

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



The Good News

October, 2016



1976 ~ 2016

40 YEARS OF FUMCBV

TO BE CELEBRATED SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30



FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

Forty years of Faith ~ A Foundation for the Future

"I know you are tempted to not read this, but please do!" Bro. Jaimie

For 40 years, FUMCBV has been a beacon of light in Bella Vista. In 1976 the first building of the current church was built. A group had been meeting previously to that time in temporary places. Today, we owe so much gratitude to those dedicated believers for investing faith, prayers, resources, and determination in creating a ministry and building the church. As I have studied the history of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista, I have come to realize that the current building we are in was built in three phases over 15 years. From 1976 to 1991, the congregation was busy investing in a future for us who worship here today. Their investment was for their present day, sure, but it was also for you, and it was about the Kingdom of God. The Bella Vista of 2016 is not the same Bella Vista of 1976. The church of 1976 is not the same church of 2016, nor will it be the same church in 2026 or 2056! The ministry of FUMCBV is not just about the present, it is about the future. It's about people we may never meet, knowing the redeeming, life-giving, love of Christ for the eternal future.

I am guilty of getting caught up in the moment and failing to think about the future until given a reason; are you? You and I have a reason to think about the future of FUMCBV, because someone cared that we had a place to worship and nurture a deeper relationship with Christ, though they would never meet or know us. During the month of October, we will celebrate the history of the church as we also consider the future ministry of the church. Each week, we will be hearing about the past, we will have visits from former pastors, we will have a 40th anniversary celebration on October 29, and we will be praying about the future. As part of the 40th anniversary, you will be receiving a packet containing a "2017 Stewardship" commitment card and an "Every One in Ministry" Booklet in a few weeks. Please take time to read and look through the packet of information. Please join with me in making a joyous commitment to be a vital part of the ministry of FUMCBV by honoring our membership vows before God to uphold the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness through making a tithe and ministry commitment to our church in 2017 that will begin the next 40 years of ministry of FUMCBV. Your 2017 commitments are not just about the coming year, they are about the future Kingdom ministry of FUMCBV!

Don't just come to church, BE the CHURCH!

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Rev. Judy Rudd-Platt, Associate Pastor

Holy Anticipation: Finding What You Seek

As I prepare to leave for the Holy Land, what has been described as the trip of a lifetime, I am experiencing holy anticipation. To walk where Jesus walked, to pray where he prayed, to see the lands that Saul, David, Josiah and others fought to protect and to ponder who we are as Christians in the midst of this history, fills me with holy anticipation. I am expectant – expectant that God will reveal God's self to me in fresh, amazing and perhaps frightening ways. I am expectant that my heart, mind and body will be touched and transformed so that I may be a bold and compassionate witness for Jesus Christ in our present-day world. I expect to have my understanding of the world shattered, my heart broken and my life changed forever. And I am willing. I am willing to experience the love of Jesus Christ in all these ways and more.

I possess no vision or expectation about how these things will happen – only that they will. I have not given Christ a to-do list to complete so that my expectations will be met. I only anticipate an encounter with the Holy which refuses to leave me as I am found. You see, I am claiming God's promise to Jeremiah as my own.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

It is true. We find what we seek! If we anticipate encountering the Holy in all areas of our life, we will find the Holy. God often shows up in unexpected ways. The parable of the goats and sheep found in Matthew 25 reminds us of Christ's presence in the most neglected of places – with people who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked and imprisoned. We must look for the presence of God in each situation and relationship. If we seek the Holy, we will find the Holy. Likewise, if we seek the absence of the Holy, we will find the absence of the Holy.

Holy anticipation requires an openness, and yes, vulnerability, to the movement of God in our lives. It chooses to constantly look at the glass as half full instead of half empty. Holy anticipation practices a faith that God is present in all situations and at all times, whether we are aware of God's presence or not. Holy anticipation expects God to be working to carry out God's promise to prosper us and not harm us, to give us hope and a future.

