



The Good News

October 2015



FAITH WALK *with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander*

Recently, I was driving north on I 49 through the Boston Mountains gazing at the beauty before me. To the left and right of me the landscape was covered in green trees covering valleys and mountain tops. I could see a lake and in some areas, a creek. Occasionally, I saw a home-place and a road. This time though, I realized that I really know nothing about this area, even though I have been driving through it regularly over the last 13 years. I do not know anything about the communities, people, or natural beauty of the area beyond what I can see through the windshield. I thought to myself, you need to “DISCOVER” for yourself the beauty of this countryside. It is not hard. In fact it is very easy if I would just take time to spend time at Devil’s Den State Park or the Lake Ft. Smith area. All it takes is my taking the time to personally “Discover” for myself the beauty of the countryside in an up-close way. I have made this my goal that in the next few months I will do this. I will have to be determined to make this happen and stay on target to discover the natural beauty of the area.

This is how it is with so many things in life. In order to “Discover” something new, we have to be determined to involve ourselves. It cannot happen otherwise. I heard many years ago that, “If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always got”. Discovery involves doing something new. It involves getting more involved. It requires effort, determination, the desire to learn, grow and discover.

This is true in our relationships with Jesus Christ. “Discovery” is part of a growing relationship with Christ through determined effort and personal involvement. It calls each of us to “Discover Loving, Learning, and Leading”! We have to be willing to do something new and to be open to encountering Christ in fresh ways. When we are willing to do this, we “Discover” many new things about the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit of God. This month we will have a three week stewardship emphasis called “Discovery: Loving, Learning, Leading”. You will be asked to commit to “Discovering” for yourself over the next year loving, learning, and leading through your personal tithe commitment to God and your personal commitment to involvement in serving in one or more of the ministries of the church. I hope you will discover that you are part of something bigger than yourself and a local church, but that you will “Discover” that you are part of God’s Kingdom.

Over the next few weeks in October, be on the lookout for information by mail, email, in the bulletin, and in the worship services about “Discovery”! It is my prayer that you will “Discover” new revelations of the love of God that will awaken your heart and impact your life in great ways!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don’t just come to church, Be the Church!

EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY Discovery Meetings:
Please plan to attend one of these meetings that will describe the changes in EOIM in 2016.

- ◇ Sunday, October 11 ~ 9:00 in the Sanctuary
- ◇ Wednesday, October 14 ~ 5:45 in the Chapel ~
A special Family Night Discovery Meeting
(see details in other articles inside)



Discovery: LOVING, LEARNING, LEADING

A PERSONAL DISCOVERY OF TITHING

Discovering ways to grow deeper in our faith requires opening our hearts to God and a willingness to personally evaluate and challenge existing habits. One way to do this is to return a portion of our financial resources to God through our tithes and offerings.

With the giving of our tithes recognize God as the source of blessings. Our tithes help to create, discover, and implement ministries that change lives, transform communities, and spread the good news of Christ.

Tithing comes from the heart, and prayer is essential for discovering what to give. Your discovery and decision to be faithful in tithing originates out of your love for God. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, we read "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

"DISCOVERY: LOVING, LEARNING, LEADING" SUNDAYS:

October 18 is "EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY" Sunday

October 25 is "COMMITMENT SUNDAY" Sunday

Jan Lowe is Retiring!

A few months ago, Jan Lowe, Minister of Congregational Care, sat down in my office to say she had decided to retire. I was sad over such news for us as a church family, but so happy for Jan that she is at a place of new discovery in life. Jan has been a dedicated part of the FUMCBV staff for over 11 years. She has been the guiding force for "Every One in Ministry". She has ministered to people in both joyous and sad times of life. She has been the voice of announcements, cook, homebound communion server, home and hospital visitor, organizer of events, and more than many of us could ever imagine. Jan has made us her extended family and so her departure from a role in ministry will require adjustment and change for all of us. The good news is that she is not leaving the church family or moving away from Bella Vista. FUMCBV will still be her church family and Bella Vista her home. She will now join the ranks of those who call Bella Vista their retirement home! Jan's last Sunday as part of the staff will be Sunday, November 22.



On Sunday, November 15 at 5pm we will have a Church-Wide Potluck in Becker Hall celebration of Jan's ministry. In appreciation for all the meals Jan has prepared for us, you are asked to bring an entrée, salad, vegetable, and/or dessert to be shared. There will be a program of tribute as well, in appreciation and celebration of Jan. You are also asked to bring a card of appreciation and tribute to be given to her. That evening we will also be receiving a love offering to present to Jan in appreciation for her dedication. Make plans to attend this evening of laughter and tears!

Bro. Jaimie



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor, Judy Rudd-Platt

Shhhhh! It's that time of year again! You know - the time of year when the church asks us to commit. It's the time of year when they start preaching about money and service. Shhhhh! Don't let them hear us talking! This is probably my *least* favorite time of the year. I mean, why do we need to hear sermons about money and service every year around this time, anyway? I get so tired of it, year after year. It just makes me want to take a break from church until the stewardship campaign passes!

