



The Good News

October, 2013



FAITH TALK

with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

“TRANSFORMED LIVING....40 days of Change”

Are you satisfied with your life? Really satisfied?

It's often said that Christians have every reason in the world to be optimistic. We know that God is on our side, after all, and according to Romans 8:28, he's promised to work all things for our good because we love him.

And yet, if we were really honest about it, we'd admit that life can still be a challenge. Days can still seem ho-hum, rather than the awesome adventure we secretly long for.

Ever been there? Ever thirsted for more?

If so, here's the exciting news you've been waiting for: Our church family is about to embark on a forty-day study that can literally change the way you feel about prayer, church attendance, acts of service, and even financial giving. By the time it's all said and done, you'll be able to see your relationship with God in a whole new way, confidently understanding how to “live all the days of your life,” per the well-known Irish blessing.

So where do you come in? First of all, know that the church-wide emphasis called “Transformed Living” will involve more than just a series of Sunday-morning sermons. It will involve testimonies, 40 days of prayer, and devotions that can help you define just what it is you're really thirsty for—and how to go about satisfying that thirst.

We'll end the emphasis together on Commitment Sunday, November 10, when you'll have a chance to put your faith into action.

Please don't miss this church-wide opportunity to grow in faith and stretch your spirit through the pearls of wisdom that will be offered. Join me in praying that God would open up the floodgates of heaven, as is promised in Malachi 3:10, and pour out blessings individually and corporately into our lives.

And know that the transformed life that results could be your very own!

Every Member in Ministry (EMIM) is one of the ways that transformation can be experienced in you. On Sunday October 27, you will have an opportunity to tour the lower level of the church to visit with the ministry stewards over Congregational Care/Fellowship, Education, Evangelism, Missions, Prayer, Worship and Music to learn about the areas you may want to volunteer for in 2014. A special emphasis will be given to our Children and Youth—the people, the ministries, and the space. Come and see the many changes that have taken place or are in progress in those two areas. And before you leave, enjoy a free breakfast of Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Egg Casserole, sweet rolls, and fruit. Yogurt and cereals will be available also.

See the article on page 11 of this newsletter to read about this year's co-chairs for “Transformed Living.”

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



UMC OPPORTUNITIES

Renew, Refresh, Revive

On October 3 and 4, the Elm Springs UMC is hosting a series of worship services entitled "Renew, Refresh, and Revive." The preacher will be Bishop Gary Mueller of the Arkansas Annual Conference. The worship services are a joint project of several UM churches in Washington and Benton counties. I hope you will plan on attending. The church is located two miles north of Highway 412 on Highway 112 and the service each night begins at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday's order of worship will include a baptism renewal service, followed by a time of fellowship hosted by some of our United Methodist Women from across the two counties. Friday evening we will celebrate Holy Communion with Bishop Mueller.



Do you have a galvanized water bucket or well bucket that you would be willing to loan for use during the emphasis, "Transformed Living"? The buckets do not have to be in perfect condition. Please attach or write your name on the bottom of the buckets so that your bucket can be returned to you. Buckets may be brought to the office. Thank you for your help!

2013 Northwest UMC District Conference

Date: Sunday, September 29, 2013

Time: 3:00 pm

Host Church: Fayetteville Central UMC
West Dickson Street
Fayetteville, AR 72701



We invite you to join us for our 2013 Northwest District Conference.

We will begin our conference with worship and communion followed by the business session.

After the business session has concluded, you are invited to stay for a time of fellowship.

Childcare will be provided.

The conference is open to everyone in the Northwest District, but please note only pastors and lay delegates to Annual Conference have voting rights during the business session.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Meetings

Placing a spouse or parent in long term care is best thought about before you actually have to make the move.

Understanding the associated feelings of guilt and loneliness can be handled better when they are anticipated as well.

Come to a two-session seminar presented by

Circle of Life Hospice

where you will learn how best to deal with these important issues.

First Session—Mon. Oct. 14, 9am, Chapel

Second Session—Mon. Oct. 28, 9am, Chapel

These meetings, open to anyone, are especially valuable for those who are caregivers for spouse or other family member.



FAMILY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Fall has (finally) arrived and all the signs are here! The school buses are running, acorns are falling and the sun is taking it's time to wake us in the morning! While the sun may be working less each day, our calendars are fuller than ever with kid's activities and planning for the holidays. Our church is

gearing up, as well, with activities and opportunities for your family to worship and serve! Now is the time to start planning for how your family will navigate the seasons ahead.

