



# The Good News

October 2017

## A Disciple's Way

A four-week focus on Stewardship through our membership vows.



Prayer and Presence



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Join us in worship for  
Celebration Sunday, October 22!



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

*Bella Vista*



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Happy Fall! I am loving how wonderfully busy we are during these months! The UMW Bazaar, the UMM Pancake Breakfast, Stewardship season, fall studies and programming – they are all great! In this month’s newsletter, you will find all of these activities with details, plus many more. I want to talk about the Stewardship Season, and two other items that need to be brought to the congregation’s attention.

First, *Stewardship*. To many people stewardship is a “four-letter” word. We don’t like to talk about money, and that is the first thing that comes to mind when we hear the word, “stewardship.” However, stewardship is so much more than giving money to the church, or any organization, for that matter.

Stewardship, according to Webster’s Dictionary is, “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; *especially*: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” This can be stewardship of natural resources, money, skills; really all the gifts God has entrusted to us. So when we have a season of focusing on stewardship, we are focusing on ALL of the gifts God has entrusted to us and in turn, committing to giving back a portion of these gifts to God.

I hope you will join us in the next four weeks as we look at stewardship through the lens of our membership vows in the United Methodist Church. If you haven’t joined the church, I especially encourage you to join us in worship so you may learn more about our vows and how our stewardship is part of all of our vows.

Second, many of you have noticed a change in the parking signs outside of the Office Door. The pastoral staff and a few others have decided to park elsewhere in our lots so that guest and handicap parking may be more accessible to the door. We feel that it is important to show our guests that they matter more than the pastoral staff and that we prioritize their presence with us. New signage will be up soon to designate these places as guest and handicap guest parking.

And, finally, something else I wish to bring to your attention. As you know, we moved from having three pastors on staff to two in July. Pastor Brenda and I feel that this transition is going well. We have also found that the only area that this may be felt is in pastoral care. We are doing our absolute best to visit everyone in the hospital and rehabilitation regularly. However, we have come to realize that we simply may not be able to visit daily, especially to those in the hospital. We will at least touch base by phone on the days we cannot make a personal visit to the hospital. For those in rehab, we want to let you work on your rehab and rest, so as a policy we don’t visit as often, but do keep up with you regularly. As always, we cannot know you or your loved one is in the hospital unless you let us know. The pastor on call checks the office voicemail regularly when the office is closed (evenings and weekends).

Above all, please keep our church in your prayers daily. I am constantly excited and energized by you and the many awesome ideas you are bringing forward for how we may make disciples of Jesus Christ who make more disciples for the transformation of the world!

Blessings,

*Rev. Jeanne*



## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### **Are You Listening?**

*Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. James 1:19 (CEB)*

Are you listening? Are you really listening? I absolutely abhor TV talk shows where the participants spend all their time talking, no - actually shouting, over each other. Everyone is so busy selfishly and pridefully making their own point that they make no effort to listen to others. It seems that only disrespect and a quest for power are behind this behavior. I personally find it impossible to focus on a situation like this. I can only wonder if the participants are listening to the message the other person is trying to share, if they are truly listening to one another.

In our daily lives, we are bombarded by so many messages that sometimes it is hard to focus. We are so filled with things to get done that there is no time to pause and listen to what is going on around us. There is no time to hear our friend or spouse or partner, no time to listen to the words of our children or our teachers, no time to listen to the voices of the birds or the whisper of the gentle breeze. We are so rushed to move on to what is ahead that we find no time to listen to the present, no time to be present in the moment or with another person.

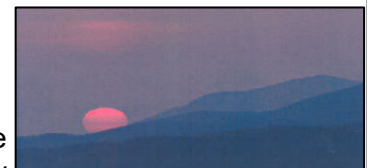
In her book, *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening: A Guide to Enrich Your Relationships and Kindle Your Spiritual Life*, Kay Lindahl quotes the statistics that "Most of us spend about 45 percent of our waking hours listening, yet we are distracted, preoccupied, or forgetful 75% of the time." She goes on to discuss that listening is a choice, a gift, and an art. When we choose to listen, we extend the hospitality of the gift of being heard, of "feeling understood, refreshed, whole, connected, and healed." We build relationships when we listen, when we truly listen. But when we truly listen, it does something within us as well. Journalist and author Paul Hawken writes, "When we listen to people, our own language softens. Listening may be the cardinal act of giving...I think it is the source of peace."

