



# The Good News

NOVEMBER 2017

## *The Angel Trees are Coming*

Christmas is coming, and Angel Trees will be displayed in the hallway near our library and a second tree in Becker Hall. That's right ~ this year there will be TWO trees.

As we have for many years, the Angel Tree for children will be up in the hallway between the Narthex and Becker Hall. This year, we have 45 names of children from Care and Share for you to choose to purchase Christmas gifts.

Also, this year, there will be a tree in Becker Hall with 20 additional cards for senior citizens in Bella Vista who are currently in nursing homes and have no family to share the holiday with them. We

will be putting together Christmas Care packages for these seniors to brighten their holiday season.

As with the Children's Cards, please be sure to mark down which card number you take from the tree. Be sure to return your items to the tree by Sunday, December 3.



**Tuesday, October 31**  
**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

Trunks, Treats, Hot Dogs,  
S'mores, Self Photo Station

**Barrels for CANDY DONATION (we need MORE!)  
& Sign-up sheets for VOLUNTEERS  
are in the Narthex & Becker Hall**

We can use YOUR help inside and out  
as FUMCBV hosts the community  
at this fun family holiday event !

## *Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Thursday, November 23, 2017*

*Serving 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 10 and under eat free.**

**Reservations must be made and**

**tickets bought no later than**

**Sunday, November 19,**

**in the Church Office.**

**There will be no tickets sold at the door.**

### *Menu:*

*Turkey and Dressing, Ham,*

*Sweet Potatoes, Corn Casserole,*

*Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,*

*Honey-glazed Carrots,*

*Cranberry Relish, 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.*



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Despite being the busiest three months of the year for me, I love October, November, and December. I love the weather. I love how people are more aware of one another. I love how active and busy the church life is. And now that I have a child, I love the fall activities we get to do together as a family.

I have always said that my favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. Now, of course, I love Easter and Christmas and all that they bring with them. But, I think my love of Thanksgiving goes way back to when I was a child. Thanksgiving was a fun holiday. For one, nothing happened at church for this holiday, so I wasn't drug to anything by my mom. We always had a huge family feast with extended family. I remember my grandma always making sure there was enough room at the dining room table for every single person. And sometimes that was a creative endeavor!

As we all grew older and physically farther apart, these kinds of traditions changed. What didn't change was that we always gathered family around the table. Sometimes this was actual family and sometimes it was family of choice. Heath and I have hosted both of our families since we've been married and it has given me such joy to do so. Over the years, we sometimes didn't have our blood-family to celebrate the day with so we just invited all of our friends who were also without family that day to our table.

I'm looking forward to the holiday again this year. First, because I will be able to sit around tables with my church family and many others from the community on Thanksgiving Day. Second, because a new home means making our old traditions fit our new circumstances.

I love the concept of gathering around tables. One of my earliest memories of reading the Gospel on my own is tallying how many times Jesus gathered with people around a table, or a party, or just gathered people together to eat. Tables are gathering places. Food is something every single human needs to exist. And, food tends to equalize people. When everyone sits down at a table together, suddenly the CEO and the factory worker are just passing the rolls. The liberal cousin is laughing with the conservative cousin. Tables and food defy societal normalizations.

We, as a church, like to gather around tables. We like to eat together. We like to experience Holy Communion together around a table, too. Our 6-year-old daughter has taken to calling Communion, "Community" lately. I don't have the heart to correct her because, she's right. When we experience Holy Communion, we experience Community.

As we gather at multiple tables over the next couple of months, I invite you to think about who is welcome at each table with you, and how may you extend the table to others?

Blessings,

*Rev. Jeanne*



## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### **Walking through the Dark**

Seven centuries before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the Hebrew people:  
*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
 on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.* (Isaiah 9:2 NIV)

Here we are some twenty centuries later and we should ask ourselves, are we people walking in darkness? As the days get shorter and the drive back to Fayetteville each evening gets darker and darker, I can feel my spirits sag at this time of year. The lack of sunlight in the Fall leads some to a condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Folks feel sluggish, lack energy, lack focus, feel hopeless; they just experience a basic lack of interest in life.

What's the cure? Scientists tell us the cure is light therapy. That's just what Isaiah said 2,700 years ago!!... When we are in deep darkness, we need the light to dawn on us!

