



The Good News

November, 2013



FAITH TALK with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

Pearl of Wisdom: *What goes up must come down.
In the same way, the more we allow our financial gifts
to rise to the heavens through tithes and offerings,
the more likely we are to see abundant rain.*

In the classic movie *White Christmas*, a rather cynical Bob Wallace (played by Bing Crosby) tells Betty Haynes (played by Rosemary Clooney), "Everybody's got an angle." Everybody, he thinks, is looking out for himself first, making sure his own needs are met, regardless of anyone else's.

That movie was made back in 1954, but some things never change, do they? We live in a selfish society, one in which each person keeps his eyes on his individual prize. And that's exactly why an excited, motivated, God-led, selfless Christian can have such a significant impact.

I hope you have received your 2014 "Every Member In Ministry" Catalogue and "Transformed Living" Stewardship Commitment Card by now.

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY:

Every Member in Ministry is all about service in God's Kingdom through our church. It's so much more than just making sure that all of the items on the church's to-do list are marked off through volunteer activities. Serving others actually gives us an opportunity to be more like Jesus, the most selfless servant of all. Here's a reminder through the Scripture verse: "I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28 NLT).

When we truly understand the depths of what God has done for us, our natural response is to do something in return. The beautiful thing, though, is that he has uniquely gifted us with different passions and interests, so we can bless him—and bless others—through things we can enjoy. Service doesn't have to be drudgery.

Someone who likes to sing, for example, might find a place of service in the church choir or praise team. Someone who enjoys kids could plug into the children's ministry. And someone who likes to organize could find a place in the Shoebox Ministry or as an Office Angel.

The difference between serving in the church and serving in the world, however, is the expectation of what we'll get in return. Just as Bing Crosby said, a lot of people really do have an angle, expecting recognition or reward for their time and effort.

So what about you? What are the places you serve, and what are the reasons you do so?



FAITH TALK CONT.

"TRANSFORMED LIVING" STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT:

No one likes to talk about money. And you don't like anyone telling you what to do with it, either. But what if someone gave you some hard-earned insight on a solid investment, one with out-of-this world rewards? Would you jump at the opportunity? The way we feel about money, if you remember, says a lot about our priorities. And if we hold it in a clenched fist, rather than on an outstretched palm, a funny thing happens. It becomes all we have. A hand that's tightly closed has no way to receive.

It could be that being generous with our finances allows us to be rich in faith. The more we see "God math" in our own lives, the more confident we become that God really will meet all of our needs.

Besides all that, though, giving a regular tithe demonstrates to God that we consider him more important than we consider money. It keeps us from allowing money to become an idol in our lives. Have you ever thought about it that way?

The truth is, God doesn't just want our cash—even if it does help fund church programs and ministries. What he really wants is our hearts. He wants us to turn to him and say, "Whatever I have, it's yours." Consider the Scripture verse found in Psalm 116:12, "What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?" It reminds us that we can never pay back God for his great gifts to us. One thing we can do, however, is cheerfully start with the tithe, the very least he asks of us. Set aside that 10 percent of your income and it will show God that you're serious about putting him first—and it will continue to give him opportunities to supply your every need, just as he promised he would.

On Sunday November 10, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday and you will be invited to dedicate your "Every Member in Ministry" Commitment and Pledge Card to God in all the services. Please prayerfully consider how you will serve and give your resources to God in thanksgiving in 2014. Serving and giving to God is to live a "Transformed life"!

God is faithful! Bro. Jaimie

"TRANSFORMED LIVING" 48 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, Nov. 8 at 8 am until Sunday, Nov. 10 at 8am

You are asked to sign-up to pray for the "Transformed Living" Stewardship Commitment Sunday this Sunday. Please commit to pray for a 30 minute segment of time during the 48 hours prayer emphasis. We need at least 100 people to sign up so that all the times are filled. We will be praying throughout the night on Friday and Saturday and your involvement is vital. You may sign up in the Narthex and in Becker Hall.

In our prayers,

Peggy Dewitt and Peggy Gamble, Transformed Living Prayer Team Chairs

"TRANSFORMED LIVING" 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

I want to thank each person who has participated in the 40 days of prayer for mission, ministry, and stewardship of the church. Together we began praying on October 6 and we will end together on November 17. It has been a blessing to know that at least 10 persons are praying daily for the transformation of lives through the ministry and resources of the church. If you have not signed-up to pray it is not too late. You may still sign up to designate a day to pray.