You are invited to be a part of a group study as we share in listening, in relationship, and in peace through reading Kay Lindahl's book, *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening*. The date and time of this will be announced during the month of October. Be listening for this announcement and let's join in the journey together.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*

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### ***When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief***



We invite you to travel a journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey continues through October 24 on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who might also benefit from these encounters.





## YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis,  
Director of Youth Ministries

From the Youth Corner

First off, I just want to say “thank you” to my FUMC church family. As everyone knows, these past 2 months have been very difficult for my family. Losing my Dad has been the toughest thing I believe I have ever been through, but when you have an amazing church family, hope, faith, and love are very present. Thank you FUMC for the prayers and the financial support you provided. My family and I are forever thankful.

The youth are finally getting ready for the fall months. As you all know, this is a very busy time for the church. The outlook for October is a busy one, but fun as well. The youth are looking at getting more involved with the services and church as a whole. So be ready to see the young faces on Sunday mornings more often. We, as a group, will also be upgrading our room and paint to make our space more inviting and unique. October 31st we will be helping out with our Trunk-or-Treat, and are looking forward to making that a great night for the younger ones. Please know that the kids have a lot of amazing things planned for the rest of the year, and once we work out the details we will make sure we communicate with everyone.

*"By loving kindness and truth, iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil."* Proverbs 16:6

In our society today there are so many issues. We are a world at war with evil, an evil that lurks around every corner. However, we are also God's children and we need not fear evil, but only the Lord. Our Lord is greater than any problem and more powerful than any evil. So if you are in a dark place just remember, you have the greatest LIGHT to turn on, if you choose to.

Be blessed, *Austin*

## VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,  
Director of Children's Ministries



Welcome to Fall. Or as we say in the south, "Welcome to Fall, Yall." I love when the seasons change and am looking forward to many fun fall activities. I am pleased to announce that we have hired 2 people to help downstairs. Beverly Thuma is our Nursery Director. She has been coming to our Church for a while now and, she has a daughter named Addison. We also hired Danielle Norgaard as Childcare Staff. She has a 3 year old and a 17-year old. You will learn more about them later. We are so happy to have them on board and they are doing a great job. Please welcome them when you see them.

We had a wonderful parents meeting last Sunday. I have the calendars done until December and we have many great events coming up. I will give them out so if you need one, please let me know. On Sunday, October 8th, we are having a painting party downstairs at 11am. I will supply lunch and then we will start painting downstairs. It will be lots of fun and fellowship. Please let me know if you can make it, and bring some old clothes with you. We will have someone to watch children. Your help is greatly appreciated. Trunk or Treat will be Tuesday, October 31st. from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in our west parking lot. We will start setting up at 3 pm, with trunks in place no later than 4:45pm. We will have sign up sheets starting October 8th. Mid week Manna is going very well. The children have been amazing and seem to have a lot of fun while learning.

I am off to Kansas City with other members of the church for a Ministry Conference today, to learn how to enhance the Children's Ministry and other areas of our church. Thanks so much for your encouragement and support. It means the world to me. As always. if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to me anytime. God Bless and have a great day.

In his Service, *Ms. Angie*





### Wednesday Nights Disaster Preparedness and Response Classes

Join us on Wednesday nights, October 18th through November 8, to learn about how to prepare for a disaster and how to meet the needs of your neighbors who have been affected by disaster. Whether the disaster is caused by a tornado, flooding, earthquake or man-made event, we can prepare to protect those we love and respond when a disaster strikes. The four-week sessions will equip you to:

- ◆ Put your faith into action in disaster response
- ◆ Develop practical skills for being hands-on in the early days after a disaster
- ◆ Build skills in meeting emotional and spiritual needs of adults
- ◆ Create a disaster response plan for your family
- ◆ Mobilize teams and churches for response in our local community

Classes will be led by:

Hal Shope and Marianne Zotti, All Things New Ministry, and Richard and Linda Stewart, First United Methodist Church Disaster Response Chairs.

**Midweek Manna**  
**NO CLASSES the**  
**WEEK of Oct 4th**  
**New classes begin**  
**Oct. 11th**

## Midweek Manna

Wednesday Nights at FUMC Bella Vista  
 Something for Everyone ~ Please Join Us!

