



The Good News

November, 2012

2012 Salute to Veterans Luncheon

Sunday, November 11 in Becker Hall

11am - 1pm

Veterans photos will be displayed on screen during the worship services and luncheon

Veterans = Eat Free

age 12 and up = \$5

Children under 12 = Eat Free

Menu

Salad ~ Italian Bread ~ Chicken Tetrazzini ~ Texas Sheet Cake ~

Lemonade ~ Tea ~ Coffee

Please buy your ticket in the office



Don't Forget!
Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 3rd when you go to bed, or you will be late for church!

(excerpt from one of the many "Heart Card"s received)

Things I love About My Church

Upon arriving in Bella Vista, we soon discovered the warmth and love of a congregation that accepted us immediately into their family. This discovery led us to more as we slowly became involved in Sunday School and other Christian education classes. UMW and UMM not only welcomed us with open arms but gave us the opportunity to enjoy their fellowship and activities. The music ministry gave us a splendid evening of jazz music, while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee and dessert. We haven't been on a date for years and finally we had an evening together feeling like a young couple and enjoying an evening with our new friends and family.

However, what we love about our church is that the Sunday worship and Christian education classes put Christ first through the Choir's ministry and preaching ministry, as well as Sunday School lessons and Bible lessons that are Christ-centered. Finally, what we love about our church is the pastoral staff, whose heart is for Christ and the people being expressed in various ways of love, interest, and pastoral care. Bella Vista United Methodist Church has put the UNITED back in being a Methodist.



FAITH WALK

with
Brother Jaime J. Alexander

*"Above All,
Extravagant Generosity Flows from the Heart!"*

"Veterans Day" Celebration and "Commitment Sunday" Sunday, November 11

The beauty of the autumn is blanketing Bella Vista in a vibrancy of colors. The landscape around the church is in constant transformation. Recently, I slipped away from the church to go on a prayer walk and I experienced the splendor of the trees dressed in the fall hues of reds, oranges, yellows and browns. It was a powerful time, alone with God, to pray for our church family, ministries, and our upcoming Commitment Sunday.

On Sunday, November 11 we will celebrate "Above All, Extravagant Generosity Flows from the Heart" Commitment Sunday and also Veteran's Day. On that Sunday, we will remember the persons in our church family who have served in the United States Military, as well as dedicate our 2013 stewardship and "Every Member in Ministry" commitments for the ministry of the church to God. This is an important Sunday! I ask you to join with me in praying for Commitment Sunday. Please pray about your stewardship of time and financial giving to God's work through the mission and ministry of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. I invite you to also take a prayer walk around the church, along Lake Bella Vista, or in your own neighborhood if you are able to pray about your commitment. If you are unable to go on a prayer walk, I encourage you to spend time praying over your commitment and asking God to guide you in preparation for November 11 in your own place of

prayer. Time spent in prayer is time spent experiencing the presence and power of God.

Thank you for praying for the persons and the ministries of the church. Your prayers are a great blessing!

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37

God is faithful. . .

Rev. Jaimie Alexander

Senior Pastor

Bella Vista First UMC

Bella Vista, AR 72715

Bring the Whole Family.....

...for a Great Thanksgiving Feast! A very traditional meal at a very affordable price, will be served again this year on Thanksgiving Day.

The price for age 12 to Adult is just \$10; children from 6-11, \$6, and under 6 eat free.

As always, our main goal is to bring people together during this time of thanks and giving. No one needs to eat alone on this holiday. And, what a great way to feed your holiday guests, with no prep or clean-up.

Make lunch reservations in the office by Sunday, November 18. A dessert sign-up sheet and a work sign-up sheet will be available in the office as well. You can sign up for time and for tasks if there is something specific you are willing to do.

See back page for the menu.





OFF AND RUNNING

with
Pastor Lee Myane

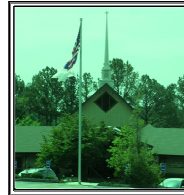
During my sermons I've talked a lot about the changes that are occurring in Bella Vista, our church and our culture. One thing that has not changed is our need for volunteers. However, some of the volunteer opportunities have changed. One change in particular is the type of educational classes that we need. We always need Biblical studies and book studies continue to be popular, but some of the topical studies may be a little different. With our wealth of worldly experience within our church, I'm looking for people who can teach or lead some very practical classes.

