including another bell tree duo by Nona and Dawn. If you would like to participate in our music ministry as a soloist during our traditional service or in any other way, please contact me.

Thank you for your support of the music program as always! Feel free to drop notes to any of us on the music team in whichever way you like to communicate!

**Broc**

Please join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com>

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

**BELLA VISTA PRE-SCHOOL** has been providing high-quality, affordable, Christian preschool to families in Bella Vista and the surrounding area for more than 40 years. Two part-time classes serve students ages 3-5 in a play-based program that focuses on developmentally appropriate skills in all areas of the children's development – social, emotional, physical, and academic. The school calendar starts the last week of August and ends the week before Memorial Day. Both classes have a one-time \$60 enrollment fee. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year IS NOW OPEN.

### Butterfly Class –

- Students who are 4 on or before August 1, 2021
- Tuition will be \$135/month for the 2021-2022 School year
- Meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-12

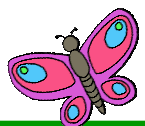
### Caterpillar Class –

- Student who are 3 on or before August 1, 2021
- Tuition will be \$90 for the 2021-2022 School year
- Meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30

Please contact Director Melanie Nichols for further information.

[bvpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bvpreschool@gmail.com)

479-531-1149







## OZARK MISSION PROJECT

Ozark Mission Project (OMP) is conducting a “day camp” model for Summer 2021 due to safety restrictions with the pandemic. Our Youth Group is gearing up for the excitement of serving area neighbors this summer through OMP. We will complete projects during the week of June 20 – 24. We’ll be meeting at the church each morning for prayer and to get our assignment for the day. We’ll be working in the NWA area and be home for dinner each night! OMP finds the projects we’ll work on, send support staff, supply the bulk of the materials and other program materials like t-shirts for participants. Each evening we’ll have the opportunity to join with other day campers via Zoom for a time of sharing and worship. This daily event will be shared on Facebook. There is a short promotional video available at: <https://vimeo.com/342121519>. Watch for Rev. Jeanne’s husband, Rev. Heath, in the video!!

Cost for OMP is \$250 per person this year for a total cost of \$1500 (4 youth, 2 adults). **You are invited to help sponsor one of our participants.**

If you have a project around your home that you have not been able to tackle, the participants of OMP Day Camp could possibly help. There are applications in the church office and on-line at: [www.ozarkmissionproject.org](http://www.ozarkmissionproject.org) under “Apply for a Project”. OMP can also e-mail you an application—call 501-664-3232 or email [info@ozarkmissionproject.org](mailto:info@ozarkmissionproject.org). There will be many more participants than just our youth working all around Northwest Arkansas and the organization is looking for more projects - so if you have a need, please contact them as soon as possible.

## **HELP WANTED**

**Folks to help on the outside maintenance crew. Occasional trimming of bushes & watering of plants.**

**We have a big yard and a low budget!**

**Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.**

**Contact Amy in the office:  
amy@fumcbellavista.com**

## METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH

**WOW!** Over 1,000 items (see list below) and \$1,745 for gift cards & other needs! Go church! Your generosity and kindness do not go unnoticed! Methodist Family Health is incredibly grateful for these items and thanks you for investing in the future of Arkansas youth and families in this way!  
*Patti Foss*, Missions Team

### Home

Towels - 12  
Pillows - 5  
Sheets/PC - 8  
Hangers - 175  
Laundry baskets - 2  
Bins - 3

### Hygiene

Razors - 85  
Lotion - 3  
Deodorant - 117  
Toothbrush - 2  
Shampoo - 34  
Shower Caddy - 2  
Shaving cream - 57  
Face wash - 3  
Pads - 33  
Fem. Hygiene - 10  
Paper Products  
Kleenex - 1  
Toilet paper - 30  
Paper towels - 18

### Baby

Baby powder - 1  
Baby wash - 4  
Diapers - 358  
Toys - 9  
Thermometer /clippers - 7  
Petroleum jelly - 4

Baby wipes - 5  
Baby Tylenol - 4

### School Supplies

Back Packs - 3  
Notebooks - 9  
Pencils/pens/boxes - 13  
Crayons - 15 boxes  
Art Set - 1

### Clothing

Men & Boys briefs - 5  
Women’s Panties & Bras - 34  
Socks - 22 pair  
Sweatpants/shirts - 5



**Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project !  
SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS...**

is our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!

**Bring your quarters !**

**Write a check !**

**Feed a Child !**



## What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

Thank so much to those of you who responded with information about the beautiful Becker Hall cross.

It's odd how we remember things differently as time marches on. I was told by various people that the cross was constructed at a number of different times. The most reliable information came from Jan Kolbe. She related that at the time that Sarah Bainbridge was pastor, she planned a sermon series regarding "broken lives." Sarah suggested that members of the congregation bring broken items from their lives to contribute. Jack Kolbe built the cross, and Kim Kolbe Williams (now Davenport), with the assistance of Jan and of Marlene Clapp, took all of the items and designed the way the cross is so beautifully decorated and attached all of those bits and pieces. Sometime, take the time to view the cross up close and personal—you'd be surprised what you'll find!