Each month, there will be an opportunity for family fellowship on the third Saturday of each month. This is an opportunity to get to know each other better, so that we may deepen our ability to worship and serve together ... to be the church!

In October, we have two great opportunities for fellowship and service in the works:

On Saturday, October 19, consider joining our church family on a visit to the Right Choices Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. We will carpool to Right Choices and spend the day together enjoying the beauty and thanking God for the wonderful season. For now, just get it on your calendar; more details for admission and transportation will follow.

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on the evening of October 31, and this year we are looking to expand through our service to the community. Up until Trunk or Treat, we will be accepting donations of gently used or new coats for children of our community. A few quick phone calls to area schools uncovered that over 130 coats were given out to area children through the schools. Often times, nurses purchased coats for children with their own money or school budgets. Schools will contact us directly when they have a specific need for a

size. Let's fill our coat racks with coats to keep NWA kids warm.

The number of families with children in our church is growing! Our ministry is expanding, as well, to facilitate opportunities for all to Love God through worship, Learn through education and Lead through missions. This is a very exciting time for our church, and if you have ideas of how we can serve your family or others, let me know! I always have time for a cup of coffee (or tea) and to chat about your own ministry in our church.

Yours faithfully,

Kristin Crider

Director of Children's Ministry

TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, OCTOBER 31

5:00pm ~ 8:00pm

Becker Hall Parking Lot

Candy Donations &
Volunteers are needed

Trunk
or
Treat





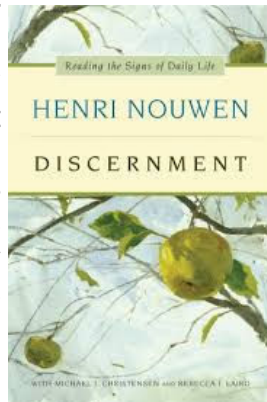
OFF and RUNNING

with **Pastor Lee Myane**

I'm teaching multiple classes this fall. Please don't hesitate to join a class even if you have missed a portion. To take part in either class, please order your book online. If you have trouble getting a book please email or call me. Classes will be a great opportunity to meet new people and continue in your Christian discipleship.

"Henri Nouwen Discernment" Book Study

What: A book study for individuals to answer an essential question by every Christian and seeker: "What should I do with my life?" Led by pastor Lee Myane. This book study will be offered as an evening class and a day class. Please choose a class that best fits your schedule.



When: Sunday evenings for 6 weeks, 6:30-8pm Sept. 29-Nov. 10. October 6 the class will attend the Church Potluck and Africa mission presentation

Where: Room 23 Childcare provided

When: Tuesday mornings for 6 weeks, 9-10am Oct. 8- Nov. 12

Where: Chapel

Details: Contact Lee Myane, cell 479-531-6065, lee@lovelearnlead.com

Please order your book as soon as possible.
Kindle Edition on Amazon is \$11.04
Amazon hardcover is \$18.08
ibook is \$12.99
Cokesbury hardcover is \$17.04

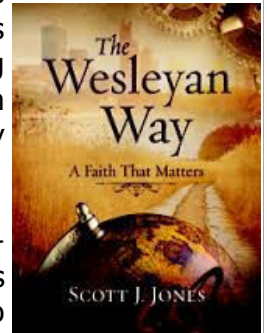
"The Wesleyan Way, A Faith That Matters"

What: This is a eight week class for new and old members seeking a greater understanding of our United Methodist Church theology and beliefs led by pastor Lee Myane

When: Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Christmas Break) class resumes Jan. 8, to Feb. 5

Where: Room 23, Childcare provided

Details: Contact Lee Myane, cell 479-531-6065, lee@lovelearnlead.com



Please order your book as soon as possible. I will have the leaders guide and video. Please purchase the student book.

Kindle Edition on Amazon is \$9.99

Amazon \$11.63

Cokesbury \$9.44

Gail Archer Organ Recital

Wesley Series

Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 3 p.m.

The Wesley Series is proud to present Gail Archer, an internationally renowned organist based in New York City.