As families with children and young adults continue to visit our church and become members, I see a need for classes in household financial planning, parenting, grandparents as parents, building strong marriages, balancing work and family, faith and careers, the teenage years, peer pressure. There are limitless numbers of issues that we all face or have faced in life. If you have experienced what it takes to maintain a marriage, raised children, plan financial stability, survived raising children, you may be qualified to help others do the same. Please let me know if you are interested in teaching or helping lead a class that tackles one of life's difficulties from a spiritual perspective.

How has your faith helped you overcome the specific struggles in your life? If you can answer this question, maybe you should share your experiences with others.

Faithfully in Christ,
Pastor Lee

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Lee@lovelearnlead.com



The Green Church Project

**Finding ways to be better
stewards of all of our resources**

Will you be purchasing new lights for your Christmas decorating this year? If so, consider purchasing LED lights.

LEDs (Light Emitting Diode) have been used widely for decades in many household items such as forming the numbers on digital clocks and lighting up watches and cell phones. LEDs offer more efficient technology than incandescent lights and CFLs.

According to *HowStuffWorks.com*, LED bulbs are lit solely by the movement of electrons. Unlike incandescents, they have no filament that will burn out; and unlike CFLs, they contain no mercury or other toxic substances. Proponents say LEDs can last some 60 times longer than incandescents and 10 times longer than CFLs. And unlike incandescents, which generate a lot of waste heat in addition to light, LEDs don't get especially hot. That means that nearly all of the energy LEDs use generates light rather than light and heat.

When you replace Christmas lights, look for the strings of LED bulbs. You'll be giving a gift to the environment.

Learn more about LED lights at:

http://environment.about.com/od/greenlivingdesign/a/LED_light_bulbs.htm





CHILDREN AND YOUTH

At the end of July, I opened my email and received a note from a family that made me sad. It said "Our 6 year old son has high functioning Autism. We recently were attending another church where including [our son] was not a priority of the church staff, including the children's minister. We are now looking for a new church home where [our son] will be included and loved despite his differences. We just want him to be made welcome and included."

I just couldn't believe that a child would ever be treated that way. I got on the phone with Andrea Myane and asked her "Can we do this?" Her answer to me was "I knew God would send people our way, this is something we can totally do" This family has been coming to our church and their son enjoys his class. He is such a wonderful boy and is a true joy to be around.

I received another email " We can't tell you enough what a blessing you all have been to us these past few weeks. It is so nice to go somewhere and have people love and accept your child so quickly and easily. Please let us know what you need for this week and thank you again so much! God is really working through all of you in ways you don't even know."

I can not describe the feeling in my heart when I re-read the words that this family sent me. I know that what we have in our church is amazing and God is directing our path.

The sad part? I am sure that there are more families like this that need to be reached. More children that need to be included in learning about God and learning of the love He has for us. But for us to be able to help them, we need more volunteers. I know that many of you have worked with Special Needs children before, or you have had a calling to help now. We will soon be holding a training class to teach you how you can help in this important ministry.

If you would like to sign up, or if you have worked in the past with Special Needs Children and would like to help shape our future please contact Carrie Drish at 426-5136 or Andrea Myane at 531-0103 for more information.

Carrie J. Drish

Director of Children's Ministry
Bella Vista 1st UMC
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CROSSWORD YOUTH

It's that time of the year.....holidays, shopping, family, and fun. It's a busy time and CrossWord is going to be busy as well.

In Sunday morning class, we are continuing to study the book of Daniel. On Wednesdays, we have been having a great time with weekly topical discussions for daily living. Girls' and Boys' Groups are going strong on Sunday nights doing book studies. This is the time of year that our youth ministry gets busy with service projects for the community and around the church. In November on Wednesday nights, we will spend some of our time planning a large community service project to take place in the spring.

We will be hosting Christmas Parents Shopping Day Out on December 15th. Please look for more upcoming details soon around the church.

In Christ,
Danette





BOOK NOOK



LARGE-PRINT:

THE TIME KEEPER by Mitch Albom

The inventor of the World's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift.

TRUE SISTERS by Sandra Dallas

This is a terrific story of friendship and survival based on a real event.

