



The Good News

November, 2009



**FALL
BACK!**
Don't forget to
set your clocks
back one hour
Saturday
October 31!

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WHO ARE WE? WHERE IS GOD CALLING US?

Who are we? Where is God calling us? As a church, what will we be doing in the year 2015? These are questions that constantly need to be in our minds and hearts as we seek to reach people for Jesus Christ where God has planted us.

Through the Arkansas Conference we have access to the most current demographics and based on that information the trends of where we will be in 5 years. Demographics show the following population within five miles of FUMCBV: 25% are 34 and younger; 37 % are 35 to 64; 38% are 63 and older.

Who will we be? Trends through 2013 are projected to remain steady except in population distribution. The only segment projected to increase is the 55 to 64 age bracket or the Enrichment Years. This age bracket is usually composed of "C & E" Christians (Christmas and Easter); those who were raised in church or lived in the culture where church was important, know the stories and language, but have dropped out or become nominal attendees.

Working with a church-wide committee composed of both traditional and contemporary worshipers, the following observations and proposals were made:

Becker Hall is shared space with Contemporary worship and banquet hall facilities making maneuverability cumbersome at best and sometimes dangerous with wires running across open space. The sound system literally melts down during use. Current construction of the stage is wasted space.

Proposal: In order to use this space faithfully meeting the needs for both Contemporary Worship and banquet hall facilities we need to lower the stage, creating more open access to stage for worship and other presentations. Storage facilities too should be added to the back third of the space. Install appropriate sound, visual and lighting equipment for Contemporary Worship. Since the piano is used for more than Worship on Sunday, it will remain at floor level.

The Sanctuary has no visual capacity and front pews crowd or would prohibit any ambient worship experiences. Our worship attendance in each traditional service prohibits combining them into one service.

Proposal: In order to enhance our traditional worship experience we will install appropriate visual equipment and remove the front pew and modesty rail to give more room up front.

Having passed the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council, the result is what you now see happening in the church facilities. I pray that you will pray for the construction taking place and that it will be used to God's glory. Thank you for your understanding during this time of remodeling and renewal.

Pastor Sara



CONSECRATION SUNDAY MARKS BEGINNING

Consecration Sunday marks the end of a campaign, but more important it marks the beginning of renewed covenants and hope for the coming year. It is a time to turn our attention to fulfilling the programs and ministries to which we have already made a commitment. From kick-off to Consecration Sunday we spent four weeks creating an atmosphere of prayerful consideration for how God is calling each of us to serve Him with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We were asked to focus not on the church's need to receive but on our need to give. Our guest preacher, the Rev. Mackey Yokem, delivered just the right message for us as he talked about "Living For Giving." He reminded us of the responsibility, the privilege, and the rewards of supporting our church.

The commitment cards have been turned in by adults, youth, and children alike. The Finance office is busy entering the financial pledges, while a team of Every Member In Ministry volunteers help to enter and total volunteers for each of the ministries in our church.

We deeply appreciate the combined efforts of our Committee on Finance, Church Council members, and other volunteers under the leadership of Ed and Barbara Jenner as Stewardship Campaign Chairpersons who helped make the day a great success. Most of all, however, we are grateful to God and to the members and friends of our congregation. Your continued commitment to the mission and ministry of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista will mean the realization of more of God's vision in the coming year.

If you are still considering a commitment to the work of your church in the coming year, please know that your pastors and staff are praying for you. It is never too late to complete a Commitment Card. No amount that you have to offer is too small to make a difference. You are welcome to adjust your estimate of giving at any time. If you have questions or if we can serve you in any way, I hope that you will speak to our financial officers – Frances Temple (Finance Chair), Al Yanik (Treasurer), or Marge Smith (Financial Secretary) – or to your pastors. We are proud to serve with you in fulfilling God's purpose for First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.

