#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



# **The Good News**

November 2018

# The Angel Tree is Coming

Christmas is coming, and as we have for many years, the Angel Tree for children will be up in the hallway between the Narthex and Becker Hall across from the Library. This year, we have 45 names of needy children from Care and Share from which to choose to purchase Christmas gifts. The card you select will contain the child's wish



list and detailed instructions for your use. <u>PLEASE</u>, you must sign your name by the appropriate number on the clip board for each card you take. This is a terrific project for your Circle, Shepherd Group, Sunday School, Manna class, or Family. We sincerely thank you for your past loving participation.

Be sure to return your items to the tree no later than Sunday, December 2.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Prather at 855-7378.



Wednesday, October 31 5:30pm -7:00pm

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

Barrels for CANDY DONATION & 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 22, 2018
Serving line from 11:30 am ~ 1:30 pm
Bring your family and friends, and let us
serve you for this Thanksgiving holiday.

Cost: \$12.50 per person
Children age 10 and under eat free.
Reservations must be made and
tickets bought no later than
Sunday, November 18
in the Church Office.
There will be no tickets sold at the door.

# Menu:

Turkey and Dressing, Ham,
Sweet Totatoes, Corn Casserole,
Mashed Totatoes 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.



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In recent years, I've noticed a trend in social media during the month of November: 20+ something days of thankfulness. People post a reason they are thankful every day until Thanksgiving. And then... well, then it's back to the usual pictures of food, friends, family, and voicing political opinions.

This all got me to thinking the other day. What if we, as a church, came up with reasons why we each love our church and posted every day in November? It can be a simple one-sentence answer or a few sentences! But, please add #ilovefumcby to the post so we can keep track of them!

Now, I know many of you are thinking, "Sounds great, Pastor, but I don't do that facebook or instagram stuff." We have you covered! Simply go to the board in the hallway across from the Library and write on a card (or a few!) a reason why you love our church. We will also post these on social media through November, and re-post others.

So why are we doing this? To share with the world, and each other, how amazing our church family truly is! Our children and youth will also be participating, so look for their contributions, too.

As Romans 1:8 says, "... I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...." I thank God every day for allowing me to serve alongside you. Our church is a loving, accepting, mission-hearted place and I am excited for our future together as Christ-followers!

Blessings,

Rev. Jeanne

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#### Talking With God November

#### Sermon Series

Prayer. We do it every Sunday. We sometimes pray before meals. We pray when the wind is blowing the wrong direction on the golf course. We pray when a crisis happens, but... the Bible tells us to *pray without ceasing*. That seems like a tall order. And somewhere along the way, prayer has become this complicated, awkward thing that we sometimes struggle doing. So, in November, we are becoming a praying church. Our sermon series is based on the book, *Talking With God* by Rev. Adam Weber. Each week we will debunk the mystical idea of prayer a little more.

From Adam Weber's book *Talking With God: What to Say When You Don't Know How to Pray*: "The truth is, prayer *is* simple. It's like talking; talking with a good friend. Here's the best part: No matter where we are in life, God can't wait to talk with us. What does it look like to pray in the midst of your life? What do you say when you don't know how to pray?" I'm asking the same questions. Let's talk.

#### To Christmas and Beyond December

#### Sermon Series

The month of December is all about getting ready for Christmas: shopping, baking, parties, presents, decorations. We sometimes forget what it means to really look to Christmas and beyond. In the church, our Advent Wreath is associated with the words Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These themes are used to prepare us for the coming birth of Christ, and what Christ will bring to us. We can find Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love on earth...and in earthly things. But, what happens if we push ourselves to go beyond earthly Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and move to a deeper meaning, a deeper revelation, perhaps even a heavenly Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love? This is what we will discover this Advent season as we go To Christmas and Beyond!



Rev Jeanne will be offering an **Advent Bible Study** "The Gift of the Nutcracker." It will begin on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and meet through December 20<sup>th</sup>. The books – including large print, will be available in the office.