ABDICATION by Juliet Nicolson

A vivid re-imagining of the crisis surrounding King Edward VIII's abdication through the eyes of three intriguing outsiders from very different worlds.

BIOGRAPHY:

SERVANT OF GOD by John Wesley

John Wesley proclaimed the Gospel to thousands in the fields and marketplaces of the British Isles. He wielded an enormous influence in his own era and in the centuries to come.

NEW TO UMW READING PROGRAM:

THE PERFECT BOARD by Calvin Clemons (658.4) (Cat. V)

Through Rebecca's story, the author shares the informative tips he has learned from extensive personal experience.

FICTION:

THE CALICO TRAIL by Kristin Eckhardt

Book 22 in the Patchwork Mysteries Guideposts Series.

A MEMORY BETWEEN US by Sarah Sundin

Can they overcome the past to find a brighter future together? Book 2 in Wings of Glory Series.

BLUE SKIES TOMORROW by Sarah Sundin

In a time of peril, can they find the courage to confront their fears and embrace a love that lasts? Book 3 in Wings of Glory Series.

ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE by Jane Kirkpatrick
Lives will be tempered by adversity, expanded by faith and polished by perseverance. Book 1 in Kinship and Courage Series.

NO EYE CAN SEE by Jane Kirkpatrick

Facing challenges and loss, a community of extraordinary women fight to overcome the pain

of the past and embrace the future. Book 2 in Kinship and Courage Series.

WHAT ONCE WE LOVED by Jane Kirkpatrick

A circle of courageous women discover the meaning of independence and love. Book 3 in Kinship and Courage Series.

BREATHE by Lisa T. Bergren (Book 1 in The Homeward Trilogy)

To make a new life, she'll have to learn how to breathe again.

RACHEL'S SECRET by BJ Hoff

In this compelling first book in the Riverhaven Years Trilogy, the author introduces a new community of unforgettable characters, a tender love story, and the faith journey of people we grow to know and love.

WINGS OF RICHES by Al and JoAnna Lacy (Book 1 in Dreams of Gold Trilogy)

When gold was discovered out West in the 19th century, men rushed from all parts of the globe to stake their claims. Fortunes were made and lost, families uprooted, and a continent shaped by men driven by dreams of gold.

PERFECT PARADISE by Beth Wiseman

Linda's Amish life seemed like paradise. Until she found out her family had been hiding a secret since the day of her birth. Book 4 in Daughters of Promise Series.

Handbells

SANCTUARY BELLS would like to have YOU join them in rehearsals on Thursdays at 4:50pm, and in providing handbell music in the traditional worship services. If new to handbells, I would familiarize handbell ringing with you before you join the choir. If you are able to read music, please thoughtfully consider this service to the music ministry of our church, and give me a call (855-2921). You'll be glad you did!

Dawn Thompson, Handbell Director



PRAYER MINISTRY

Hello friends,

As I write this, the time is quickly approaching for our Ministry Fair. During the past year it has come to my attention that there have been some questions raised about the functions of the E-Mail Prayer Chain requests and the Home Intercessors Prayer List (HIPL), which is distributed on Sunday Mornings.

According to the task sheet the definition of the E-Mail Prayer Chain is as follows: . . . *is to offer prayers of intercession immediately as needs arise and are made known. The intention is to notify as many team members as possible, as quickly as possible.* It works like this: *Messages are sent to all participants simultaneously from the church office as quickly as possible, when urgent needs for prayer are received. Volunteers are expected to stop whatever they are doing and pray for the person or situation as soon as the message is received on the home computer.*

The Home Intercessory Prayer Ministry is to focus prayer for our congregation's pastors, staff, church leaders, and members as well as to receive prayer requests from our members and guests, then praying for these specific needs throughout the following weeks. The intent here is to cover less urgent requests as far as timing is concerned, not severity; or events such as pre-scheduled surgery and conditions which will most likely be long term, for example our people in hospice.

The e-mail request most likely will be added to the Home Intercessors List as well; but probably after the fact of the urgency has passed. Please use a pew card, phone the church or Marilyn directly for HIPL requests. Call Jan Lowe at 531-0381 for the urgent requests, or call the church office.

All requests available by Wednesday early afternoon will be prayed over in the Sanctuary during the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service.