Pastor Sara

POINSETTIAS TO GRACE THE CHURCH

Once again, poinsettias will decorate the church and the sanctuary during the month of December. After Christmas, you may take your Poinsettia home or ask the church to deliver it to someone who is homebound or in the nursing home.

Forty poinsettias will be available for church members to order in honor or in memory of loved ones, at a cost of \$10 each. Stop by the church office, beginning November 8, to place your order.

A special recognition insert will be included in the December 20 Sunday bulletin listing the names being remembered, the occasion (loving memory, to honor, etc.), and the donor's name.





Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us

Mark your calendar and call the church to reserve your place for the Thanksgiving Day meal to be served in Becker Hall.

The serving line will be open from 11:30 till 1:00 p.m.

(Can't stand in line? We'll serve you at your table.)

You will enjoy a traditional menu:

Salad, Relish, Rolls

Turkey and Pastor Sara's Cornbread Dressing

Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetables

Assorted Desserts (Sugar free too!)

Coffee and Tea

Adults \$11, Kids under 12 pay \$6,
and kids under 5 eat free.

Want to make sure others have an opportunity to
share in this Thanksgiving meal?

See any of the pastors or Jan Lowe
for special details.



To make your meal reservation and pay in advance, please stop by
the church office by November 20. Tables for eight or more can be reserved.

After the food is purchased, 100% of the proceeds will be
used to help needy families during the Christmas holidays.

If you are willing to help in the kitchen, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday,
give Jan Lowe a call at the church at 855-1158 or at 531-0381.



MISSIONS



MISSION OF THE MONTH HAVENWOOD

Havenwood is a transitional housing program for single parents with young children. The families are allowed to rent at a reasonable rate for two years as long as the parent is working or attending classes. The apartment units have one or two bedrooms available.

The FUMCBV has taken responsibility for one unit. The Missions Ministry Team completely refurbished the unit several years ago. The Golden Links Sunday School class provides some ongoing support to Havenwood.

Havenwood is in real need right now and has been chosen as the Mission of the Month for November.

THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be up on November 1.

Each card on the tree represents a real child in our community and it lists the age, sizes, and wants of that child.

You can take a card as an individual or join with another person or small group, such as a Shepherd Group or Bible Study group.

Please **BE SURE** as you take a card that you **SIGN YOUR NAME AND THE CHILD'S NUMBER** on the pad by the tree. Follow the provided instructions carefully. All gifts will be delivered by the committee in early December. Please read the sheet of instructions. The Angel Tree is one powerful way we have of sharing with the children in this community to make their Christmas bright.



PAK-A-SAK

Our collection of food on November 15 will be delivered to the Oasis Food Bank in Bella Vista, across from Town Center. They are in need of all types of non perishable food items. This food bank is helping many families here in Bella Vista who are having a difficult time in this economy. At this time of the year let us share our **Thanksgiving Blessings** with those in our community who are in need.



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

SUNSHINE SACKS

Katie Anderson delivered 40 sacks for children in need to Cooper Elementary School this last month.

We will be able to provide the sacks each month through the 2010 school year because of the generous donation from the United Methodist Men.

PRAISE TO OUR DONORS

We appreciate all of the items being donated each month. The requests from shelters have increased in the last month and your cash and item donations assure us that we can honor their requests. Thank you to St. Bernard Church and the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista for their monthly delivery of shoe boxes ready to deliver to the shelters in need.

We delivered 214 boxes in September. In the second week of October, we already sent out 361 boxes. Another praise to our donors as one surely isn't enough.

WISH LIST

Gallon size zip-lock bags (can be any brand), tooth brushes, children's socks.

As always in HIS service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team





ANGEL FOOD

Angel Food Ministry is slowly growing in our church and community. Three other churches are acting partners. This ministry is for everyone. Angel Food strives to relieve the burden of food purchase by offering good nutritional food at a reasonable cost. Menus are offered each month for your selection.

