



The Good News

November 2016

COMMITMENT SUNDAY is Nov 6

EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY
A Foundation for the Future
LOVING, LEARNING, LEADING
2017



If you have not yet participated in the "A Foundation for the Future" Stewardship Financial Commitment of Giving in 2017 by turning in your pledge, we hope you will do so soon. The 2017 budget is based on anticipated giving

through your tithes and offerings. You may return your "commitment of giving" card on Sundays in the offering plate or in the office during the week, by mail, by filling out the form on our website... www.lovelearnlead.com or turn it in during your service on Commitment Sunday, November 6th. Your faithfulness in giving touches and transforms hearts and lives!

Returning your EOIM selections of how you are willing and able to help around the church next year, lets us know who we can depend upon when a need arises.

Don't just come to church; BE the CHURCH!

To honor those in our church family who have served in the military, we invite them and their spouse/ significant other/best friend to a **VETERAN'S DAY BRUNCH** Sunday, November 13

9:30 ~ 11:00 in the Chapel

Please RSVP to the Church Office no later than Tuesday, November 8.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Sewing line from 11:30 am ~ 1:30 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 20.

Menu:

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

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



Thank you Lord for all the blessings in our life. We give you thanks, today and all the days to come.



FAITH WALK

Rev. Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor

Commitment Sunday, November 6th and Election Day, November 8th

The October celebration of the church's 40th anniversary has been so inspiring and thrilling. It has been a gift to learn more about the legacy of faithfulness and determination of the congregation to hear the heart of God calling us into ministry for the past four decades. Thank you for your participation in the celebration and your commitment to the ministry of FUMCBV through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. On Sunday, November 6, I look forward to our joining together in worship in one more celebration of "40 years of Faith, A Foundation for the Future" as we dedicate our 2017 tithe and Everyone in Ministry Commitment to our God in each service. It is an important Sunday and I hope you will be in worship. Your personal commitment to serving Christ through the act of tithing and being in ministry is an invitation from God to be a part of what God is doing in the Kingdom in 2017 as we face the future.

One of the big issues on our minds is the Presidential Election. Some people have a definite understanding of who they would like to be the leader of our nation and others are so frustrated with selection of candidates. There is so much talk of what has happened to our Nation as far as the election of a President goes that we are scaring people. I have noticed that I am guilty of wringing my hands, shaking my head, and thinking we have lost hope. But I have come to realize that God is the one who is in real control. That we as people of faith must trust God in this unsettling time. History has taught us that people of faith have survived uncertain days through faith in God. I listened recently to part of sermon by Andy Stanley, the son of Dr. Charles Stanley. Andy is pastor of the mega North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia. During the sermon he said, *"The generations that are coming along behind us are going to take their cue from us. And here's the cue we're giving them: 'Oh my goodness, if we don't get the right person elected in office, it's the end of the world. If we don't fix the economy, it's the end of the world. If we don't have religious freedom like my mamma and my grandmama had religious freedom, it's the end of the world'....'Nothing could be further from the truth. Government matters. Policies matter. But neither of those matter as much as men and women who understand this word: **Faith** ... we need to model our behavior for the next generation - that God is in control!"*

Looking at the past 40 years of history of FUMCBV, I realize this, and facing the election of the next President of the United States I am thankful to be reminded of this truth. I can put my trust and hope in the Maker of the Rain and the Master of the Sea for both the future of the ministry of the church and for the future of our Nation!!!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

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Listening with Ears of the Heart

Rev. Judy Rudd-Platt, Associate Pastor

As most of you know, I recently returned from an amazing trip to the Holy Land. I expectantly anticipated being touched and inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit; and I was. Scripture and hymns have come to life in new, fresh and life-giving ways. There is a reason they call the Holy Land the Fifth Gospel! But I will save further reflection on my travels for another article. This month, I want to reflect on clean windows and gratitude.

After flying for over 30 hours from Tel Aviv to Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, I arrived home to a clean house compliments of my wonderful husband, Dixon. Although he often cleans when I have been traveling, he did something this time he had never done before – he cleaned the windows! As I gazed out the windows, I noticed that the view was stunning! How could the world look so different? Was it my exhaustion? Was it the freshness of returning home from an awe-inspiring trip? Or was it simply that clean windows provided a new perspective? Perhaps it was all three.