# JOINING IN the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Lord, You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight.

I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—
your reassuring presence, coming and going.

If I flew on morning's wing to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute—
you're already there waiting!

This is too much, too wonderful—I can't take it all in!

Psalm 139 (MSG)

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to two separate back-to-back clergy retreats in relatively remote places in Arkansas. The first was at Mt. Eagle in Clinton, AR, in the hills south of Harrison, overlooking the Little Red River. The second was at Subiaco Academy, close to Paris, AR, in the Arkansas River Valley of Logan County, AR, south of I40. The night between the two retreats, I stayed at the Lodge at Mt. Magazine State Park, which is in the Ouachita National Forest overlooking the Petit Jean River Valley. Words are hard to find that adequately describe the beauty of God's creation one finds in each of these places: Awe and Majesty come to mind.

Now if you know your Arkansas geography, you know that neither of these places can be reached by 4-lane highways. All are off the beaten path. Neither are they anywhere close to each other. So to travel from one location to the next, I had to travel through areas of the state I had never been before. In the olden days, with only paper maps, I would have been totally lost. But in today's technological environment, I used my GPS to guide my travel. What a blessing!

The GPS guided my steps along the journey. When I made a wrong turn, the GPS was right there, and got me back on the right path so that I would not get hopelessly lost. When it spoke, I listened. When it was quiet, I trusted that it was still watching over me and was there if I should need new direction.

As I reflected on this, I thought about God as our GPS through the journey of life. God's Powerful Spirit (GPS) surrounds us with Holy Direction. It is as close as our next breath, always watching over us so that we will not get hopelessly lost. The Holy Spirit sometimes speaks and sometimes watches quietly as we journey through life, as we encounter life's unfamiliar territory, as we travel a road that is narrow with twists and turns. Now, you and I both know we don't always listen; we sometimes are sure we can do life on our own, under our own direction. That is the temptation we face each and every day, each and every moment, and it can lead to a path filled with disaster. But when we do listen, when we let God's Powerful Spirit be our guide, the journey is incredible and the destination is breathtaking, as breathtaking as the image on this page.

As we approach the coming holidays (Holy Days), may we reflect on whether we are listening to GPS (God's Powerful Spirit) in our lives, or are we doing life by our own direction? If you are feeling totally lost because the Holy Spirit is missing, or even if you are feeling a little lost, I invite you to find a way to hear the Holy GPS in your life. Hear God's voice, feel God's direction always watching over you, and trust that God will guide you in all things. I promise you will find the blessings of thanksgiving, hope, peace, love, and joy as you journey through the coming weeks toward the breathtaking location of Emmanuel, God With Us, in your heart.

Blessings,
Pastor Brenda



Breathtaking View from the top of Mt. Magazine, Arkansas



# Growing Disciples

Danielle Norgaard, NextGen Director

"A person's a person no matter how small." Dr. Seuss

It's November! One of the many things I'm grateful for this year is the gift of service. When we answer the call to serve, we are living our faith. We are putting our time and energy toward the needs of others. We are living as disciples of Jesus.

Life is busy. Modern families are the busiest we've ever been. We work really hard to provide, to encourage, to educate, to love, and to widen our kids' horizons. Some of us are overscheduled and burned out. Some of us thrive on all the activity and are always up for more.

What's true for most families today is that the church is no longer our community hub. Sometimes church events can feel like just one more thing we have to fit into our schedules. So now more than ever, churches have to adapt to meet the needs of families. We've got to meet people where they are.

I want to know where you are, families. I want to hear your suggestions for fine-tuning our children and youth ministry. I want to know what is realistic for you in terms of service. Do we offer too many events? Is there something we should offer that we don't? How can we condense our program so that it has maximum impact without requiring more volunteers than we have?