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. ... In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.* (John 1:1-5 NRSV)

Many of us find ourselves walking in the dark when we experience losses, when we experience the struggles of life. It can happen especially at this time of year. As the holidays approach and the decorative lights begin to appear, we just want to sit in the darkness.

If you are finding yourself walking in the dark this holiday season, I invite you to two holiday grief events:

#### **“Walking Through the Dark: A Practical Guide to Holiday Grief”**

Tuesday, November 7, 5:30pm, in the Chapel

and

#### **“Walking Through the Longest Night: A Service of Hope, Healing, and Comfort”**

Thursday, December 21, 5:30pm, in the Sanctuary

I invite you to prayerfully consider these two events. Come join us on this journey together. And in your walking, I pray you will experience the Light dawning in your darkness.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



We are privileged to have trained Congregational Care Ministers, who are lay pastoral care providers who work under the authority of and on behalf of our two pastors to provide care when the pastors cannot be present. They are Kandi Mount, Jim Rowland, Elaine Detlefsen, and Maryann Johnson.





## YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis,  
Director of Youth Ministries

Fall is here, and oh, how nice is this weather. The youth have some activities this month. There will be a few Jr. High youth attending *REFUGE* from the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. For those of you in the church who are unfamiliar with *Refuge*, it is an opportunity for jr. high youth to be introduced to the connectional events of ACCYM. They enjoy a weekend in the beautiful outdoors while getting away from the hustle and bustle of school life. They have a chance to refocus their hearts and minds on God without the distractions of daily life. *Refuge*, in all its essence, IS a refuge from a busy, challenging world, and indulgence into the pure, beautiful experience of God's grace. This event will be held at Shepherd of the Ozarks, a retreat center located in the heart of Arkansas. *Refuge* is just one of the milestones on the road to strengthening our young people's faith in Jesus Christ. Our vision is clear, just like our hearts. And we believe that success comes to those who believe. We believe in Christ, and we believe in the power that he has invested in us; we must then help make this world a better place.

Last month our focus as a youth group, was the thought of "*I Am Second.*" The idea of this is that no matter where we are in life, or what is going on, God comes first and we are second. We all have different backgrounds, as well as different stresses in our lives, but one thing remains the same... That God is in Control. November for them will be a little different. November's theme will be "How can I serve?" As the Holidays approach it is super easy to get caught up in 'ME', so I want us as a group to figure out how we can still carry the torch of living second with a servant's heart. There are so many way for us as church to serve, and as we move forward through November, the youth will be challenged to use their gifts, talents, and skills to serve in different ways.

### *Life by the Spirit*

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.  
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ;  
rather, serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 26<sup>th</sup>: Children & Youth Family Decorating Night on the Lower Level  
November 29<sup>th</sup>: Hanging of the Greens (All church)  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chili Cook-off: Following the Children's Christmas Program we will have our Youth Annual Chili Cook-off in Becker Hall. Who will win this year? All are invited to bring your best chili!!! *Be blessed, Austin*

## VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,  
Director of Children's Ministries

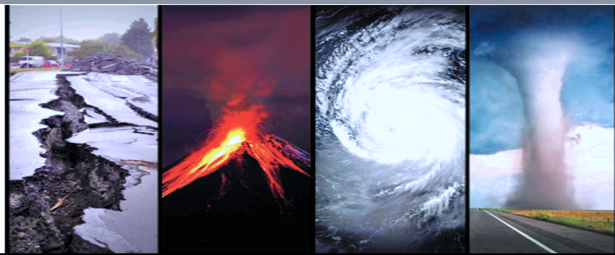


It seems very strange that I am writing the November Good News newsletter. This year is really flying by. We have been very busy in the Children's Ministry area. I am giving Ms. Beverly and Ms. Danielle lots of jobs to do. In case you haven't been downstairs lately we have been doing a lot of decorating and painting. Thank you so very much for everyone's help in this job. It was a lot of work but it looks so good. We are still doing some more decoration but hopefully will have it done by the middle of the month. We are starting something new. On October 22nd. Each child will have a name tag. We will give it to them before 2nd service and then take them off after Sunday School. We will still have them sign in at the computer so we have a record of who was here. They will also have their own offering envelopes. If you have a questions, please feel free to ask me about this. Sunday, October 29th is Children's Sabbath. The children will help out in all 3 services and they will sing a song that we have been working on. Please let me know if your child would like to help on this Sunday. Trunk or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or Becker Hall if you can help, and we still can use more candy. We will have food, a selfie photo booth, music, s'mores and lots of candy. We will have a prize for the best trunk voted by our Church Staff. We hope to see everyone there in your wonderful costumes.