I have been amazed how something as simple as clean windows has opened my mind and spirit to the presence of God in the ordinary. More than providing a new perspective, clean windows have led me to gratitude for extraordinarily ordinary things in my life.

Lately, I have accepted a holy invitation to reflect on what Jesus meant when he said, “the last will be first, and the first will be last” (Matt 20:16). Perhaps this invitation was initiated by walking where Jesus and his disciples walked on the streets of Capernaum, the Galilean seashore and the western steps of the Temple. As a follower of Christ, I know we are called to be last and servant of all (Matt 20:26), but it seems so hard! Following Christ, willingly taking the last place, serving others before ourselves is counter-cultural and counterintuitive.

Everything around us tells us we deserve more, we deserve better, and we deserve it all. We insist on being first in line, declaring our opinions whether or not they are requested, and having it our way. To choose the least desirable seat at the table as Jesus instructs us to in Luke 14:7-11 feels like a sign of weakness, or dare I say, failure?

So what are we to do? How do we faithfully follow Jesus in this time and this culture and yet choose to be last? As I looked through clean windows and prayed for clarity, another Scripture came to mind. In struggling with the thorn in his side, Paul heard the Lord say, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Paul concluded, “So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corin. 12:9-10). My personalized version is “In my weakness is Christ’s strength.” I am unable to take the last place, keep my opinions to myself, or let go of control through my own will. But with Christ’s help, I can choose the last place because when I restrain my need to be first, heard and receive the best, I can rely on Christ’s strength to be enough and be beloved.

Like Paul, I too, am grateful for the freedom and peace that comes with being weak and last, for my weakness lets Christ be strong within me. How are you grateful for Christ’s strength?

Pastor Judy

Midweek Manna Is Taking A Break!

Wednesday, November 16th will be the last evening for Midweek Manna until after the first of the year. Plans are in the works for Midweek Manna to resume after the holidays. If you have any particular small group topics you would like to see offered or lead, please contact Pastor Judy.

Be sure to thank your instructors for their leadership this fall!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens; and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:28-29 NRSV

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

How is your soul? As we approach the winter season, many of us find the reduced daylight and the colder temperatures bring on a sadness we just cannot seem to shake. We may be grieving a loss: the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, the loss of a dream, maybe it is all of these, or maybe it is really nothing we can put our finger on. Our soul just feels heavy.

Others around us are scurrying to prepare for holiday gatherings, planning menus, buying gifts, addressing Christmas cards, putting up sparkling lights, humming "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas". And yet, for whatever reason, we can find no sparkle, no jolly, no joy this year. Everything just feels bleak.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens; ... you will find rest for your souls." As we approach this holiday season and the bleakness of winter, we have two grief support gatherings which may be helpful to you.

"The Holidays; A Practical Guide in the Journey through Grief"

Sunday, November 13, 3-4:30pm, in the Chapel

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter: A Service to find Hope, Healing, and Comfort"

Sunday, December 18, 3-4pm, in the Sanctuary

We invite you to join us, to learn with us, to journey with us, to discover or re-discover the gentle yoke of Christ and find rest for your soul.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*

Small Group Leader Training

As our small group ministry expands at FUMCBV, we are in need of additional small group leaders. Being a small group leader is a deeply rewarding and life-giving experience. If you have considered being a small group leader or have been a small group leader but could use some additional tips, please attend a preliminary small group leader training meeting on November 17th in the chapel at 6:00pm. The meeting will be brief as we discuss our training format moving forward. If you have been blessed by



VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,
Director of Children's Ministries

Fall is finally here. I love this time of year: cooler temperatures, leaves changing colors, and Trunk or Treat. Speaking of that, Trunk or Treat will be here in a few days. I am so excited! Thank you all for signing up and helping out. We have some great and fun trunks to see. Even if you cannot do a trunk, there are many other jobs you can do, like helping to set-up and tear down, or even direct traffic. Please come out on Monday, October 31st from 5:30-7:30 pm. There will be food, fun, and lots of candy, plus seeing your fellow Church members in great costumes.

In Sunday School, we have almost finished learning about Moses, and will start new lessons in November leading up to learning about the true meaning of Christmas.

November has many exciting events planned.