In addition to my holy anticipation for God's transforming presence in the Holy Land, I also have holy anticipation for God's transforming presence in the people we will find to serve as our Director of Childcare and Director of Youth Ministries. Please be in prayer for the people who will fill these vital roles in the life of our church. If you know of someone who might be a great fit as our Childcare or Youth Directors, please contact me at judy@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

Pastor Judy



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care

Straightening the Paths of Life

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

As I drove to the church between 6:30 and 7:00am this past Sunday morning, I was treated to the beauty of a cotton candy sunrise. I thought for a moment of the old saying, “Red sky at morning; sailor take warning.” This is a rhyme used by mariners for over two millennia to predict the weather. The other half of it is “Red sky at night; sailor’s delight.” Interestingly enough, this is actually in the Bible (Did you know that? I didn’t until now! See Matthew 16:2b-3). And also, due to our westerly prevailing winds, there actually is a scientific basis for this saying. But enough of this...

Sometimes it takes a warning to prompt us to take action in ways we have left undone. I recently attended a seminar by Todd Whatley. Todd is a leading Elder Law Attorney (that means laws that pertain to us as we get older) of great knowledge and expertise. He is currently President of the National Elder Law Foundation (NELF) and he lives and practices in northwest Arkansas (what a blessing). He is also a wonderful Christian man (another blessing). Todd reminded me that I have left undone things like the updating of my will, and the general planning and protection of my assets so that if I become very sick and pass away, my family will not lose everything. Maybe you have also left undone things of this nature or maybe your planning needs to be reviewed to make sure it still works under the current state and national laws and regulations. If so, I Invite you to join us at the Caregiver’s Support Group, **the first Tuesday of the month, October 4, at 10am in the Chapel**, to hear Todd speak about the **“Basics of Elder Law”** I am sure you will find this presentation informative and helpful.



The **third Tuesday, October 18th**, also at 10am in the Chapel, the topic will be **“Hospice 101”**, presented by Colleen Gast from Circle of Life in Bentonville. She will help us understand what hospice and palliative care are, when it is appropriate in life, and how to prepare for it, in the case of no longer being able to make medical decisions for ourselves.

We pray you will be able to join us at the Caregiver’s Support Group in October or in the months ahead. Life is a journey (or like a box of chocolates, according to Forrest Gump); you never know what the next bend in the road will bring. We hope you can join us on this leg of the journey as we listen to information that will help straighten our paths.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*

Caregiver’s Support Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month, 10am, in the Chapel

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 27 through December 18. Please contact Pastor Brenda 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.



VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader, Director of Children's Ministries

I am so thankful for this time of year. Cooler temperatures, picking apples and pumpkins. And knowing that next month I can put up my Christmas lights. We are having a great time in Sunday School, learning about Joseph and Moses. God was always with them, just like he is with us.

Wednesday nights are going very well. The children are learning the 3 pledges and we are singing the books of the bible. And going over the days of creation. If you would like to help them learn, we are always looking for help.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will have a Children's ministry meeting at 11 am after 2nd service in the Chapel. Lunch will be served and there will be child care. October 26th, we will have PROMISE NIGHT in Becker Hall. The families meet for dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 and the parents will stay upstairs while the children and youth will go down to the Sunday School class and have games, and a lesson on making a commitment to themselves and to the Church. This event will coordinate with our EOIM campaign. Please let the Church know you will be able to attend so we have a number for meals.

And finally, Trunk or Treat will be Monday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30. Our sign-up sheet and candy drop off will be in the Narthex for the next few weeks. This is a great way to meet people and work side by side with them. We will have more information coming soon.

As always, thank you so very much for your help and support and the love you share with me and the children.

Blessings!

Angie

YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis, Director of Youth Ministries



This month, the youth will be learning about different religions that they may encounter in their school or daily life. This will teach the youth how to engage with other people from different religious groups. We will also be talking about discipleship and what it means to follow and what it means to sacrifice. We currently are learning about forgiveness and the stages of it. We are also learning about using our spiritual gifts, passions, to glorify God. We have a walk-in event coming up in November and this October we plan on possibly doing some projects for the church outside and also for the pancake breakfast...

I am really excited about the youth and how they are wanting to engage and how they have been responding to a new temporary youth director.