In Mid-Week Manna, we are learning about Father Abraham and his many sons. We will also learn about Isaac. November 15th is the last Manna. I am so proud of the kids and what they have learned this year. We had around 15 kids each Wednesday night and it was a lot of fun for both the kids and the teachers. Thanks so much, as always, for your prayers, love, support and kind words. It means so much to me and our staff.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you know anyone in need. please let me know.

In his Service, *Ms. Angie*



### Wednesday Nights Disaster Preparedness and Response Classes

Join us on Wednesday nights through November 8, to learn about how to prepare for a disaster and how to meet the needs of your neighbors who have been affected by disaster. Whether the disaster is caused by a tornado, flooding, earthquake or man-made event, we can prepare to protect those we love and respond when a disaster strikes. The four-week sessions will equip you to:

- ◆ Put your faith into action in disaster response
- ◆ Develop practical skills for being hands-on in the early days after a disaster
- ◆ Build skills in meeting emotional and spiritual needs of adults
- ◆ Create a disaster response plan for your family
- ◆ Mobilize teams and churches for response in our local community

Classes are led by: Hal Shope and Marianne Zotti, All Things New Ministry, and Richard and Linda Stewart, First United Methodist Church Disaster Response Chairs.

### Laity Coffee with the Bishop



**Bishop Gary Mueller invites you to join him for a Laity Coffee**

*Bishop Gary Mueller extends a special invitation to Lay Leaders, Lay Members to Annual Conference, Finance, Trustee, SPRC and Administrative Chairs and any others who might be interested to join him for a Laity Coffee.*

*The laity coffee will be held on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00pm at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith and should last around an hour. (The meeting is scheduled for the Fireside Room. Enter from 200 N 16th side of the church.)*

*Bishop Mueller will spend a few minutes sharing information about vital disciples, the 2017-2018 Vital initiative that began at the 2017 Annual Conference and the Commission on The Way Forward. There will also be a time for him to hear your questions and comments.*



*We look forward to seeing you there .*

## **Midweek Manna activities for everyone**

**Wednesdays Meal ~ 5:30pm & Classes ~ 6:30pm**

**Dinner on 11/1 = Ham, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Dessert**

### Small Study Groups

- ◇ Invitation to the Old Testament ~ 8/23-11/15 ~ Quilt Room
- ◇ Women's Bible Study ~ 8/23-11/15 ~ Room 6 (Office wing)
- ◇ "Sacred Art of Listening" ~ 10/11-11/15 ~ Room 19 (Lower Level)
- ◇ "Israel, A Journey Through Time" ~ 10/18-11/15 ~ Parlor
- ◇ Disaster Preparedness ~ 10/18-11/8 ~ Room 23 (Lower Level)

### Small Craft Groups (classes in Becker Hall after Dinner)

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring

Classes also on Lower Level: *YouthLife* (7th grade-HS) ~ Youth Room  
Children Pre-K thru 6th Grade ~ Room 20    Infants & Toddlers ~ Toddler Room



## 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, Associate Pastor, at [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158.

### NEW MEMBERS



**Arthur (Artie) & Marian Lawless** became our newest members on Sunday, October 22. They retired here recently after falling in love with Bella Vista 12 years ago. Both are retired sales reps from electrical companies. They chose FUMC because they loved how active our church is in the community and Marian wanted to return to the Methodist roots of her childhood. They enjoy college sports and outdoor activities., so this spot was a natural for them. Be sure to welcome them when you see them in *The Well* service.

### DEATHS

**Barbara Shoemaker**—sister-in-law of Verle Shoemaker, passed away in Tulsa, OK on September 22 at the age of 81. Please keep Verle and Suzanne in your prayers in this loss of Barbara.

**Jean Froelich**—sister of Phoebe Bader, passed away the morning of Sunday, October 22 after a decline in her health. Please keep Phoebe and her family in your prayers as she grieves the loss of Jean.