- **November 6th** is our Children's Ministry Meeting. It will be at 11am and we will have lunch for the children and parents.
- **November 11th**, we will have family night with lots of fun, food, and great times. It will start at 5pm and will finish around 8pm. The Youth will stay and have a lock-in afterward.

We will have a mission project that will go through the month of November. More details will follow later.

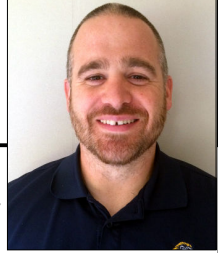
Be sure to reserve Sunday evening, December 4th on your calendar. The children will be performing a Christmas pageant. Afterward the youth are hosting a chili cook-off. You don't want to miss this start of this advent season.

As always, thank you so much for your support of the Children's Ministry. God Bless you all.

Ms. Angie

YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis,
Director of Youth Ministries



Relying on God's word, talking with other Christians and prayer are ways to make sure we remain faithful to our Christian walk. This month the youth have been talking about choosing to be different from some of their fellow students by regular prayer and living according to the Word of God instead of the ways of the world. We have talked about their identity and what makes them who they are. With friends of other faith traditions, we have also talked about the Islamic and Buddhist religions and how they differ from our beliefs in Christ. Over the next 12 weeks we will study spiritual disciplines and how we can use them in our everyday lives to help others.

With the hints of cooler weather, the FUMCBV youth are planning for some fall and Christmas events.

Nov. 4th – We will go to a Bentonville High School football game to support members of our youth who play football and perform in the band.

Nov. 11th – We will have a lock-in after the Family Movie Night.

Nov. 19th – We will go to Ingathering in Little Rock where we will join other Arkansas Methodists to sort food and supplies for future disaster relief needs. In the mean time, we will be putting together school and health kits to take to Ingathering.

Nov. 30th – Bonfire

Dec. 4th – Chili Cook-Off! After the children's Christmas pageant, the youth will host a chili cook-off. **We need your help!!!** Get your best chili recipes out and tweak them before December 4th, so you can compete in the cook-off! It will be a fun night as we enjoy the children's pageant and some hearty chili!

No Youth Nov. 23rd! Happy Thanksgiving!



OUR FAMILY

Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com, or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Geraldine ‘Jerrie’ Gallamore—joined our church family on Sunday, October 9. She comes to us by transfer from Sequoyah UMC in Fayetteville. She is a retired English teacher. She taught both in Texas and in Arkansas. She likes to read and travel and has travelled to all parts of the USA with her husband. When he passed away she continued to travel to England, Australia, Ireland, and Alaska. She is living at Concordia and loves to spend time with her daughters and their families, who live in Fayetteville. Please welcome Jerrie; she worships at the 10:45 service.

Curt and Olivia Olson—also joined on October 16, but at the 10:45am service. Curt owns his own business—Beaver Lake Distribution, Inc and Olivia is a retired special education teacher. Curt loves woodworking, gardening and ice-fishing in Minnesota. Olivia loves the Razorbacks (she was in the Marching Band there), being with grandkids, reading and genealogy. Curt sings in our Chancel Choir. An interesting note is that they are the parents of Pamela Pittman, in-laws of Noah, and of course, proud grandparents of precious Bennett. Please say “Hi” to them and warmly welcome them to the family when you see them.



Tim Moore—joined our church family on Sunday, October 16 at the 8:00am service. He is retired Army and happens to be the brother of Liz Little. He loves to hunt fish, play poker, and be with family. We give him a warm welcome, and you can too, when you see him.



RELOCATIONS



Mary Patrick – We are sad to tell you that Mary has moved to Iowa to be close to her family there. Please pray for her during this transition and send cards and notes to her, in care of her daughter: Julie Howe, 1326 Pond St., Burlington, IA 52601.

Jeff Pool—has relocated back to Dallas. He was with us only a short time and we will miss him. He was active in the UMM and Moving Forward Group and faithful in The Well worship service. We wish him well and will let you know his new address as soon as we are able to do so.



DEATHS

Jon R. Hamrin – father of Rob Hamrin passed away at his residence in Ottawa, Illinois, on Sunday, October 16. Rob, his wife, Sarah, and their three children worship at our Well service. Sarah is one of our Sunday School teachers. The service for Jon was held on Friday, October 21, in Bloomington, Illinois. Please keep Rob, Sarah, and the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Cora Follbaum – childhood best friend of Carly Engle, passed away on September 30. Cora was 19 years old. Please pray for Cora’s family, for Carly, and for all family and friends who are grieving this loss.