Ms. Archer is presenting a varied program spanning five centuries of organ literature. German compositions are well represented, including masterpieces by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, and Mendelssohn. The recital concludes with a famous fantasy by Franz Liszt. On the second half, there is a composition by 20th-century American composer Samuel Barber, as well as the 2012 composition "And the greatest of these is love", by Alla Borzova. Ms. Archer champions contemporary compositions by female composers; this piece is inspired by the Chagall and Matisse windows in a tiny church located in northern Westchester County, above New York City.



EDUCATION

There has been sufficient interest in a November-to-March (sixteen weeks) Disciple 1 course. Presently there are four individuals who have indicated that they will attend this class. It has been suggested (by these four persons) that an afternoon session would be best for their schedules. At the present time, the day of the week has not been set, but will be decided by the members of the class. If you would be interested in attending this class, contact the church office or Alan Packard at 855-1168, or owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net.



SOARING SOLOS/S.A.L.T. (Single Adults Learning Together), "Bible Basics"

What: Weekly Bible study led by Jan Lowe, for beginning and intermediate students. We will study the story of God, beginning with Genesis. Participants should bring a Bible to class. Homework is optional and discussion is expected as we consider together: What does the Bible say? Who are the key people? What can I learn from them? How can I apply it to my life today?
This will be an on-going class with seasonal and other breaks as the class chooses.
When: Tuesdays 9-10:30am
Where: Room 5
Details: Contact Jan Lowe, jan@lovelearnlead.com

Adult Bible Study

What: Weekly Bible study led by Juanita Dittmer, utilizing Cokesbury curriculum.
When: Wednesdays 8:30-10am
Where: Room 5
Details: Contact Juanita Dittmer 479-855-3929

"Revelation, a Wesleyan Perspective" led by Rev. Albert Fisher

What: What is the fantastic book called Revelations? The reason it seems fantastic to us is the apocalyptic style in which it is written, often a barrier to our understanding the message of the Book. The aim of this study is to fill in some more gaps in our understanding and to show how both Old Testament and New Testament scriptures, and indeed Revelation itself, provide many of the keys to the interpretation of the Book of Revelation. It is rooted in particular with Old Testament imagery, but a detailed study reveals a New Testament perspective. It has wisely been expressed that we shall only recognize the events in Revelation when they happen.
When: Thursday evenings at 5-6:30pm
Where: Room 6
Details: Contact Albert Fisher at aefisher1@att.net

AUGUST 2013 FINANCIAL DATA				Compare
		*	=	2012
			- Endowment	
Month to date (as of 08/31/13)	Budgeted Receipts	*	\$ 47,202	* \$ 43,904
Month to date (as of 08/31/13)	Actual Receipts	*	\$ 43,689	* \$ 45,940
Month to date (as of 08/31/13)	Actual Expenses		\$ 49,873	\$ 57,748
Year to date	Budgeted Expenses		\$406,568	\$358,477
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$372,884	* \$384,650
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$390,720	\$390,063



OUR FAMILY



Ann Williams became a member of our church on Saturday, August 31 at a special service that was held to have her granddaughters, Lydia and Clara, baptized. Ann, parents, Harriet and Clarence Williams, along with other family members were also present at the baptism and Ann's becoming a member. Ann is no stranger to our church, so make sure you welcome her when you see her.

Tess & Chuck Whittenberg joined our church at the 9:30, contemporary service on September 1, 2013. Their First Friends are LeRoy & JoAnn Handel. Tess, from Oxford, England, taught Kindergarten or 3rd grade in Mbarara and Lesotho, Uganda; She also did refugee work in Uganda. She raised two girls in Oxford, and also taught kindergarten in Clovis, New Mexico. She enjoys reading, walking and exercise. After much soul searching, Tess has come to the conclusion that her "gift" in ministry is children. That is how she will focus her time in the church.

Chuck graduated from Central College in Knoxville, Iowa. He served 25 years in the Air Force, and 17 years as a Defense Contractor. Chuck enjoys golf but he also likes to serve—he is waiting to find just the right ministry to be involved in here. What a delightful couple. We welcome them.



Ron & Eileen Caldwell joined the church on September 8 at the Contemporary service. Their First Friends are Alan and Phyllis Janssen. Eileen is a retired Art teacher, Ron a retired Architectural Engineer. Ron and Eileen are still honeymooning, having been married just six years. Together they have lived in ten states, but only share two in common—Minnesota and Arkansas. Together they love to do woodworking with a lathe. They love sightseeing, reading, golf and crafts. They actually came to Bella Vista about five years ago and visited at our church. They are very happy to be back—at both! We are so glad you came back. And anxious to have you get involved in the fellowship of the church.