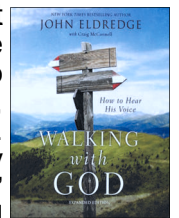
### SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

**Seamstress needed:** to create a kneeling pad for a small one-person kneeling altar. Please see Pastor Brenda for details.

**YOUNG @ HEART SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet for dinner Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00 PM at Midweek Manna. Members need to sign up in the church office no later than Sunday, October 29th.

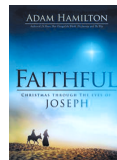
**ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet Monday, November 13th @ 5:30 in the Chapel for food, fun, and fellowship

**FRIENDS OF CHRIST** will meet Mondays, November 13 and 27 in the Chapel at 1:30 - A small study group experiencing the nuances, challenges, and victories of walking with God. Author John Eldredge of the highly acclaimed book "Walking with God" provides a plethora of thoughts and experiences to be studied. All are welcome to attend.



**HEALTHY LIVING FOLKS** will meet in the Chapel at 9:00am Wednesday mornings and walk the parking lot until 9:30. They will then meet back in the Chapel to discuss a wide range of topics from the latest health findings to a *good for you* recipe. All are welcome to walk and attend the meeting or come to one part.

**Faithful ~ Christmas through the eyes of Joseph** by Adam Hamilton is a study led by Maryann Johnson on Sundays in the Chapel at 11:00am, beginning November 26 through December 17.



On Tuesday, October 24th, friends and family gathered to witness our friend Kobus officially become the son of Katrina Sparlin. It has been a long process, with a very happy ending. Congratulations to new Sparlin family!! Kobus will be baptized in *The Well* service, Sunday, October 29th.



## OUR FAMILY

Sharon Golaway has a new CD titled "Songs of Hope", with 13 hymns played on the piano as only she can play. They are available in the office for \$15, and would a make wonderful holiday gift.



### Beautiful Colors Emmaus Group

... will meet Thursday, November 16 at 2:30pm, in the Chapel. Please wear your colorful name tag you were given. Also please bring the book called Worship Booklet for Pilgrims. We meet once a month (on the third Thursday) and we are open to all who have completed an Emmaus Walk or a Face to Face Encounter. If you have any questions, please contact Darleen O'Brien.

~ Back by Popular Demand ~

**Metfield Methodists Shepherd Group** will gather Thursday, November 16, 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, contact Vicki Forrest or Jean Justice.

### Calling All Chili Chefs!

We need a pot of your best recipe of chili for the cook-off on December 3rd. Please have your chili to Becker Hall by 5:00pm. The Children's Christmas pageant will be at 5:30, and the chili competition and feast will be at 6:30 pm. Please join us!!

**MAY THE BEST POT WIN!**

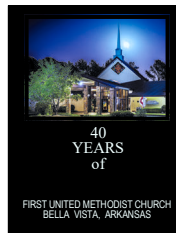
### All-Saints Services ~ Sunday, November 5, 2017 A TIME of REMEMBRANCE

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

#### In Remembrance of:

*Dick Armstrong	Howard Johnson
Marian Best	Robert McBride
Clyde Cheek	Ann McClellan
Bobbie Dees	Janet McIntosh
Alva Demarais	*Norma Richert
John Devan	Deloris T. Sernett
Joanne Fischbach	Marge Smith
*Ken Fisher	*Marjorie J. Smith
Barbara Gersema	*Melba Soule
Donald Gersema	Maryann Tompkins
Carol Greenley	Lois Wakefield
Duane Hertel	Clarence Williams
	*Past/Non member

Bell will be rung by:  
Linda Davis ~ 8:00  
Catherine Luck ~ 9:30  
Lynn Prueitt ~ 10:45



### Our Cookbooks are IN

There are 104 different contributors of about 400 recipes, most of which have been cooked for some event here at the church over the years. Find one that you have already tasted and thought "...mmmm...that was yummy-wish I had the recipe!" Now you can have it—and many more. The books are \$20 each, and you can purchase them in the office. Christmas is coming—would make a great gift, especially if you bake up an enclosed recipe!!



## 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
- 28 Troy & Brenda Jorgensen

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 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
- 10 Connor Klein
- 10 Shirley Wenger
- 11 Rusty Prestridge
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 18 Elaine Klein
- 21 Jeanette Van Allen
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 24 Samantha Fitchue
- 25 Boots Brehmer
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 29 Ed Swanson
- 30 Charlie Crider





**UNITED METHODIST  
MEN**

Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 pm. Our speaker is Mayor Peter Christie. The Mayor has done a great job in his first four years and we need to be there as he shares his annual report with us on all the good things going on in Bella Vista.