Joe and Margie Bowen wrote to me from their new home in Missouri. Margie provided a small silver ring with a turquoise stone. She felt that it was representative of her growing up in New Mexico and living across the street from the Methodist Church. Joe provided a coin that he brought back from Vietnam. He says it represents the most eventful year in his life and that he is sure God was with him during that year.

If you would like to let me know what you contributed so I can add it to our church history, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net) or call me at 479-344-6074.



Next month we will take a look at the "dove" stained-glass window in the sanctuary. Start thinking of the stories you want to tell us about the selection and installation of the window.

*Jill*



## UMW 2021 UPDATE

Hello to all our Church Family; we hope that all is well with you and your families. This past year has been hard on everyone, some more so than others. I know prayers have been said and continue being said for all of our health and healing, where needed. Don't stop praying and continue to have faith in GOD.

We have been having discussions about having the Bazaar and even the Rummage Sale. Through these discussions, we have decided to mark the date of October 2<sup>nd</sup> and have a joint sale. Of course there are still a lot of things to be considered before we can confirm it will be totally safe to have a public sale.

We know we have plenty of items to have a rummage sale, BUT, we are worried there might not be enough items for a Bazaar.

So, please contact any of the ladies listed below to inform them of any items you have made at home during this past year for sale at the bazaar. And we can let you know when you can drop them off at the church or we can make arrangements to pick them up from you.

Also, we are working on a time to meet at the church to pick-up patterns, materials, etc for anyone interested in making more items at home for the bazaar. Please let us know if you would be interested in coming to the church to see what needs to be made, or things you might suggest being made and seeing what materials we have or need to complete items.

We will be taking an inventory of what items we have on hand in the next couple weeks. We know there are certain items that are always popular from past bazaars, tea towels, hotties, Christmas items, etc. and there were quite a few of these items left from our mini bazaar sale last year. Please don't hesitate to give any of us a call with questions or suggestions. Blessings to ALL...

- Darleen O'Brien 281-781-3838
- Linda Hyde 316-680-0311
- Judy Bilyeu 479-721-9460
- Verna Bottjen 479-640-7851

**Sarah**  
Tuesday  
5/11  
1pm

**Evening**  
Thursday  
5/13  
6:00pm

**UMW CIRCLES**

**Naomi**  
Tuesday  
5/18  
1:00pm

**Martha**  
Monday  
5/17  
9:30am



## Book Hook



### FICTION

\* **SALLY AND ME** by Constance May Waddell  
In the early 1940's, Connee discovers that staying in the home of wealthy cottage owners is both exciting and lonely.

\* **THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ** by Heather Morris

A vivid, harrowing and hopeful re-creation of one man's experiences of tattooing the arms of thousands of Jewish prisoners.

\* **LITTLE BEE** by Chris Cleave

The story of two women who collide, with one of them having to make a terrible choice.

### NON-FICTION

\* **34 MILLION FRIENDS** by Jane Roberts (327.1)

Peace is not an individual act. You cannot make peace alone.

\* **CHANGED** by Tom Cantor (Autobiography)

An invitation to join one man's journey from lost and defiled to found and cleansed.

Please look around your home for any FUMCBV Library books you may have checked out. We have many that were checked out as long as two years ago. If you are through reading, please return them to the Library or the tub under the Portico so that others may check them out to enjoy .



## OUTREACH



## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to my FUMCBV church family for your many cards and helpful prayers as I recuperated from my broken ankle. I am up and around and back to normal.

Blessings to you all, *Ed Jenner*

Friends, Thank you for supporting our Easter fundraiser. Money earned will help send us to the Ozark mission Project camp this summer

Blessings, *FUMCBV Youth*

Thank you for your kind donation to *Get Up & Give* benefitting the children and families served by Methodist Family Health. We value your partnership in this special collection drive and want you to know how important you are to our mission to give the best possible care to those who may need our help.

*Cindy McCreight*, Foundation Assistant

A BIG "Thank You" to Troy Kizzire for the many hours he has spent cleaning out our shrubbery areas that have been neglected for a while. Bob Kennedy has been diligent at keeping the weeds at bay and Keith Sterwald, Bob Vermett and Weldon Hyde have been faithful lawn mowers and trimmers—Marian Lawless and Linda Hyde have taken good care of our posies. To these and others, thank you so much for helping us look our Sunday Best!





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**Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month**

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**Have you had your Covid vaccination yet?**

**Bella Vista Clinics** – several clinics are available; for registration and details, visit:

[https://www.bellavistaar.gov/government/departments/fire\\_ems/covid19vaccinationclinic.php](https://www.bellavistaar.gov/government/departments/fire_ems/covid19vaccinationclinic.php)

**NW Bentonville Hospital** - They are currently operating a clinic every T and Th from 10am-2pm.

- 1st dose patients must register to get their vaccine. To do this, fill out this on-line form:

<https://form.jotform.com/210444434637150>

- 2nd dose patients (Pfizer) can come to the clinic on a walk-in basis, no appt needed.

**State provided COVID Vaccination Scheduling Hotline** is now available

at **800-895-6030** from 8am to 6pm every day of the week.



**PLEASE DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT or WANT TO HURRY THINGS!!**  
**We are not out of the woods yet, but WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!**