*All-Saints Service ~
Sunday, October 30, 2016*

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>Lois Bone</i>	<i>Tim Little</i>
<i>Shirley Bostrom</i>	<i>E.B. May</i>
<i>Jessie Bradley</i>	<i>*Marcie Mershon</i>
<i>Ara Mae Calhoun</i>	<i>Martin Mueller</i>
<i>Robert "Bob" Clark</i>	<i>Jean Nordmeyer</i>
<i>Joyce Cox</i>	<i>*Ivan Poeschl</i>
<i>*Eleanor Dunsmoor</i>	<i>Lucille Roberts</i>
<i>Harmony Pitts Ford</i>	<i>Peggy Schuette</i>
<i>Madge Garrison</i>	<i>*Ned Shively</i>
<i>Dorothy KroppHenke</i>	<i>Merlon Weed</i>
<i>Winston "Bud" Henke</i>	<i>*Past/Non member</i>

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

The Angel Tree

Christmas is coming, and the Angel Tree will be displayed in the hallway near our library by Sunday, November 6th. Thank you for your spirit of Christmas giving as you have supported these children in previous years. Select a card from the tree listing each of these children's Christmas requests and giving instructions for helping to fulfill their wishes. Shepherd Groups, circles, families, and friends are invited to take this opportunity to make their own Christmas richer through giving. We look forward to your participation this year.



STONE SOUP SOIREE

11-5-16 4:00PM

Tickets \$20

on eventbrite.com (or) contact 479-268-4340

Artist Retreat Center

13467 Lookout Dr ~ US 71 ~ Bella Vista

Benefits OASIS of Northwest Arkansas www.oasisofnwa.org

You may be familiar with the legend of "Stone Soup", a story of weary sojourners in need of food and how a village gathered together to contribute to the soup, which started as just a stone and water and ended up with carrots and garnishes and seasonings to create a delicious and nourishing pot of soup which fed everyone in the community.

Just as "Stone Soup" fed a community including the sojourners, so can this "Stone Soup Soiree" feed our bodies and spirits while raising support for the survivor women and children of OASIS of Northwest Arkansas. Soup, finger foods, and beverages are on the menu. Silent auction, Tranquility By OASIS product sales, musical groups, and survivor stories are on the agenda. Enjoy mingling and mixing with friends and neighbors new and old! This fun-raiser is your opportunity to bring resources to the table.



OUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Nona Storck
- 3 Gil & Frances Temple
- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 6 J.D. & Syble Highfill
- 13 Albert & Patsy Attaway-Fisher
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Mike & Kelly Liddekee
- 19 Jim & Ginger Hudson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 22 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 24 Marcus & Kimberly Dale
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Ken & Jean Swanson
- 26 Bryan & Ashley DeGraf
- 28 Troy & Brenda Jorgensen
- 29 Duane & Marilyn Hertel

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Bobbie Dees
- 4 Hollis Evatt
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judie Packard
- 5 Darrell Bottjen



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 5 Kelly Liddekee
- 6 Vicki Forrest
- 7 Jeremy Shafman
- 8 Paul Healy
- 9 Ashley DeGraf
- 10 Shirley Wenger
- 11 Rusty Prestridge
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 19 Bradley DeGraf
- 21 Jeanette Van Allen
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 24 Samantha Fitchue
- 24 Charlotte Manuel
- 24 Janet McIntosh
- 25 Boots Brehmer
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 29 Ed Swanson
- 30 Charlie Crider