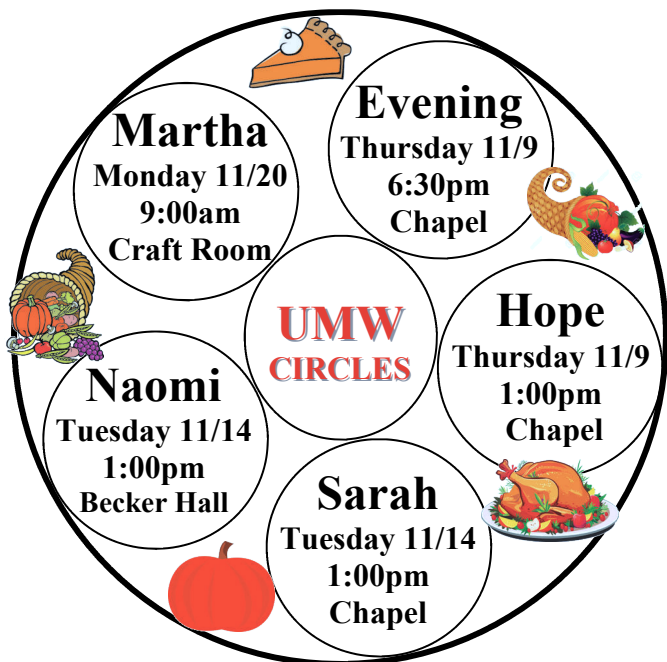
We will have our excellent dinner as usual and have the report on the October Prayer Breakfast.

ALL the men of the church are classified as members of the UMM. There is no dues, no applications to fill out, all you need to do is come to the meetings. It is all about getting together in Jesus name, develop wonderful fellowship and help our church and community. It is not really that you need us but that we need YOU. If you would like more information about the UMM, call Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291.

*UMW Christmas Luncheon . . .*



. . . will be held Wednesday, December 6 at 11:45 in Becker Hall beginning with quiet time. Our program will be brought by an **"ENSEMBLE OF MUSICIANS"** from our church bringing us a selection of Christmas music, and a sing along with everyone joining in. *WHAT A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON.* Hot Turkey Salad, Cranberry Salad, Dessert, and Roll will be served. Cost is \$7.00, with the deadline for making reservations Sunday December 3. 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.



*UMW Bazaar News*



A great big "Thank You" to everyone who worked on the 40th UMW Bazaar. So many women volunteered countless hours of their time, sharing their talents to produce more than enough items to fill every room at the church used for the Bazaar. Many of the men of our church helped as well, making or repairing things for sale. A profit of well over \$15,000 was made, which will be distributed to many local charities. About 70 men and women volunteered to work the day of the bazaar to ensure its success. Thank you, thank you!

*Jan Lowe*, Bazaar Chair



## MISSIONS



### Christmas Cards for our Homebound Members

Please stop at the tables in the Narthex and/or hallway outside Becker Hall and sign a couple of the cards there (every Sunday!) which will be delivered to our homebound members in December. Circles, Shepherd Groups, and other groups, please sign several cards in you groups and drop them off at the "card" tables. This is one way we can show our homebound they are missed and loved during this season of giving.

**VETERAN'S PHOTOS** - If you are a veteran and have not previously turned in a military photo, please bring one to the church office no later than Friday, November 3rd so we can include you in our video salute to veterans on November 12. Please make sure we have your name, branch of military, service dates, and which service you attend on the back. Your photo will be returned.

The Lovely Purchase Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is honoring Vietnam Era veterans with certificates of appreciation for their service during that conflict. If you or someone you know served in the U.S. Armed Services during the Vietnam War, please contact Jean Justice at [jeanfjustice@gmail.com](mailto:jeanfjustice@gmail.com) with the name, branch of service, dates served and mailing address and we will send a certificate.

### November Mission of the Month

As many of you may know, FUMCBV has been the home of Shoebox Ministry for over 20 years. Shoebox provides basic hygiene items (soap, shampoo, tooth brush and paste, wash cloth, laundry soap, deodorant, razors, etc.) to homeless folks in Benton and Washington County. Items are packed into a shoe box and delivered to homeless shelters in the area. Our ministry also provides 120 "Sunshine Sacks" to Cooper School each month which contain similar items for students whose families may not be able to afford these basic hygiene items.