The Signature box is designed to feed a family of four for a week at a cost of \$30. Also, special boxes are offered each month ranging in cost from \$22 to \$28. One of the most popular is the Fresh Fruit and Veggie box at \$22.

Orders are placed and paid for during the first two weeks of each month with the food arriving for pickup in Becker Hall on distribution day at 9:30 A.M. on the Saturday following due date of orders.

FUMC also has a "Church Angel" program where food can be donated anonymously or purchased for a designated family. Donations of any size are welcomed to this ministry. When funds allow, units of food are purchased and distributed to those in need. A list is maintained thru this ministry and anyone can submit a name for consideration if there is a need. For info call: Marion Korn 855-3302, cell 426- 5241 or Trudy Baird at 876-2112.



HARVEST TABLE GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to Charles Korn and other gardeners in the BVFUMC we were able to collect funds to assist in our missionary ministry. We appreciate all those who contributed to the funds by donating on Sundays through the harvest season when they took fresh vegetables



home. Members in the church enjoyed healthy food and we were able to assist in spreading God's word by helping missionaries in foreign countries. Maybe more members would like to help furnish vegetables next year - until then, THANKS to our generous gardeners this year!

BLANKETS FOR HOPE

Many thanks to all of the knitters, crocheters, quilters and blanket makers who have been so dedicated to this new mission project. In our first year, we have donated over 50 blankets to area shelters

A special thank you to those who have donated yarn from your personal stash or who have added to our supply. We add your prayers to ours as we craft our projects. God bless you all.



**The Goat Bank will be back on
November 1.
When we fill it once
we will buy a goat.
Save those quarters!**



THE BOOK NOOK

FICTION:

THE WIDOW'S CLUB by Joyce Livingston
Laugh and shed tears with Valentine and her friends as life takes them on one emotional roller-coaster ride after another. A sweet story of endurance and God's faithfulness.

DIRECTED VERDICT by Randy Singer
A martyred American missionary, a case with David and Goliath odds. One lawyer willing to challenge an entire nation.

THE JUSTICE GAME by Randy Singer
For some, justice is a game. For others, it's a matter of life and death.

ANY MINUTE by Joyce Meyer
Her life shattered in an instant. But what if she had a chance to gain it all back?

THE ROSE CONSPIRACY by Craig Parshall
As the head of the Smithsonian Institute is examining a newly-discovered document about President Lincoln's assassination, an intruder slips into his office, kills him and steals into the night with the manuscript.

THE DEAD DON'T DANCE by Charles Martin
This is a bittersweet yet triumphant love story – a tale of one man's spiritual journey through the darkness of despair and into the light of hope.

MURDER IN CHINATOWN by Victoria Thompson
When the missing girl is found dead in a Chinatown alley, Sarah and Malloy have ample suspects in her murder, from both sides of Canal Street.

ADAM by Ted Dekker
He died once to stop the killer—now he's dying again to save his wife.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT by Brad Thor
Navy Seal turned Homeland Security operative, Scot Harvath, who somewhere, somehow, has left the wrong person alive.

CAT PAY THE DEVIL by Shirley Murphy
A whimsical and imaginative trip into the hidden lives of felines. The cats and a band of feral friends help bring peace to the small seaside village.

JESUS: A NOVEL by Walter Wangerin
Consider this man who, by his power, his peace, his simple presence and his fierce purity, quietly turned the whole world upside down.

THE ALEXANDRIA LINK by Steve Berry
Pursued by a lethal mercenary, Malone crosses the globe in search of answers. His quest will lead him to England and Portugal, even to the highest levels of American government.

THE WHOLE WORLD OVER by Julia Glass
A commanding story about the accidents, both grand and small, that determine our choices in love and marriage.

ISLAND OF SAINTS by Andy Andrews
While taking a walk along the coastline, Helen Mason discovers the nearly-lifeless body of a German sailor. She is prepared to leave him to die when an unusual phrase, faintly uttered, changes her mind.