UMW & UMM

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

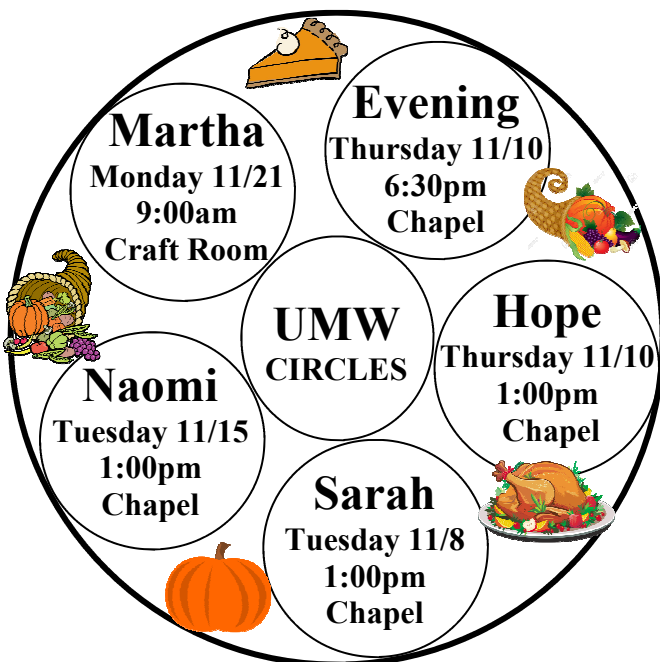
We did it again! The Bazaar raised almost the same amount of money as last year, \$11,000 !!! All those aching feet, knees & tired muscles were worth it! I estimate that it takes between 75 & 100 volunteer workers just on sale week. Then there's everyone who prepares items throughout the year to sell. So even though it's advertised as a UMW project, it takes the whole church to make it work. I'd like to especially mention the men who helped with set up and take down and all those who brought in baked goods and plants. But whether you worked before, during or after, a big THANK YOU goes out to ALL of you. Now, combined with the money raised from the Bake-less Bake Sale and the Rummage Sale, UMW can give a substantial amount of assistance to local charities primarily benefiting women & children.

Verna Bottjen, Bazaar Chair

UMW Christmas Luncheon



The UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held Wednesday, December 7 at 11:45 in Becker Hall beginning with quiet time. Our Christmas Program will be THE SKUNK HOLLOW BAND, who plays a mixture of Country, Gospel, Folk, and Bluegrass. These are songs that audiences will remember and can sing along. What a great way to begin the Christmas Season! Hot Turkey Salad, Cranberry Relish, Dessert, and Roll will be served. Cost is \$7.00, with the deadline for making reservations Sunday December 4. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up in your circle or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guests are welcome to come and enjoy the good food, beautiful music and fellowship. Child and Adult care will be provided for anyone wishing to attend with prior notification. Please call Sue with the number of children or adults who will need care.



UMM's monthly dinner meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 pm. in Becker Hall. **UNITED METHODIST MEN** The program for the evening will be presented by Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt, regaling her adventures of her recent journey to the Holy Land. Dinner will be catered by Papa Mike's. Please make your reservation through the Phone Tree or with Jim Belcoff no later than Sunday, November 6. Everyone in the church is invited to dinner and to hear about Pastor Judy's amazing trip through the same land that was trod by those in the Bible.



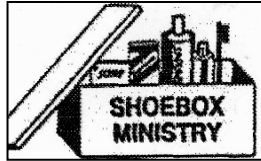
MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Deliveries

We continue to deliver shoeboxes to the following shelters and agencies:

Salvation Army-Bentonville, Salvation Army-Fayetteville, Seven Hills, Oasis of NW Arkansas, Village Bible Church Food Pantry and YouthBridge. Martha Circle also recently packed and delivered 124 Sunshine Sacks to Cooper Elementary School.



Donations

Thank you to all of you who will be bringing new socks, caps and mittens to Trunk or Treat. We will be giving them to the local shelters as the weather grows cooler. God Bless all of you for your constant support of this ministry.

Needs

We are always in need of items to fill our Shoeboxes. Small soaps, shampoos, hand lotion and other items such as what one picks up at hotels when traveling are always needed. Reading material such as Guideposts, Readers Digest and Upper Room are also helpful. Please drop off any donations to the Missions table in the Narthex or on the table outside the Shoebox Room on the lower level by the Quilt Room.

As always in His service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team

MEALS ON WHEELS

The FUMC Meals on Wheels mission for 2016 will conclude with our delivering meals December 19 through December 25. As can be seen, this is a Holiday week, but delivery days will likely be modified. Driving team volunteers can sign up in late November. Please consider delivering meals to many of our local homebound residents one day of that week.

