

# The Good News

November, 2015

## VETERANS CONCERT

honoring those who have served in the military

featuring

the UARKETTES

of the University of Arkansas



Saturday, November 7 at 7:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary

A dessert Reception will follow  
in Becker Hall

The concert is free and all are welcome!

Please invite Local Veterans,  
Family & Friends to this  
special musical performance!

## Jan is Retiring!!

Please Join us in Becker Hall  
Sunday, November 15th ~ 5:00pm

For an all-church potluck and  
card party as we wish her well.

Bring your best recipe and  
"Jan Story" to share.



## Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Serving line from 11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

Bring your family and friends and let us  
serve you for this Thanksgiving holiday.

**Cost: \$12 per person**

Children age 11 and under eat free

Reservations can be made in the  
Church Office during the week & Sundays;  
and in Becker Hall on Sundays.

Reservations must be made no later than  
Sunday November 22.

Groups of 8 or more can request reserved  
seating when tickets are purchased.

### Menu:

Turkey and Dressing,  
Sweet Potato Casserole,  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Vegetables, Cranberry Relish,  
Salad, Homemade Rolls,  
Assorted Desserts (Sugar free too!)  
Coffee and Tea

Please notify the church office  
if you can help, and what time,  
on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday  
of Thanksgiving week  
and/or if you can bring a dessert.



## FAITH WALK

With Brother Jaimie Alexander

October has been a busy month at FUMCBV! The 38<sup>th</sup> UMW Holiday Bazaar, UMM Annual Fall Pancake Day, Trunk or Treat, Discovery Stewardship Sunday, and Every One in Ministry Commitment Sunday were some of the big church-wide events which took place requiring many people to volunteer to get involved and participate. Thank you to each of you who have shared your time, talents, gifts of ministry, desire to be involved in ministry, and have made your 2016 financial commitment. Being the CHURCH means

getting involved and being generous. I appreciate the many ways you strive to be the CHURCH, the Body of Christ!

God created each of us with the willingness to give both to God and to others. This design is part of our make-up. We were created with the need to be generous actually, but there are two voices that battle against our God-given impulse toward generosity, tempting us to keep what we have or to be selfish. One Voice is the voice of fear, and the other is the voice of self-gratification. When we ignore these voices, we discover that generosity fills out hearts with joy. Being generous to God and to others transforms our lives, as our focus moves beyond ourselves to God's Kingdom.

Continually, there persons at FUMCBV who teach me this kingdom truth as I am sure there are for you. As we enter into the season of "Thanks giving", I want you to know how I thankful I am to be one of your pastors. Your love for Christ and for others has blessed and shaped me!

God is Faithful!

### **Staff Changes**

Sadly, Jan Lowe is retiring November 22, 2015 as the Minister of Congregational Care. Jan has been a part of the church staff for 11 ½ years and has been the driving force behind "Every One In Ministry" and so much more. Jan will still live in Bella Vista and FUMCBV will be her church home. There will be a church-wide potluck celebration of Jan's retirement on Sunday, November 15 at 5:00 pm. Make plans to attend!

The Staff Parish relations Committee would like to introduce two changes in the personnel of FUMCBV staff!

Brenda Wideman will be the new Minister of Congregational Care and Grief Support. Her responsibilities will be similar to and varied in this ministry position to those that Jan performed. Brenda will now become a full-time staff member. She has graciously served in the role of Minister of Grief Support and Spiritual Growth at very minimal salary as a part-time staff person since June. We did not know that when Brenda came as seminary intern, that God was preparing her to serve in ministry at FUMCBV.

Amy Gilmore will rejoin the Church Staff as the new Director of Community Life and Connections. Amy formerly was a part of the church staff as treasurer until she and her family moved to Lexington, South Carolina three years ago. The Gilmores have returned to NWA and have remained members of FUMCBV during their time in South Carolina. Amy will assume the overall coordination of "Every One in Ministry", coordinating volunteers, shepherd groups, and more. This will be a part time position. We are excited to welcome James, Amy, Alec, and Jena back home!

These positions have been filled with no increase in the SPR budget portion for staff in the church budget.

*Joe McGee*, SPR Chair and *Bro. Jaimie*



## *Listening with Ears of the Heart*

Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt

As I walked in the cool crisp air this morning, I began to anticipate the approach of winter. The gold, orange and brown leaves scurried along the ground whipped by the occasional gust of cool wind. The sun seemed misplaced in the sky, tracking much further south for the winter months. Bare limbs on the trees began to protrude like

fingers pointing the way to shorter days and colder weather. Fall is one of my favorite times of year. Like the approach of spring, it is a time filled with gratitude and anticipation.