### MEAL

5:30 – 6:15PM

Suggested Donation:

\$5/Adult & \$3/Child under 10

Family maximum \$15

**You are welcome to share a meal with us, whether or not you are taking a class! ~ Homebound meals delivered ~**

### CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

For Infants and Toddlers

### Pre-K ~ 6th Grade

Led by Angie Rader, Dir of Children's Ministries

### YouthLife

7th ~ 12th grade

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:15

YouthLife in Youth Room: 6:30 - 7:30

### GROUPS MEET

6:30 – 7:30/7:45PM

#### Small Study Groups

- ◇ Invitation to the Old Testament
- ◇ The Shack-Movie & Study
- ◇ Women's Bible Study
- ◇ Disaster Preparedness
- ◇ "Half Truths"
- ◇ "Israel, A Journey Through Time"

#### Small Craft Groups

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring
- ◇ Card Making
- ◇ Mosaic Crosses

You may register for a Small Group in the Office during the week, or by calling or e-mailing the Church Office. **Please notify the Office if you plan to join us for dinner.**





## OUR FAMILY

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

### MILESTONES



**Frank and Marilyn Kostal** celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 2. In honor of this milestone and in memory of their loved ones, they provided a beautiful flower arrangement for worship on Sunday, September 3rd.

### IN MEMORIUM

**Bobbie Dees**—resident of Concordia Independent Living and a member of our church family for over five years, passed away on Wednesday, August 23 from complications of a stroke she experienced a few days earlier. A celebration of Life was held at Lakepoint Center on Saturday, September 16. Please keep her husband Frank and all of their family in your prayers during this difficult time.



**Ken Fisher**—faithful member with us since 1980, passed away Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he had gone to live with his daughter last April. He had been in church just the previous week, but was admitted to the hospital during that week with pneumonia, so his passing was unexpected. No



services are scheduled at this time, but cards can be sent to: Family of Ken Fisher, c/o Carol Hardison, 505 Lake Shore Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534. Please keep his children John and Carol, and his complete family in your prayers as they grieve Ken's passing.

**Brian Grosnickle** - son of long-time members Gary & Delores Grosnickle, passed away Friday, September 22. His memorial service was held in our Sanctuary Saturday morning, September 30th, with Hope Circle hosting the reception following the service.



### ACTIVITIES COMING IN OCTOBER

**YOUNG @ HEART SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet at Papa Mike's for dinner and fellowship on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:00pm.

**ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP** gathers the 2nd Monday each month in the Chapel @ 5:30pm. Come to enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship.

**METFIELD METHODIST SHEPHERD GROUP** members are going on a Beaver Lake Cruise Thursday, October 12. They also will gather for a cook-out hosted by Bob & Dorothy Schuster at their home on October 21st. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Fun times ahead!!

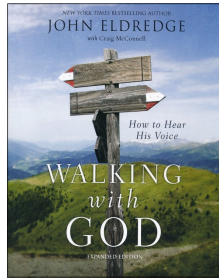
**SOLOS** will meet on Tuesday, October 24th at 5:00pm at Abuelo's (4005 W. Walnut in Rogers) for dinner, and then go to a book-signing at Barnes and Noble for Karin Esterhammer (Elaine Detlefsen's neice), author of an autobiography of her family's adventures living in Vietnam for 2 years, *So Happiness to Meet You*.

**Remembering God's Faithfulness—SEEKER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** invites you to join them as they study a unit about God's covenants with His people from Noah to Jesus. They meet Sunday morning at 9:30 in Room 6. Bring your cup of coffee and join the discussions.

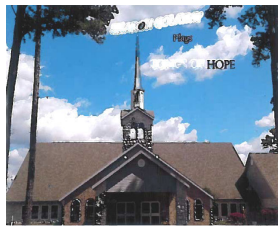


## OUR FAMILY

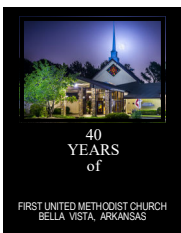
**FRIENDS OF CHRIST**—a Bible Study/ Fellowship group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 1:30 -3:00 in the Chapel. This month they are studying *Walking with God* by John Eldredge. This is more than a Sunday School class. Come join these friendly folks!



Sharon Golaway has a new CD titled "Songs of Hope", with 13 hymns played on the piano as only she can play. They are available in the office for \$15, and would a make wonderful gift.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Tuesdays, from 10:00am-11:00am in room 6. Come for an hour of visiting and stitching. If you are a beginner, they will be glad to teach you! Any questions, please contact Jeneda Mickelson.