Thank you,

Darrell Bottjen

PAK A SAK

Our collection of food in November will be delivered to Oasis Food Bank here in Bella Vista. At this time of year when we all celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, there will be many families here in Bella Vista that are needing extra help with food. All types of nonperishable food items are needed. The Mission Committee would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for all who faithfully donate food every month. Many children and families in Benton County benefit from your generosity.



GOAT BANK

The 'GOAT BANK' will again be out in Becker Hall and the Narthex Hallway during November. Our goal is to collect enough quarters to purchase at least one "GOAT". Help us fill the bank with quarters and a family in need will be very grateful.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Juvenile Court and JDC are partnering with Girls Scouts of America to begin a diversion program. The girls who will be chosen for this program will receive paid GSA memberships and we are hoping to be able to start a troop in the area that will help to keep them on track once they have completed the initial program. The volunteer opportunity is assisting during the program and/or providing food donations so that dinner can be provided at each meeting. Please watch for further information for this ministry opportunity.



MISSIONS

MISSION of the MONTH

VILLAGE HOUSE ADULT DAY PROGRAM



Village House is a non-profit program providing social, recreational and educational opportunities for its participants & respite/relief for caregivers. The center provides

care for individuals who may no longer feel comfortable staying at home by themselves. Persons with memory problems, Alzheimer's disease, stroke victims, arthritis sufferers or persons with other ailments and needs are welcome at Village House.

Village House has been in operation since 1988 and is licensed by the State of Arkansas. It is an ARChoices provider and a Specialized Center for Dementia Care.

Village House is the only Adult Day Program in Northwest Arkansas, and available to you Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm and serves 30 families each day.

WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP is asking for your help in providing Christmas cards to our members who are unable to attend church. Please sign your name to at least 12 cards and deliver them in their UNSEALED envelopes to the box provided on the Missions Table in the Narthex. If the cards are loose, please bundle with a rubber band provided in the collection box. The cards will be taken to our shut-in members the second week of December. This in one way we can show them they are missed and loved.



Planning ahead for
2017~

Volunteer for the mission trip to
Sager Brown

April 22-28, 2017

Watch for more information
coming soon!

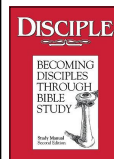
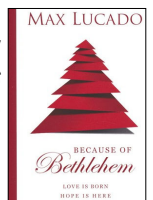
EDUCATION

A New Adult Sunday School Opportunity

Did you know that Advent begins on November 27th? It's hard to believe but it is almost here! What better time to join a new Sunday school class than during the celebration of the birth of our Savior!

Beginning November 27th, a new Sunday school class will meet from 9:30 – 10:30 in the chapel. Kandi Mount will lead this new class of all ages and levels of spiritual knowledge. Whether you are a long-time Bible student or are new to your journey of faith, this class is for you!

The class will start with an advent study entitled, *Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Help is Here* by Max Lucado. Books will be available in class on November 27th; but if you would like to pick yours up early, they will be available in the office for \$11.



Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is a new 24-week fast-track

class led by Alan Packard, beginning Wed., November 2nd at 9:00am in Room 6. This Bible study is an overview of the entire Bible and leads into the other Disciple classes which are more extensive in their studies.

Advent Study Beginning November 30th

If you are committed to Wednesday nights at the church and aren't ready yet to take a break, we will begin a 4 week advent study on November 30th at 6:30pm. *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith." Books are \$11 and will be available in the office November 15th. We will show the movie *Scrooge* prior to beginning of the advent study, so check your bulletin or the church website or Facebook page for information on the date and time.

Stan and Phyllis Robinson have offered to prepare a Wednesday night meal for those who are interested. If you plan to dine at the church before the advent study, please notify the church office at least one week in advance.



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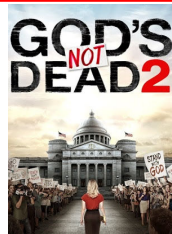


**Metfield Methodist
Shepherd Group**
will gather **Tuesday,**
November 15, at 5:30pm
in the Chapel for our...

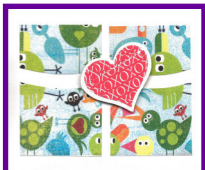
...ANNUAL FARKLE NIGHT!
Never played? Come anyway!
We have a great time.
Please bring snacks to share.
For more information,
please contact Vicki Forrest .