As the leaves turn their brilliant reds, oranges and golds, I am filled with awe and wonder at God's magnificent creation. I find myself whispering prayers of thanks for the beauty of creation, the sounds of honking geese, the warmth of my favorite sweater, the smell of a wood-burning fire and the gift of family and friends. Autumn seems to invite us to a renewed awareness of God's blessings and the abundance we have in our family, friends, church and community.

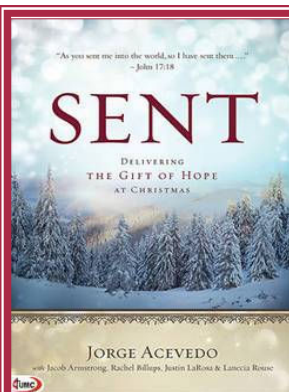
For the saints who have gone to the Church Triumphant but will always remain in our hearts, we give thanks. For the saints who live among us, providing friendship and encouragement, we give thanks. For the saints we know as mothers, fathers, spouses, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and other family who lift us up with their love and prayers, we give thanks. For the saints who worship and serve beside us in our church, we give thanks. For the saints who live in our neighborhoods and work in our community, especially those who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe and healthy, we give thanks.

But the ushering in of autumn also brings with it anticipation and expectation! We anticipate the silence of snow filled skies, cold winter nights snuggled under a favorite throw, and of course, Monday night football. We wait expectantly for the aromas of roasted turkey and pumpkin pie as well as the gathering of friends and loved ones.

As the weeks of the calendar turn, we find ourselves anticipating the arrival of the Christ child once again. Advent is a time when we are invited to reflect on the presence of Christ in our lives. It is a time when we are filled with awe and renewed hope through the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Consider joining us for an advent study entitled *Sent* this year between 10:45-11:45 a.m. each Sunday from November 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have small groups for adults as well as classes for children and youth. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office and let us know.

*Pastor Judy*



*As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them . . . —John 17:18*

God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This five-week, church-wide Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart.

Centered around a DVD with 8-10 minute videos created by a group of dynamic young pastors, *Sent* is appropriate for adults, youth and children. The study includes a Participant Book, a Leader Guide for adult small groups, a Youth Study Guide for students ages 13-18, and The Children's Leader Guide for use with children 12 and under. A companion book, *Devotions for the Season*, offers four weeks of personal daily reflections.



## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support & Spiritual Support

*"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads; and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30 Common English Bible (CEB)

### **The Seasons of Grief**

Autumn has been late and short this year. It has come; and it has come very suddenly. It has seemed that the leaves have turned quickly to their vibrant shades and then almost immediately have fallen to the ground. Some of us feel a sadness in fall, the darkness comes quicker each day, the sunlight seems to have lost its warmth, our spirits may have a heaviness that we struggle to overcome. This can be especially true when we are struggling with losses in our life. Maybe we have lost a job; maybe our health has taken a sudden turn for the worse; maybe our spouse has grown distant and has mentioned divorce; maybe our dreams of how we expected life to be have been, dashed by life as it has become; maybe a dear friend or family member or husband or wife has passed away. Hope seems to have slipped from our grasp.

If you are finding yourself in the midst of loss as you read this, you may be wondering how you will be able to make it through the coming holidays. Thanksgiving is almost here and you are not feeling very thankful. Christmas will follow quickly after that, and the thought of singing "Joy to the World" only brings sorrow to your heart. The approaching holidays do not feel like "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" this year.

Any loss, regardless of the cause, brings an accompanying grief. Grief can be seen as a crisis of the heart. When we are experiencing that crisis of the heart, and everyone else seems to be experiencing a "Holly, Jolly Christmas", it can make our pain harder to bear; it can make our faith begin to falter.

The journey through the seasons of grief is often the hardest in fall and winter. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads; and I will give you rest." If you are experiencing grief as we approach this holiday season, we invite you to join us for two grief support gatherings.

#### ***"How will I get through the Holidays?"***

Tuesday, November 17, 6pm-7:30pm, in the Chapel

This will be a gathering with emphasis on understanding grief during the holidays and practical suggestions of how to cope with the journey at this time of year.

#### ***"The Longest Night - A Service of Hope and Healing for those who Grieve"***

Sunday, December 20, 6-7pm, in the Sanctuary

This will be a service with emphasis on the recovery of hope and spiritual wholeness which grief robs from us.

The Beatitudes as written by Eugene Peterson in *The Message* tell us, "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you." (Matthew 5:4)

Come join us as we seek God's embrace on our journey through grief together.