We are an interdenominational ministry, working with St. Bernard's Catholic Church, First Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista and United Lutheran. Our members support us by bringing in travel sized items (you know those shampoo, lotions and soaps you get in a hotel?? Those items! Be sure to pick them up and donated them to Shoebox!) as well as cash donations from United Methodist Men and Women and our congregation.

We place two orders a year through American Hotel Supply for items such as toothbrushes and tooth paste, deodorant, etc. American Hotel Supply has been gracious in keeping our costs low and shipping costs to a minimum. Donations that are received that do not "go" into shoeboxes or sunshine sacks are used to send on to women's shelters or to our troops overseas. Nothing donated goes to waste!

Homelessness is an on-going issue in our area. We may not "see" it in our day to day lives, but it is a very real problem. So far this year, we have delivered over 2,000 shoeboxes to shelters in Benton and Washington County. Our Shoebox Ministry is able to provide these basic items only through your donations of items, but more importantly, cash. Our cash reserves have reached a dangerously low level. Your donation to Shoebox Ministry will allow us to continue to reach the homeless in our community.

Please feel free to call Cheryl Campbell 876-5172, Karen Roenfeld (712) 249-2521, or Diane Cox 925-0988 if you are willing to help with this mission ministry..

As always in His service,  
*The Shoebox Ministry Team*



# MISSIONS



## **PAK-A-SAK is Coming to an End ☹️**

We have provided shelf-stable foods to food pantries and agencies in Benton County through the PAK-A-SAK program for over 20 years. Your participation in this ministry has helped stem the tide of hunger in Benton County and has been greatly appreciated.

However, over the past several years, we have seen a dramatic decrease in the participation in this program by members of our congregation. After much discussion and prayer, we have decided to end the PAK-A-SAK program at the end of this year.

We encourage you to participate in the Snack Pack program for Cooper School, the Feed the Funnel Party in February, and the Mountain of Food program in May. Hunger is still a huge issue in Benton County. Your participation in our Food Ministries is vital to continuing to serve those who are less fortunate.

## **Helping Hands Work Day Saturday, November 18**

The last of our three work days for 2017 is approaching. On Saturday, November 18, we will again have the opportunity to help out the Resale Shop by accepting donations, cashiering, bagging and organizing. As usual, we need guys in the morning, 8 am to noon and both guys and gals in the afternoon, 12 pm to 4 pm. This organization provides over \$2 million in assistance to local residents each year! This is a great opportunity to participate in a "hands on" mission.

There will be a signup sheet in the office or if you have any questions see Verna Bottjen or Shirley Wenger.



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

meets Tuesdays, from 10:00am-11:00am in room 6. Come for an hour of visiting and stitching. If you are a beginner, they will be glad to teach you! Any questions, please contact Jeneda Mickelson.

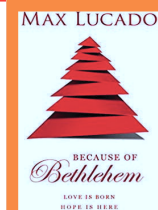


## **SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS**

is our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!

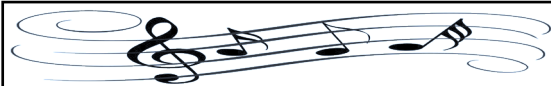
- Bring your quarters !**
- Fill the Banks !**
- Feed a Child !**

An advent study "Because of Bethlehem, Love is Born, Hope is Here" will be offered Sundays, November 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th in the Chapel immediately following the 3rd service by Chaplain Kandi Mount.



The class is approximately 30 minutes of Max Lucado guiding us via a CD, through the miracles of Bethlehem and the holy infant, as only Max Lucado can! The book *Because of Bethlehem* would be helpful, but is not required. We join in a 30 minute discussion after the CD. The gentleness of advent becomes a very heightened personal experience as you celebrate Christ and Christmas.

All are welcome.



## BOOK BOOK



### A BIG NOTE OF "THANKS"

The Choir, the Chancel Bells and all the members of *The Well* Praise Team would like to express their enthusiastic "Thanks" to Darleen O'Brien and her minions, Sandy Fitch, Diane Verville, Jan Lowe, Amy Gilmore and Marion Kornes for all their work to make us feel so appreciated on September 17th, Music Appreciation Sunday. The brunch was DELICIOUS (Best Ever, many said). We are so grateful to everyone: Clergy, Staff, and Congregation to be able to serve and worship with you throughout the year. Blessings!