THE CHASE by Clive Cussler
For two years, the western states of America have been suffering an extraordinary crime spree, a string of bank robberies by a single man who kills any and all witnesses and vanishes without a trace.

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE LAST SONG by Nicholas Sparks
Ronnie's life was turned upside down when her parents divorced and her father moved to North Carolina. Three years later, Veronica spends the summer with her father. Sparks examines the love between parents and children and also first love.

Our grateful thanks go to Eunice Albers for sharing the beautiful needlepoint wall hangings. Stop in the library and enjoy them.

Bee Johnson



WORSHIP

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

All Saint's Day November 1

Join us for this moving tribute to the members of our congregation who have gone to join the saints this past year, and remembering also our friends and loved ones who are no longer with us.



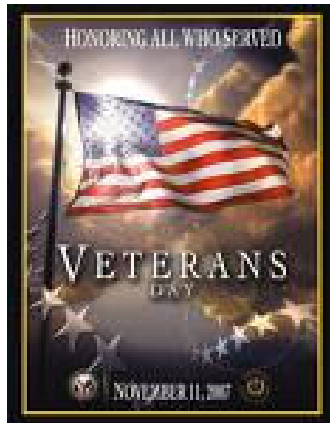
Sunday November 8 – Communion Sunday



The doors are open, the table is set and you are welcome just as you are to join us at the Lord's Table. If you are unable to join us, pastors and members of the congregation will be happy to bring communion to you.

Veteran's Day Celebration Sunday November 15

Calling all veterans! You have a very special day of worship planned to celebrate your service to our country. We are asking veterans to participate in this celebration by bringing a memento of your service to the church on November 15. A medal, a photo, a patch, a helmet (no weapons please) and share your story of that item after each worship service.



CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

The first day of Advent is November 29. The Worship Committee in charge of decorating the church for the holiday season, has reserved all of November 30 for that event. People are to meet at the



church beginning at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens".

Most of the plans for Christmas programs have been finalized. We are featuring the Second Annual Children's Play. With all the new children, this year's play, produced and directed by Jon and Jessica Mendoza, will be worth seeing.

A special service is being planned again this year for those who dread facing the holidays. Specifics will be provided in the next few weeks.

Here's what is planned so far:

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| December 6 - Sunday | Choir Christmas Special | 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. |
| December 13 - Sunday | Children's Play | 3:00 p.m. |
| December 16 - Wednesday | Candles & Carols | 6:30 p.m. |
| December 20 - Sunday | 12 Days of Christmas | All Services |
| December 24 - Thursday | Christmas Eve | 12:00 Noon Midday at the Manger |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary Carols & Communion |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Candlelight & Communion |



Love Ribbons

The United Methodist Women sell Love ribbons for missions. The categories are:

- ✦ Pink – Blank for your own message
- ✦ Green – Christian Life
- ✦ Yellow – Friendship
- ✦ Orange – Get Well
- ✦ Orchid – Loss
- ✦ Blue – Serious illness or crisis
- ✦ White – Thank you

All cards are \$1.00 and anybody can purchase a card. They are located in the library on the UMW book shelf. Please leave money in envelope



Closest to the Hole Pizza Winners
September
Phil Wieck, Gil Temple,
Richard Abbott and Rod Alford

World Community Day – November 6, 2009

(Sponsored by Church Women United)

On Friday November 6, 2009, the women of Highland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Judson American Baptist Church will host World Community Day at the Highland Christian Church at 1500 Forest Hills Blvd. in Bella Vista. Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the program, "Piecing Earth Together" at 1:00 p.m. This program focuses on the environment and how we are called to work together to be good stewards of the gifts of the earth. Our speaker will be from the Applied Sustainability Center at the University of Arkansas.