In my prayers, *Bro. Jaimie*



CHILDREN

ORPHAN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2013

**"Defend the cause of the fatherless."
Isaiah 1:17**

On November 3, the Children and Youth of FUMC Bella Vista will be joining in a world-wide event by honoring **Orphan Sunday**. Through group activities, prayer, and discussion, the children and youth will be learning about the plight of the orphan in our world. In addition, they will be adopting two children from Northwest Arkansas who are orphans to pray for. These brothers are currently in foster care, waiting for forever homes. The Youth and Children will be asking their families and their church family to join them in praying **for Joshua (12) and Malachi (14)** as they wait for their forever families.



JOIN IN PRAYING FOR

- Children nearby growing up in foster care, and others that face life without their fathers and/or mothers.
- Social workers and officials serving foster youth.
- Churches and nonprofits with adoption/foster/global orphan ministries.
- The Church in the U.S. and worldwide to grasp and reflect God's heart for adoption and orphan care.
- Families that have adopted, mentored and/or fostered.
- Orphans worldwide: physical provision, protection, love and belonging, and to know the love of God.
- Personal guidance in how to reflect God's heart through thoughtful action, advocacy and continued prayer.

Thank you to all who participate in the children's ministry at FUMC! The faces of this ministry are many and are spread throughout the church. From the parents and teachers to the builders, painters and prayer warriors, the purpose of our Children's Ministry to love, learn & lead is being carried out through each person who says, "Yes!" when they hear a request for their support of this ministry.

October brought beautiful days! Enjoy pictures from the **Right Choices Corn Maze**...several families got to know each other better on this trip.

I hope everyone enjoyed learning more about the children and youth ministries during the **EMIM fair**. Please consider us prayerfully when you fill out your commitment card! We have so many opportunities for growth downstairs and we welcome leadership from every one! Finally, watch for pics from the Oct 31 **Trunk or Treat** on next month's newsletter.

We are so excited to announce our Fall Mission block project will kick off November 3rd with **Orphan Sunday**. The children's ministry is adopting 2 local orphans to pray for, and we will continue prayers until those children are adopted. We will continue mission events monthly that relate to orphans/family stability in NWA. Our culminating event will be a donation sent to the St. **Catherine's Home Orphanage** in Mumbai, India on April 17, 2014. This orphanage and date are very close to our heart at FUMC. It is the birthday of **Madura Roath**, and the orphanage she called home before becoming part of our family at FUMC. Please be in prayer for all orphans during this mission block of Children's Ministry at FUMC!

Kristen Crider

Director of Children's Ministry





YOUTH

We have a new room for Youth (pictured below). A huge thanks to everyone who helped construct it. It was a lot of time and effort by everyone. A huge thank you to Keith Sterwald for all he has done. Some items that are still needed for the room are listed below. The room looks great and now the youth can move forward with our next project.

Let me (David) know if you are in need of **fall yard cleaning**. The youth will be making rounds to anyone that needs help. Donations are appreciated but not required. Leave a note in the church office or email me.

We are currently working on a new youth logo and will have t-shirts for sale. Keep a look out for them. Last but not least please let me know if you can volunteer on Sunday or on outings. All help is appreciated.

Odd Items needed in youth room:

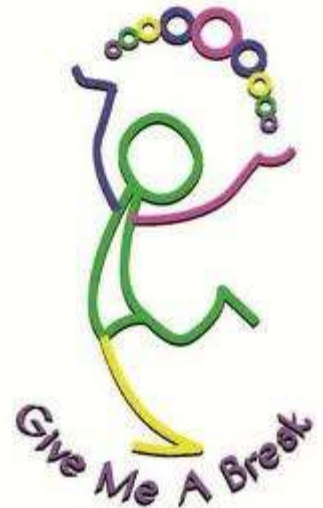
- Paper towel holder
- Pencils, color pencils paper
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens (any color)
- Regular and Dry Erase
- Markers
- Cleaning spray
- Kitchen drawer organizers

David Hanson
 Director of Youth Ministry
dwhanso@gmail.com



On November 24, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. there will be a volunteer training for RECESS. Recess is a parent's night out for children with special needs and their siblings. We are planning our first RECESS at FUMC on Friday, December 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We are looking

for volunteers to help with either special needs children OR typical children. If you are young or young at heart, this is the place for you! Please email Andrea Myane at myanefamily@gmail.com or call at 531-0103 for more information.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2013-2014

Standing, from left: Sara Myane, Jamison Toms, Alyssa Wilmoth, Wesley Gernstetter, Connor Klein
Seated, from left: Hunter Roath, Bro. Jaimie Alexander, Matthew Sandusky
 Not present: John Bokolas, Pastor Lee Myane



UMW

BAZAAR WRAP UP

For the 36th year, the UMW has made it through one more Bazaar! The weather wasn't real cooperative with the cold and rain but it was warm and friendly inside for those who ventured out. As tired as many of us may have been after the day was over, we thankfully took in \$9,880 to give to local charities as well as a bit more on Sunday morning and at the Pancake Breakfast.

