



# The Good News

October, 2009

**Pancake  
Day!  
Friday  
October 16**  
6 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**\$5.00**

**Pancakes  
Ham or Sausage  
Coffee or Milk  
All you can eat!**



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## Consecration Sunday Is Coming!

“Consecration Sunday,” this year’s Stewardship Campaign is underway! Consequently, it’s time for all of us at FUMC to concentrate on stewardship commitments and in particular, financial giving for the next year, while still maintaining a focus on our commitment to prayer, presence, service, and witness. We should think of our commitments as a means of growing spiritually in relationship to God.

As always, “Every Member in Ministry” (EMIM) is the model for fulfilling service within our congregation. Again this year, members of the Church Council are joining forces with the Finance Committee to form a team whose main purpose is to inform, inspire, and encourage everyone to participate in Consecration Sunday, scheduled for October 25.

We will kick off our Stewardship Campaign on October 4. Each week leading up to October 25, a member of our congregation will bring a brief message about stewardship. Reverend G. Mackey Yokem, our District Superintendent, has agreed to be the Guest Leader for this year’s campaign. He will meet with the Campaign Team throughout this process and deliver the message at the October 25 Consecration Sunday services.

You should have already received a letter in the mail personally inviting you to participate in this year’s campaign. Later, we will have catalogs and commitment cards available for you to pick up in the church. We will only mail to those who were not able to pick them up. The catalog contains about one hundred “service” opportunities for you to become involved in the overall ministry of FUMC Bella Vista. The commitment card should be completed and returned to the worship service on Consecration Sunday, October 25.

Our goal is to keep you completely informed through newsletter articles, letters, meetings in Becker Hall, and this year, the Ministry Fair which will take place on two Sundays, October 11 and October 18 after each service. Don’t hesitate to contact Barbara or Ed Jenner, this year’s Campaign Co-Chairs, if you have any questions about this process. Jan Lowe can also provide information on the complete Stewardship Campaign.

Let us all become enthusiastic about this year’s campaign and the events leading up to Consecration Sunday.

*Ed and Barbara Jenner  
Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs*



## WELCOME NEW STAFF



You've probably seen our new director of Children's Ministry, Carrie Drish, on Sunday mornings, herding her charges to one of the four Sunday school classes they attend.

Carrie's fond memories for her own Sunday school experiences and her desire to "grow up to be just like her mother" and help form young Christians have made her the ideal person to lead our Children's Ministry. It is her goal to continue to build our Children's Ministry programs upon the strong foundations that have been laid by those who have worked so hard in the past. She wants to have the "best Children's Ministry program in Bella Vista!"

Carrie moved to Bella Vista from Michigan four years ago with her husband, Ken, and their children, son Owen now 5 years old and daughter, Morgan 14. They have been active at FUMCBV for just over a year.

In her free time, Carrie is learning to machine quilt, does loom knitting and spends time with "the most amazing friends in the world."

Ina Laura James (she goes by Ina Laura) is our new Director of Youth Ministries. Ina Laura, her husband Tom, and 12 year old son, Austin have lived in Bella Vista for just over two years. They have also lived in Oregon and Virginia.



Ina Laura has worked with young people, from preschoolers through college age, for nearly twenty years in schools, libraries, and as a drama teacher and storyteller.

"I am excited and blessed to be working with the youth at this church," Ina Laura said. "I have just met the youth this week, but they are all in my heart already!"



Welcome Garrett Greer as Worship Leader for the Contemporary Service. His wide ranging musical talents and deep love of God have already had an impact on the joy of worship we all feel during the Contemporary service.

### The View from Pastor Doris

Mark Twain is credited with this line: "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." Communication does indeed get cloudy at times.

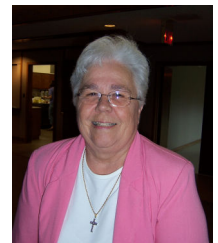
A couple months ago, I resigned as children's coordinator, and most recently -- just before leaving on a two-week trip with my husband -- resigned my position as associate pastor here at FUMC. Something I said or the way I said it was interpreted to mean that I was leaving the church. It was not my intention then or now to leave the church. I have simply made the decision to step back and have more freedom for family time.

When we were married at age 18, Don's and my top priority was each other. That lasted for about two years. Then priorities began to change: mine was raising the children; his was earning a living for us.