An in-kind offering will be taken for Restoration Ministries, Inc., which includes the Restoration Village and the Children's Advocacy Center in Rogers. Ongoing needs include the following (we suggest purchasing "earth friendly" products when possible):

Laundry - detergent, dryer sheets, softener;
Bathroom - cleaning supplies, toilet paper, hand soap in pump bottles; Paper goods - plates, cups, napkins, bowls, and paper towels; Kitchen - cleaning supplies, trash bags, tomato sauce or paste, spaghetti sauce, Rotel, and lemonade mix; Wal-Mart \$5 or \$10 gift cards (used for residents' needs such as gas, prescriptions, immediate clothing needs).

CIRCLE MEETINGS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Charity	Nov. 10	9:00 a.m.	Chapel	Dawn Thompson will give a talk on "Nambia More than a Country on a Map"
Hope	Nov. 11	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Youth Bridge
Martha	Nov. 16	9:00 a.m.	Chapel	Help with Shoebox
Naomi	Nov. 17	1:30 p.m.	Chapel	Ed Jenner - Lions Cub School Testing
Sarah	Nov. 10	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Presentation on Holiday Decorating by Jan Kolbe
Evening	Nov. 19	6:30 p.m.	B.J. Raney's	Discussion of "Dietrich Bonhoeffer" movie



UNITED METHODIST MEN

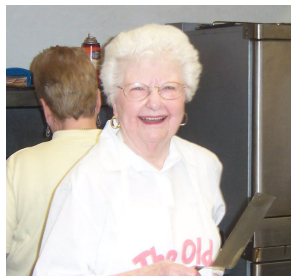
November Meeting - -

The November MM meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. The evening meal will be prepared by Metfield Grill and include Turkey/dressing and all the fixin's to include pumpkin pie. Ed Jenner will give the devotions. The program will consist of an informative session about the proposed city sales tax for Bella Vista.

December Ladies' Night- -

The event will take place on Wednesday December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. The meal will consist of a stuffed chicken breast with green beans amandine and rosemary red potatoes, salad and dessert. The cost will be \$12 a person. Tickets will be available in the church office beginning Monday November 23. Ticket sales will also occur after each of the three worship services on Sunday November 29 and December 6. Entertainment will be provided. The grand finale for the evening will be the installation of the 2010 officers.

Friday October 16 proved to be another successful day for the men's pancake event. Because of the efforts of the men doing pre-sales, 939 tickets were sold; 746 of those tickets were redeemed the day of the event and in addition, 558 tickets were sold at the door, which gives a total of 1304 pancake meals served. Once the dust from the pancake flour settles and the supplies are paid for, there should be in excess of \$5000 to provide finances for our benevolent giving activities. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a note of appreciation to those individuals who ate pancakes as well as those individuals who gave of their time and provided the labor. In particular, we would like to extend a sincere note of appreciation to the UMW ladies who helped. God Bless one and all!





FELLOWSHIP

Singles Day Out

The annual trip to Branson will wind up our activities for this year. Because of activities in November and December (Thanksgiving and Christmas), we won't meet again until the fourth Tuesday of January, 2010.

We are grateful to have this activity available in our church which lends itself to friendships and caring for our singles. Our thanks to the folks that drive the church bus each month – Bob and Shirley Kennedy and Howard Johnson. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining our group. You are welcome!



Avalon Shepherd Group

Avalon Shepherd Group will meet at Duffers for breakfast on Saturday November 14 at 8:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend, please call Aggie Danenhauer 855-2283 or Sue Nebrig at 855-9269.

Twelve Metfield Methodists served a meatball sub, corn, salad and brownie to the clients of the Salvation Army on October 12. We enjoyed serving those in need. If you would like to volunteer to cook at the Bentonville Salvation Army Center, call or e-mail them.

Rio Bravo Mission Team

I am planning to go again with the Rio Bravo Mission Team, sponsored by the Northwest District UMW. The trip will be February 6-12, 2010. The purpose is to build casitas (each one now costs \$2700.00), teach Vacation Bible School, and work with our neighbors and friends in Mexico. In addition to the above, a scholarship for a young woman in medical school is supported by this group, so that she can return to the area. Some of the mission team members also sponsor scholarships for high school students.