Blessings, *Brenda*





## VISTA KIDS

Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministries

Hello to all of our families! We have been blessed with so many visitors, fun activities and opportunities to grow lately! There are more good things around the corner! Let's start with some great opportunities to SERVE OTHERS! The following is a great list to plug into your calendar that will give you an outlet to love, learn and lead with your church!

⇒ **November 11: Overseas Military Christmas Card DEADLINE!** Please be making Christmas cards at home for our Shoebox Ministry to box up and send overseas to our service men & women! Any card, made with love, is welcome. There will be drop-off locations in both the Narthex & Becker Hall.

⇒ **November 18: Family Advent Night.** Please join us for an evening to prepare your family's hearts and minds for the upcoming Advent season. This is a family-focused evening in which you will learn and create a family advent craft to take home to guide you through the upcoming season.

⇒ **November 21: InGathering opportunity.** InGathering is an annual event that serves to pack and distribute aid across the world! This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and kids age 10 & up. We will travel together to and from Little Rock on our church bus. Let's pack the bus!

⇒ **December 20: Children's Christmas Program** in all 3 services. We will be practicing during & after Sunday School in November & December.

⇒ **All Month: Angel Tree**

⇒ **January 30: Pack Shack!** Many of you came last January....we again will pack 10,000 meals, to be distributed to local UMC food pantries this time. This Pack Shack will be staffed by ONLY our church, so we need hands of ALL shapes and sizes to help pack!

Many of you attended our Promise Night in October. Thank you for coming and being the church as we continue to develop our ministry to families and children in our church, our community and beyond. There are so many ways to be a blessing to this or any of the ministries in our church. You make the difference!

Yours in Christ, *Kristin*

### Donation List for Overseas Troop Christmas Boxes

1. Gum
2. Snack-size nut packs
3. Hard candy (separate, wrapped)
4. Jerky (all kinds, separate snack packs)
5. Dried fruit
6. Post-a-notes
7. Writing paper & envelopes
8. International phone card
9. Playing Cards
10. Chap sticks
11. Guideposts, Readers Digest, daily devotionals
12. Hand-held games
13. Zip lock bags
14. A letter or card of appreciation for their service
15. Monetary donation of any amount to help pay postage. The packages need to go priority mail and it is costly.

#### There is no donation too small!

Our children's ministry will be making pictures and cards to be placed in the boxes.

Each collection bin will have an envelope for donations each Sunday and will be checked after the last service each Sunday. Shoebox Ministry will be adding items donated and not used in shoeboxes from our troop bin. We will package boxes and get them sent out by the deadline. **All Donations are due no later than Sunday, November 8th.**

SAVE THE DATE!  
FEED THE FUNNEL  
PARTY

Saturday January 30





## OUR FAMILY



**Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to**

**Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or 531-0381 or 855-1158.**

from the 1800's. Lunch or snacks at Harbor Village, and dinner at Catfish John's in Grove, OK before returning home by about 5pm. There is walking involved during the day, but plenty of places to sit and enjoy. You go at your own pace.

If you are a senior single, you can sign up for any of the above activities or get added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, by contacting Jan at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

### ADVENT BOOKLET

We have been doing Lenten and Advent Devotionals for many years and always seem to have difficulty getting devotional writers. This year we added Devotional Writer as one of the EOIM choices. I'm very happy to report that with only 3/4 of the EOIM Commitment sheets turned in, we already have 16 people who have signed up to write devotions. At least half of the volunteers have not written devotionals for either of our booklets previously.

The first Advent booklet will be distributed on Sunday Nov 29 and continue each Sunday through Dec 27.

If you decide you would like to be considered for one of the writers, please contact Jan Lowe if you are willing to be a writer or would just like to learn a little more about the opportunity. If you have a way with the written word, this could be a blessing for you and for the congregation.

### SOARING SOLOS

We'll have one event in November because of the holiday at the end of the month.

**Saturday, November 7, 9am, Bus Trip to Pioneer Days at Harbor Village Museum in Grove, OK.** Life in the 1800's will come to life through demonstrations of heritage crafts and trades. Crafters will be dressed in period clothing

### PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls provide warmth and comfort for those in distress or hurting. Now we have additional ways to be wrapped in prayer.

A few months ago the group began knitting **Prayer Coverlets** to be given to newborns or children who are seriously ill.

**Prayer Cloths** are being made, prayed over, and blessed, to be given to those who have a serious circumstance but have already received a prayer shawl. The Prayer Cloths are 4 or 5 inches by 5 or 6 inches.

**Prayer Squares**, a smaller version of the Prayer Cloth are being made, prayed over and blessed and put in baskets at various places in the church that anyone can pick up for themselves or to give to others when there is a particular prayer need. Initially, the Prayer Squares will be in a basket in the Narthex. As more squares are knitted, baskets will be placed in Becker Hall and the Chapel.