*Larry Zehring*

Director of Music Ministries



### From the Organ Console

Broc Hite,

Organist/Associate Director of Music

It's the end of the church year, so expect to hear some jubilation before we begin our Advent preparation on Sunday, November 26th.

For the first three weeks of November, my postlude will be yet again on piano, with a potpourri of repertoire including Beethoven, Chopin, and J.S. Bach. More Bach you say? It's something quite different than you expect, originally written for a two-manual harpsichord, but today most often performed by pianists.

If you want to know exactly what I'll be playing in advance, check out the church Website, [www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com)! Click on Music from the top menu, and then click on the link Weekly Program. If you'd like more, click on Media from the top menu, then Music, to hear recordings captured during morning worship and on the Wesley Series, currently in hiatus.

Advent and Christmas are already in the planning stages, but I'll talk about them after the goblins and turkeys have had their turn!

*Broc*

### LARGE PRINT FICTION:

*WINTER SOLSTICE* by Elaine Hilderbrand

As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder can only mean one thing....it's time to book another stay at the Winter Street Inn.

*MERRY AND BRIGHT* by Debbie Macomber

Merry's well-meaning mom and brother create an on-line dating profile for her-minus the photo-and the matches start rolling in.

### FICTION:

*THE CHRISTMAS SECRET* by Wanda Brunstetter  
Will an 1880 Christmas wedding be canceled by the revelations in an old diary?

*AN AMISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS* by Shelley Shepard Gray

*MR. MIRACLE* by Debbie Macomber

A heart-warming Christmas novel of romance, hope and the comforts of home.

*DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW* by Debbie Macomber  
A Christmas novel filled with warmth, humor, the promise of love, and a dash of unexpected adventure.

*THE CHRISTMAS NOTE* by Donna VanLiere

An unlikely friendship between two women that change each other's lives forever.

*THE CHRISTMAS STAR* by Robert Tode Miller  
A lonely mail carrier follows a star to a miracle.

*IF WE MAKE IT HOME* by Christina Suzann Nelson  
A novel of faith and survival in the Oregon wilderness.

*AN AMISH CHRISTMAS* by Beth Wiseman

Four Amish Christmas novellas.

### BOOKS IN SERIES:

HEART of the FRONTIER by Tracie Peterson

1: *TREASURED GRACE* 2: *BELOVED HOPE*

CHERISHED MERCY AMISH BAKERY SERIES by Amy Clipton

1: *THE GIFT of GRACE* 2: *THE PROMISE of HOPE*

3: *A PLACE of PEACE* 4: *A LIFE of JOY*

5: *A SEASON of LOVE*

THE BISHOP'S FAMILY by Suzanne Woods Fisher

1: *THE IMPOSTER* 2: *THE QUIETING*

THE DEVOTED AMISH HEIRLOOM SERIES by Amy Clipston

1: *THE FORGOTTEN RECIPE* 2: *THE COURTSHIP BASKET*

3: *THE CHERISHED QUILT* 4: *THE BELOVED HOPE CHEST*

AMISH COOKING CLASS by Wanda Brunstetter

1: *THE SEEKERS* 2: *THE BLESSING*

A LONE STAR HERO'S LOVE STORY SERIES by Shelley Shepard Gray

4: *LOVE HELD CAPTIVE*

# Life at FUMCBV in October

Many thanks to Amy O & Carole for the great pics!!





## THANK YOU

I want to thank the ladies who helped me when I fell at the Bazaar. You are greatly appreciated.  
Thank You! *Pat Brannon*

We are so thankful to belong to a caring, loving church like the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. We have come through a difficult August and September, and we are blessed by many caring thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and in many other ways. Special thanks to Rev. Jeanne, Pastor Brenda, Rev. Albert Fisher and others who visited during the time when Gary was hospitalized and subsequently a patient at the highlands Re-Hab facility. Special Thank You, too, to so many who helped at the time of our son, Brian's, death. The memorial service was comforting and we want to thank everyone who helped make it a memorable time for us and our family. We especially want to thank Hope Circle, who served and provided an opportunity for a fellowship time following the service. We only wish we could adequately say Thank You!