How many of us have said these words or something similar when it is time for the annual stewardship campaign? Okay, maybe you haven't *said* it, but you have *thought* it, right? I have! For many years, I dreaded the annual stewardship campaign. I thought it was just an excuse for the church to make me feel guilty about not giving enough or doing enough. (Remember, I have spent many more years in the pews than in the chancel area!) It was a month in the fall that we had to survive. But about ten or fifteen years ago, that all changed for me.

As I matured spiritually, I became more curious about my Methodist roots. One day, I found myself sitting on the floor of the Cokesbury store in downtown Little Rock with books on Methodism scattered about me. After selecting a couple to make the journey home with me, I dove in. I discovered that the early Methodists believed in and relied upon the movement and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in growing as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. I learned that John Wesley believed that God's sanctifying grace continues working in our lives as we grow in holiness. I found that the early Methodist classes were designed to help Methodists to grow in their love of Jesus through prayer, Bible study, fasting, worship and small groups; however, they were also designed to help Methodists express their love for their neighbors by helping the poor, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and advocating for justice. As a Methodist and a disciple of Jesus, I am expected to be so filled with Christ's love that I have no choice but to take Christ's love into the community!

Needless to say, my improved understanding of my Methodist heritage completely disrupted my discontent and complaints about the church's stewardship campaign when it rolled around again. I came to understand that if I was not excited about the ways that I could share my financial, physical and spiritual resources with my church and others, I was failing to sufficiently acknowledge and receive Christ's love in my life in order that I might share it. Uh oh! Busted!

I was ruined! All those years, I had been looking at the stewardship campaign as something the church expected of the congregation. Now, I understood it as an invitation from God. Perhaps you are ready to look at stewardship differently this year. What is God's invitation to you? Come and discern the Holy Spirit's guidance for you as Brother Jaimie guides us on the journey of Discovery to see where God is calling each of us to Lead, Learn and Love.

Pastor Judy

Family Promise Night

Children, youth and their families are invited to a special Promise Night on October 14th at 5:45 in the Chapel. A meal and fellowship will be shared from 5:45 – 6:45 after which the children and youth will meet in their Sunday School rooms for a brief lesson on the promises and commitments they will make to the Every One In Ministry program for the next year. Adults will gather for a brief presentation and discover the areas where they feel God is calling them to serve in the EOIM program in 2016. The evening will conclude with a brief service where the families have an opportunity to make their discipleship commitments together. Please make plans to attend this very special evening for children, youth and families.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support & Spiritual Support

“From him the whole body; joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” (Ephesians 4:16 NIV)

Teamwork on the Journey

Here we are in the midst of football season, soccer season, finishing up baseball season, and in a time of year where team sports just seem to fit the season, for the weather is so, so seasonable. As we sit in our favorite armchairs and watch teamwork in action, we might wonder, “Just what is it that makes a team strong?” Is it a team with the biggest stadium, with lots of talent, with lots of players, with the best uniforms, with the most energetic cheerleaders? If we watch a team long enough, we can discover several components that make it strong. The Apostle Paul knew these components; he encouraged the church at Ephesus in the words of his letter above; he encouraged them to form a strong team.

Paul discovered that a team is made up of individuals, where each does her or his part. He also noticed that the individuals must not work separately, but must be joined and held together as a unit. It is as members support each other to become a unified entity that the strength is built. He also realized that every supporting ligament (not just a few) joining together is what gives a team strength. When ligaments are missing or not giving their support, a team is weakened and not as able to face the challenges that lie ahead.

But a strong team is not just about the physical aspects that the individual parts bring to their work, or even what they do as they physically join together. Paul experienced that the spirit of the team is extremely important. And Paul knew so very well that the spirit of a team begins at the top, with an incredible coach. That incredible coach for our church team, and any church team, is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose unconditional love is the spirit that binds us together. As our team is held together in the spirit of Christ’s love, each individual and the whole team together are built up and grow in this powerful spirit. Our team is strong and powerful in the unity of one Lord, one faith, one baptism. As we support each other on our journey together, we grow and discover new things about ourselves, our teammates, our team, and our Lord. It is not just what we do, but in what spirit and in whose Name we do it.

Our strong church team is built under the leadership of Christ with each of us as a ligament working together and building each other up and growing together in the bond of Christian love. We invite you to join Christ’s team with us through the opportunities of Every One In Ministry. Imagine the new discoveries that await you as we join in the journey together as we build and grow our team in Christ. Go Team Go!!