You can request that a prayer shawl be given to a church or family member, or a friend who is dealing with the death of a loved one, or a serious illness or injury. Contact any clergy member, or Jeneda Mickelson, the Prayer Shawl Team Leader.



## OUR FAMILY

### DEATHS

**Nancy Hastings**, sister of Elaine Detlefsen passed away at 10pm on Tuesday, September 29. Services were held in Ellensburg, WA on Oct 5.

**David DeWitt**, step-son-in-law of Peggy Stout, was killed in an accident on Oct 5, while cutting trees on his property. Please pray for his wife, Esther, their daughter Brittany, and extended family who grieve his loss.

**Ethel Twombly**, died at home on Friday, Oct 9. At 103, she was the eldest member of our church and a charter member, having been here when the church first started. At a funeral service held at the church on October 15, she was remembered as a leader who headed many things and made a difference if the life of this church. She will be missed.

**Linda Ivy**, died Saturday, October 10 at Circle of Life, Hospice at Legacy Village, Bentonville after a lengthy battle with cancer. Friends and family came to celebrate her life at a memorial service on Saturday, Oct 17. Bro. Jaimie officiated. One after another of her friends recounted how they were each better people for having known her. Please keep Ted and family and friends in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

**Jim McMillen** died Sunday October 11 while in the care of Circle of Life, Hospice, at Legacy Village in Bentonville. A memorial service was held on Oct 21 at the Bella Vista Funeral Home. Please pray for wife, Karen and family as they grieve his loss.

**Marvin Phillips**, brother of Carmen Phillips died in Bethany, MO on Sunday, Oct 18 following medical complications. Prayers, please, for his wife, children, Carmen, and extended family.

### 2015 All Saints Service

#### *A TIME of REMEMBRANCE*

*Let us give thanks for those  
brothers and sisters in Christ  
to whom God has granted  
rest from their labors.*

*In Remembrance of:*

<i>Claude Bradley</i>	<i>Sybil Martin</i>
<i>*Ann Cass</i>	<i>Jim McMillen</i>
<i>Dan Chase</i>	<i>Eleanor Moore</i>
<i>Maxine Clark</i>	<i>Carroll Prior</i>
<i>Rosemary Dyson</i>	<i>*Bill Robinson</i>
<i>Rita Fischer</i>	<i>Ray Roeder</i>
<i>Rev. Harold Fitch</i>	<i>*Leland Stanley</i>
<i>Jean Gard</i>	<i>Leveta Tunnell</i>
<i>Donna Hamilton</i>	<i>Roy Tunnell</i>
<i>Jack Hunter</i>	<i>Ethel Twombly</i>
<i>Linda Ivy</i>	<i>Vernon Walker</i>
<i>Emma R Jennings</i>	<i>Robert Webb</i>
<i>Charles Korns</i>	<i>Marvin Wright</i>

*\*Past/Non Members*

*Bell rung by:*

*Elaine Detlefsen ~ 8:00 & 10:45  
Catherine Luck ~ 9:30*

Pastor: *Almighty God, we give you thanks for these your servants whom we remember today. Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has ever seen, nor ear heard, which you have prepared for those who love You.*

Congregation: *We give you thanks, our God and Father, for all those who have died in the faith of Christ-for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time, for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come, and for our communion with them now in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*  
*Amen*

HYMN

*Rejoice in God's Saints*



## OUR FAMILY

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Nona Storck
- 3 Gil & Frances Temple
- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 6 J.D. & Syble Highfill
- 13 Albert Fisher & Patsy Attaway
- 14 Wayne & Ara Mae Calhoun (79)
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Robert & Juanita Clark
- 18 Mike & Kelly Liddekee
- 19 Jim & Ginger Hudson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 24 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 22 Stan & Mary Tague
- 24 Marcus & Kimberly Dale
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Ken & Jeannie Swanson
- 28 Troy & Brenda Jorgensen
- 29 Duane & Marilyn Hertel

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Bobbie Dees
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judie Packard

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 5 Darrell Bottjen
- 5 Kelly Liddekee
- 6 Vicki Forrest
- 7 Jeremy Shafman
- 8 Paul Healy
- 9 Bud Henke
- 10 Shirley Wenger
- 11 Rusty Prestridge
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 18 Elizabeth Sterner
- 21 Jeanette Van Allen
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 24 Samantha Fitchue
- 24 Charlotte Manuel
- 24 Janet McIntosh
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 30 Charlie Crider





## MISSIONS

### SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Shoebox will be sending Christmas boxes overseas to the troops. We are excited to be joined by the Children's Ministry who will be making Christmas cards to be included in the boxes. We receive donations of items not included in our regular shoeboxes each month and they were taken to the Vista newspaper office to be sent overseas to the troops. The Vista is no longer able to participate in this project.