Dylan and Ashley Antoine joined the church at the second service (Contemporary) on Sunday, September 15. Their First Friend is Garrett Greer. They joined with daughter, 5 months, Emmery, who will soon be baptized with all the relatives present.

Dylan graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelors in Business Adm. and Management/Info. Systems. He then went and completed his Masters in Info System at U of A. He has been with





OUR FAMILY

Wal-Mart for the past 17 years in the Info Systems Department as a Technical Expert. Ashley left her career with Wal-Mart just a couple of months ago so she could be a stay at home mom. What a gift. Probably not a lot of spare time right now, but crafts and golf are on the list of things they like. The Antoine's moved here from Udall, KS in 2002. We are so glad they have found us. Help us make this wonderful young family feel welcome.

Walt & Shirley Wenger joined FUMC BV at the



9:30am service on September 15. Jim and Sue Prather are their First Friends.

They are transferring their membership from the Aldersgate UMC in Wichita KS. They are both retired. Walt is into golf, while Shirley enjoys quilting, sewing,

crafts, and reading. Not long after they came here, Shirley got involve in volunteering at Helping Hands.

James & Marsha Deichman will join our church in the 3rd service on September 29. Their First Friends are Amy O Fulton and Carole Boyd. Jim worked as an electrician for a family business; he is the owner of a computer business, was the facility director at Central United Methodist Church, where he and Marsha first met Bro. Jaimie. Jim loves photography and computers, in fact, he has already begun working with Troy Jorgensen so



that he can help out in the sound booth for one or more services on Sunday mornings.

Marsha loves doing floral arrangements, wreaths, knitting, counter-cross stitching. Marsha sings and has already expressed an interest in joining the choir. Marsha enjoys cooking and baking as well. In the summer time, the Deichmans enjoy getting out in their swimming pool. As soon as they are settled in, they will probably participate in Bible Studies.

Maurice "Lee" and Linda Moore will join at the second service (Contemporary) on September 29.

Lee was an elementary school teacher. He's been involved in real estate, and worked for Wal-Mart Security. He is now retired. He enjoys walking, traveling, reading, sports, and music. He also in involved in Gideon's. Linda is retired from being a secretary and office manager for an insurance company. She spends her time reading, doing crafts, and traveling.



Jill Hale will join at the 8am service on Sept. 29. Please check November's newsletter for photo and article.



OUR FAMILY

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01	David & Pat Barber
01	Charles & Connie Danielson
02	Ivan & Merle Lantz
05	Terry & Linda Davis
08	Tim & Christy Harris
12	Kenneth & Mary Jane Hammerstrom
14	Donald & Melba Brown
15	Gene & Jenny Elsey
25	Bob & Shirley Kennedy
30	Lynn & Karen Dove

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Connie Danielson
02	Jean Swanson
02	Esther Youngman
03	Lois Bone
05	Carole Boyd
05	Jim Hamilton
05	Chris Rice
05	David Stanley
06	Marie Carlson
06	Malinda Hickey
06	Ava Claire Morgan - 9
06	Marianne Zotti
07	Shirley Kennedy
08	Gene Young
09	Bob Kennedy
10	Isabella Sampson - 7
10	Brian Wilmoth

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

11	Yati Bryan
11	Stephen Larsen
11	Jim Prather
12	Tom Harris
13	Kristin Crider
13	Brian DeGraf
13	Owen Kiesel - 5
13	Alyssa Wilmoth - 12
15	Don Bright
15	Peggy Schuette
16	George Ann ("G") Billingsley
17	Frank Dees
19	Charles Danielson
20	Arlene Alford
20	Drew Baker - 9
20	Jeanette Horner
20	Kyle Murphy - 6
20	Joshua Patterson - 17
20	Carolyn Sutton
20	Caleb Sweeney - 2
21	Dave Broers
22	Sharon Farrar
23	Harvey Green
23	Richard Henault
24	Bobby Billingsley
25	Elaine Detlefsen
25	Dennis Reed
25	Maxine Ward
28	Richard Abbott
28	Fred Lemley
30	Elizabeth Scarff
30	Lennis Valdez
30	Jack Storck



DEATHS

Richard "Dick" Ashline died September 2, following an illness with cancer of the bones. Mabel rarely left his side during the five or six months of his illness, even when he was moved to Concordia Care Center. A service was held for Dick on September 12 at 2pm at the church, followed by military rites, and finally a reception for family and friends. Please continue to pray for Mabel and her family.