### Our Cookbooks are in Demand!

We sold out our first run of 40th Anniversary cookbooks in 3 weeks at the beginning of this year, and we have had several requests to order more—so we have! There are 104 different contributors of about 400 recipes, most of which have been cooked for some event here at the church over the years. Find one that you have already tasted and thought "....mmmm...that was yummy-wish I had the recipe!" Now you can have it—and many more. The books are \$20 each, and you can purchase them in the office or at the Bazaar!

**ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY** is Sunday, November 5th, when we will remember those members who have passed away since All-Saints Sunday 2016. Please carefully look this list over, and let the office know ASAP if we have inadvertently missed someone.

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| *Dick Armstrong  | Robert "Bob" McBride |
| Marian Best      | Ann McClellan        |
| Clyde Cheek      | Janet McIntosh       |
| Bobbie Dees      | *Norma Richart       |
| Alva Demarais    | Deloris Tozer Ser-   |
| John DeVan       | nett                 |
| Joanne Fischbach | Marge Smith          |
| *Ken Fisher      | *Marjorie J. Smith   |
| Barbara Gersema  | *Melba Soule         |
| Donald Gersema   | Maryann Tompkins     |
| Carol Greenley   | Lois Wakefield       |
| Duane Hertel     | Clarence Williams    |
| Howard Johnson   |                      |

### Beautiful Colors Emmaus Group

... will meet Thursday, October 19th at 2:30pm, in the Chapel. Please wear your colorful name tag you were given. Also please bring the book called *Worship Booklet for Pilgrims*. There is no one leader for this program. We volunteer to guide a meeting. Then someone else volunteers for the next meeting. We only meet once a month (on the third Thursday) and we are open to all who have completed an Emmaus Walk or a Face to Face Encounter. If you have any questions, please contact Darleen O'Brien.

**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 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 (Continued)**

- 12 Sandra Beverage
- 12 Tom Harris
- 13 Richard Bacon
- 13 Kristin Crider
- 13 Alyssa Wilmoth
- 15 Mickey Shank
- 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 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 J.D. Pickens
- 30 Jack Storck
- 30 Lennis Valdez





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OCTOBER NEWS

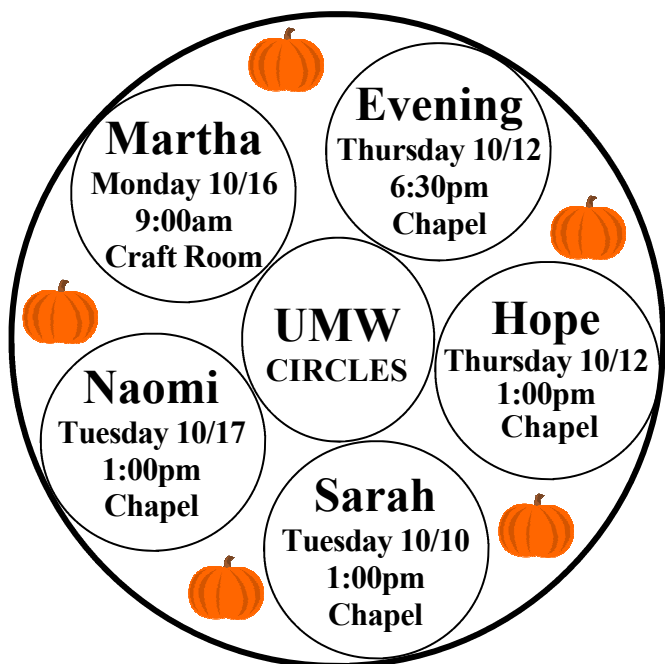
The UMM is getting ready for Pancake Day on Friday, October 20. Committees have been set up and work is progressing. We need everyone's support as we work hard to make this a big successful event. All proceeds go towards the Charities that the UMM support. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Rod Alford, Ted Ivy, Wayne Horner or Lou Kaufmann if you have time to join in the fun.

The UMM October dinner meeting will be Wednesday, October 11. We will be honoring the Bella Vista Fire and Police Departments. Men and women from both departments will be joining us for dinner as well as hearing from both chiefs on all the latest goings on in Bella Vista. This will be the first time to meet and greet the new Police Chief. An excellent dinner will be served by Rhythm & Q. Please email Lou Kaufmann at [lou@krrealty.com](mailto:lou@krrealty.com) or call at 366-1291 or call the church at 855-1158 for reservations no later than Monday, October 9.