Bins will be placed in the Narthex and Becker Hall for some additional items such as gum, hard candy (no chocolate (it melts), snack size bags of nuts, dried fruit etc. Items must be in sealed packages. Additional items requested are zip lock bags, dryer sheets, chap sticks, slim Jim jerky sticks and regular jerky.

Items are sent Priority mail which takes three weeks, so the deadline for items is Sunday, November 8th which is our church Veteran's Day Sunday. If shopping is difficult we sure could use donations to help pay for mailing the boxes.

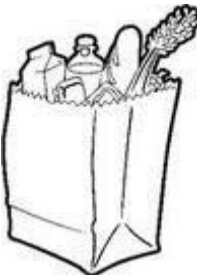
Lastly additional letters and cards of encouragement and support would be wonderful. Christmas is a hard time to be away from home.

As always in His service,

*The Shoebox Ministry 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 15. The food bank helps many families here in our hometown who are unable to make ends meet at the end of the month and seek help. Let us share our "thanksgiving blessings" with those in our community who are struggling to make their food budget last until the next paycheck. All types of food are needed.



### MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### OASIS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

...is a volunteer faith-based group committed to providing transitional housing for homeless families (especially single-parent families) on their way to self-sufficiency.

...is a subsidy for housing expense on a sliding but disappearing scale according to need.

...is townhomes or apartments either fully furnished with housing expenses included or unfurnished except for appliances, separate utilities

...is volunteers mentoring family units in everyday life skills, providing an extended family network which can make the difference in achieving success.

...is short-term supportive, mutually accountable covenant communities of 2-4 single parent families, sharing homes or multi-family dwellings.

...is a safe, sober, healthy environment in which young children can prosper.

OASIS of Northwest Arkansas is modeled after the successful Magdalene, Inc and Thistle Farms of Nashville Tennessee.

Our support of Oasis of NWA goes beyond Mission of the Month. Through our support of time, talents, resources, prayers and presence we offer spiritual and emotional support to the women of Oasis. These women and their children are part of our congregation - involved in programs and projects, worship and events. They are our Sisters in Christ.



*The Angel Tree* is now set up in the hallway outside Becker Hall. There are 45 children from which to choose. We sincerely thank you for your past loving participation. The card you select will contain the child's wish list and detailed instructions for your use. We emphasize that you must sign your name by the appropriate number for each card you take. If you have any questions, please call Mona Johnson at 855-1322.





# UMM & UMW

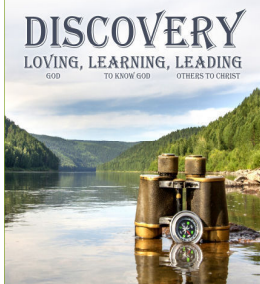
If you cook it, "they" will come!!!! UMM Pancake Day a great success (as usual!)



*The 2015 BAZAAR LADIES of FUMCBV*



UMM's monthly dinner meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 pm. in Becker Hall. They will be conducting their annual Business Meeting and election of officers. Dinner will be catered by Papa Mike's and will consist of: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, & Salad. Please make your reservation through the Phone Tree or with Jim Belcoff no later than Sunday, November 8. ALL MEN of the church are considered to be members of UMM and are cordially invited.



If you have not participated in the "Discovery Stewardship" financial commitment of giving in 2016 by turning in your pledge we hope you will do so soon. The 2016 budget is based on anticipated giving through your tithes and offerings. You may return your commitment of giving card on Sundays in the offering plates, in the office during the week, by mail, or on the church website . . [www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com) Your faithfulness in giving touches and transforms hearts and lives!