Blessings, *Brenda*

Newsletter AUGUST 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				
		* = - Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare
Month to date (as of 8/31/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$58,297	*\$54,317	*\$54,908
Month to date (as of 8/31/15)	Actual Expenses	\$59,935	\$54,317	\$50,574
	Month of AUGUST	(\$ 1,638)		\$4,334
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$455,950	*\$435,536	*\$429,828
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$428,354	\$434,536	\$428,017
	YTD	\$ 27,596		\$1,811
Operating Account Balance 8/31/15 (\$ 5,311)				



VISTA KIDS

Kristen Crider,
Director of Children's Ministry

As we watch with ready eyes the changing of the seasons, we are reminded that not much remains constant here on earth! Whether it be nature or the forces of man, nothing about life seems very constant. Our October theme with the children is about something that remains constant in our lives, though: the promises made to us by God. **BIG PROMISES!**

As we study God's Promises this month, we have an opportunity to make our own! Wednesday, October 14th is Promise Night at Sunday School! We will have fun for families to come together and learn about opportunities they have to serve with our church throughout the year. A night of dinner catered by Papa Mike's, Family Games, and a lesson for children and youth on making a commitment to themselves and to the church will be offered. This event is in coordination with our EOIM campaign. We will start dinner at 5:45 pm, and are very excited to offer this opportunity for families! Please let the church know you will be coming so we can let Papa Mike know how many to prepare for!

Of course, October brings Trunk or Treat! This year, it will be held on October 31 – Saturday – from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This annual event is a great opportunity to "Be the Church" as we welcome Bella Vista and the surrounding communities into our church. Be on the lookout for our volunteer sign up area and candy drop off in the Narthex in the upcoming weeks. One of the best ways to get to know more people is to work side by side with them! We are adding a mission component this year...to gather new socks, caps, and gloves of any size to be given to shelters for those in need for the chilly upcoming months!

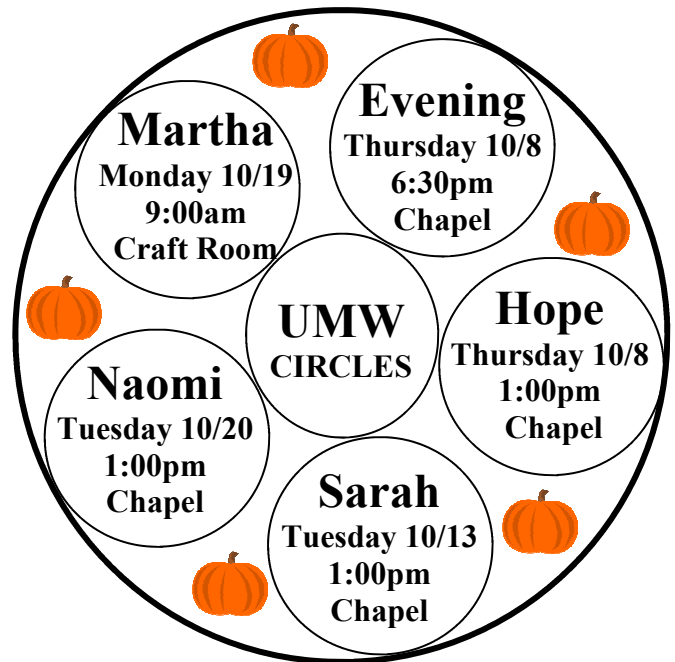
Finally, the children will be making Christmas cards for our Service Men and Women to go out with care packages in November. If your family wants to work on some cards at home, bring them in anytime during the month of October!

Kristin

UNITED METHODIST



All men of the church are invited to the United Methodist Men monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. Bella Vista Police and Fire chiefs and personnel will be guests for the evening. Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, & Sweet green beans are included in the meal catered by Papa Mike's. Reservations need to be made either by phone tree or with Jim Belcoff (616-6738) no later than Sunday, October 11.



Jesus Calling:

Enjoying Peace in His Presence

Beginning Wednesday, October 7th from 6-7pm, Brother Jaimie will lead a 5-week small group, discussing this #1 bestseller daily devotional based on Jesus' own words in Scripture offering hope, guidance, and peace. Childcare will be available with advance notice. Books may be purchased from several sources.



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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

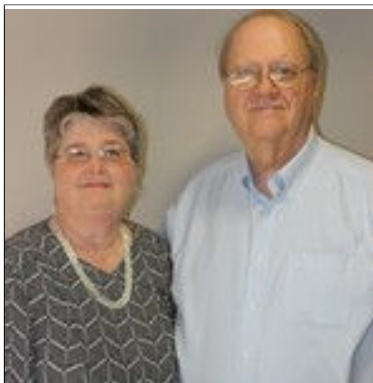
Larry and Diane Rolph became members of FUMC, BV at the 10:45am service on August 30. Their First Friends are Lynn & Keith Prueitt. They are in The Wesley Shepherd Group. Larry is retired from Burlington Northern Railroad; Diane is a homemaker.



They moved to Bella Vista from Mesa, AZ in April this year, but consider themselves from St. Paul, MN, where Larry worked and retired from his job at the railroad. They have lived in various places for the experience—in Wisconsin they lived on a nature lake, then they lived in Hawaii where they boogie boarded and snorkeled. They moved to New Mexico and to Arizona for adventure.

They both enjoy walking and recently joined Silver Sneakers for exercise and to meet new people. Greet them when you see them next time.