Austin



OUR FAMILY

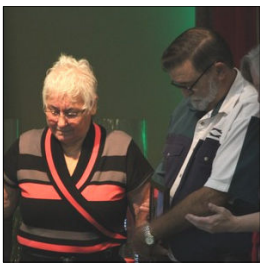
Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com, or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Grider - became a member with us on August 28. Stephen recently moved here from Oklahoma City where he had lived for 57 years and worked for 40 years in banking and 17 in the Federal Reserve. He moved to be closer to family, Kandi (his sister) and Butch Mount. He brought his family, his 2-yr-old Poodle/Yorkie mixed breed doggie, with him. He likes cruises, the arts, and OU football. Stephen worships with us at the 10:45 service so be sure to welcome him when you see him there!



RELOCATIONS



Duane & Gail Phillips have relocated back to Mississippi to be with family. They had been members for about three years and Gail sang with the Praise Team. Cards may be sent to them at: 420 Cairo Rd., Ecu, MS 38841

Ralph and Mona Johnson have moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina to play golf and be closer to family. :-) They had been very active members in our church for 26 years and we will miss them. Cards and letters can be sent to: 2402 Wentworth Circle, Pinehurst, NC 2837



Roy and Betty Lange - have relocated to Houston to be close to their family. They had been members with us for over 20 years. Their faithful presence in our Traditional worship service will be missed. Their new address is 15838 Lost Anchor Way Lane, Houston, TX 77044.

DEATHS

Tim Little - a new member with us, passed away at home, Sunday, September 18. He had been valiantly fighting cancer for a number of years. He and his wife, Liz, joined our congregation on July 10. The Celebration of his Life will be held Saturday, October 15 in Becker Hall from 1-4pm. Please keep Liz and the family in your prayers in this difficult time.



Katie Green Fairchild - daughter of Harvey and Georgiana Green, passed away at home on September 19. Katie has been heroically battling cancer for about four years and has been on our prayer list. Her memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Sherman, TX on Saturday, September 24th at 11:00 am. Please lift up Harvey and Georgiana and Katie's three children in your prayers as they mourn this loss.

Dale Johnson - son of Ralph and Mona Johnson, passed away suddenly while in Pinehurst, NC with his parents. Please pray for his wife Cherie, Ralph, Mona, and all the family in this sudden loss.

Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs.



OUR FAMILY

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY is Sunday, October 30th, when we will remember those members who have passed away since All-Saints Sunday 2015. Please carefully look this list over, and let the office know ASAP if we have inadvertently missed someone.

Lois Bone	Tim Little
Shirley Bostrom	E.B. May
Jessie Bradley	*Marcie Mershon
Ara Mae Calhoun	Martin Mueller
Robert "Bob" Clark	Jean Nordmeyer
Joyce Cox	*Ivan Poeschl
*Eleanor Dunsmoor	Lucille Roberts
Harmony Pitts Ford	Peggy Schuette
Madge Garrison	*Ned Shively
Dorothy Kropp Henke	Merlon Weed
Winston "Bud" Henke	*Past/Non member

Please Make an Appointment for Your Church Directory Photograph



SMILE, say "Cheese!" It has been four years since our last pictorial directory and kids have grown, hair color has changed, and we have many new faces, so it is time. We would like all our church members represented in this year's 40th Anniversary church pictorial directory. We will have sign-ups in the Narthex starting October 2nd. They will begin photographing on October 25th and we are scheduled through November 12th. If you are not able to make it during those dates, we have an opportunity early in October at St. Theodore's, so let me know right away so we can get it scheduled. Every family or individual who has their picture taken for the directory will receive a free directory and an 8x10 photograph. You will have the opportunity to order more pictures - think Christmas gifts - when you have your picture taken. I will need some volunteers to welcome and monitor through the process, so please let me know if you are available.

Amy Gilmore



A CUP WITH A PURPOSE

Our sisters in Christ at the Oasis community run a coffee shop, *The Oasis*, at the NWACC campus. It is located in the Global Business Building on Eagle Avenue, which is EZ-off, EZ-on of exit 86 of I49.

This is a great location to meet with friends or small groups of up to 15; to enjoy wonderful coffee, espressos, lattes and the like, and all at a reasonable price. What a great way to support the Oasis women as they grow their lives and their community into the wholeness God created them to be!