Jerry Lee Appleman, 46, son of Jean Appleman, died at Mercy Hospital on Saturday, Sept 21 with complications from cancer. A private internment service will be held at a later date. Please continue to pray for Jean and her family who continue to grieve his loss.

Mark Kevin Clapp, 49, son of Marlene Clapp, died following a pedestrian/traffic accident on Tuesday, Sept 10. Mark and wife, Daphne lived in Portage, IN. Please keep Marlene, Jerre and extended family in your prayers.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls have been, or will be, delivered to the following people:

Daphne Clapp following the death of her husband, Mark Kevin Clapp

Marlene Clapp following the death of her son, Mark Kevin Clapp.

Vicki Forrest following the death of her brother, Ted Lyons.

Jean Appleman following the death of her son, Jerry Lee.

BOOK NOOK

Book Reviews provided by church members

"The Hunt Club" by John Lescroart

Wyatt Hunt is a private investigator, who is friends with a police detective (Juhle), investigating the murder of a federal judge and his mistress. However, during the course of the investigation, it is determined that Andrea knows both the judge and the mistress. When Andrea comes up missing, Juhle thinks Andrea is guilty of both murders. Wyatt must find Andrea and convince everyone else she is not guilty of the crimes. Will Wyatt and his team of investigators find Andrea alive, and if so, is she really guilty? Will Juhle be able to help his friend find the truth behind the murders and find the missing woman?

Trudy Baird

Home to Heather Creek Series: Before the Dawn by Carolyne Aarsen

Bob and Charlotte are grandparents who are in their golden years and looking forward to a slower pace of life. They receive a call that their daughter has been killed in a car accident. Suddenly they find themselves with the task of raising their three grandchildren. The grandchildren leave California and move to Nebraska to live on a farm with their grandparents whom they barely know. Going from city life to farm life is a drastic change for the kids AND the grandparents as well. Faith, Family and Love will endure the test of time.

Jackie Evans



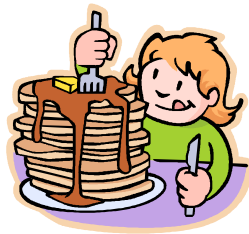


UNITED METHODIST MEN and WOMEN

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men have recently started an Endowment fund for the Children and Youth of the church. This fund is established to assist the Children or Youth in attending meetings, conferences or other Christian activities sponsored by our District, our Conference or the National United Methodist Church. This fund was started with a donation of \$5000 and the UMM will make an annual contribution each September, until the fund has sufficient working capital to provide the financial service. That is the goal of the UMM. Request for funding assistance for these types of programs may be made directly to the UMM Board of Directors.

United Methodist Men's Fall Pancake Day

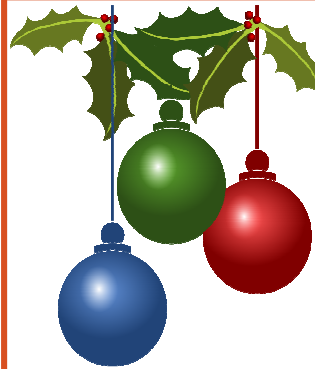


Friday, October 18
6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Pancakes, ham, sausage, applesauce
Coffee & milk

All proceeds go to support
UMM Mission Ministries



FUMCBV
UMW
Holiday Bazaar
Saturday,
October 5

8:30a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Holiday Decorations and Gifts
Plants & Garden Accessories
Dignified Discards, Books
Baked Items & Gift Baskets

Homemade Cinnamon & Orange Rolls
8:30 a.m.
Luncheon Available
10:30 a.m.

We can still use helpers
and baked goods
Sign up on the UMW board
(back of Becker Hall) or call the office

Bring your plants and books
starting September 29

Any questions??
call Verna 876-1392

All proceeds benefit
UMW Mission Projects



TRANSFORMED LIVING (continued)

Transformed Living—40 days of Change

Tim Harris and Maryann Johnson have agreed to serve as co-hosts for this year's efforts to promote the ideas of "Transformed Living." Between them, they will introduce members who will share their testimonies, they will help us get started in the 40 days of prayer, and they will point you to devotions that will open your heart to take it all in.