In the years that passed, we raised great children, worked at different jobs; I in the ministry, he in law enforcement. I retired from my ministry at Pineville a couple years ago, and almost immediately began coming to FUMC, where I was soon back at work again as Associate Pastor and loving every minute of it. But now, Don has retired — really! And we are anxious to slow down and enjoy life and each other. Oh, I'll still be coming to church here, and I'll visit those who are sick or in the hospital, not as the associate pastor, but as a member of the church.

My role in the church is changing, but you have blessed me and I have formed deep feelings for many of you. I can't imagine not being a part of this wonderful family of God.

*Peace and love, Pastor Doris*





## EDUCATION

### Fall Classes Are Under Way

Our offering of Fall Classes began with a new round of Disciple classes being led by Alan Packard. About twenty people are attending one of three classes being offered during the weekdays. Another class is being held on Sunday evenings, led by Kim Witte, who works in the office of Reverend Mackey Yokem, our District Superintendent.

WOW Wednesdays, with the greatest number of offerings, got off to a good start with about 90 adults and children attending one or more of eight classes. After the first night of classes on September 16, there was enthusiastic praise for the classes and the leaders. The meal of chicken, pasta, salad, and dessert was well received by the 70 who came for the meal.

You can still sign up to come to a Wednesday night meal through November 18. The meals are served from 5:15 till 6:15 p.m. and cost \$5 for one and \$12 for a family of three or more. The regular meal is always supplemented with a vegetarian offering and a kid-friendly option. Come meet with friends on Wednesday nights.



### Surviving the Holidays and Beyond

This very special class is for people journeying through the grief process and dealing with loss. Pastor Sara will host the first class in this six-session offering on Wednesday October 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. There will be a different guest speaker each week to help participants gain perspective and skills for surviving the holidays and building a new life after loss.

#### "Experiential Worship"

Tuesdays, 6 weeks, October 6 - November 10  
6:00 - 7:30p.m.

Facilitator - Pastor Sara Bainbridge

Taken from Mark 12:30, *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength*, this six-week class will focus on learning to develop Biblical worship services that engage all aspects of human experience: visual, physical, emotional and intellectual. The purpose is to form an intergenerational Creative Worship Team of artists, crafts persons, technicians, writers, performers, musicians etc., that will begin in January of 2010. This class will present rational approaches to experiential encounters with God.

Do you have a heart to help with our youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up? If so, contact Ina Laura, Director of Youth Ministries  
You can email her at [inalaj@netscape.com](mailto:inalaj@netscape.com).





## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### 32nd ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Bazaar is right around the corner! We hope that you are all planning on coming and taking part to make for another successful fund raising event for our local charities.

Items for the Candy Kitchen should be delivered to Becker Hall on Friday October 2 before 4:00 p.m. The Garden Center will be accepting your plants starting on Sunday, September 27 thru Thursday October 1. Sign up sheets for helpers are in the Library.

We hope everyone will support the Bazaar by coming to shop and stopping for a cinnamon roll & coffee before you start shopping and then staying for lunch. It is always fun to invite a friend to come along and spend the day checking out all the wonderful crafts and needlework that have been made by the church members.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Northwest District UMW Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Farmington. Our own Kandi Mount, a United Methodist deaconess, will be the keynote speaker. You'll find a sign-up sheet in the library. The cost is \$12, payable to UMW and sent to Elaine Detlefsen or left for her in the church office. You need to sign up by Sept. 28. We will arrange carpools. For more information, contact Jean Justice.

The Arkansas Conference UMW Annual Meeting will be Saturday November 14 at 9:30 - 2:30 in Russellville. Keynote speaker will be Harriet Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division. The theme of the event is "Come to the Table with Purpose." Registration forms are available in the library. The cost is \$14 and registration deadline is November 6.

And finally -- The UMW Board voted to pay the \$215 registration fee for any of our women who want to attend Assembly April 30-May 2 in St. Louis, MO. A sign-up sheet and registration forms are available in the library. The early registration deadline is November 30. Contact Jean Justice if you would like to join the ten others who have already indicated they will attend.