I am requesting your help in the form of funds for the above purposes. Any funds would go directly to the mission team, payable to VIM Acct # 60087518 c/o Betty Battenfield, the team contact. Her address is 11770 Battenfield Ln, Wesley, AR 72773.

I am paying my personal expenses. I hope there are others in our congregation who would consider going as volunteers with this group. Please contact me if you want information. Even though the team is sponsored by a UMW group, there are also men and youth that participate.

I will appreciate your careful consideration.

God Bless,
Janice Smith
876-6590





THANK YOU

We want to thank all our church members, including those of Sarah Circle, who sent us cards, spoke comforting words and offered prayers for us on the death of our sister, Ruth E. Peacock.

We appreciated both Pastor Sara and Rev. Verle Shoemaker's caring words of support.

We especially thank Marilyn Hertel for requesting prayers for us on Ruth's death and as we flew to Columbia, Maryland for our sister's inspirational memorial service.

Lucile and Mary Margaret Roberts

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who served in the lunch room during the 2009 Bazaar, making coffee, pouring coffee, bussing tables, carrying trays, setting up and cleaning up. We appreciate all of you so very much, and of course without your willingness to help, the Bazaar would not be the success that it is year after year. The food was delicious and we thank the people in the kitchen who prepared and served it. Thanks to every one of you who help us out year after year. You are special. God bless all of you.

Lynn Prueitt & Diane Verville
Co-Chairpersons - Bazaar Lunch Room

Thank you all for your concern, prayers and emails over these past months. I feel your loving care each day and knowing you are surrounding me, Hal and my family in Wyoming with your prayers makes a huge difference to me. Thank you for sharing your strength by lifting me up. In turn, I thank God each day for the angels with whom He has graced me - you!

Hugs to you all, *Sandy Fitch*

Thank you so much for loaning me a walker to use for several days. It was so helpful for my balance and gait.

Rex Davenport

A NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of all the church's musicians, I would like to express thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring about the annual Music Appreciation celebration. It is an unalloyed blessing for us to make music in this place. We would especially like to thank Jan Lowe, Rev. Doris Schlessman, Angie Rader, Maryann Johnson, Marge Smith, Rod and Arlene Alford, Mary Carkeek, Lynn Prueitt, Sandy Mathieu and Aletha Roberts, who were instrumental (the pun is intentional) in preparing and serving the wonderful buffet that we enjoyed between the services. You should know that a lot of research has been done to verify the fact that well-fed musicians are among the happiest people on earth.

Seriously, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and in so doing serve the Lord.



Yours in Christ, *Larry Zehring*

Thank-you to all the men and women who worked the second shift on MM Pancake Day. A special thank-you to Cheryl Campbell, Jackie Evens and Greg Franklin for cleaning the kitchen after you worked a full shift. Special thanks to Jim Fox who came back from working the first shift to help with the cleanup and takedown and to Hal Fitch who did all he could do to help. To the men and women who stayed over from the second shift to help with the cleanup and takedown, a very special thanks. God bless you for your second effort to get the job done.

Ken Swanson

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Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

To the Home of ...

Pizza With the Pastors

Calling all visitors! If you have been coming to FUMC in Bella Vista a little or a lot, please mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec 6 at 4 p.m. in the chapel.



You will spend time getting to know the pastors and other church staff members, as we meet in a relaxed environment. We want you to get to know us better, and we will accomplish that as we share thoughts and beliefs and ask and answer questions about our church.

We'll end with about 5:30 p.m. following a pizza and salad meal. Just call the church office at 855-1158 to let us know if you plan to be there.

All are welcome.

Do You Have a Daughter Who Is
in Kindergarten or First Grade?

A Girl Who Would Enjoy:
Going On Trips, Learning About Nature
and Science, Exploring The Arts
and her Community?



**Daisy Girl Scout
Troop 5404**

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