Tim Harris, and wife Christy, joined our church earlier this year. Tim works at Wal-Mart as the Sr. Director, of Health & Wellness Logistics. In spite of his busy schedule, Tim agreed to take on these responsibilities because he believes in the ideas expressed in "Transformed Living."

Maryann Johnson is no stranger to FUMC fellowship. She is currently serving as Lay Leader for our congregation. Maryann has worn many hats over the years in serving this church. With a doctorate in Education, Maryann has spent many years both paid and volunteer in Training and public speaking engagements. She and Tim will be available to field any questions you may have about "Transformed Living."



They are both looking forward to being involved from October 6 through November 10, when we celebrate Commitment Sunday.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK Sunday, Oct 6, 5:30 p.m. Becker Hall

Andrea Myane and Tiffany Sampson
Present a Slideshow
on their recent
Mission Trip to Africa

Please join Andrea Myane and Tiffany Sampson for a potluck and slideshow presentation of their recent trip to Africa. Andrea, Pastor Lee's wife, and Tiffany traveled as pediatric physical therapists with a team from *99Balloons* to Kenya and Uganda in July to work with the children and staff of two facilities for children with special needs.

In addition to their presentation, **Matt Mooney**, founder of *99Balloons* and author of *A Story Unfinished*, will give a short talk about *99Balloons* and it's efforts to engage communities in the lives of people with special needs. Matt has shared his story on Oprah and The Today Show. Now, hear where this journey has taken him and many others.



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK

Our collection of non perishable food on October 20 will go to Youth Bridge. This shelter provides safety, shelter, and counseling for troubled youth in Benton County. The shelter is in need of all types of food, especially cereal, canned fruit, soups, pasta products, and peanut butter.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Deliveries

Thank you to delivery volunteers Bud Henke, Ralph Johnson, Ed. Jenner, Karen Dove, Cheryl Campbell, Sue Nebrig, and Karen Roenfeld for delivering to the shelters we serve. A total of 184 shoeboxes, work gloves, children's underwear, socks, cleaning and laundry items. To date 205 shoeboxes have been delivered in September with more to go. This is a very busy times for us and your generous donations of items and time are greatly appreciated.

Shoes

We have received more than 25 pairs of shoes and three pairs of boots. The boots have been given to Seven Hills day shelter. The residents of Soul's Harbor were overjoyed at our generosity of shoes to help them to dress properly for job interviews. They are working hard to improve their lives.

Sunshine Sacks

We have begun the "Sunshine Sack" program this month at Cooper Elementary School. Eligible students are those who qualify for the snack pack program. The number of eligible students has increased by 13 to 60 students from last years beginning total. These sacks are packed each month by the "Sunshine Ladies", as we call the members of Martha Circle, and sent home to students in their back packs.

Needs

Wash cloths, women's socks, quart size zip lock bags and travel size shampoo.



As always in His Service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team

Habitat for Humanity

Groundbreaking on the Apostle Build home was held on August 28. This home is located at 609 C Street SW in Bentonville. Our commitment to this year's project will be building a shed, probably the last week in October. Chet Campbell, our team leader for this project, will be looking for a work crew and a lunch crew. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.

MISSION of the MONTH HAVENWOOD

Our Vision: Empowering Single Parent Families and transforming lives.



The Havenwood program meets basic needs by providing a safe and secure place to live. We empower families by providing family, group and individual counseling. We connect residents with community support and resources to break down the barriers each family faces in order to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency and transform their family.

Residents receive services including individual case management services, information and referral, parenting education, pre-job guidance, money management, and goal setting. Residents have been assisted with transportation, life skills education, and with personal financial counseling through case management.

Our average length of stay is 6 months before residents can be transitioned into their own housing (apartment, rental home, etc.). Our average resident is a female between 18-35 years of age, leaving an overcrowded or unsafe living environment, with no regular income source at admission or on Temporary Assistance, with one to two children under the age of five.



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Thirteen members of the FUMCBV congregation departed on Saturday, August 24, to travel to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana.

Sager Brown served a real feast for breakfast and lunch each day. Dinner provided a smaller number of options, but was still very plentiful. Meal time was when we gathered to pray, share and get to know the members of the other three teams. We shared the week with folks from Texas, Florida, and Tennessee.