STONE SOUP SOIREE 11-5-16 4:00PM
 Good food, music, silent auction
 Grateful survivor women stories



Tickets \$20
 on eventbrite.com
 or contact 479-268-4340

Artist Retreat Center
 13467 Lookout Dr - US 71 - Bella Vista

Benefits OASIS of Northwest Arkansas www.oasisofnwa.org

RECIPES NEEDED

for our 40th Anniversary cookbook.

The last FUMCBV cookbook was published 20 years ago! We have so many great cooks in our present membership. Please consider sharing your favorite recipes by filling out the form available in the office or bringing the recipes to the office by October 15th so that we can share these with everyone when the book is published. If you would like to be on the cookbook committee, please contact Allison Totten at tottens2@yahoo.com or Janet in the Church office.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charles & Connie Danielson
- 2 Ivan & Merle Lantz
- 5 Terry & Linda Davis
- 8 Tim & Christy Harris
- 12 Ken & 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 Evelynn Antoine
- 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 Marianne Zotti
- 7 Connie Hinton
- 7 Shirley Kennedy
- 8 Madison Hanna
- 8 Gene Young
- 9 Joan Evatt
- 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 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 Austin Curtis
- 21 Bedetta Valentine
- 22 Sharon Farrar
- 23 Linus Faber
- 23 Harvey Green
- 23 Richard Henault
- 23 Elizabeth Little
- 23 Bob Shaw
- 24 Bobby Billingsley
- 24 Michelle Forst
- 24 Richard Stewart
- 25 Elaine Detlefsen
- 25 Dennis Reed
- 25 Maxine Ward
- 25 Cheryl Whitesides
- 28 Richard Abbott
- 28 Fred Lemley
- 30 Jack Storck
- 30 Lennis Valdez



SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIED

FUMCBV, we need your help! Do you know someone who might be a good fit for our Director of Childcare or Director of Youth Ministries? If so, please tell them about these great opportunities for ministry with our children and youth! They do not have to be a member of our church.

Director of Childcare Ministries

Part-Time / Hourly wage

Responsibilities:

- *Providing age-appropriate care for babies up to preschool age in nurturing & clean environments
- *Cheerfully interact & teach age-appropriate bible based lessons
- *Maintain & clean all areas/items used
- *Build relationships with parents and ensure them that their children/babies are receiving the highest quality of care and ministry
- *Supervise and schedule other child care workers.

Availability Needed:

- *Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings
- *Special Events & Holiday Worship Services

Qualifications:

- *Satisfactory Completion of Background Check
- *Satisfactory Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training
- *Prior Childcare Experience Preferred
- *Must Be Able to Lift 40lbs
- *CPR Certified is a Plus!

Director of Youth Ministries

Part time/ Salaried

Major Responsibility: To develop age appropriate ministries to reach all the junior high school and high school youth.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: (complete list in office)

- *Committed to the Bible as the primary authoritative guide for faith and life
- *Committed to a vital and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- *Committed to create programs and events to reach out to youth
- *A passion for seeing youth who are Christ-followers grow in and develop their faith through ministry involvement

Availability Needed:

- *Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings
- *Special Events, mission trips, & church wide events

Qualifications:

- *Satisfactory Completion of Background Check
- *Satisfactory Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training
- *CPR Certified is a Plus!

Application for employment and complete job descriptions for available positions may be picked up in the office. Please fill out and return with a current resume to Amy Gilmore, Director of Community Life.



MISSIONS



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Just this last week I had a phone visit with the counselor at Cooper Elementary School, Amy Collins. I wanted an update on the number of Sunshine Sacks we needed to pack this month. The news was disturbing to say the least. She told me that 125 students were qualified! My heart dropped. Did I misunderstand her? Sadly, I hadn't.

I am going to digress now for those of you that don't know about the Shoebox program. About seven years ago we received a call from Amy asking for hygiene products for a child who had no water or power of any kind in her home. Could we help with hygiene products? They were taken to the school immediately. At that time, we had been looking for something that could be done specifically for children in our Bella Vista Area. God had just provided us with an answer! Now to decide who was in need? It was with the help again from another program we were doing yearly that the answer came. Children who are eligible for the snack-pack program would be eligible for this program. We are only given numbers; no names or other information is revealed to us. The number of children on the program is received each month from Cooper and we make enough bags to be delivered there on a monthly basis. Now for the next "God Thing". A few days later the United Methodist Men approached us and asked if we could use a donation for a specific project? They would like to make a donation! As Brother Jaimie say "God is good all the time" and we know that God somehow points us in certain directions when he needs us there. We had our answer and the money to make it work. The number needed was 47.