Roger and Allison Totten joined our church on August 31 by transfer of membership from Melbourne United Methodist Church in Melbourne, AR, where they lived for 41 years. Their First Friends are Karen and Dick Bacon. They are members of the Wesley Shepherd Group. Roger is a retired Optometrist and Allison is retired from



teaching. Roger enjoys fishing and woodworking, while Allison like to quilt. They both like to spend as much of their leisure time as they can with their son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Springdale. Welcome Roger and Allison to Bella Vista and to FUMC, BV.

Ron and Julie Buker became members of FUMC, BV at The Well service on August 30. They are transferring here from another Methodist church in Cullman, Alabama. They are part of the Good 18 Shepherd Group and Jim and Sue Prather are their First Friends. Ron is retired from UPS; Julie works for Wal-Mart at the money center now, but worked for 30+ years as a Christian Education Director, part of that time at FUMC in Cullman, AL.

Ron and Julie were drawn to Bella Vista by all the opportunities for experiencing nature, and because they really liked our Contemporary service. They love walking, bird watching, native plants, the history of the region, Civil War, Native American, and visiting state parks.



They also enjoy working out, yard work, golfing, and fishing.

Julie just had surgery for breast cancer this September. Keep her in your prayers in the coming weeks and months. We are pleased they chose to become a part of this family.



OUR FAMILY

Allan Hagan was baptized by immersion during The Well service on August 30, and joined our church on the same day. Allan is an employee of Oasis of NWArkansas. He has professional experience in film and television. His First Friend is Naomi Stephen. He is a member of the Believers Shepherd Group. Allan moved to Bella Vista from Los Angeles, CA where he worked in Hollywood in film and television. Allan has had the privilege of living many places around the world, so grab him to find out more about his experiences. He does enjoy fishing. Welcome Allan.

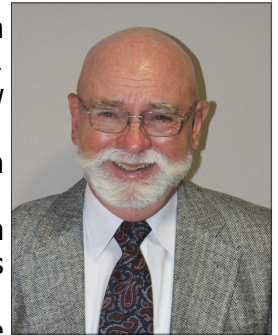


there he was an Immigration Officer for the Dept of Justice, and finally he was in law enforcement.

He was baptized in his youth while in the military in Germany. When you see Skip, ask him about one of his previous life's jobs—underwater clown?????

Skip moved here with his wife for several reasons—"it is centrally located in the U.S., we enjoy four distinct seasons, and the people are nice."

He likes reading, gardening and landscape, and swimming. Welcome Skip to our church.



Jeff Canada became a member of FUMC,BV on September 6 at The Well service. Home for Jeff is Arkansas—NW and River Valley. Jeff works for Wal-Mart in the Accounting and Finance area.



Jeff is an outdoor person, enjoying Razorback sports, biking, camping, and anything else that will get him outdoors. His job at Wal-Mart keeps him busy, but he really enjoys being with family and friends.

His First Friends are Heath and Jennifer Lehmann. He is a member of the newest Shepherd Group, (not named yet, and led by Maryann Johnson.) We are so glad to have Jeff as a member of our church.

Archie (Skip) Birkner became a member of FUMC at the last service on September 20. He is no stranger to our church, having been a frequent visitor or the past five or six years. His First Friends are Chris and Elaine Klein. He is a member of the Metfield Methodists Shepherd Group.

Skip is retired but his work career was in Tourism as the manger of Texas Travel Info Center; he began his military career at the Georgia Military Prep Academy, then a soldier, and finally as a master Sgt in the Texas Air National Guard; somewhere in

DEATHS

Emma Rose Jennings died August 28. A graveside service was held in Wichita KS on Friday, September 25. Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt officiated.

Syble Martin died on Sept 2. She had been living at Innisfree in Bentonville, AR.

Charles Korns died on September 6, after a lengthy illness that affected several areas of his body. He will be greatly missed by Marion, his wife, his children, and many friends and extended family. A memorial service was held at the church on Sept. 11. Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt officiated.

Pearl Benoy, mother of CoEllen Sterwald, died on Sept 14. Services will be held in Wisconsin.

Dan Chase, former, long-time member of our church, died in Kansas City on Friday, Sept 18. A service was held in Kansas City to celebrate his life.

Ann Cass, former long-time member of our church, died Friday, Sept 18 in Minneapolis, MN. A memorial service will be held in Minnesota in the spring to celebrate her life.

Regina Brooks, daughter-in-law of Barbara and Curtis Brooks, died Saturday, Sept 19 in Kansas City.

Roy Tunnell passed away at Circle of Life, Springdale, unexpectedly on Friday, September 25. A memorial service is planned for a later date.



OUR FAMILY

SOARING SOLOS

Singles have two outings planned for October.

October 9, Friday, 11:00am, bus trip to Wooden Spoon in Gentry for lunch.

October 25, 4pm, Soup and Salad Potluck at Church followed by a Movie. Let me know if you have a movie you'd like us to watch and we'll decide at the luncheon on October 9.

Set aside November 7 for a day trip (bus) to Pioneer Days at Harbor Village Museum in Grove, Okla. Life in the 1800's will come to life through demonstrations of heritage crafts and trades.