**Soaring Solos &
Abram Shepherd Group**

are joining forces
Sunday, November 6 at 2:00pm
in Becker Hall
to watch *God's Not Dead 2* .
Popcorn and drinks will be available.



*Handmade
GREETING CARDS
are available
for purchase
in the Church Library*



Please LISTEN! That's the keyword to get to the Web page where you can listen to a variety of curated performances, the "best of" from Sunday worship and the Wesley Series.

In your browser, after our URL, just add another forward slash and the word "listen". Then press Enter on your keyboard. It should look like this:

<http://www.lovelearnlead.com/listen>

If you like what you hear, why not "like" a few of our performances on YouTube, which hosts our library of recordings?!

From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist-Assoc Dir. Of Music



The theme for November is Praise and Thanksgiving. There is no common composer, but yet all of the music will have some type of rejoicing theme, as we work our way towards the end of the church year on November 20.

Since the new church year begins with Advent on the last Sunday of November, it's a good time to start a new year-long project. I will be starting to play through the entire set of 46 mini chorale preludes found in J.S. Bach's Orgelbüchlein (little organ book) over the new year. These pieces were intended to be paired with a specific Sunday during the Christian year, according to the Lutheran calendar, but Bach didn't come close to completing the project. I'll do my best to completely play through the incomplete set of works.



On Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m. the Wesley Series will present a concert by Helena Aung. Helena Kalviboon Aung is a pianist from Thailand who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Arkansas majoring in Piano Performance under Professor Jura Margulis. She was born in England and was raised in Laos and Thailand, where she found her passion in music. She got accepted to study music at the College of Music, Mahidol University, Bangkok in the Pre-College Division at the age at 14. She will be performing works from Bach, Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven, and Messiaen.

As always, there is no admission charge for this Wesley Series program, although a voluntary offering to help defray expenses is greatly appreciated. For more information, please call the Church Office at 479-855-1158 or you may contact us by email at: satb1@cox.net or larry@lovelearnlead.com. You can also find us on the Web at: WesleySeries.com.



BOOK NOOK

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

STEP ON A CRACK by James Patterson
Bennett confronts the most ruthless man he has ever encountered.

FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
A great detective needs a first-rate imagination.

THE WEDDING SHOP by Rachel Hauck
Two women separated by decades both set out to help others find their dreams when their own have crumbled.

DAUGHTERS OF THE BRIDE by Susan Mallery
Weddings are easy; it's family that's complicated.

THE SECRET INGREDIENT OF WISHES by Susan Bishop Crispell

A story of romance and friendship, heartache and healing, and the transformative power of hope.

THE WISH by Beverly Lewis
Will Leona's dearest wish lead to her own wedding?

FAMILY TREE by Susan Wiggs
Annie's life is shattered and now she must sift through her losses.

FICTION:

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM by Lori Copeland
A Christmas Novella.

BIG, BAD WOLF by James Patterson
Alex Cross encounters his most ruthless and powerful killer – a predator known only as the Wolf.

THE DANGEROUS DAYS OF DANIEL X by James Patterson

Spiderman meets Men in Black in this heart stopping novel.

DANIEL X WATCHES THE SKY by James Patterson
Daniel x takes on the wildest threat the world has ever seen. Someone whose craving for fame could destroy the planet.

JACK & JILL by James Patterson
Patterson's most explosive and powerful novel yet!

LIFEGUARD by James Patterson
A sizzling summer thriller.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

SUGARCREEK AMISH MYSTERIES
(A GUIDEPOSTS SERIES)

BOOK 10: MASON JAR MAYHEM by Tricia Goyer

TO OUR READERS: Be sure and check out our "Books in Series" section of the library. It has so many good books written by some great Christian authors. All our books are here for your enjoyment.

Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2016 Financial Data

		2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Compare 2015 Actual	2016 Year-end Budget
Month of September	Actual Receipts	\$59,972	\$54,326	\$44,467	
Month of September	Actual Expense	\$50,775	\$54,326	\$53,683	
	Balance	\$9,197		-\$9,216	
Year to Date (as of 9/30/16)	Actual Receipts	\$471,093	\$488,934	\$500,417	\$651,915
Year to Date (as of 9/30/16)	Actual Expense	\$467,350	\$488,934	\$482,036	\$651,915
	Balance	\$3,743		\$18,381	

Operating Account Balance 9/30/16 **-\$22,596**

The RED box shows where we should be according to budget by the end of September 2016.