Needs! Help! Needs!

Now we need help as that is a total of 125 toothbrushes, 125 toothpastes, 500 shampoos, 125 travel size tissue packs, 125 combs, 500 travel soaps, 500 band aids, 500 lotions, and 500 wet wipes, and lastly 125-quart size zip-lock bags, that are taken to Cooper each month. The hygiene items are travel size which you all are so good about giving to us. We order what we don't get from a hotel supplier. One of our biggest expenses is the zip-lock bags as the cheaper ones are too thin and don't stay zipped.

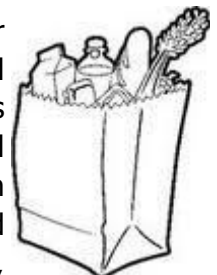
We still continue to take shoe boxes to shelters and do the other programs. So please continue your generous donations of other items you have donated in the past. God Bless you for your support of this ministry. As has been said before, all of you are the ministry. Please contact Diane Cox at 925-0988, Karen Roenfeld, or Cheryl Campbell if you have further questions.

Always in His service,

The Shoebox Team Leaders

PAK A SAK

October 16 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. If you can stay after 2nd service for a short time to help sort our collection, this would be greatly appreciated!





MISSION of the MONTH

Every One In Ministry

Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County



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 are at no charge to the family

In 2015 the CAC opened 790 cases; conducted 735 forensic interviews; performed 798 forensic medical exams, provided 2,591 counseling sessions to children and their families and facilitated training and education events to 5,864 people.

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."

It's that time again...time to commit to those ministries to which you feel led. We have so many exciting opportunities at FUMCBV - there is something for everyone, yes, even you. Some of the ministries are once a month, behind the scenes (Mission Board), some are 3 or 4 times a year on Sunday (Lay Reader, Greeter, Usher), and we have some new ministries like "Special Event Parking Attendant" and "Kitchen Clean-up," just to name a few. Catalogs will be mailed during the first part of October and I encourage you to read it carefully, notice changes, and be prayerful in considering for what you sign up. Also, please don't assume that I know you are always an usher or always a coffee server, each year is a new beginning and I want to know for sure that you are signing up for what you want or what you are called to do. We are celebrating "40 years of Faith-A Foundation for the Future" and in order to have a future we need everyone young, not so young, and in between to sign up. If you have any questions as to what a certain ministry is really all about, please don't hesitate to contact me. *Amy Gilmore*

UNITED METHODIST



UMM invites all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on

Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be catered by Papa Mike's. The program will be presented by Bella Vista Mayor Peter Christie. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, October 9th. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.



MUSIC



FROM THE ORGAN CONSOLE

Broc Hite,
Organist/Associate Director of Music

The theme for October is Mendelssohn. Our annual organ recital features Benjamin Kolodziej (ko-LO-gee), an organist from Dallas, Texas. He will be playing the third of six organ sonatas by Mendelssohn. Besides these pieces, Mendelssohn wrote other lovely organ works that in some strange way work both as great wedding and funeral music. He was certainly more prolific in his piano writing, so maybe there will be a "Song Without Words" in addition to several organ pieces in the mix as well?



Wesley Series Concerts
of
First United Methodist Church
of Bella Vista
presents

Benjamin Kolodziej, organist



*Performing the
Music of:*

*Shaw
J. S. Bach
Stanley
Mendelssohn
Vierne
Kolodziej*

3:00 p.m.
October 23, 2016

for information on future concerts:
www.lovelearnlead.com (Wesley Series) (or) WesleySeries.org

WESLEY SERIES CONCERTS

On Sunday October 2nd at 3:00 p.m. the Wesley Series of the Bella Vista First United Methodist Church will present a concert by the Saar Trio. The ensemble consists of two University of Arkansas music department faculty members: Theresa Delaplain, oboe and Lia Uribe, bassoon. They will be joined by pianist Andrew Campbell from the music faculty of Arizona State University.