## UMW

### Bazaar Wrap Up

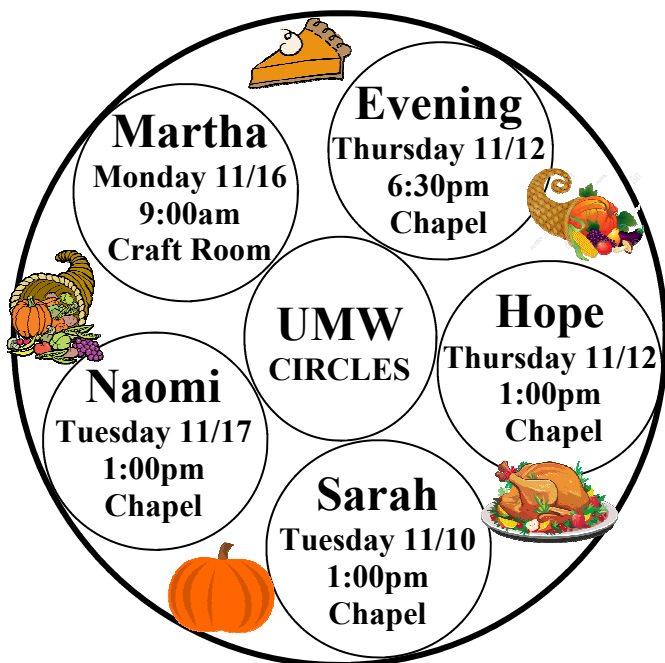
Despite most of us involved getting older and exhausted easier, we managed to have a very successful Bazaar once again! As mentioned in Jean Justice's (UMW Treasurer) article, we will be able to give substantial support to area charities. I will add my "THANK YOU" to all who made this possible. I estimate that it took between 75 and 100 volunteer workers just on sale week, not to mention everyone who prepares items throughout the year to sell! So you see, even though it's advertised as a UMW project, it takes the whole church to make it work. And just think of all the people who benefit from that one day's efforts!!

But I need to say also that it is getting more difficult to fill all the needed positions to make this all happen. For a few years now, we've been unsure whether we can manage another year. This year, I am to the point where I would like to have what I will call an "administrative assistant". This involves no "crafty skills" at all, just an ability to organize and deal with people; arrange advertising, organize volunteers etc. Please consider prayerfully if this might be an area of service you are interested in and give me a call so we can make this wonderful event happen again next year.

*Verna Bottjen*, Bazaar Chair 876-1392

United Methodist Women Bazaar funds from all sources will exceed \$20,000 by year end! Bazaar sales are expected to top \$12,000, the August rummage sale raised \$4,960 and the Bakeless Bake Sale brought in a record \$3,225 this year. Bazaar bylaws state that 2/3 of the funds raised are to be given to area charities which benefit women, children and youth. Of the remaining 1/3 which is designated for local church, almost half is set aside to pay expenses toward the next year's event, books for the church library, Prayer Shawl ministry and Bibles for children. Remaining funds are allocated to local church projects as needed. "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported the efforts of United Methodist Women this year. That includes anyone who helped to create or donated items, worked to prepare for or staff the sales events, United Methodist Men who helped set up and take down, and everyone who purchased the items we had for sale. Special thanks to Verna Bottjen and Co Ellen Sterwald for their leadership on the Bazaar and Rummage Sale respectively. The UMW Finance Committee has the responsibility of making decisions about how this year's proceeds will be spent. Checks will be sent out in January.

*Jean Justice*, UMW Treasurer



### The UMW Christmas Luncheon

will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at 11:45 in Becker Hall, beginning with quiet time. Our Christmas program will be brought to us by the Bells Vista Women's Choirs directed by Dr. Larry Zehring. Hot Turkey Salad, Green Salad, Roll, and Dessert will be served. Cost for the luncheon will be \$7.00, with the deadline for making a reservation Sunday Nov. 29th. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up in your circle or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guest are welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful music and fellowship.





## BOOK NOOK

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

COME RAIN OR SHINE by Jan Karon

Jan Karon delivers the wedding that millions of Mitford fans have waited for.

DEVIL'S BRIDGE by Linda Fairstein

Detective Mike Chapman takes on his most personal case yet: the disappearance of Alex Cross.

AFTER THE STORM by Linda Castillo

After the tornado, Kate Burkholder finds herself with the responsibility of identifying the bones of the unearthed remains and notifying the family.

LAWYER FOR THE DOG by Lee Robinson

Juggling the needs of the dog, the angry owners, her uncommunicative ex-husband, her aging mother, and the expectations of the court is more than Sally could have imagined.

PERFECT TOUCH by Elizabeth Lowell

When Jay hires Sara to handle his father's art, it's love at first sight, complicated by a double murder on the ranch.

UNDERCOVER by Danielle Steel

Banned from the undercover work he loves, DEA Special Agent Marshall Everett has no close friends, no family, no hometown, and no desire to settle for a life behind a desk.

HONEYMOON by James Patterson

Was she unlucky in love or a deadly black widow ready to strike again?

### FICTION:

DOUBLECROSS by James Patterson

Alex Cross rejoins the DC Police force to confront two of the most diabolical killers he's ever encountered.

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS by James Patterson

Near the woods of her animal hospital, Frannie stumbles upon a strange, astonishing phenomenon that will change her life forever.

TICK TOCK by James Patterson

NYC's #1 detective, Michael Bennett, has a huge problem - the Sone of Sam, the Werewolf of Wisteria, and the Mad Bomber are all back and the city has never been more terrified.