THE NEW EOIM (EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY) CATALOGUES are out. If you did not pick one up in Church on October 1st, please pick yours up as soon as possible. It should be no surprise that along with a new pastor we have some changes to the catalog. This means new and exciting opportunities for you. Please – when you receive the catalog, look it over carefully and read the descriptions, so you know what you are signing up for. Also, please prayerfully consider signing up for something new. October 15th there will be displays of many of the areas of opportunity for you to see what all is involved. There are many opportunities that only ask for a one-day-a-month commitment for an hour or so, to others that ask you to utilize the many talents you have. We truly have something for everyone and it takes *everyone* to make this church all that it is.



**CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be held Sunday October 29th at 2:00pm in Becker Hall. This is an opportunity for everyone to come together with our District Superintendent, Stephen Coburn, in learning who our FUMCBV church leaders will be for the next year, discussing new policies that are being implemented, and hearing from Rev. Coburn about how we are doing in relation to other churches in the state. Rev. Jeanne has said that she will hide a \$20 bill under someone's chair. Will it be the one where you are sitting, or will it go unclaimed?? Come join us for the fun, fellowship, and insights into the future of FUMCBV.



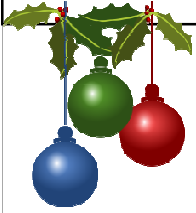
**THE ANGEL TREE** will be up in the hallway at the end of October. There will be cards for 45 needy girls and boys. Let's help these children have a nice Christmas by taking all the cards from the tree. Shepherd Groups, Circles, and other groups are invited to go together to fulfill the wishes of these children. Watch your bulletin for more information!





## UMW

## MISSIONS



### *UMW Bazaar*

We are officially in our final days of preparing for the 2017 Holiday Bazaar. For at least nine months workers have logged many hours at church and at home creating hundreds of one-of-a-kind treasures to be sold at this year's bazaar. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 7, from 8:30 am to 2:00pm. You will not find better workmanship than from the talented women, and men, of this church. Most of the proceeds from the Bazaar will be used to help fund worthy organizations in our community, particularly those that provide for the cares and needs of women and children.

**ALL church members** are invited to come and help. Set-up day will begin in the morning of Wednesday, October 4th and go all that day and Thursday. You can also help on the day of the bazaar in one of the many areas of need. Contact the office and let them know you can be here so we can assign you to the needed areas. You can bake a pie, bread, or other homemade items to be sold in the Country Kitchen or in the dining area. These need to be brought in on Friday the 6th - the day before the sale.

You will find a receptacle in the Narthex and at the outside entrance to Becker Hall for you to bring paper or plastic bags of varying sizes to be used in the bagging area on bazaar day.

Please bring in all plants and other projects you have been working on for the Bazaar Monday, October 2nd through Thursday October 5th.

*Happy Shopping!*

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

### October Mission of the Month

### Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County



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.

Services provided are:

- ✧ A child-friendly and non-threatening environment
- ✧ Trained forensic interviewers
- ✧ 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
- ✧ A child-friendly and non-threatening environment

In 2016 the CAC opened 950 cases; conducted 976 forensic interviews; performed 230 forensic medical exams, provided 2,116 counseling sessions to children and their families and facilitated training and education events to 9,213 people.

Your support of October's Mission of the Month makes a huge difference these children.





## MISSIONS



### PAK A SAK

Our collection of pantry food in October will be for Youth Bridge. This is a shelter for **AT RISK** teen's in Benton County that provides safety and counseling for troubled youth. The shelter is in need of all types of food , especially cereal, peanut butter, soups, pasta , and canned fruit. All our agencies appreciate your generosity each month.

### SHOEBOX MINISTRIES

We are starting to fill Sunshine Sacks for the 2017-2018 school year for Cooper Elementary students.. These sacks are filled by the Martha Circle each month with toiletry items such as soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, lotion, and shampoo. They are given to students who are eligible for the snack pack program.



If you have a circle or group that would like to help with one of these programs please contact us. It can be a one time any time meeting. We will meet your schedule Evenings, Saturdays or Sundays.. Youth groups are more than welcome. We need you ~ and those who are homeless, or just in need of a little extra help need you. Please feel free to call Cheryl Campbell 876-5172, Karen Roenfeld (712) 249-2521, or Diane Cox 925-0988.