Each day we made a choice about how we would spend our day. Twelve members worked in the depot on various necessary tasks while three members worked in the sewing room. On Wednesday morning we were all involved in the Food for Families project. Some members helped give out the numbers for food boxes the people were eligible for, while the rest of us worked to put the boxes in the car/truck when they came to the depot to get the food.

We ended most days with a time of devotions led by Dick Andersen. We all looked forward to the time each day when we came together to share what we had done that day as well as to explain any experiences that had touched our hearts in a special way. We all were able to see ways that we had helped make a difference in many lives.

Wednesday, was a free afternoon. We chose to go to the Konrico Rice Factory and later to a plantation known as Shadows on-the-Teche. We learned a lot and enjoyed the experiences we had in New Iberia, LA.

Thursday evening, we attended the Vesper Service in Jubilee Hall Chapel. Julie Fischer was the choir director, while 7 of us (and many others from the other 3 groups) sang. Sue Nebrig helped serve the elements during the closing Communion Service. That event served as our devotions that evening.

None of us were looking forward to the twelve-hour bus ride back to Bella Vista. We were also sorry to have to say goodbye to Janice Smith since she was driving back to Lake Charles, LA where she lives now. We arrived back at the church parking lot a little after 8:30 P.M. Friday night. We thanked Marlene for being our leader and thanked our bus drivers, Ed Fischer, Marlene Clapp, Sue Nebrig and Janet Walton. We closed the evening with prayer by Dick Andersen before we each returned to our homes to rest up. It was a great mission trip. Next year's trip to UMCOR's Sager Brown is scheduled for October 2014.



Back Row: Ed & Julie Fischer, Darrell Bottjen, Keith Prueitt, Sue Nebrig, Dick Andersen

Middle Row: Sonnie Andersen, Maryann Johnson, Marilyn Frisby, Juanita Dittmer, Marlene Clapp, Verna Bottjen

On the Swing: Janet Walton, Janice Smith, Lynn Prueitt


United Methodist Committee On Relief



THANK YOU

Pastor Jaimie & Pastor Lee...

On behalf of our family, we have no words that even come close to expressing the depth of our appreciation for the love and support shown us by the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista...and especially to the two of you for your guidance & compassion as we embraced both the earthly loss of our husband & father and celebrated the beginning of his eternal life with the Lord.

Your love & prayers lifted and strengthened us through the roller coaster of emotions that comes with the loss of a loved one & the homecoming of a child of God...the love of your family to our family allowed us to walk "above the storm" & celebrate the joy of Dad's eternal life. From the bottom of my heart, my deepest thanks for all that you have done in these past weeks. It was an honor to meet you both, and please extend my personal thanks to the Music Director, Choir, Organist, Life Groups, & church members that supported and blessed us!

In HIS Service...Doc

(Larry Timmon's Family)

Mabel Ashline, Janet, and Kay would like to thank the church family for the many prayers, love, and support during Dick's illness and home coming with our Lord. God's presence has been shown through the many cards, visits, food, and love given to us. Special thanks to Jaimie, Jan, the staff and everyone involved who made Dick's memorial service, lunch, and reception so special to us. We are grateful for such a caring and loving church. God Bless, *Mabel*

Thank you to everyone for all your Birthday wishes and expressions of love. It was a wonderful birthday filled with surprises and lots of joy. My favorite part? Don't tell anyone but it was having the church sing Happy Birthday to me. It's embarrassing, but its fun!

Bro. Jaimie Alexander

We are so grateful for you. Through this extremely difficult time, you have provided so much support that we feel truly blessed and humbled. Every thought, prayer, card, dinner and kind word was heartfelt and sincerely appreciated. Thank you so much for being the most wonderful congregation for my family and me. May God bless each and every one of you.

Sherri Watson

Thank you on behalf of the choirs, handbells and praise band folks for the great banquet you put on for us on "Music Appreciation Sunday." We are so fortunate to serve a church where our efforts each Sunday are appreciated by so many people. We're so grateful for sustaining our ministries and will continue to do everything we can to make the music in our worship services the best it can be. Thank you again for all your encouragement and support.