I happened to get a couple comments from new people who didn't know that this Bazaar was such a large production. I guess us "old timers" just take it for granted, but it really turns out to be a whole church activity. That's why we need to ask for all your help. Starting in March with the weekly workshops to create the handmade items, we had about 32 ladies attending at least once this year. About 18-20 of them came at least 10 or more times. With an average of 2-5 hours each, that involves many, many hours! That doesn't include all the hours that some women spend at home sewing, knitting & crocheting etc. And then, what a wonderful response we had from all the bakers who contributed to the lunch pies and food for the Country Kitchen. You should have seen the load of baked goods that Bro. Jaimie came in with!

By the way, for next year, we could use some guys for woodworking projects as well as any new creative ideas anyone might have as well as people willing to conduct a month or so of the workshops. But for now, I just want to say a big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped before, during and after. So, rest up y'all and we'll be ready to do it all over again on the first weekend in October next year!

*Verna Bottjen,
Chair*



UMW QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The Quarterly Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 11:45 beginning with QUIET TIME in Becker Hall with lunch following at noon. Our entertainment for the luncheon will be a Christmas Musical Program. Hot Turkey Salad with Cranberry Relish, Fruit, Roll, and Dessert will be served. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. Deadline for reservations is November 29. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservations through your circle, or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guests are welcome to come and get the Christmas Season started off in a great way.

**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Sunday, Nov 3
At 2:00am**

**On Saturday
night, Nov 2, set
your clock back
one hour.**

**Change your
batteries.**



TRUNK OR TREAT
Thursday, OCTOBER 31
6:00-7:30pm
Becker Hall Parking Lot
**Candy Donations &
Volunteers are needed**



OUR FAMILY



Jill Hale joined our church at the 8am service on Sunday, September 29. Jill has been a guest here for quite a while. She and husband, Richard moved to Hiwassee from Prescott, AZ. They have owned the Hiwassee house since 2009, and also own other property in Bella Vista.

Jill worked as a legal secretary, then as a Paralegal—entire adult life for the same attorneys. Outside of work, she was involved with professional legal association (past national president), and acting, singing, and dancing in various Prescott groups. She enjoys needlework and tatting. Now, Jill is learning tennis and golf. She moved from Wayne, NE to Arizona with her family when she was 8. She married her husband, Richard in Prescott in 1974. Jill has four brothers. She and Richard moved here to spend time with his uncle and aunt. She is part of the Bella Vista Women's Chorus, but admits that she is having pro-sports withdrawal here in Bella Vista.

First Friends for Jill are Shirley Hofmann and Maryann Johnson. Please welcome Jill when you see her.

DEATHS

Diane Miller, wife of Bill, died on October 2, 2013. Diane's daughters, Nancy, Kimberly, and Michelle were instrumental in planning and decorating for a celebration of Diane's life, which was held in Becker Hall on



Thursday, October 10. Diane and Bill attended "The Well" service in Becker Hall on Sundays, the service that Bill helped to get started. Diane, and the special tribute to her will be remembered for many years to come. Pray for Bill and the family.

Darlene Miller, died on October 15, 2013. She and husband Albert were members of this church since 1997. They moved to the Meadows at Bentonville in 2007 because of her declining health. Hospice cared for her at home during the past year. A Memorial Service was held at the First Baptist Church of Bentonville on October 21 at 10:30am in the Chapel.



Nelson Hamrick died on October 14. He had been a member at FUMC, BV until he moved to O'Fallon, MO several years ago to be near family. A memorial service will be held at the Fayetteville National Cemetery on November 4, at 11am.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls were given to three people during October.

The Prayer Shawls are given in the event of major illness, injury, or death.

Do not hesitate to call the church to ask if someone has or should receive a prayer shawl.

The cost of materials for each prayer shawl is from \$15 to \$20. You can help defray the costs with a donation of any amount. Make checks payable to the church. In the Memo section, write Prayer Shawl Ministry.



OUR FAMILY

Kitchen Help Wanted!