Let's work on this together! Gratefully yours, Danielle

# **MEDIA MUSINGS**

Kacy Spears,

Since I've skipped around churches majority of college and afterward, I've been meditating a lot on the concept of the body of Christ, the

church, working together in harmony. In the Methodist tradition, signing up to serve your church is part of who we are, and I'm reminded of a poem entitled "The Social Life of Water" by Tony Hoagland. Hoagland personifies bodies of water and has them interact with one another.

All water is a part of another water. Cloud talks to lake; mist speaks quietly to creek.

"All water is a part of another water." When I first heard this poem, I was reminded of Ephesians 12-13, where Paul states that our purpose as a body of Christ is "to equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (NIV).

Did you catch that? In order to be a unified and growing body, a Corinthians 12 body, we are called to serve. In order to be like water, where all individualism is erased, our focus has to be on growing disciples and service. It's easy to say but hard to do.

But how do we contribute in a way that fulfills us and fills a need in our church? Like Rev. Jeanne said in service last month, we volunteer for something and get stuck there and don't feel conformable asking to move to another area of service. We feel trapped. We all have a part to play, though. It doesn't have to be something you've always done if that doesn't fulfill you or serve our church well. I challenge you to stretch yourself out of your comfort zone and try something new.

# Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

**Thanksgiving** – Marlene has offered to cook again, but we need several volunteers to help her prep Tuesday and Wednesday and, of course, finish and serve on Thursday. We also need some people willing to carve the turkey, decorate the tables, host, and clean-up. Without all of these positions filled, we cannot host this amazing day. **Midweek Manna** – comes to a close on November 14<sup>th</sup>. On this night, in addition to our regularly offered classes, we will have a Panel of

Professionals in the Senior Health Care field. We will have representatives from the following entities: In-home Care, Attorney General's Office, Assisted Living, Nursing Home, and Adult Day Program. Each representative will speak for a few minutes, then have some time for Q & A. **A Christmas Craft** to make and take, taught by Kathy Ayres, will be offered the 7th and 14th. It is a 2-week project, so plan on coming both nights. Please sign up in the office for either of these presentations. If you are looking for **an Advent Study** and are sad about Wednesday nights coming to an end, we can solve both of those at once! Cathy Luck will be leading an advent study "Expecting the Unexpected." It is a spiritual feast for the mind and imagination, a way to reconnect with the Christmas story. It is an advent devotional guide put out by Upper Room. Cathy will be leading this study beginning on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the evening. It is BYOD (bring your own dinner) as there will be no kitchen crew to cook or clean up, but still a great time for fellowship and study leading up to Christmas. There will be a quick meeting about it on November 14<sup>th</sup> after Midweek Manna dinner or you can reach out to Cathy. Books will be available in the office.



# **OUR FAMILY**



#### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Nona Storck
- 3 Gil & Frances Temple
- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Mike & Kelly Liddekee
- 18 Jim & Ginger Hudson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 22 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Ken & Jean Swanson
- 28 Troy & Brenda Jorgensen NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judie Packard
- 5 Darrell Bottjen
- 5 Kelly Liddekee



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 6 Vicki Forrest
- 7 Jerilyn Gemberling
- 7 Jeremy Shafman
- 8 Paul Healy
- 10 Connor Klein
- 10 Shirley Wenger
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 18 Elaine Klein
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 25 Boots Brehmer
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 29 Ed Swanson
- 30 Charlie Crider



Only 2 more weeks until Winter break Last night is November 14th

Midweek Manna ~ Wednesday Nights

**Dinner** ~ 5:30-6:15 ~ Becker Hall

**Groups** 6:30 - 7:30/7:45

Coloring Your Way to Calm ~ adult coloring

Christmas Craft ~ 2-week activity (11/7-14)

**Craft & Activity Groups:** 

(suggested cost: \$5 adult, \$3 Child, \$15 Family)

# **Study Groups:**

- Ancient Roads ~ Jean Meadows (11/7)
- Joy Stealers ~ Elaine Detlefsen (thru 11/14)
- Nooma Video ~ Women's Bible Study
- **Senior Health Care Panel (11/14)**

# **Children & Youth Opportunities**

- **► Infants & Toddlers** Nursery Available
- **Pre-K 6th Grade** Bible Basics-Each week the children study a book of the Bible through scripture & song
- **YouthLife** (7th-12th grade)

They continue to explore various life topics through the study of scripture and its application to everyday life

Sign up in the Office for classes and dinner!