If you are a senior single, you can sign up for any of the above activities or get added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, by contacting Jan at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl group, off for the summer, are back to their regular 10:00am Tuesday morning meetings.

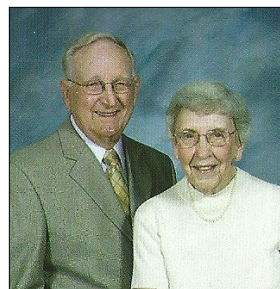
You can request that a prayer shawl be given to a church or family member, or a friend who is dealing with the death of a loved one, or a serious illness or injury. Contact any clergy member, or Jeneda Mickelson, the Prayer Shawl Team Leader to make arrangements.

ADVENT BOOKLET

It's hard to believe we are already thinking about our Advent Booklet for this year. Writers are needed to prepare four devotionals, one for each week from November 29 through December 20. Please contact Jan Lowe if you are willing to be a writer or would just like to learn a little more about the opportunity. If you have a way with the written word, this could be a blessing for you and for the congregation.

FAMILY FOREVER

I received a lovely letter today from Helen Farris.



She and husband, Lacy moved from Bella Vista after 20 years as members of FUMC,BV. They moved to Glen Carbon-Edwardsville, IL, in 2010. Lacy died a year later in 2011. Helen is 94 and "doing ok." She looks forward to receiving The Good News each month and loves reading about what

is happening in the church. She has been impressed with what she reads about our youth and their leadership.

She reminded me of a cornbread recipe I had shared with her following one Thanksgiving dinner. Helen would love to hear from some of her friends from church. You can write to her at 300 Station Rd, Apt 8216, Glen Carbon, IL 62034

All Saints Sunday is Sunday November 1st, when we will remember those members who have passed away this past year. Please carefully look this list over and let the office know if we have inadvertently missed someone.

Claude Bradley

*Ann Cass

*Dan Chase

Maxine Clark

Rosemary Dyson

Rita Fischer

Rev. Harold Fitch

Jean Gard

Donna Hamilton

Jack Hunter

Emma Rose Jennings

Charles Korns

Sybil Martin

Eleanor Moore

Carroll Prior

Ray Roeder

Leveta Tunnell

Roy Tunnell

Vernon Walker

Robert Webb

Marvin Wright

*Past member



OUR FAMILY

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charles & Connie Danielson
- 2 Ivan & Merle Lantz
- 5 Terry & Linda Davis
- 8 Tim & Christy Harris
- 12 Kenneth & Mary Jane Hammarstrom
- 16 Donald & Melba Brown
- 25 Bob & Shirley Kennedy
- 30 Lynn & Karen Dove

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Connie Danielson
- 2 Betty Reynolds
- 2 Jean Swanson
- 3 Evelyn Antoinette
- 3 Lois Bone
- 3 Rob Whitesides
- 4 Don Jones
- 5 Carole Boyd
- 5 Darleen O'Brien
- 5 Chris Rice
- 5 David Stanley
- 6 Marie Carlson
- 6 Allan Hagan
- 6 Malinda Hickey
- 6 Ava Claire Morgan
- 6 Marianne Zotti
- 7 Shirley Kennedy
- 8 Madison Hanna
- 8 Gene Young
- 9 Bob Kennedy
- 10 Isabella Sampson
- 10 Brian Wilmoth
- 11 Stephen Larsen
- 11 Jim Prather

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 12 Sandra Beverage
- 12 Tom Harris
- 13 Richard Bacon
- 13 Kristin Crider
- 13 Alyssa Wilmoth
- 14 Shalan Ziemianin
- 15 Peggy Schuette
- 15 Mickey Shank
- 15 Lonnie Ziemianin
- 16 George Ann ("G") Billingsley
- 17 Frank Dees
- 19 Charles Danielson
- 20 Arlene Alford
- 20 Drew Baker
- 20 Jeanette Horner
- 20 Kyle Murphy
- 20 Joshua Patterson
- 20 Carolyn Sutton
- 20 Caleb Sweeney
- 21 Dave Broers
- 21 Bedetta Valentine
- 22 Sharon Farrar
- 23 Harvey Green
- 23 Richard Henault
- 24 Bobby Billingsley
- 24 Janet McIntosh
- 25 Elaine Detlefsen
- 25 Dennis Reed
- 25 Maxine Ward
- 25 Cheryl Whitesides
- 28 Richard Abbott
- 28 Fred Lemley
- 30 Jack Storck
- 30 Lennis Valdez



MISSIONS



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Such a beautiful fall day, it is hard to stay inside. But there is a lot going on with Shoebox during the month of October and many more through the end of the year.

Our last delivery was a total of 207 shoeboxes. We would like to welcome and thank Mary Patrick for becoming our new delivery volunteer to Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter each month. Mary has long been a Shoebox volunteer but just became a delivery volunteer. If you would like to adopt a shelter to make deliveries please contact one of the team leaders. They are Cheryl Campbell, Diane Cox or Karen Roenfeld. We need you!!