SAIL by James Patterson

A boat is lost, but then comes a message- The Dunne family is alive!

TOYS by James Patterson

The one with the most toys....Dies!

THE POSTCARD KILLERS by James Patterson

The scariest vacation thriller ever written!

WORST CASE by James Patterson

Only Detective Michael Bennett can stop the most ingenious killer in NY's history.

THE INNOCENT by David Baldacci

America has enemies even the police, the FBI and even the military can't stop-

So the US government calls Will Robie, a stonecold hitman who never questions orders.

POINT OF ORIGIN by Patricia Cornwell

An audacious and wily killer uses fire to mask his crimes.

SONG OF ERIN by BJ Hoff

Two books in one volume: CLOTH OF HEAVEN & ASHES AND LACE

THE NIGHTINGALE by Kristin Hannah

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are!

THE WOMAN WHO STOLE MY LIFE by Marian Keyes

An hilarious novel about finding the life and love you may not have been expecting.

### NON-FICTION:

MADE TO CRAVE by Lysa Terkeurst (248.8)

Satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food!

THE BEST YES by Lysa Terkeurst (248.4)

Making wise decisions in the midst of endless demands.

CHRISTMAS IN PLAINS by Jimmy Carter (ABIO)

Jimmy Carter shares memories of Christmas' in his hometown when he was a boy.

FOR ONE MORE DAY by Mitch Albom (813.6)

This is a story of a mother and a son and a relationship that lasts a lifetime and beyond.

### Newsletter September 2015 FINANCIAL DATA

		* = - Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare 2014
Month to date (as of 9/30/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$44,276	*\$54,317	*\$44,805
Month to date (as of 9/30/15)	Actual Expenses	\$53,538	\$54,317	\$54,594
	Month of SEPTEMBER	(\$ 9,262)		(\$9,789)
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Receipts	*\$499,363	*\$488,853	*\$474,633
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Expenses	\$481,026	\$488,853	\$482,611
	YTD	\$ 18,337		(\$7,978)

Operating Account Balance 9/30/15 (\$ 17,467)





## Shepherd Groups



Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group will gather Tuesday, November 17, at 6pm in Becker Hall for our...

**...ANNUAL FARKLE NIGHT!**  
Never played? Come anyway!  
We have a great time.  
Please bring snacks to share.  
For more information, contact Vicki Forrest or Jean Justice.

### NATIVITY DISPLAY & SOUP SUPPER Monday, December 7 5:30p.m. Becker Hall

Do you have a special nativity among your Christmas decorations? Plan to bring it for display and see the many ways the Christmas story is depicted.

Stay for soup, cornbread and dessert.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover food expenses.

Any profit will be donated to a local charity.

Plan now to attend!

Sponsored by the  
Metfield Methodist

& Sunrise Shepherd Groups



**2 SERVE SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet for Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 14 at Papa Mikes. Please let the Andersens know whether you plan to attend no later than Thursday, November 12.

**YOUNG AT HEART SHEPHERD GROUP** will have breakfast at the Acropolis Restaurant at 8:30 AM, Saturday, November 7.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS!

It's time of for the hanging of the greens as we decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas Season.

All hands are needed on deck Monday, November 30 from 9:00 a.m. until we're finished.



## Musical Notes From Dr. Larry Zehring



20th Anniversary  
The Wesley Series Concerts of  
Bella Vista First United Methodist Church  
*proudly presents*



## Gail Archer, Organ

*Performing the  
Music of:*

*J. S. Bach  
Buxtehude  
Howe  
Parker  
Reger  
Tower*



3:00p.m.  
November 1, 2015

First United  
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It is our 20th Anniversary! FUMCBV Wesley Series Concerts began in 1995 with a piano recital, and has expanded to include events as diverse as voice and organ recitals, string quartet concerts, jazz and bluegrass performances, art exhibits, and the occasional lecture by a theologian or politician. Please join us for our latest concert, world renown organist, Gail Archer, on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00pm. She will also be playing in the traditional services that morning.

For more information, please visit us on the Web at [WesleySeries.com](http://WesleySeries.com)



## THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the "Just Desserts and Jazz" evening such a success. Especially to Marlene Clapp, Dee and Suzann Wresche, Darrell and Verna Bottjen, Jack and Jan Kolbe, Jim and Judy Bilyeu, Mary Patrick, Sharon Ulmet, Peggy Gamble, Phyllis Widle, Chet Campbell, Steve Larsen, Carol Zurn, Marilyn Pommerenke, Shirley Hofmann, Nancy Spangler, Jeannie Swanson, Brother Jaimie Alexander, Sue Nebrig, Janet Walton. Peggy Gamble, Alan Yount, and I hope I haven't overlooked anyone whose name should be on the list. If I did, please let me know and I'll make sure you get recognized for your help and contribution in next month's newsletter.