# **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 <a href="mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com">brenda@lovelearnlead.com</a> or 855-1158.

#### **BIRTHS**

**Kalysa Annlyn Boyd** – third great-grandchild of Carole Boyd, was born in Amarillo on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Prayers of joy and good wishes are for this wonderful family.

#### RELOCATIONS



<u>Marie Carlson</u> - has relocated to lowa to be closer to family. She and Stan had been members here since 1994. He passed away in 2011. Her new address is: 1201 S.E. Mill Pond Court, Ankeny, IA 50021

Bill and Carlene Jerman – are asking for prayers as they adjust residences again. Bill is in Memory Care and Carlene is moving into a smaller apartment after a stay in the hospital for a few days herself. During the transition, please send cards of encouragement to her c/o Jerry Jerman, 3948 Waverly Dr., Norman, OK 73072.



#### **IN MEMORIUM**



Sally Peterson - passed away on Thursday, October 18, at Innisfree Care Center in Rogers, where she had been a resident for about a year. Sally had been a member with us since January 1984 when she joined with her husband, Lee. Lee passed away a number of years ago. Her memorial service will be held here Friday. November 9th at

10:30am. She will be buried later in the day at Fayetteville Military Cemetery. Please keep Sally's family in your prayers as they mourn her passing.

**Rodney Benson** – brother-in-law of Co Ellen Sterwald, passed away Wednesday, October 10, in Madison, Wisconsin. Please lift up Co Ellen's sister, Bonnie, and their entire family as they mourn the passing of Rodney.

<u>LaVona Schnaithman</u> – sister of Nona Storck, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Enid, Oklahoma. Nona and Jack travelled to gather with family for her service, Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It was held at a little country church, Antelope Valley Church of the Brethren, outside of Billings, OK. Please keep Nona and her family in your prayers.

Roy Hull Smith - grandfather of Rev. Andrew Smith, passed away October 5. He was 100 years old His memorial service was held Tuesday, October 9, at Winfield UMC in Little Rock. Cards may be sent to Andrew and Rachel at 300 Bliss St,. Centerton, AR 72719. Please keep the Smith family in your prayers.

Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved-ones.

All-Saints Services ~ Sunday, November 4, 2018 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:

Víola Aandahl
Eunice Albers

\*Marshall Beahm

\*Rev. Jocelyn Bernholdt
Wayne Calhoun
Danny Chilton
Mickey Cleveland
Jack Collins

\*Juanita Dittmer
Iola Elder
Jurl Hickey
Syble Highfill

\*Dorothea Hodgin

Glen Hogue

Martha Hogue

Víckí Hoye
\*Betty Hurl
Ruth Jackson
Patríck McBríde
Irl Palmer
Sally Peterson
Bill Platt
Ewart Scarff
R.D. Shoulders
Wilda Tague
\*Dorene Van Fleet
\*Jay Van Fleet
\*Carryl Ziettlow

\*Mary Ann Ziettlow

\*Past/Non member

Bells will toll at each service



# **OUR FAMILY**

# **SCOUTING NEWS**

#### **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

SOLOS ~ Friday, November 16th will travel as a group to Pineville, Mo. for a Thanksgiving Dinner at the American Legion Hall. We will leave the church at 4:30 P.M. Please let Sue Nebrig at 855-9269, or Judy Knadle at 855-6645 know by Thursday November 15th so they can make reservations. The meal cost is \$7.00 and includes salad, drinks & dessert, as well as a full Thanksgiving dinner. All singles and guests are welcome.