As always in His service,  
*The Shoebox Ministry Team*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Brenda Wideman at [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158 or to Peggy Stout at [pegdewitt@yahoo.com](mailto:pegdewitt@yahoo.com) or 531-3433. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.

### FLOOD NEWS

**Flood recovery teams are still needed in SE Arkansas.** Southeast Arkansas continues to schedule teams to help with repairs needed as a result of the March 2016 floods. Projects are identified and funding secured, but volunteer help is little to none. When considering mission opportunities, please consider our neighbors in Southeast Arkansas. Several high priority cases are waiting. To volunteer, contact Ron Jones, site volunteer coordinator, at [woodrat3@live.com](mailto:woodrat3@live.com) or Janice Mann at [disaster@arumc.org](mailto:disaster@arumc.org).

### SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

is our on-going mission to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. If you would like to "adopt" a Back Pack to be filled every week, your donation of \$5.00 per month will be used for this purpose. Please make out a check to FUMCBV and in the memo write "Back Pack monthly donation". Two "Goat Banks" are out in the hallways across from the Library and the Meals-on-Wheels entrance. Your quarters are needed for us to successfully continue this much needed program. Thank you for your continued generosity as we fill the banks with quarters for the rest of the school year!



**Bring your  
quarters !**

**Fill the Banks !**

**Feed a Child !**



## Book Hook



### From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/  
Associate Director of Music

October will be a relaxed month on the bench, as I work through more of the used organ scores that I have recently bought used in an attempt to expand my repertoire and enhance your listening pleasure! However, there will be a familiar and spooky Toccata and Fugue by a composer whose initials are JSB on the 29th.

While I remain low-key in Bella Vista, I'm going to be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Protestantism in Bentonville and Rogers, with a choir and organ festival, respectively. For more information about both events, go to the American Guild of Organists' events page at <https://nwacago.org/events/>

For those who have been asking for more piano music, you will have it in November, with a series of three postludes beginning on November 5th.

*Broc*

### A PLEA FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE KITCHEN!!

- If you have left-over food in the refrigerators or freezer, **PLEASE** label it with your name or group and the date—if it is to be used for a future event, note that date and event. Too much food has to be tossed because we have no clue whose it is or what it is to be used for. Many time it sits there for days and weeks and goes bad. **WHAT A WASTE!!**
- If you empty a condiment or spice jar, either replace it or leave a note so that it can be replaced. Someone paid for it and expects it to be there for their use.
- If you borrow something, **RETURN** it when you are through.
- There is not a kitchen fairy who does the laundry! If your group uses towels, please take them home, wash them, and return them as soon as possible.
- Make sure all burners and ovens are turned **OFF**.
- Make sure all faucets are turned **OFF** (especially at the dishwasher sink)
- Leave the kitchen in pristine condition - you may not have found it that way-but you can leave it that way!

### BOOKS IN SERIES:

CHENEY DUVALL, M.D. SERIES by Lynn Morris

Book 1: THE STARS FOR A LIGHT

Book 2: SHADOWS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Book 3: A CITY NOT FORSAKEN

Book 4: TOWARDS THE SUNRISING

Book 5: SECRET PLACE OF THUNDER

Book 6: IN THE TWILIGHT, IN THE EVENING

Book 7: ISLAND OF THE INNOCENT

Book 8: DRIVEN WITH THE WIND

TEAROOM MYSTERIES (A GUIDEPOSTS SERIES)

Book 8: TEA is for TREASURE by Kristin Eckhardt

Book 9: TROUBLE BREWING by Susan P. Davis

Book 10: MYSTERY and MACAROONS by  
Elizabeth Adams

Book 11: THE TEA WILL TELL by Elizabeth Ludwig

Book 12: TEA and TOUCHDOWNS by Erin Keeley  
Marshall

### FICTION:

**BEFORE WE WERE YOURS** by Lisa Wingate  
In this novel, inspired by a true story, two families, generations apart, are forever changed by a heartbreaking injustice.

**SWEETBRIAR COTTAGE** by Denise Hunter  
When Noah and Josephine discover their divorce was never finalized, their lives are turned upside down.

**THE SONG OF THE RIVER TRILOGY** by Diane Ashley Hopes and dreams ride on the Mississippi River with Lily, Camilla, and Jasmine.

**ESCAPE TO PARADISE TRILOGY** by MaryLu Tyndall  
Forsaken Dreams, Elusive Hope, Abandon Memories.

**BENEATH COPPER FALLS** by Colleen Coble  
Dana has already learned that love isn't safe....but could it be different in Rock Harbor?