It was a great evening of fellowship and entertainment. Thank you all again for helping to make that happen.

Blessings, *Larry Zehring*

We wish to thank all of you for your support, your prayers, your cards, your visits, and your phone calls, to us after Ara Mae's recent fall and hospitalization. Her surgery went very well after her broken hip and she is now doing well in her rehab and recovery at Highlands. Many have visited her both at home and at Highlands. This shows what a great Church we have and how they take care of people in need of love and care. Our hope is for our church to continue its great work. Thank you again, you're a wonderful church family!! *Wayne Calhoun*

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your warm welcome to Ron & me as we made our membership "official" and joined the church last month. And thank you so much for the visits, prayers, and phone calls while I am starting this journey with breast cancer. The prayer shawl will be a comfort through my treatments. Bless you all! *Julie Buker*

Dear Loving Friends, Curtis and I send you out thanks for all the cards and condolences regarding the sudden death of our daughter-in-law, Regina Brooks. We also thank you for your continuing prayers and support. Knowing and having your friendship is the best gift we could receive. Love,  
*Curtis & Barbara Brooks*

We have enjoyed being a part of the FUMCBV family for the last four years. Thank you to everyone in *The Well* Service for your wonderful blessing and gift of the prayer shawl as we go to the next stage in our lives and discover what else the Lord has planned for us.

*Charles & Wilma Rhodes*


Dearest members of FUMCBV: on behalf of the four RN's at Bentonville High, I sincerely say thank -you for your generosity and support shown during the snack donation. We have 4600 students at our school, all with different stories to tell. Being able to give kiddos a snack or juice and visit them for a minute before class can change their day. You have also helped ease the mind of all our diabetic children, who sometimes need a little sugar to feel better. Please know we appreciate you all, & God bless.  
*Carrie Kell*, RN Bentonville High School

Dear FUMCBV, Thank you so much for participating in our Careers On Wheels event. We very much appreciate the time you took out of your busy schedule to share with our students about your profession, and allowing them to explore the bus you brought. We received a lot of positive feedback on the professionalism and genuine kindness of your presenters. We look forward to partnering with you again. Thank you so much. *Amy Collins & Melissa Wood*

Cooper Elementary School Counselors  
(Thank you to Darrell Bottjen for driving the bus to Cooper, to Sue Nebrig who drove it back to the Church, and to Maryann Johnson who stayed in the bus the whole day answering questions from students from every grade and class. . . .jw)



# November 2015

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Wesley Series Cncrt 4:00 Making Sense	2	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	3	10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:40 Golf-Scotsdale 4:00 Discipline & Disc	4	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Jesus Calling 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	5	9:00 Shoe Box Pack 11:06 Golf-Berksdale	6	8:30 Believers Disciple	7	8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Soaring Solos 7:00 Vet's Concert
8	7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 4:00 Making Sense	9	9:00 Caregivers Support 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow-up 6:00 By the Book AA 6:00 Finance Comm 6:30 Men's Chorus	10	9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:40 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 4:00 Discipline & Disc 7:30 Big Band Practice	11	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Meeting 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Jesus Calling 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	12	11:06 Golf-Scotsdale 1:00 HOPE Circle 6:30 Evening Circle	13	8:30 Believers Disciple 11:30 PreSchool Brd Mtng	14	9:00 Amp Big Book
15	<b>PAK A SAK</b>	16	9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Brd of Directors 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	17	10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:15 Golf-Highlands 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 5:00 MM Game Night	18	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	19	11:06 Golf-Dogwood	20	8:30 Believers Disciple	21	8:00 YouthLife-Brnsn 9:00 Vista Kids 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
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29	Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 5:00 Family Advent	30	<b>DECORATE CHURCH</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus										

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## **INGATHERING**

The Saturday before Thanksgiving has become an annual day of service for United Methodists of Arkansas. On November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., persons from across the Conference will come together to celebrate the 38th annual Ingathering.



### **What is Ingathering?**

Ingathering is a supply drive to benefit United Methodist relief ministries in Arkansas and worldwide. Held at Arkansas Rice Depot, 3801 W. 65th Street in Little Rock, and sponsored by the Conference Board of Global Ministries, this year's Ingathering will include a devotional time, a mid-day fellowship meal and lots of work organizing donations for storage and transport. United Methodists will deliver, sort and pack relief supplies to help to those affected by disaster, both here at home and around the globe.

Daylight Savings Time ENDS

Sunday, November 1

at 2:00am~

On Saturday night,

October 31,

set your clock back one hour.

**Change your batteries.**