I hope this clarifies the difference between the Prayer ministries and helps you choose which is the ministry service that most fits your needs.

Marilyn

Phone Prayer Chain

More than a year ago, we decided that we would end the Phone Prayer Chain at the end of 2012. So many of our members prefer receiving their urgent request for prayer via the internet, that only a handful remain on the Phone Chain.

The Phone Prayer Chain will cease as of December 31, 2012. Those members who are currently in that ministry may sign up for the E-Mail Prayer Chain or they may arrange to receive the weekly and mid-weekly Home Intercessors Prayer List from the church.

Please contact your Prayer Steward, Marilyn Hertel if you have questions or need help in any area of the prayer ministry.

I found this prayer by Alan Paton, which seems especially appropriate as we consider our "Every Member in Ministry" opportunities.

O Lord,

*open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;
open my ears that I may hear their cries;
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;*

*let me not be afraid to defend the weak
because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor
because of the anger of the rich.*

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen

Alan Paton



OUR FAMILY

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



Bob Mauss died on October 6 at the Highlands Healthcare facility after a long with cancer. Marian, his wife, family and friends will come together on Saturday, November 24 at 2pm for a memorial service at our

church. The family made his room at the Highlands as much like home as they could, bringing many mementos for him to see as he looked around the room. He was so appreciative of every visitor who came to see him, even when it became more difficult to even smile. We will certainly miss Bob, and pray that Marian and their children and grandchildren will find comfort in God's love.

Leila "Tibbie" Fitch died on October 9, at Concordia Care Center where she had moved to for special care. Tibbie had always been active in the Methodist church, and moved to many congregations during Harold's career as a Methodist preacher. They retired here in Bella Vista in 1987 and continued her activities in the church while here. Tibbie will



be missed by the people of this church and this community. Our prayers go out to husband, Harold, daughter, Jean and husband John Justice, and daughter-in-law, Sandy Fitch, who all grieve her loss.

Max Fischbach died Thursday, October 11 at Circle of Life Hospice at Legacy Village in Bentonville. A memorial service was held for Max on Sunday, October 14th at 3pm.

Max had so many medical problems that just seems to multiply in the last months of his life. It had been necessary to amputate his leg above the knee in the last months of his life. He showed such strength as he worked on his physical therapy. We will miss Max so much. Please remember his wife, Joanne, four sons and one daughter, and their children as they learn to live life without him.



Edith Shepard died at Concordia Care Center on September 25. A memorial service was held for her on Friday, September 28 at 10am.

She moved with her husband, Robert to Bella Vista in 1992 where they

enjoyed 6 years together before he passed away. She was a member of First Methodist Church and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. She loved to travel and managed to visit all 48 continental states.

Please remember her children, grandchildren, and family in your prayers.



OUR FAMILY

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 6 J.D. & Syble Highfill
- 7 Gary & Mary Couchman
- 13 Albert Fisher & Patsy Attaway
- 14 Wayne & Ara Mae Calhoun
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Robert & Juanita Clark
- 19 Bergie & Mary Ann Dyson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 22 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 22 Stan & Mary Tague
- 24 Marcus & Kimberly Dale
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Bob & Shirley Kennedy
- 27 Fred & Sue Nebrig
- 28 Troy & Brenda Jorgensen
- 29 Duane & Marilyn Hertel
- 30 Orval & Jan Davidson

November Birthdays

- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Bobbie Dees
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judith Packard

November Birthdays cont'd

- 5 Arlene Beeks
- 5 Darrell Bottjen
- 6 Vicki Forrest
- 6 Ethel Twombly
- 9 Winston (Bud) Henke
- 11 Rusty Prestridge
- 13 Mickey Black
- 13 Leroy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 15 Jan Davidson
- 18 Michelle Goss
- 18 Betty Sterner
- 22 Bob Dittmer
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 24 Berneita Dunham
- 24 Charlotte Manuel
- 24 Georgia Speak
- 25 Cathy Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 28 Kaden Baker (1)
- 30 Ralph Clark
- 30 Charles Crider (5)

DO WE HAVE YOUR IMPORTANT DATES?