*Gary and Delores Grosnickle*

First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista, as a participating sponsor of the Meals on Wheels Program in Bella Vista, was responsible for meal delivery during August 2017. Thankfully, the weather was marvelous for the entire month. Many flexible and generous volunteers donated their time to deliver hot and/or frozen meals to program clients. As in prior years, there were three daily delivery routes (East, West, and Central) that ranged from 12 to 22 hilly curvy miles.

The Meals on Wheels managing directors in Bentonville and I wish to express a very sincere and heartfelt **THANK YOU**

To everyone participating in this year's effort. May God continue to keep a watchful eye over each and every one of these local saints.

Thank You! *Darrell Bottjen*

Dear Church Members,  
Thank you so much for your prayers and cards and visit from Pastor Brenda when we had our car accident. You are a caring congregation. All is going well. Thank You.



*Florence and Charly Hill*

### Newsletter ~ September 2017 Financial Data

		2017	2017	Compare	2017
		Actual	Budget	2016	Year-end
				Actual	Budget
Month to date (as of 9/30/17)	Actual Receipts	\$52,693	\$50,701	\$60,004	
Month to date (as of 9/30/17)	Actual Expense	\$43,644	\$53,307	\$50,775	
	Balance	<b>\$9,049</b>	<b>-\$2,606</b>	<b>\$9,229</b>	
Year to Date	Actual Receipts	\$468,644	\$456,309	\$472,032	\$608,420
Year to Date	Actual Expense	\$433,060	\$479,763	\$464,072	\$639,707
	Balance	<b>\$35,584</b>		<b>\$4,680</b>	<b>-\$31,287</b>
Operating Account Balance 9/30/17 = <b>\$31,892</b>					

*Patsy Attaway*, Business Manager

# NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 2:00 CHARGE CONF.	<b>30</b> 7:59 Golf-Berkdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:45 Womn's Chrus Prty 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:00 PEO-BR 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>31</b> 9:41 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 Trunk/Treat setup 5:30 Trunk or Treat 	<b>1</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 9:30 UMW Board 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:15 Young @ Heart 5:30 MidWeek Manna	<b>2</b> 9:00 Wideman Residncy 11:15 Golf-Kingswood	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book
<b>5</b> <b>ALL-SAINTS</b> BP ✓ Between 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 1:30 CCM Meeting 6:30 Family CoffeeHouse	<b>6</b> 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>7</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Holiday Grief 6:30 SPRC	<b>8</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 9:00 Disciple II 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	<b>9</b> 11:15 Golf-Highlands 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grp Ldrs 6:00 Evening Circle	<b>10</b> 11:30 PreSchl Brd Mtng 4:00 Rehearsal Dinner	<b>11</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 Wedding
<b>12</b> <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 3:00 Bishop Laity Mtng	<b>13</b> 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:30 Abram SG 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>14</b> 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:00 Naomi Circle 6:30 Finance Comm	<b>15</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 10:00 Calico Anytimers 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	<b>16</b> 11:15 Golf-Dogwood 2:30 Emmaus Beautiful 5:30 MM Game Night	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Helping Hands 10:00 SAR
<b>19</b> <b>PAK-A-SAK</b> 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 1:30 Brd of Directors	<b>20</b> 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Mtng 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>21</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 BV Book Club	<b>22</b> <b>CHURCH CLOSSES AT NOON</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II	<b>23</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 11:30 Dinner for All  CHURCH CLOSED EXCEPT FOR DINNER 	<b>24</b> <b>Church Closed</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book
<b>26</b> <b>DECORATE LOWER LEVEL</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 11:00 Faithful. . . Joseph 12:00 Becs of Bethlehem 5:00 Family Decorating	<b>27</b> 10:00 Staff Mtng 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>28</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 BV Library Brd	<b>29</b> Quilters Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 6:30 Hanging of Greens 6:30 Youth Life	<b>30</b> 11:15 Golf-BVCC	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 Amplfied Big Book 12:30 Sunrise & Abram



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## **INGATHERING**

The Saturday before Thanksgiving has become an annual day of service for United Methodists of Arkansas. On November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., persons from across the Conference will come together to celebrate the 39th 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 5th  
at 2:00am ~

On Saturday night,  
November 4th,  
set your clock back one hour.

**Change your batteries.**