As of the writing of this article, September deliveries have not been made.

We are still in need of socks. Again, please purchase large size children's socks. Also no slipper socks, women's knee highs, or pantyhose. Those can be taken to Helping Hands or the Thrift store of your choice.

I want to thank everyone for their donations to Shoebox this last month. We find a place for everything donated unless it has been opened and/or is partially full. Health laws do not allow us to give those items to others.

Needs this month are women's feminine products, zip-lock bags (quart size), and socks of all kinds.

As always in his service,

The Shoebox Team Leaders

PAK A SAK

October 18 we will be delivering our collection of non-perishable food items to YOUTH BRIDGE. This shelter provides safety and counseling to troubled Benton County youth. The shelter is in need of all types of food, especially cereal, canned fruit, soups, pasta, peanut butter and jelly. All our agencies appreciate your generosity each month.

Sue Nebrig

PS. I will be retiring from Pak-A-Sak Team Leader at the end of this year, after many years in this role. This is a fulfilling ministry and ideal for a dedicated person, couple, or small group. Please prayerfully consider this position as you think of how best you can "Be The Church!". Ask me for details. **SN**



SPECIAL COLLECTION

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF CHEESE CRACKERS & JUICE BOXES FOR BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NURSES OFFICES.

CASH DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS SPECIAL NEED.



Due to budget cuts by the School District, the High School Nurses offices no longer have funds to provide snacks for students for dispensing medications or students who may need special nutritional help. Because of food allergies-please only cheese crackers (no peanut butter). Any type of individual serving juice boxes are fine.

MEALS ON WHEELS

With the EOIM effort coming soon, I would like to encourage the members of FUMC to consider getting involved in Meals on Wheels. An assistant coordinator is needed to step in if I might not be able for health or other reasons to perform meal separation and delivery. FUMC's next month for delivering meals will be May 2016. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday excluding Holidays. Meals are separated into the three (3) routes which takes about a half hour. Delivery teams then deliver meals to clients, which takes approximately one and one half hours. This process is not physically difficult so please prayerfully consider volunteering for this local mission. *It only happens one month out of the year!* Thank you, *Darrell Bottjen*

Join us for a concert honoring Veterans Saturday November 7 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A Dessert reception will follow in Becker Hall. The concert is free and will be featuring singers from the University of Arkansas as well as many other exciting surprises. Please invite local veterans, family, and friends. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special musical performance. You won't want to miss it!



What's happening at Helping Hands

It's been a busy summer at HH. They've been sending out mass mailings with a coupon included in an effort to spread the knowledge about the facility. The food pantry distributions increased due to school being out and children needing lunches at home. But thankfully, sales were also up for a couple months. The building is approaching the age where things need repairing as evidenced by the need to replace the air conditioner in the marking room this year. There is always a need for volunteers during the week and, of course, our church takes its turn at helping out on Saturdays. So, our second time for this year is approaching. It will be October 24th. As usual we will need about 4 guys in the morning to help receive donations and then both guys and gals in the afternoon for help inside, as well. The sign-up sheet will be in the office starting October 4. This is a great hands on mission opportunity. Any questions, please ask us.

Verna Bottjen or Shirley Wenger

MISSION of the MONTH

The mission of the **Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County** is to provide a safe place for child abuse victims and their families to receive comprehensive services from dedicated professional interviewers, nurses, counselors and advocates in a child-friendly atmosphere through a coordinated team approach as well as provide education to the community.



The Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County (CAC) opened January 10, 2000 to provide a safe place to serve sexually, and physically abused children in a supportive child friendly environment. At the CAC abused children and their families can receive the support needed to deal with the abuse. We are available to serve all Benton County child abuse victims under age 18 after a report has been made to the child abuse hotline.

We provide:

- ◇ A child-friendly and non-threatening environment
- ◇ Trained forensic interviewers (bilingual services available)
- ◇ Specialized Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and an on-site medical exam room
- ◇ Child advocates to assess family needs and provide follow-up, support, and referral services
- ◇ On-site counselors available to meet with the child and non-offending family members
- ◇ All services at no charge to the family

According to the National Children's Alliance: "The collaborative child-focused approach of a Children's Advocacy Center ensures that children are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them."

TRUNK OR TREAT Saturday, OCTOBER 31

5:30pm ~ 7:30pm

Becker Hall Parking Lot

Candy Donations &
Volunteers are needed

(sign up outside Becker Hall on Sundays or
in the office - candy barrels will be out
soon for collection)



THE ANGEL TREE will be up in the hallway across from the Library by Sunday, October 25. There will be cards for 45 needy girls and boys. Let's help these children have a nice Christmas by taking all the cards from the tree. Shepherd Groups and Circles and other groups are invited to go together to fulfill the wishes of these children.





Musical Notes

From Broc Hite, organist

A tour of Notre Dame de Paris

The church of Notre Dame de Paris evokes many things. The Seine River flowing on both sides of Île de la Cité. The famous hunchback. The nine new tower bells that were added just in time to celebrate the church's 850th anniversary. Or, on a more mundane note, the many pickpockets that lurk as tourists let down their guard in awe of this church!