Veterans Luncheon

Sat, Nov 16, from 8am or 1pm—
prepare entre', desserts, salads

Sun, Nov 17, from 9-12, or 11-
2pm—prepare, serve, and
clean-up

Please contact Jan Lowe or
the church office if you can
sign up for either meal;
identify days, assignment,
and times preferred.

Thanksgiving Dinner

If we have enough volunteers signed up by Nov 12, we will be able to
host the Thanksgiving Dinner

Tues, Nov 26, 4 to prep/ roast turkeys; 3 to carve and divide slices.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6 to set and decorate tables, prepare desserts, sal-
ads, dressing, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cleanup. (about 5 hours)

Thursday 9am till 2pm (2 to 3 hour work shifts)

- Bake food and last minute prep
- Hosts to prepare and serve water, coffee, iced tea for dining room; help with seating, carrying trays, special requests.
- Serve food at steam table and rotate clean up.
- Accept and sell tickets at door.

"SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS" LUNCHEON

Help us celebrate our veterans at a
luncheon on Sunday, November 17,
11am till 1pm.

Tickets are free for Veterans,
free for Children under 12,
and \$5 for everyone 12 and older.

Pick up Free tickets and purchase \$5 tickets
in the church office by Thursday, Nov. 14

Menu

Caesar or Jello Salad

Chicken Scampi over Angel Hair Pasta or

Teriyaki Chicken over Rice

Italian Bread

and Dessert Choice

(No frills Chicken Breasts for picky eaters)

A slide show of the veterans photos will play
throughout the luncheon

*Please join the Kennedy Family
in celebrating the
60th Wedding Anniversary of
Robert and Shirley Kennedy.*



November 2, 2013

First United Methodist Church

Becker Hall

2pm—4pm

Cards and well wishes may be sent to:

Robert and Shirley Kennedy

16 Breton Way

Bella Vista, AR 72715



OUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

02	Jack & Nona Storck	
06	Dennis & Marilyn Cox	
06	J.D. & Syble Highfill	
07	Gary & Mary Couchman	
13	Albert & Patsy Attaway-Fisher	
14	Wayne & Ara Mae Calhoun	77
16	Harvey & Georgiana Green	
18	Robert & Juanita Clark	
19	Bergie & Rosemary Dyson	
22	Marc & Janelle Engle	
22	Reid & Joyce Horle	
22	Stan & Mary Tague	
24	Marcus & Kimberly Dale	
24	Alan & Judith Packard	
25	Ken & Jean Swanson	
26	Brian & Ashley DeGraf	
28	Troy & Brenda Jorgensen	
29	Duane & Marilyn Hertel	
30	Orval & Jan Davidson	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Jim Deichman
02	Jim Johns
04	Iona Baxter
04	Bobbie Dees
04	Charles Hill
04	Judie Packard

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

05	Arlene Beeks	
05	Darrell Bottjen	
06	Vicki Forrest	
06	Ethel Twombly	102
09	Ashley DeGraf	
09	Bud Henke	
10	Shirley Wenger	
11	Rusty Prestridge	
13	Mickey Black	
13	LeRoy Handel	
13	Donna Belle Shumaker	
13	Nancy Veach	
15	Jan Davidson	
18	Elizabeth Sterner	
19	Bradley DeGraf	3
22	Carrie Roath	
24	Charlotte Manuel	
24	Georgia Speak	
25	Catherine Luck	
26	Rene Bladon	
27	Verna Bottjen	
28	Kaden Baker	2
28	Lee Moore	
30	Charlie Crider	6

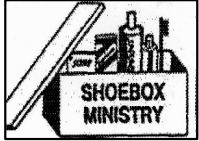


The Right Choices Corn Maze





MISSIONS



The Shoebox Ministry is an inter-denominational ministry, formed to provide short-term toiletry supplies for homeless people to improve their self-esteem, and help them to be more presentable for job interviews. We also help those in need due to some type of natural disaster such as flood or tornadoes. We pack for men, boys, women, girls and babies. We deliver to shelters in Benton and Washington counties.

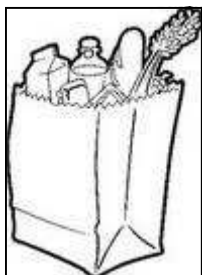
We currently distribute about 250 shoeboxes a month plus additional items in bulk to shelters, local schools, nursing homes and the troops overseas. Whatever is donated is delivered to someone or some place with a need.