Jean Justice  
UMW President

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

Hope: October 8, 1:00 p.m. Chapel  
World Thank Offering

Charity: October 13, 9:00 a.m. Chapel  
In Gathering, World Thank Offering

Sarah: October 13, 1:00 p.m. Chapel  
World Thank Offering

Evening: October 15, 6:30 p.m. Chapel  
Myra Baker

Martha: October 19, 9:00 a.m. Chapel  
World Thank Offering

Naomi: October 20, 1:30 p.m. Chapel  
Barb Jenner on UMCOR



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### UNITED METHODIST **MEN** October Meeting

The October Methodist Men's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. The meal will be provided by Metfield Grill. Nelson Hamrick will give the devotions. Each year the Men's organization pays tribute to the Fire and Police Departments for the outstanding service they provide to the Bella Vista community. As many individuals as can attend from both departments will be our guests for the meal. The evening's program will consist of the Fire Chief and Police Chief giving a brief update report on their respective departments.

### Fall Pancake Feed

We are just days away from the Fall Pancake Day, scheduled for Friday October 16. Once again we'll be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes with a serving of sausage or ham for \$5.00. We'll be serving from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in the church office or from anyone in the Men's organization. They will also be sold on the day of the event.

To the church membership we would like to extend a note of appreciation for your past support and ask for your continued support. Because of the continued success of the event, our benevolent giving has increased considerably. Since this past January we have made financial contributions to 16 area organizations and agencies.



Closest to the Hole Pizza Winners  
August  
Chet Campbell (twice)  
Stan Tague

## BOOK NOOK

### FICTION:

OREGON BRIDES by Tracey Bateman (Donation)

Three novels of the authors' favorite heroines – Star, Hope, and Eve. They are three strong women who overcome odds to find romance and a strong commitment to Christ.

CARIBBEAN by James Michener (Donation)

Michener tells a story of culture, struggle for empire and of political, economic and racial currents in one of the most beautiful and hotly contested regions of the globe.

FIRST FAMILY by David Baldacci (Donation)

At an ordinary birthday party at Camp David, the First Family's niece was kidnapped. Sean King and Michelle Maxwell, former FBI agents, now private investigators, are friends of the First Lady and she asks their help to find the child.

THE SUM OF ALL FEARS by Tom Clancy (Donation)

Jack Ryan never thought he would ask the questions of "How do you save the President from himself?" What if the President is incompetent to deal with the greatest crisis of all?" With exceptional realism and authenticity, Tom Clancy constructs a novel of suspense.

### Volunteers Needed for WOW Wednesday Dinners

4pm-6pm or 5pm-7pm

Call Jan Lowe at 855-1158 or 531-0381 if you can help for one or two Wednesdays.

Four people are needed each Wednesday - two early and two late.



## MISSIONS

### PAK-A-SAK

Sunday October 18 our collection of food will be delivered to Souls Harbor in Rogers. This homeless shelter for men is in need of all types of food, especially coffee, rice, pasta, dried beans and spaghetti sauce.

Thank you for your generous support each month.



### MISSION OF THE MONTH



Samaritan Community Center is a faith-based, non-profit

organization founded 18 years ago with a strong commitment to "breaking the cycle of hopelessness" in Northwest Arkansas.

Last year the Samaritan Community Center reached out to more than 25,000 individuals and families in crisis. Given today's economy, the Center expects to serve 30% more people than last year; this increase in individuals asking for assistance includes many who have never before needed this level of personal assistance. Being in a position to need help in meeting a core human need causes many to experience emotional turmoil about their request for help.

With the needs of their clients in mind, the Samaritan Community Center has offices in Springdale and Rogers and operates a Thrift Store. In addition, the Center operates a soup kitchen, provides counseling services, offers emergency dental assistance to clients in need, and offers food items from their food pantry. For many of the clients the Samaritan Community Center serves, the most important thing offered is HOPE. Now more than ever people need the love and guidance of Christ and his followers. Please join their mission to "break the cycle of hopelessness."

### SHOEBOX



We packed 300 shoeboxes in September. A big thank you to the pre-packers and

packers: Cheryl Campbell, Carolyn Butler, Jan Abbott, Wanda Holliday, Judie Packard, Sue Van Hook, Diane Miller, Betty Sterner, Karen Roenfeld, Diane Cox, Vicki Schroeder, Sue Prather, Mike & Mary Patrick (also friend visiting from Iowa), Harmony Ford, Bedetta Valentine, and Charlene Rayburn. These volunteers are truly "Shoebox Angels"!

What are "SUNSHINE SACKS"? We are working with Cooper Elementary School to provide hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and soap to students who are in need.