The Wesley Series is celebrating its 21st Anniversary this year. It began in 1995 with a piano recital and has since expanded to include events as diverse as vocal and organ recitals, string quartet concerts, jazz and bluegrass performances, art exhibits and the occasional lecture by a theologian or politician. The performance space is our beautiful sanctuary, featuring a concert grand Steinway piano and our 30-rank Casavant Frères/Temple pipe organ, the third largest such instrument in Northwest Arkansas.

As always, there is no admission charge for this Wesley Series program, although a voluntary offering to help defray expenses is greatly appreciated. For more information, please call the Church Office at 479-855-1158 or you may contact us by email at: satb1@cox.net or larry@lovelearnlead.com. You can also find us on the Web at: WesleySeries.com.

Saar Trio



*Performing the
Music of:*

*Piazzolla
Mueller
Previn
Lalliet
Poulenc*

3:00 p.m. October 2, 2016



BOOK NOOK

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

SWEET TOMORROW by Debbie Macomber
The Rose Harbor Inn seems to be working its magic again until Jo Marie receives some shocking news.

THE LOYAL HEART by Shelley Shepard Gray
Robert knows something about Phillip that could shake Miranda to the core and alter her view of the man she thought she knew so well.

AMONG THE WICKED by Linda Castillo
Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is asked by the Sheriff's Department in rural upstate New York to assist on a case involving an Amish settlement and the death of a young girl.

SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE by Dorothy Garlock
In the heartland, two hearts may make a match.

THE RULES OF LOVE AND GRAMMER by Mary Simses

As Grace comes to term with the tragedy that took her older sister's life years ago, she rekindles a romance with her high school sweetheart.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

SUGARCREEK AMISH MYSTERIES: (A GUIDE-POSTS SERIES)

BOOK 6: OFF THE BEATEN PATH by Annalisa Daughety

BOOK 7: PEACE LIKE A RIVER by Olivia Newport

BOOK 8: SIMPLY VANISH by Nancy Mehl

BOOK 9: A STITCH IN TIME by Elizabeth Ludwig



BELLA VISTA PRESCHOOL

Are you missing your grandchildren? Perhaps your last child has started school and you need to find something to fill part of that void! Bella Vista Preschool is looking for volunteers. Our Caterpillar 3 to 4-year-old class (10 students) meets Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 – 11:30. Our Butterfly 4 to 5-year-old class (13 students) meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 – 12:00. These students learn in a non-denominational environment that includes learning centers, large and small group activities, music, and language development as well as outdoor play. I have volunteered at the Preschool for many years and it is a great way to spend a couple of mornings a month! Bella Vista Preschool was founded in the late 1970's by the Bella Vista Ministerial Alliance. Please consider this as one of your volunteer opportunities. For further information, please call Diane Verville @ 876-1676 or our Director Melanie Nichols @ 479-531-1149 or bvpreschool@gmail.com

We would love to have you join our fun group of children. Thank you!

Diane V.



FUMCBV UMW Holiday Bazaar is this Saturday, October 1

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

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

Homemade Cinnamon & Orange Rolls ~ 8:30 a.m.

Luncheon Available ~ 10:30 a.m.

WE CAN STILL USE HELPERS and BAKED GOODS

Bring your plants and books Monday thru Thursday
and Baked items on Friday, September 30

Any questions?? call Verna 876-1392

All proceeds benefit Local Charities





Cheer on the Hogs with U of A Wesley at our Razorback game day event for the Arkansas vs. Alabama game on Saturday, October 8! Stop by the Wesley House for food, fellowship and to watch the day's game. Our tailgate will start four hours before game time which will be announced this Monday. Keep an eye on [facebook.com/UofAWesley](https://www.facebook.com/UofAWesley) and uawesley.com for the tailgate start time and more details, or contact Staci Clinkscales, Alumni & Development Coordinator at friendsofwesley@centraltolife.com. This is a fun opportunity to celebrate with other alumni, students and friends of Wesley. Please invite your family and friends – all are welcome! The Wesley House is located at 520 N. Lindell Avenue near the corner of Lindell and Douglas and is right across the street from Futrall Hall and University House.