We've been getting many updates to our records, but we still need more. You can complete the yellow card available in the pews or in the office so you can add birthdates and anniversary dates for each person in your family and update any other information needed. Your birth year will not be shared with anyone except our pastors, who like to keep up with any significant anniversary or birth year.

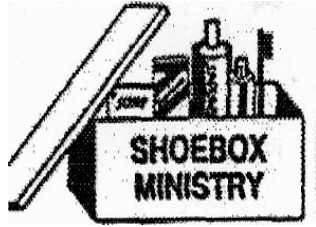


MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Deliveries

217 shoe boxes were delivered last month. Also James and Vicki Forrest delivered 60 "Sunshine" Sacks filled with toiletries for qualified students to Cooper Elementary School right here in Bella Vista. I might add that the members of Martha Circle pack the bags at their monthly meeting. God Bless all of you for making this ministry successful.



Empty Shoe boxes

We are grateful to all of you who remember to bring your empty shoe boxes to us. We have one small problem right now. We are full up and would ask that you hold up on bringing us anymore boxes until further notice. Thank you.

Delivery Help

We received a couple of calls for delivery help and are so grateful to those who stepped forward, but we need a few more drivers. I am going to repeat the request. Could you possibly take few boxes to a shelter in Bentonville or Rogers? A one time delivery or once every month or two would really help. Large deliveries are picked up by the shelters. We ask for your prayerful consideration to help. Please contact Diane Cox at 925-0988, or Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld, or Vicki Schroeder.

Items Needed

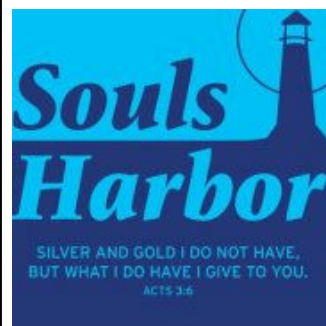
Men's and Women's white cotton socks, quart size zip-lock type bags, fold over sandwich bags. Christmas paper

As always in His Service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders

PAK-A-SAK

Our collection on November 18 will be delivered to **OASIS FOOD BANK in BELLA VISTA**. They are in need of all types of non-perishable food items. This food bank helps many families here in Bella Vista. With the economy down and still struggling, the need is greater for helping families make ends meet. At this time of the year let us share our THANKSGIVING Blessings with those in our community who are in need.



MISSION of the MONTH **SOULS HARBOR**

Souls Harbor is a place of help and hope for men in need. Since 1988, Souls Harbor has been reaching out to men who are hungry, homeless, hurting and struggling to meet their basic needs in the Ozarks. They have served over 17,000 meals and 8,000 nights of lodging to over 2,000 individuals.

This ministry is sustained by the generous support of individuals, businesses, churches and community organizations. They do not seek or accept any direct government funding that could compromise their missions. Their doors stay open because of loving individuals who care about their fellow man.

Located in Rogers, Souls Harbor works to fill a need in our community for men who are among the least, the last and the lost. You can help these men through your financial gifts, donations of times such as clothing and building materials and by volunteering as they rebuild and expand the shelter to accommodate more of those in need.



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Thirteen members of our FUMCBV congregation departed on Saturday, October 13, to travel to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. Members included: Ed Jenner (Leader), Barbara Jenner, Jan Lowe, Chet & Cheryl Campbell, Keith & Lynn Prueitt, Dick & Sonny Anderson, Verna Bottjen, Marilyn Frisbee, Maryann Johnson, and Shirley Hofmann.



Bill Dudleson and Shirley Kunzman, Volunteer Leaders, welcomed us and shared guidelines and instructions for our stay.

Sager Brown serves a real feast for breakfast and lunch each day. Dinner provides a smaller number of options, but is still very plentiful. Meal time was when we gathered to pray, share and get to know the members of the other three teams from Texas. The Texas teams represented Jacksonville, Sherman and Tyler.

Each day we made a choice about how we would spend our day. Most of the time, at least nine members worked in the depot, repacking health kits, layette kits, birthing kits or school kits. At least two members worked in the sewing room to sew school bags or blankets. Two men from our team worked in the community to build a ramp, fix a roof and repair siding on a home.