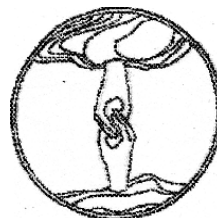
They will be sent home once a month to need identified students in their backpacks. Katie Anderson (second service) has kindly volunteered to deliver the Sunshine Sacks to Cooper Counselor Amy Collins. The identity of these students is known only to Ms. Collins.

Thank you, thank you more than we can say to the United Methodist Men for their generous donation. Part of this donation will be used to provide Sunshine Sacks.

### WISH LIST

Children's (soft bristle) toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, baby bottles (Allen's Dollar section), pacifiers, gallon-size ziplock bags, dental floss, and band aids.

God bless all of you for the donations we received last month!



Look for the  
Missions Team  
at the  
Ministry Fair  
October 11 and 18



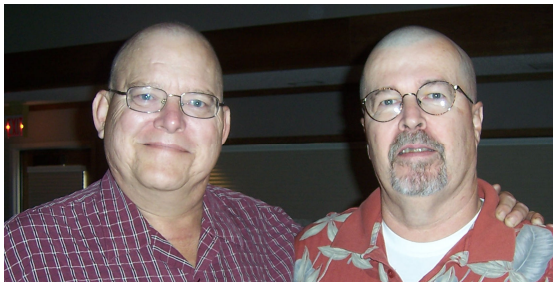
## THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers and visits by our ministers, Rev. Bainbridge and Rev. Schlessman and by our District Superintendent Rev. Mackey Yokem. We appreciate those special moments while Bill was in the hospital.

*Joyce & Bill Connell*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls as Hal travels his journey through cancer treatment. Your support has meant so much to both of us. A special thank you to Doug Grant for his 'new look' in solidarity with Hal as he goes through his chemo treatments! Keep praying - God is good!

*Blessings Hal and Sandy Fitch*



Hal Fitch and Doug Grant

We want to thank everyone who has helped through all these months of preparation getting ready for the bazaar early in October. From the items done at home, the workshop leaders and helpers, the rummage sale chairs, the bazaar chairs, and all of those working behind the scenes we say thank you – it could never have been accomplished without all of your help & cooperation.

*Karen Roenfeld & Pat Jenkins*  
*Co-Chairs Bazaar & Rummage Sale 2009*

## FELLOWSHIP

The Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group will prepare and serve dinner at the **Bentonville Salvation Army Shelter** on Monday, October 12. If you plan to participate, contact either Jean Justice (855-0570) or Cheryl Campbell (876-5172). We will carpool from the Metfield parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

Congratulations to the Highlands Church for their win during the 7th Annual Fellowship Golf Outing. It was close again this year - and much fun was had by all who participated.

The Bella Vista Community Band will conclude its season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 4 with a concert in Becker Hall.



There will be no ticket or admission charge; but donations will be welcome to allow us to continue to provide free concerts at Blowing Springs next season.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new members Eric, Trisha and Brandon Payne. The Payne's moved to Bella Vista from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, motivated by the desire to live in a 'quiet, clean, crime free paradise.'

Eric and Trisha have found employment in Rogers and Bentonville and have found a church home with us at FUMCBV. They enjoy spending time together as a family and reading.

Please make Eric, Trisha and Brandon welcome!



From left to right: Brandon, Trisha & Eric

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- Jan Lowe

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**Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month**

FORWARDING ADDRESS REQUESTED

***To the Home of ...***

## **FALL FLING TIME AGAIN**

Party Time!  
Games, friendly dogs, food,  
sharing, entertainment, and  
visiting with friends are on  
the agenda.



**When: October 26, 2009**

**Time: 10:00 to 11:30 am**

**Place: FUMC Chapel**

All our friends who cannot get together  
with us as often as they like are invited.



Please call the Church  
855-1158 or Dixie Young  
855-7100 for information or  
reservations

Everyone is invited to join us for

**\*6 Trunk or Treat \*6**

Saturday, October 31

6:00-8:00 p.m.

on our parking lot

Come join us for an evening  
of fun for the whole family...

The best part is— IT'S ALL  
FREE!



Wear your favorite costume or  
come as you are. Decorate your  
trunk and help treat the kids.  
Enjoy fun, food, and fellowship with live music!

If you would like to volunteer,  
please contact the Church Office.