Volunteers can be called according to their desire to pack boxes, work at home or deliver to one of the 14 shelters or schools that are served. Deliveries are made monthly after contacting the shelters to check their needs. Volunteers are usually contacted 2-4 times a year. Delivery volunteers can choose a shelter to deliver to as needed.

This is a team ministry. Without the help from the community with their donations and the abundant support of the members of the First United Methodist Church, the ministry would not be possible.

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Team Leaders

PAK A SAK OASIS FOOD BANK IN BELLA



VISTA will be the recipient of our collection of non-perishable food items on November 17. This food bank helps many families here in our village that are unable to make ends meet and need a little help. At this time of the year let us share our "THANKSGIVING BLESSING" with those in our community who are struggling to make their food budget last till the end of the month.

FUMC Meals on Wheels Program

is establishing an assistant coordinator position. Assistant will need to be available to step in when the FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator is ill or otherwise unable to perform his/her duties. The Meals on Wheels program requires FUMC to deliver meals one month per year (in 2014 our month is April). If you are able and interested in assisting, please contact the church office at 855-1158 or Darrell Bottjen at 876-1392. Thank you.



MISSION OF THE MONTH OASIS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Oasis of NWA is a volunteer faith-based group committed to providing hospitality and shelter solutions for women and children transitioning from (near) homelessness to self-sufficiency.

We create two year supportive, mutually accountable covenant communities of 2-4 women and children. With volunteer mentoring in everyday life skills, an extended family network to encourage responsible neighboring and citizenship, OASIS of NWA homes are safe, sober, healthy environments in which mothers and young children can thrive.

Mentoring is an important contribution volunteers make to the success of women in transitional housing.

Some mentors are friends who can take time to listen and encourage the women. Others have specific skill sets to share - a hobby or an essential life skill. Mentors become a part of the extended family or village that the women and children can count on to help them develop stability and



MISSIONS

The Angel Tree is set up in the hallway outside Becker Hall now. There will be 40 children for you to choose from. You are invited and encouraged to participate in this Christmas event. We sincerely thank you for your past loving participation. The card you select will contain the wish list and detailed instructions for your use.



We emphasize that you sign by the appropriate number for each card you take. If you have any questions, please call Mona Johnson at 855-1322. responsibility in community.

Youth Bridge Mentors Program

Youth Bridge is a non-profit agency that serves youths and their families in the areas of abuse, neglect, addiction, homelessness, mental health issues and behavioral problems. Youth Bridge is there to help turn the lives of troubled youth around and guide them back to a productive life. It is a community problem that requires a community solution.



Many of our clients require school related assistance. Tutoring and mentoring are always needed. An excellent way to connect one-on-one with at-risk teens. A commitment of at least one hour per week and a commitment length of at least 6 months is needed if you'd like to be a mentor. Commitments are more flexible for tutors. Youth Bridge has year-round school, so we are in need of volunteers all the time. You will have to complete a thorough back ground check and drug test in order to have contact with the clients. If God is calling you to work with youth, this ministry is for you. Contact Carol Boyd or Amy O. Fulton for more information



Two Sager Brown VIM Trips in 2014

FUMCBV has committed to a VIM trip to Sager Brown next fall from October 4th to the 10th.

Highlands UMC has 20 slots reserved for February 16th to the 21st and they have only filled 10 slots. They have invited anyone from our church who would be interested in going with them to notify Angie Hansen at 876-2730 or 426-3290 or Janet Walton in our church office no later than November 20th.

The Moore, OK VIM Mission Journey: November 6-10

Work needed - Home repair, (difficulty depends on your skill level), Fence repair, Debris cleanup, Brush cleared, Job supervisors, Kitchen duty, Spiritual advisor – listener.

Lodging –We will be staying at Sunnyslane UMC. There is a kitchen, may have cots but she said not to rely on that, (BYOB). Also, we will be showering at the nearby YMCA.

Meals - Most will be on our own (pitch in together in the church kitchen) some may be provided by the community.

Laundry - She is not sure if any of the churches have laundry facilities in them, but she suggested we locate a laundry mat.

Cost – They have decided that \$5.00 per day per volunteer plus a donation to go towards the rebuild effort.

Please pray on this information, and contact Sandy Fitch for more information.



EDUCATION

Lay Servant in the Methodist Church

Leading, Caring, Communicating: these words characterize what lay speakers do in ministry as The United Methodist Church engages the world of the twenty-first century!

LEADING: Lay servants combine words and actions in leadership roles within their churches and communities.