We ended each day with a time of devotions, led by Shirley Hofmann and Marilyn Frisbee. We all looked forward to the time each day when we came together to share what we had done that day as well as explain any experiences that had touched our hearts in a special way. We all sensed that we were helping to make a difference in many lives with the kits we were assembling, as well as by the items being sewn. The men working in the community received immediate recognition of the impact they had on the individuals who lived in the homes they repaired. After devotions, we had free time. Everyone wanted to have a good night's sleep and be in the dining room by 7:30 a.m. every morning to pray and get instructions for each day.

On Wednesday afternoon, after lunch, all volunteers could choose to work the rest of the day or use the afternoon for a leisure time activity. Ten members of our team chose to go on a swamp tour. Everyone on the tour felt they had learned a lot from the guide and we were able to photograph the natural beauty of the swamp flora and fauna. We will remember the experiences of that afternoon for years to come.

We learned the following statistics about our work week which just reinforced the value of our time spent at Sager Brown. Kits made October 15-18, 2012:

Bedding Kits	112
Birthing Kits	764
Layette Kits	623
School Kits	564
Health Kits	<u>5586</u>
Total # of Kits	7649

Ed Jenner booked a return trip to Sager Brown for August 2013 before we left. None of us were looking forward to the twelve-hour drive home on Friday. We were given a safe trip home and we arrived back at the church parking lot a little after 10:00 p.m. Friday night. We thanked our leader and our bus drivers for the trip to and from Sager Brown. We are already looking forward to a return trip in August, 2013.



FELLOWSHIP

Metfield Methodist Game Night

The MM Shepherd Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13 in the Parlor for Game Night. Please bring you favorite snack to share. Drinks will be furnished.

Golden Links

Please come to a covered dish party at the home of Gene and Dixie Young on Monday, November 5 at 5:30pm.

Avalon-Omega Shepherd Group

This group will travel to John Brown University on the church bus Friday, December 7 for dinner on campus then attend the Candlelight Service. For more information, call Sue Nebrig 855-9269.

Organ Recital

On Saturday November 3 at 7:00 p.m. Polish organist Marek Kudlicki will give a lecture, with audio and slides, focusing on the historic organs of Poland. Then on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. he will present an organ recital in our sanctuary. The NW Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is helping to sponsor Mr. Kudlicki's appearance here. His program will include music by J.S. Bach, Brahms, and Bossa along with selections by composers from Mr. K's native Poland.

As with all our Wesley Series programs, these events are free, but an offering will taken.



THE GOAT BANK IS BACK!

The Goat Bank will be out starting the first Sunday in November. Please save your quarters and help the Missions Committee buy a llama for a needy family this Christmas season. The Cost is \$170.00.

Heifer International provides llamas and their close cousins to families living at high altitudes in the Andes Mountains of South America, where no other animals can withstand the harsh conditions.

Their wool is prized around the world for being denser, warmer and softer than sheep wool — making it possible for our partner families to earn a steady living by either selling the wool or

"COPING with the HOLIDAYS" WORKSHOP

Circle of Life is offering a workshop for individuals who have lost a family member, friend or loved one on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00am to noon at their Springdale Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road.

The holidays can be especially difficult and if someone is "missing" from your holiday this season, and if you are struggling with how to manage, consider attending their Holiday Grief Workshop. They will explore information about grief, in addition to suggestions and tips for coping through the holiday season.

To register, email: jneidholdt@nwacircleoflife.org or call 479-872-3338.

Art Exhibition

Robert Lee Skaggs is an artist who was born and raised in the Rogers area. He attended the Chicago Art Institute as a student and remained there as a faculty member for 40 years. When he retired, he and his wife Betty moved back to Rogers. Robert maintains a studio in his home and has been painting and writing prolifically since returning to Arkansas. The Exhibition will run through November 11, and will be open for viewing in Becker Hall and the Hallway near the Music Room

SHIRTS FOR SALE



Come to the office to see samples of the T-Shirts and Polo Shirts (sweatshirts, too) sponsored by the Missions Team. The shirts are a Royal blue with the UMC flame and our church name in white. All sizes are available. Orders will be taken thru Friday, November 16. The T-shirts are \$10, and Polos & Sweatshirts are \$25. Payment must be made at the time the order is placed.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Last Words from the Bazaar

Once again, for the 35th time here at FUMCBV, the UMW Bazaar has come and gone. Despite (or because of) the inclement weather, we made over \$12,000, which is \$2,000 more than last year! And we're not finished yet! There are some leftovers which were displayed and sold at the Pancake Breakfast, and will be for sale at the December UMW Luncheon. So you still have time to pick up some homemade Christmas presents.