Instead, this tour is a weekly installment of the 24 pieces in free style written by one of Notre Dame's most celebrated organists, Louis Vierne, who served as the *Organiste Titulaire* from 1900 through 1937 (his death). I would argue that this collection of organ pieces, published in 1914, ranks among the best ever written for the organ.

Vierne didn't have an easy life. He was born nearly blind, and lost his sight completely in adulthood. His teacher, César Franck, died just several months after he entered the Paris Conservatoire. He was divorced from his adulterous wife and his mother died in 1911. These pieces reflect an outpouring of that experience, in addition to the highly chromatic and experimental harmonic language in vogue following the end of the Romantic period.

Most mature organ works are written for large organs and a console having three or four manuals. The beauty of these pieces is that they require just two manuals and a minimum of stops. The 30-rank, two-manual instrument originally built by Casavant Frères in Québec is perfectly suited to the French tonal palette that was envisioned by the composer. I hope you will enjoy each and every one of these miniature masterpieces. *Broc*

20th Anniversary of the Wesley Series Concerts

Just Desserts and Jazz

Dan Knight

and the "Usual Suspects"

Friday, October 9 ~ 7:00pm

Becker Hall

\$10:00 per person

Enjoy an evening of Jazz & fancy desserts



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The Wesley Series Concerts of
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Gail Archer, Organ

Performing the
Music of:

J. S. Bach
Buxtehude
Howe
Parker
Reger
Tower



3:00p.m.
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BOOKS IN SERIES:

BATTLES of DESTINY by Al Lacy

1. A PROMISE UNBROKEN (Rich Mountain)
2. A HEART DIVIDED (Mobile Bay)
3. BELOVED ENEMY (Bull Run)
4. SHADOWED MEMORIES (Shiloh)
5. JOY FROM ASHES (Fredricksburg)
6. SEASON OF VALOR (Gettysburg)
7. WINGS OF THE WIND (Antietam)
8. TURN OF GLORY (Chancellorsville)

THE INN at EAGLE HILL by Suzanne Woods Fisher

1. THE LETTERS
2. THE CALLING
3. THE REVEALING

RED RIVER of the NORTH by Lauraine Snelling

1. AN UNTAMED LAND
2. A NEW DAY RISING
3. A LAND TO CALL HOME

HEARTS of the LANCASTER GRAND HOTEL by Amy Clipston

1. A HOPEFUL HEART
2. A MOTHER'S SECRET
3. A DREAM OF HOME
4. A SIMPLE PRAYER

RIBBONS WEST by Tracie Peterson & Judith Pella

1. WESTWARD THE DREAM
2. SEPARATE ROADS
3. TIES THAT BIND

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

SILVER LININGS by Debbie Macomber

Jo Marie Rose discovers the secret behind her boyfriend's decision to leave town.

Mark Your Calendar!!
All~Church Work Day
Saturday, October 24th
 8:00am til all the work is done
 (watch for further details)

Report from the Sager Brown Trip

What a wonderful experience! There is so much to tell that I can't put everything on this paper, so you will just have to ask Janet Walton, Cheryl Campbell, Sue Nebrig, Mabel Ashline, Darleen O'Brien, Elaine Detlefsen, Tom & Molly Harris, Keith & Lynn Prueitt & Darrell Bottjen or myself for each individual's impressions. I can say that it was interesting, inspiring, informative, satisfying, challenging, fun and spiritual just to mention a few. The weather was typical Louisiana with heat and humidity and some rain but most areas were air conditioned, so we learned to deal with it. There were three other groups from Texas who joined with us in assembling school kits and layette kits as well as visiting a local women's shelter to help out and a low income housing to play Bingo with the residents. Since they are about a month away from opening a new dormitory, our guys were enlisted to finish shellacking the new beds & lawn chairs for that. And several of our women spent the week sewing school bags and baby gowns. But all was not work. We had Wednesday off and the guys did manage a game of golf in between showers, and the ladies saw a beautiful plantation home as well as learned about the native Chitimacha Indians and how the Bayou Teche got its name. If you want to know, you will just have to go with us next time. We're not sure about when our next trip will be but watch for more news about this wonderful mission opportunity. *Verna Bottjen*, coordinator



The 2015 Sager Brown group with Bro. Jaimie's Aunt Dot at Williams Memorial UMC in Texarkana



THANK YOU

Each of us want to thank you for your love and support as we grieve the recent loss of our parents, Roy & Leveta Tunnell. We were so blessed by the outpouring of your acts of kindness, your cards and calls, by the meal and reception you provided after her Celebration of Life, and more. We have so appreciated the attentiveness of Brother Jaimie, Pastor Judy, Jan Lowe, Brenda Wideman & Janet Walton, and Chet Campbell, all of whom provided much needed care and attention to details during this difficult time. May your journey of faith be enriched through the Christian fellowship in which Roy & Leveta were so blessed to share. Love & Blessings, *Karin, Debby, & Bekki* (Rev. Karin Tunnell, Deborah Tunnell Bowersock, Bekki Tunnell Benda and our families)