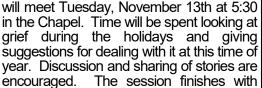
**SUNRISE SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet at BV Bar & Grill in the Country Club on Saturday, November 10th at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Lynn Prueitt if you plan to go so she will know how many to plan for.

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP will gather on Sunday, November 11th - meeting in the parking lot after 3rd service to carpool out to Monte Ne for some fried chicken and all the fixins. If anyone would like to join us for great food and fellowship they are very welcomed to do so. Please contact Darleen O'Brien, no later than November 7th for reservations at 281-781-3838 or darleen-obrien@sbcglobal.net.

Calling all METFIELD METHODISTS—it's time for our annual at 5:30 in Thursday, November 15th the Parlor. Bring snacks to munch on and \$5 for our Angel Tree child.

**SHEPHERD GROUP ONE** will have a light potluck supper at Jim & Judy Bilyeu's home Sunday, November 4. Come at 4:00 if it is a nice day and you would like to take a pontoon ride around the lake. Supper will be at 5:30. Pulled Pork sandwiches and beverages will be provided, and you can bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please let Jim & Judy know you will be coming & if you want a boat ride 876-2345.

#### Walking through the Dark: A Practical Guide to Holiday Grief



words of Hope, Encouragement, and Remembrance.

Cub Scouts Pack 3410 had a summer filled with adventure! We made a splash at our kick off to summer pool party. Next came district Twilight Camp, which included archery, bb guns, water games, crafts and lots of fun. Other summer highlights included attending Scout night at the Naturals, marching in the July 4 parade, and a fun make-it night where we got creative! We visited our neighbors at Concordia and made them ice cream sundaes, learned how to make pizza, and wrapped up the summer with a bike night where we learned how to get a good fitting helmet and be safe on our bikes! Pack 3410 is kicking off another fun filled Scouting year, and we invite all boys AND girls grades Kindergarten-5th to come join in the fun! To learn more contact Cubmaster Jess Hansen at 479-268-1371 or rickiesshansen@gmail.com



<u>VETERAN'S PHOTOS</u> - If you are a veteran and have not previously turned in a military photo, please bring one to the church office <u>no later than Sunday November 4th</u> so we can include you in our video salute to veterans on November 11. 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.

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards and EOIM commitment forms as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Amy will have the schedules done and handed out by mid-December. Please do not forget to include any time you know you will be out of town, so she does not schedule you for that time.



#### November News

The United Methodist Men had a great Pancake Breakfast and served over 700 guests on a rainy and dreary day outside. Inside it was bright, cheerful and tasteful. They raised money for the church a Silent Auction and a special through donation. Our speaker for the November meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm will be our Mayor, Peter Christie. The election is Tuesday, November 6 and at this point in time, I can only assume he will be reelected. The Mayor will bring us up to speed on the activities of our wonderful City and some of the plans for the future. Dinner will be catered by Rhythm & Q. For dinner reservations, please contact Lou Kaufmann at lou@krrealty.com or 366-1291, or the church office (855-1158) no later than Monday, November 12th. Come on out for a wonderful evening, good food, good fellowship and closeness to God as we visit His House.

#### LAY LEADERS MESSAGE

We just finished our Stewardship Program on October 21 when we turned in our Pledge and Activity List for 2019. Stewardship is not a once-a-year project but something we should be mindful about all year long. As I have mentioned various times, not only is our church struggling but all churches are struggling in some manner or another. Money, growth, reduction of Mission giving, but this is something that we are going to get ahead of and resolve.