CARING: As lay servants combine words with deeds, they find ways to care for others. Some are involved in crisis ministries, such as visiting grieving families. Lay servants share a ministry of caring one-on-one with people in times of need and in times of joy, and show their faith by responding to others with care--giving love and service.

COMMUNICATING: Both the Bible and Christian experience point to the importance of proclaiming God's transforming love for a broken world. Lay servants often fill pulpits, lead Bible studies, or speak in youth and children's groups, healthcare centers, retirement centers, prison ministries, and more.

Lay Servant Ministry is a ministry to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Servant Ministry strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

Lay Servant Basic Training

Location: Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, AR. Room 102 in the Wesley Building (Corner of Dickson and North Highland). Instructor/Leader: Rev. Carl Palmer, Central United Methodist Church.

Date: November 15, 2013. @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and November 16, 2013. @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$15 (to cover the cost of meals - dinner on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.)

Registration deadline is: Monday, November 8, 2013. Forms are available in the Church Office

Book: "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book"

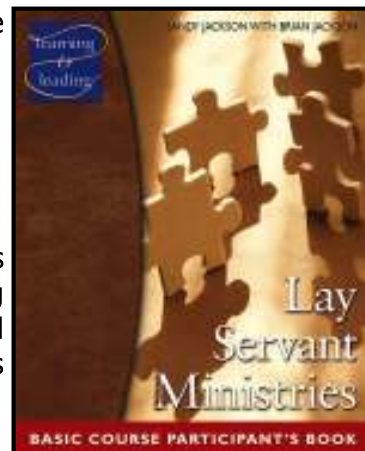
This book is available from www.cokesbury.com

ISBN-13:9780881776263

The cost is \$7.48

Note:

The Lay Servant Program replaces the Lay Speaking Program. Prior Lay Speakers are already certified as Lay Servants. This class is for those who are beginning the program to be Lay Servants. Lay Servants who complete the Beginning and Advanced Courses are "certified" to preach if they choose to do so. Please pass this information along to lay members who would benefit from this training.





UNITED METHODIST MEN

PANCAKE DAY





THANK YOU

To all my Church family

You have no idea how much all the cards and prayers have helped me get through the loss of my son the last couple of weeks. My son and his wife had not had a church family and when the service was all over there was not like there was no real ending, until I came home. The first time at Church was very difficult but you all made it a lot easier.

God Bless

Jerre Barron & Marlene Clapp

On October 2nd, my lovely wife Diane joined her Parents, other family members and friends in heaven. These last few weeks have been very sad and trying for me and our three daughters. It's through our Christian beliefs and the compassionate support and leadership from Pastor Jaimie Alexander, that made our walk through these difficult times easier. We wish to thank Shannon and Garrett for the wonderful music, as well as other staff members who assisted with the service and church members who handled Becker Hall arrangements. We also want to express our gratitude and appreciation to members of the 2Serve Sheppard group for the fine family luncheon.

Blessings, *The Miller family - Bill, Nancy, Kimberly and Michelle*

Greg and I would like to thank everyone that sent cards, brought food, called, visited, sat with Greg when I had to run errands, and most especially prayed for us during Greg's recent knee-replacement surgery. We would especially like to thank Coleman Farrar for taking the initiative to bring a chair over on Greg's first day home when he saw that the one we were using was just not going to work. We are truly blessed to have such a generous, compassionate, prayerful church family. The recovery continues, and the therapists say that Greg is doing very well. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you and your families.

Greg and Juanita Franklin

To Brother Jaimie, Pastor Lee, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Thank you so much for your continuing prayers for my health. I appreciate so much the lovely prayer shawl that you gave me. I will never be able to express my gratitude for all the church has done for me and my family. God bless each of you.

Vicki Jones

SEPTEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL DATA				Compare
		*=	- Endowment	2012
Month to date (as of 09/30/13)	Actual Receipts	*	\$49,043	*\$48,287
Month to date (as of 09/30/13)	Actual Expenses		\$51,678	\$49,334
			-\$2,635	-\$1.047
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$421,927	*\$432,937
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$442,398	\$439,397
			-\$20,471	-\$6,460



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Director of Youth Ministry - David Hansen
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Director of Media Ministries - Troy Jorgensen
Handbell Director - Dawn Thompson
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To the Home of ...



Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

November 28, 2013
Serving 11:30am—1pm

**NEED VOLUNTEERS
CALL CHURCH OFFICE
855-1158**

Menu

Cranberry or Fruit Salad, Rolls
Turkey and Dressing
Candied Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans or Green Bean Casserole
Assorted Desserts (Sugar Free too!)
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 24.