We are short of our income goal by \$17,841, while our expenses have remained low at \$21,584 below goal.

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer



THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the FUMCBV church family for the cards, prayers and expressions of love to us in the sudden loss of our son, Dale. Your support and condolences has given us great comfort at this time. We thank each and every one of you,

Ralph and Mona Johnson

Dear Friends,

John and I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during the time of Carol's surgery. Your cards and visits made the days shorter. Kandi, a special "Thank You" for the sweet, sweet prayers and visits while in the hospital. It's good to have a church family!

John & Carol Zurn

Many thanks to Joe & Margie Bowen for their fantastic paint job in the Women's bathroom in the Office wing. We love it!!

*The Women of the East Wing,
J R-P, BW, AG, MS, PA, JW*

I would like to take a moment to give a great BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who has been praying for me (& the surgeon & other healthcare workers) before, during & after my left shoulder surgery. Thank you Kandi for coming by the hospital & praying with/for me at my bedside. Thank you Katrina for taking a moment to visit me, too, as I recovered. Thanks to Brother Jaimie for the call/texts to check on me. I want to also thank several more wonderful persons from our church family for the get well cards I have received at home (you know who you are). It is so nice to be valued, loved & prayed for by so many. I thank each of you for stepping up and being the church as I continue to heal in the upcoming days, weeks & months. Do not fret...the shutter bug will continue to be snapping pictures when she can!!! I love each of you.

Amy O

Thank you so much for being such a big support for me and my family during this time, and for welcoming us into the church family. *Liz Little & Family*

There will be an estate sale at 9 Hopeman, here in Bella Vista the 2nd week in November. I will be moving to Denver, Colorado with fond memories of my church family to take with me.

Kitty Polich

Dear Friends,

You have provided potential. You have provided promise. Your generous donation has helped someone become an active member of their community. Your gift provided therapy to a child, respite to a family, hope to a family. Thank you for becoming a difference-maker for so many in Northwest Arkansas. With sincere appreciation,

Cyndi Bilyeu, CEO, Sunshine School



Trunk
or
Treat

Monday, October 31

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Trunks, Treats & Self-Photo station

Please bring new socks, caps, & mittens of any size to be given to local Shelters as the weather gets cooler.

Family ~ Food ~ Fun

Barrels for candy donation will soon be in the Narthex & Becker Hall. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the Narthex & Becker Hall on Sunday & in the office during the week.

NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
6 BPV between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 11:00 Children's Min 2:00 SS & Abram SG	7 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Village House 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 Nominating Comm 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	8 7:30-7:30 VOTE !! 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:32 Golf-Scotsdale 1:00 Sarah Circle	9 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:30 UMW Board 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife 6:30 Church Council	3 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:30 Bazaar Lders Mtng 11:06 Golf-Kingsdale 4:00 Chancel Choir	4 9:00 Jesus in Gospels	5 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book AA	
13 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 Veterans Brunch 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Lunch /w Pastor 3:00 Preprng for Holidays	14 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 Finance Committee 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	15 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:30 Golf-Brittany 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 5:00 Metfield Game Nite	16 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	17 11:06 Golf- Scotsdale 1:00 Calico Skit Prctice 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 Leader Trning	18 9:00 Jesus in Gospels	19 INGATHERING 9:00 Amp Big Book 4:00 Mission Dinner	
20 PAK A SAK 7:05 Handbell Rehrsl 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 5:00 Shepherd Group One	21 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Brd of Directors 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	22 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:32 Golf-Scotsdale 3:00 BV Library Brd	23 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:00 Dog Beds 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells	24 THANKSGIVING 11:30-1:30 DINNER	25 CHURCH CLOSED	26 9:00 Amp Big Book	
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To the Home of ...



INGATHERING

The Saturday before Thanksgiving has become an annual day of service for United Methodists of Arkansas. On November 19 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.



200,000 REASONS
to fight childhood hunger



Daylight Savings Time ENDS

Sunday, November 6
at 2:00am~

On Saturday night,
November 5th,
set your clock back one hour.
Change your batteries.