THE ANGEL TREE will be up in the hallway on Sunday, October 30. 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, Circles, and other groups are invited to go together to fulfill the wishes of these children.



THANK YOU

Dear FUMCBV Family, Last week I had a birthday. I want to thank the church family for making it a big deal and a special day for me. Thank you for all the birthday greetings, cards, remembrances, and gifts. I especially want to thank the staff who had a birthday luncheon for me and to Amy Gilmore for my oatmeal chocolate chip, pecan, birthday cake! It made being in the infancy of my fifth decade great!!!

Bro. Jaimie

A loving "Thank You" to the full congregation of FUMCBV for the reception on our departure, and for your cards, support, and your prayers since then. For the last 26 years, we have enjoyed your fellowship, friendship and love. You will surely be missed but we can all continue to enjoy the beautiful memories. We love you all!

Ralph & Mona Johnson

I want to thank you all for your calls, prayers and cards during my recent hospital stay. Also, for

Newsletter AUGUST 2016 Financial Data

		2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Compare 2015 Actual	2016 Year-end Budget
Month of August	Actual Receipts	\$47,644	\$54,326	\$58,297	
Month of August	Actual Expense	\$55,267	\$54,326	\$59,935	
	Balance	-\$7,623		-\$1,638	
Year to Date (as of 8/30/16)	Actual Receipts	\$402,376	\$434,608	\$463,765	\$651,915
Year to Date (as of 8/30/16)	Actual Expense	\$416,575	\$434,608	\$427,443	\$651,915
	Balance	-\$14,199		\$36,313	

Operating Account Balance 8/30/16 **-\$30,143**

The RED box shows where we should be according to budget by the end of August 2016.

We are short our goal by \$32,232 in income, while our expenses have remained low.

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 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 3:00 Wesley Series 3:00 Concordia Wrshp	3 8:00 Calico Spec Proj 9:41 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Village House 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 Nominating Comm 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	4 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:07 Golf-Highlands 5:30 Grief Support	5 8:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	6 8:42 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 4:00 Chancel Choir	7 9:00 Jesus in Gospels 11:30 Lifeline Fashn Shw	1 <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR 8:30-2:00 </div> 9:00 Amp Big Book <hr/> 8 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Avalon SG
9 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	10 8:42 Highlands 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:00 Calico skit practice 6:00 Nominating Comm 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	11 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Grief Support	12 8:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	13 8:42 Golf-Scotsdale 1:00 HOPE Circle 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Evening Circle	14 <div style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;"> UMM PANCAKES 6:30-12:30 </div> 11:30 Pre-School Brd	15 9:00 Amp Big Book 1:00 T Little Service
16 PAK A SAK	17 CARE & SHARE	18 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:37 Golf-Brittany 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 2:00 Anniv Planning 5:30 Grief Support	19 8:00 Calico Spec Proj 8:00 Quilters 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	20 8:42 Golf- Berksdale 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 SPRC	21 9:00 Jesus in Gospels	22 9:00 Amp Big Book 1:00 Wedding
23 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Wesley Series	24 9:33 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Calico Cut-ups 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	25 9:50 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 BV Library Brd 5:30 Grief Support	26 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Dog Beds 2:30 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	27 8:42 Golf- Scotsdale 4:00 Chancel Choir	28 9:00 Jesus in Gospels	29 <div style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;"> 40th Anniversary 5:30pm </div> 9:00 Amp Big Book
30 Anniversary Sunday	31 9:00 Calico Xmas Planng 9:24 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Wmn's Chorus Prty 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 Men's Chorus <div style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;"> 5:30-7:30pm TRUNK OR TREAT </div>					

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To the Home of ...



First United
Methodist Church
United Methodist Men
Pancake Day

Friday, October 14
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 the door
on Pancake Day

Proceeds support Local Ministries



Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31
5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

Trunks, Treats & Self-Photo station

Please bring new socks, caps, & mittens
of any size to be given to local Shelters
as the weather gets cooler.

Family ~ Food ~ Fun

Barrels for candy donation will soon
be in the Narthex & Becker Hall.
Sign-up sheets for volunteers are
in the Narthex & Becker Hall on Sunday
& in the office during the week.