Though it is a bit of work, we have found it to be quite satisfying and as I was watching the whole thing take place, I began to muse on what all goes into a production of this kind. So, here are some facts about how this all comes into being:

We had 26 weeks of Workshops on Thursday mornings with about 33 ladies attending at least once. About 15 of those came at least 15 or more times for approximately 2-5 hours each, making something over 2,000 hours of work. Now that doesn't include the many hours that lots of ladies (and guys too!) spent at home creating things; sewing, making jellies, arranging advertising, making up bean soup & brownie mixes, baking pies and other goodies, etc. We even have a couple of people who shop for sales on supplies even when they're out of state on vacation.

During the Setup week, Sue Nebrig (aka Sarge) managed to round up 36 men borrowed from UMM who helped with the heavy stuff and also helped takedown on Saturday. Plus, I noticed several husbands of chairladies that got "volunteered" to do a whole lot of extras. I can't begin to estimate how much time Marlene and her crew put in preparing the rolls and lunch food.

Then on sale day, we had approximately 85 women, men and teens working. And then there are other special people I haven't mentioned including help from Janet, the church secretary, the generous donation from TH Rogers Lumber Company who loaned us boards for our shelves, and our good friend Pat Jenkins who came from Tulsa to help us in the Holiday House.

So as you can see, there are way too many people to mention individually, but hope that everyone realizes how much we appreciate all of you and want to give you all a big THANK YOU!

Verna Bottjen & Mabel Ashline, co-chairs

Hope Circle

Our program on Thursday, November 8 will be presented by Dawn Thompson, who will give us a history of handbells and play a few selections. We welcome everyone to come and hear Dawn's program. We meet in the Parlor at 1:00 p.m.

UMW Quarterly Luncheon

The Quarterly Luncheon of the UMW will be held Wednesday, December 5 at 12:00 noon with *QUIET TIME in the Sanctuary at 11:45*. Our entertainment for the luncheon will be the **Bella Vista Women's Chorus**, under the direction of Dr. Larry Zehring. Hot Turkey Salad, Fruit, Dessert, & Roll will be served. Cost of the luncheon is \$7.00. Deadline for reservations is Friday, November 30. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservation through your circle, or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guests are welcome to come hear the chorus, which includes many of our own members. It will be a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

Church Women United

Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day Friday, November 2, at Bella Vista Community Church, 75 East Lancashire Blvd. Fellowship will begin at 12:30 with dessert, followed by the Sights and Sounds of Harmony program at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the BV Food Pantry.

Carpet Available

Because of the reorganization occurring in several rooms on the lower level, there are a couple of rooms that will have the carpet removed. It is in pretty good shape and could be used in basements, campers etc. The pieces are approximately 10'x14' in size. If you are interested, please contact Ed Fischer.

WANTED... A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

"Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." NW Hospital Auxiliary is seeking volunteers to fill openings in the Gift Shop, ICU & Surgery Waiting, and the information Desk. Please consider becoming a volunteer. Contact Cindy Sadler (479-553-4301 or e-mail csadler@nwhealth.com for an application.



THANK YOU

Thank you for your cards, prayers and phone calls after my hip replacement "redo" surgery. I seem to be doing well. Thanks to Bro. Jaimie for his visits and snack food. A special thanks to Jan Lowe, who came to visit just in time to rescue me from a "melt down". I am now home and feeling almost like my old self. My spirits are lifted and my faith renewed. God is good and so is Jan.

Blessings, *Diane Cox*

Thank you doesn't say enough for all the prayers and support we've received during the illness and passing of Leila "Tibbie" Fitch. Your kind words, good food, generous memorials and welcome hugs have supported us during this time. Special thanks to the Metfield Methodist and Faith Five Shepherd groups and the UMW for keeping us supplied in food for our bodies. Bro. Jamie, Pastor Lee, Janet Walton, Sharon Golaway and Troy Jorgensen provided comfort for our spirits.