First United Methodist Church has been serving the community for over forty years and we will continue to serve and grow as we develop new ideas and goals. Our country has been in a struggle for over two hundred and thirty years and our businesses struggle as we build them up from start and churches have the same problem. It is only when we throw in the towel that we lose. Change can become a stumbling block or a stepping stone and if a church continues to do what they were doing ten years ago, they are not going to make it. We need to bring the church up to date and we can't do today what we did yesterday.

What is changeless? 1. Jesus Christ 2. His message 3. A mission movement that does not move becomes a museum. There is an old saying, "If the horse is dead, dismount". This is the time of year to think about the past year and start setting our goals for the new year. Remind, redefine, renew our Purpose and our Vision and go forward, being used by God to change lives, strengthen our church and transform the world, one person at a time.

#### **UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:45 A.M. in Becker Hall. Our program will be brought by Recording Artist Debby



Horn. She will have a selection of songs from Country, Classic Rock & Big Band, including Christmas pieces. Hot Turkey Salad, Cranberry Salad, Roll, & Frozen Fruit dessert—all for \$7.00. Reservations must be made by Sunday December 2nd through your circle or call

Sue Nebrig 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guest are welcome. Child Care will be provided for anyone wishing to attend, with prior notification. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

#### BAZAAR NEWS

First of all I want to say a great BIG THANK YOU to all of you people who dedicated so much of your time and talents to help make another successful Bazaar for the United Methodist Women. All the faithful Thursday morning Work Shop ladies, those who made things at home and brought them in, the United Methodist Men who were so great in helping set up and tear down for the Bazaar, the Boy Scouts and leaders who helped with greeting people as they came into the Church and helping put away afterwards. Great lesson for those young men in helping others.

I am happy to say we have made over \$13,300.00 so far—still receiving some money and we have one more time to sell this year at our UMW Luncheon in December. Thanks to all who helped with telephone calls and all the other little things that needed to be taken care of. Also those who helped set up and sell at the UMM Pancake Days and for letting me take Friday off so I could enjoy my family who were visiting from out of town,. Also thanks, Guys, for letting us take part in your fund raiser. Together, we have raised a significant amount of money to help with our Mission Work. Had a wonderful team of co-chairs in Nancy Spangler and Darlene O'Brien and much help from others! Feeling Blessed, Karen Roenfeld



SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS (for week-ends)

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





WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP began their 3rd annual Christmas Card Project for our homebound members on Sunday, October 14. The cards will be delivered the first

week of December.

They are asking for each family to please fill out a box of cards with each of your name(s) on each card

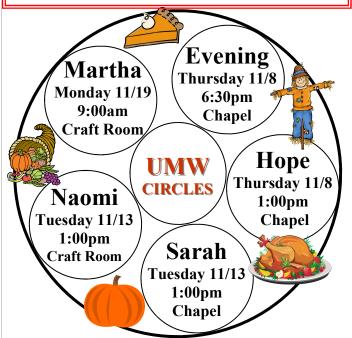
and leave in the Christmas box in the narthex.

Please sign a card provided on the tables at each church entrance EVERY TIME you come to church. This would be on Sunday morning, Wednesday night Manna, and any other time you are at the church during the week.

If you have any individual or boxed Christmas cards you will not be using this year, please bring to Church and leave on the missions table in the narthex. These will be used for the members to sign when coming into the church each week.

Please do not seal the envelopes. We will need to see inside each card so they can be divided between all the persons receiving them without them receiving duplicate cards.

Our last working day for the year at **HELPING HANDS** is Saturday November 10. As usual, we need people in the morning 8:00am to Noon to receive donations at the back dock. From Noon to 4:00pm we again receive donations and also work on the sales floor as cashiers, baggers, and floor organizers. The sign-up sheet is in the office or call Verna 876-1392 if you have questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to take your commitment to missions outside the church.





# **MISSIONS**

# November Mission of the Month

<u>Souls Harbor</u> of Rogers is the only transitional housing community

exclusively for men in Northwest Arkansas. We serve men who have completed substance abuse rehabilitation or treatment and are in need of support in their recovery.