Faithfully, Larry Zehring

Director of Music Ministries

Dear United Methodist Church (a total of six cards from Cooper Elementary School teachers.. Here is one)

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch. We really enjoyed the fellowship and being treated so well. Thank you for thinking of us and praying for us. *Cooper Elementary School Teachers*

The "meal" talked about was coordinated by a team at the church headed up by Lara Sandusky.

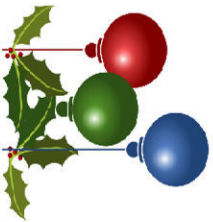



Thanks, Ashley DeGraf for making a cake and presenting it to Bro. Jaimie and Jan Lowe to celebrate their Sept birthdays. The cake was quickly cut on Sunday morning and shared with those attending the Well Service. How nice!

Jan & Bro. Jaimie

Thank you all for the prayers and concerns sent our way these last couple of weeks. Clyde and Ken are recovering from their surgeries and are doing well.

Carol Cheek

October 2013

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
 <p>Holiday Bazaar Set-up this week Wednesday thru Friday</p>		<p>1 9:00 SALT Bible Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 10:07 Men's Golf 6:00 Laity Meeting</p>		<p>2 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30-Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 2:00 Concordia Bible 3:40 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>		<p>3 6:00pm ~ 9:00pm 8:00 Men's Chorus 10:24 Golf-Highlands 10:30 Concordia Bible 11:30 Estate Planning 5:00 Revelations 6:00 Revival-Elm Springs</p>		<p>4 9:00 Disciple IV 6:00 Revival-Elm Springs</p>		<p>5 8:30 ~ 2:00 Becker Hall</p>			
<p>6 BP~ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrls 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 5:30 A. Myane Potluck & African Trip</p>		<p>7 9:00 Golf-Country Club 9:00 PEO Workshop 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 CD PEO 12:45 Women's Chorus</p>		<p>8 9:00 PEO 9:00 SALT Bible Study 9:00 Discernment Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 10:15 Men's Golf 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 5:30 Agape SG 6:00 Laity Meeting</p>		<p>9 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30-Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Missions Meeting 1:00 Guest Followup 3:40 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Confirmation class 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Evening Circle 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>		<p>10 8:00 Men's Chorus 10:30 Concordia Bible 11:06 Golf-Scotsdale 1:00 HOPE Circle 5:00 Revelations</p>		<p>11 9:00 Disciple IV 11:30 Pre-School Board</p>		<p>12 8:30 Old Faithful SG</p>	
<p>13 7:30 Praise Tm rehrls 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 6:30 Discernment Study</p>		<p>14 7:59 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Caregivers Support 9:00 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus</p>		<p>15 9:00 SALT Bible Study 9:00 Discernment Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 10:24 Golf-Berksdale 1:00 BV Book Club 1:30 Naomi Circle 6:00 Laity Meeting</p>		<p>16 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Confirmation class 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>		<p>17 8:00 Men's Chorus 10:30 Concordia Bible 10:32 Golf-Berksdale 2:00 Sons of Am Rev 5:00 Revelations</p>		<p>18 6:30am-2:00pm </p>		<p>19 9:00 MM SG 10:30 Family Event Corn Maze </p>	
<p>20 PAK-A-SAK 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrls 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 6:30 Discernment Study</p>		<p>21 8:59 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 CD PEO 12:45 Women's Chorus</p>		<p>22 9:00 SALT Bible Study 9:00 Discernment Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 10:24 Golf-Country Club 6:00 Laity Meeting 6:30 Endowment</p>		<p>23 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Confirmation class 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>		<p>24 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:07 Golf-Kingswood 10:30 Concordia Bible 5:00 Revelations</p>		<p>25 9:00 Disciple IV 10:00 BSP Luncheon</p>		<p>26 9:00 Avalon/Omega</p>	
<p>27 7:30 Praise Tm rehrls 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 3:00 Organ Recital 6:30 Discernment Study</p>		<p>28 CARE and SHARE TRAILER 8:25 Golf-Country Club 9:00 Caregiver Support 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Calico Cut-ups 12:45 Women's Chorus</p>		<p>29 9:00 SALT Bible Study 9:00 Discernment Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 10:15 Golf-Highlands 6:00 Laity Meeting</p>		<p>30 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30-Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>		<p>31 TRUNK or TREAT 5:00pm ~ 8:00pm 8:00 Men's Chorus 10:30 Concordia Bible 5:00 Revelations </p>					

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