Thank you all – *Harold Fitch, Jean & John Justice, Sandy Fitch and all the Fitch Family*

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all the women (and men) who helped make our Bazaar a success. To those who worked so diligently each Thursday and for sharing your ideas and delicious treats. Also, thanks to those of you who worked on projects in your homes. Marion Korn prepared a delicious lunch in September for all who helped. Thanks, Marion!

Nita Wallace & Betty Reynolds

That's the most beautiful prayer shawl I have ever seen. Thank you for all the time, talent, work and love that went into this. It means so much to me every time I look at it or wear it - I know someone is praying for me. God is good!

Patricia Potts

Leaving FUMCBV was more emotional and hard for me than I was prepared for it to be. I want you to know that I appreciated all that you did to make our church such a meaningful part of our lives. I really miss Sunday worship time there and other groups in the church also. My prayers include all of you!

Sincerely, *Ruby Riley*

I would like to thank all of you who helped in the Lunch Room for the Bazaar. You carried lots of trays, delivered drinks and kept tables cleaned off, as well as keeping the needed supplies handy. We owe a lot to Rod, who I think may have shrunk a few inches with all the running he did keeping the coffee pots going on a cool day. Also for Diane & Lynn who guided me through the steps needed to keep the Lunch Room flowing and to meet our guests' needs.

Blessings to you all -*Karen Roenfeld*

Christmas Photographs Wanted!

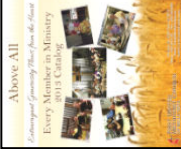


Suzann Wresche would like old photographs of families in front of their Christmas tree on Christmas morning. She will be using them in decorating for our table for the Christmas Tea on December 1 at Community Church. The photos will be returned.

FINANCE CORNER

Month to Date (as of 9/30/2012)	Budgeted Expenses	\$ 49,334
Month to Date (as of 9/30/2012)	Actual Receipts	*\$ 48,287
Year to Date (1/12 thru 9/12)	Budgeted Expenses	\$457,523
Year to Date (1/12 thru 9/12)	Actual Receipts	*\$432,937
Year to Date (1/12 thru 9/12)	Actual Expenses	\$439,397

*=Minus Endowment Interest Income

NOVEMBER 2012

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Turn in your Commitment Form ←		Honor a Veteran →				1 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:30 Grief Support 10:00 Men's Golf 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		2 9:00 Disciples II		3 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 9:00 Mission Blitz 10:00 Praise Dance 7:00 Organ History	
4 BPV btwn s rvices 7:30 Praise Team rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Church Council 3:00 Organ Recital 5:00 Unfinished Wmn 6:00 Youth Meetings		5 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Election setup 6:00 Band Rehearsal		6 ELECTION DAY 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl		7 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciples 1 9:00 UMW Brd Mtng 9:00 Quilters/Potluck 1:00 Guest Follow-up 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 6:30 Hebrews 7:00 Crossword Youth		8 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:30 Grief Support 10:00 Men's Golf 1:00 Hope Circle 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		9 9:00 Disciples II 11:30 Pre-school Brd		10 10:00 Praise Dance	
11 Commitment Day Veterans' Day 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 11:00 Veteran's Lunch 3:00 Friday Night Club 5:00 Unfinished Wmn 6:00 Youth Meetings 7:00 Concert		12 9:00 DAR 9:00 Caregiver's Suppo 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-up Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Abrams SG 6:30 Finance		13 9:00 Charity Circle 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:00 Church Wmn Un 2:30 Member Mtng 6:30 Agape SG		14 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciples I 9:30 Missions 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 6:30 Hebrews 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Crossword Youth		15 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:30 Grief Support 11:00 Men's Golf 2:00 Sons of Rev 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		16 9:00 Disciples II 2:00 Shriner's Set-up		17 HELPING HANDS 9:00 Shriner's Auction 10:00 Praise Dance	
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Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month

Return Service Requested

To the Home of ...

Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us

FUMC-Becker Hall

2012 Thanksgiving Dinner

Serving 11:30-1:00pm

Menu

Cranberry or Fruit Salad, Rolls

Turkey and Dressing

Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Green Beans, Corn

Assorted Desserts (Sugar free too!)

Coffee and Tea

12-Adult \$10

Kids 6-11 \$6

Kids under 6 - Free

To make your meal reservation and pay in advance, please stop by
the church office by November 20.

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