Souls Harbor of Northwest Arkansas is a transitional community for men in recovery that provides a pathway to self-sufficiency by offering grace and guidance.

Core Values: We believe in... Service Above Self

Rebuilding Families
A Faith-Driven Culture

#### **Our History:**

Souls Harbor was originally founded in 1989 as a homeless shelter for men in need of housing and food. In 2015, we became a refuge for long-term support. Souls Harbor is now a transitional community, providing shelter and care for men in recovery. In addition to a safe place to live, we provide food, clothing, educational opportunities, and case management.

We do not charge our residents monetary rent. Instead, each resident is responsible to assisting with grounds maintenance, basic upkeep, gardening, and various tasks around our facilities. This includes working in our community garden and farmer's market, working on community service projects and other fundraising activities. We refer to this contribution as "Sweat Equity"; every resident is required to participate. Once accepted to Souls Harbor, residents must obtain gainful employment or attend school full-time.

We consider ourselves a safe community, where we give our residents a hand up, not a hand out.

In order to gain a true foundation for recovery, our graduates stay at Souls Harbor between six months and one year.

In 2016, Souls Harbor served 45 men in recovery! We can serve up to 20 men at a time. One of our goals for the future is to expand our program to be able to serve up to 70 men at a time. We receive no government funding. We depend on our partners in the community, local churches and our own projects to continue our services. Your donation to Souls Harbor will change not only the lives of men in our community, but also their families.

Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and welcome them to FUMCBV



## From the Organ Console Broc Hite Organist/Associate Director of Music

The last set of Piano Postludes for 2018 begins on Sunday, November 4th, with the ninth through twelfth preludes and fugues of J.S. Bach. I am really excited about getting to the mid-point in Book One of the Well-Tempered Clavier. The preludes for November will be selected from the Vierne 24 Pièces en Style Libre, or pieces in a free style, which I performed in full a couple of years ago.

I'm presenting an organ recital of standard repertoire, something I have not ever done at First UMC. It's on Sunday, November 4th, at 12:10 p.m. The program includes just two works: a Prelude and Fugue by Mendelssohn, and the Suite Gothique by Léon Böelmann. It's about 23 minutes of music, so I hope you can budget the time for these wonderful composers. I will not be repeating this recital, nor will I play excerpts from it during church services, at least for the next several months. Be there don't miss out!

Since our organ deserves to be heard, I'm also preparing a Christmas organ recital in December. Just like last year, I'll present the same recital twice, in hopes you can hear it at least once. First chance is on Sunday, December 9th at Noon, followed by Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, at 6:30 p.m.

In October, I heard a fabulous recital at Trinity Episcopal in Tulsa played by Scott Montgomery. Scott is eagerly anticipating the completion of the installation of the new John-Paul Buzard organ at Central UMC in Fayetteville. At the Tulsa recital, I picked up some new repertoire ideas, including a new-to-me setting of Clair de Lune by Sigfrid Karg-Elert. I now have plans to play three settings of Clair de Lune at a future service. Stay tuned!

Just a quick reminder to check out the *Concerts* page on my Website in order to find out more about the repertoire for my upcoming recitals, as well as everything else I'm doing both inside and outside of these walls!

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Thursday, November 8 ~ 7:00pm All are invited to hear this band's 3rd FUMCBV performance as they prepare to enter international competitions next year.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 ALL SAINTS BP v Between Services 7:30 Praise Tm rehral 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple I 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 Girl Scouts	6.00 SpRC	8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple II 9:30 UMW Board 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:00 Young at Heart 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grip leaders 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 Scouts 7:00 MusicWorks Band	8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:30 S Peterson Service 11:30 PreSchool Brd 6:00 Youth Outing	8:30 Amp Big Book 8:30 Helping Hands 11:30 Sunrise Shep Grp 6:00 Broc rehearse
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