The family of Charles Korns thanks everyone for the outpouring of prayers, love and concern during Charles' illness and passing. Special thanks to the Missions Team for hosting the reception after his service and to our Shepherd Group, Abram, for providing a meal for the family. Thank you, Brenda for being with our family the day of his passing. And thank you Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Judy for such a beautiful service. We cherish your continued prayers as we move through this period of grief and finding our new normal.
Marion Korns and Family

A loving "Thank You" to my church family for their prayers, telephone calls and cards during my recent eye surgery. A special thanks to Brenda Wideman for her personal visit and prayers prior to my surgery. God Bless,
Ralph Johnson

I deeply appreciate so many kindnesses shown to me during the time of my unexpected hospitalizations and subsequent recuperation at home. To Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Judy, and Brenda, special thanks for your hospital visits and calls. Prayers, calls, visits, and cards were deeply appreciated and warmed our hearts and gave us much comfort. We are truly blessed.
Delores Grosnickle

We want to thank each of you who take the time to visit my sister Norma. Even though she might not remember you, she really enjoys your visits. Also, for the "goodies" and cards. All this brings joy to her heart as did the Happy Birthday song. Thanks! May God bless you all.
John & Gladys Jutte

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has sent a card, a gift, drawing, blessings, thoughts, and prayers to Emmery and our family during Emmery's ongoing battle with cancer. We could not have a better and more supportive church family. Your prayers and positive thoughts have helped us get through the hardest of days, and we can't thank you enough for your continued prayers. We appreciate and love each and every one of you. God bless

Dylan, Ashley & Emmery Antoine

I would like to give thanks to all of the members of FUMCBV for making me feel so welcome over the past year. I came to Bella Vista not knowing anyone but my son and his family, and now I have a whole new family – the church family. So, I know I have been blessed by becoming a member of this church.

I also would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who made it possible for me to go on the Sager Brown mission trip. I feel so blessed to have had that experience. Being a part of UMW made the experience so much more meaningful. We all talk about what all UMW does for our church, community and our state, but seeing first-hand how far our work reaches out across the world is amazing to me. I do believe I am where I am suppose to be, with the family I am suppose to share my faith with. Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Darleen O'Brien



Thank you so much for all your love and support through cards, phone calls, hugs and most of all, your prayers in the unexpected death of my brother. And a special thanks to Brenda, who was a huge comfort when I received this shocking call. What a wonderful church family we have!
Nona & Jack Storck

Thank you for your prayers and support during my recent hospital visit. A special thanks to Brenda Wideman for her visits. She knows how to uplift you in a trying situation. We are so fortunate to have such a caring staff. God bless you all.

Rod Alford

There were many "Thank You" notes written by teachers from Cooper School for the luncheon FUMCBV hosted for them on Wednesday, August 12th. They were very appreciative of the efforts of those who fixed and served the meal.

OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Bazaar Setup 9:24 Golf - Berksdale	2 9:00 Bazaar Setup	3 UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR 8:30-2:00 9:00 Amp Big Book
4 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 5:00 Making Sense	5 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Mourning Dawns 5:30 Nominations 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	6 11:32 Golf-Brittany 4:00 Discipline & Disc	7 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	8 9:24 Golf - Dogwood 1:00 HOPE Circle 6:30 Evening Circle	9 8:30 Believers Disciple 11:30 PreSchool Brd Mtng 7:00 Jazz-Dan Knight	10 9:00 Amp Big Book 10:00 MM Pea Ridge
11 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:00 EOIM Training 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 5:00 Making Sense	12 9:30 Caregivers Support 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow-up 5:30 Mourning Dawns 5:30 Nominations 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	13 9:00 PEO-BR 10:07 Golf-Berksdale 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 4:00 Discipline & Disc	14 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Meeting 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:45 FAMILY NIGHT 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 UMM Dinner	15 9:24 Golf - Kingswood 6:30 SPRC	16 UMM PANCAKES 6:30-12:30 	17 9:00 Amp Big Book
18 PAK A SAK 7:05 Handbell Rehrsl 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service EOIM Brunch 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 5:00 Making Sense	19 CARE & SHARE TRAILER 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Mourning Dawns 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	20 10:07 Golf-Scotsdale 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Discipline & Disc	21 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	22 9:24 Golf -Scotsdale	23 8:30 Believers Disciple 9:00 Abram SG	24 8:30 Chrch Workday 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Hlpng Hands 9:00 Avalon SG
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

Autumn & Holiday decorations

Plants & garden accessories

Books, Handcrafted Items

Dignified Discards

Baked Items & Gift Baskets

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

8:30 a.m.

Luncheon Available

10:30 a.m.

All proceeds benefit local charities



First United
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Pancake Day

Friday, October 16

6:30am-12:30pm

Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
Applesauce, Drink

\$6.00 per person

Tickets can be bought from
any UMM member,
in the Church Office, or at
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