**BLEAK LANDING** by Terrie Todd  
She fled her past. Now she must go home to find her future.

### LARGE PRINT FICTION:

**Y IS FOR YESTERDAY** by Sue Grafton  
Yesterday was for youthful indiscretions. Today is for consequences.

**THE IDENTICALS** by Elain Hilderbrand  
Identical twin sisters who couldn't look more alike or love more differently..

**CRIME SCENE** by Jonathan Kellerman  
A once star athlete is found dead with no wounds and no signs of foul play.



# MEDIA MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

## WE CAN TEACH ANYONE, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

On behalf of the Director of Media Ministries, Troy, and the volunteer media staff, I thank all of you for support of our efforts to maintain and improve the Church's lighting, audio, visual, and video (LAVV) technologies. We are currently transitioning from a time-worn VHS tape as the medium rushed to Bella Vista Community Television (BVCTV) after the Traditional Worship Service at 8 a.m. for broadcast each Sunday at ten o'clock on the Public channel for Bella Vista Cox 222 and AT&T 99. We also livestream to a worldwide audience the three Worship services accessible via USTREAM ([www.ustream.com](http://www.ustream.com) or a mobile device app) or directly at our website [www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com). Please don't hesitate to provide us feedback on this service.

Our thanks to Steve Larsen for facilitating the purchase and installation of the 16 new DMX lights in the Sanctuary. Along with the existing lighting, we are still adjusting them for focus, color, and intensity to make what you see the best possible view for any given activity of worship.

It is opportune to recognize one individual whose contribution to FUMC's facilities is paramount. Keith Sterwald. He has been without the shadow of a doubt a person selflessly giving of time, talent, and presence. He has removed and installed equipment, lights, systems, walls, doors, electrical works, televisions, plumbing, et cetera in an effort to make the environment safe, efficient, and pleasant. When the scaffolding goes up, it is Keith who works sixteen feet in the air to adjust, fix, and change the lights. The utilities efficiencies he has installed have saved the Church countless expense. Obsolete systems that have outlived their usefulness are replaced. When something breaks, he is on the spot fixing it. His construction accomplishments have made for a pleasant, appealing décor that allows the congregation to be proud of our House of Worship. Thank you, Keith.

You should notice on the television kiosks around the halls and rooms a constant flow of information that is current to the missions and activities taking place in our building and at venues outside. Additionally there is a kiosk opposite the office entrance displaying the names and status of people who are of special concern. Troy devotes a significant amount of his time to make the announcements and numerous photos of our people informative, attracting, and pleasing to watch.

In a concerted effort to shake loose additional volunteers to work LAVV on Sunday mornings, we are offering "technology for seniors" workshops during Midweek Manna (please look at the schedule to learn what topic and which Wednesday – not every Wednesday). The intent is both to improve your understanding of the technologies available to us on a personal as well as institutional level, and to enhance our experiences worshipping God. The equipment that our volunteers work with appears highly complex, but its operation can be reduced to a few easily learned steps that become second nature. If you can see, hear, and follow the activities of worship, we can help you learn what it takes to be a LAVV volunteer. And the more volunteers we have trained, the less any one individual is called on to sit in the booth and enhance worship for everyone. Dedicate one hour per month. Join us. **WE NEED YOU!!**





## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who helped donate the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. Your generosity is a blessing and beautiful expression of love! The donated kits and items collected throughout our Arkansas UMC conference are being shipped to UMCOR and will soon be in the hands of people who are in need.

Blessings, *Linda & Richard Stewart*  
Disaster Response, FUMC Missions Committee

Dear Friends and Church Family,  
There are no words adequate to express the thanks of my family and myself for the prayers, kindnesses of many kinds, food, and all the things at the time of our loss of husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Pastor Jeanne and Pastor Brenda for their visits to the hospital and hospice, the ladies for the lovely luncheon, Pastors Jeanne and Brenda for conducting a lovely service for Duane's homegoing, and the gentlemen who represented the military to honor Duane for his military service, and Dawn for the beautiful music. My heart will always carry the memories of that day and I will always hold all of you close and I shall remember you in my prayers.

In His love,

*Marilyn and the Hertel Family*

To our wonderful Church Family,

Words cannot express the deep appreciation and gratitude we feel for all that has been done for us while we have gone through an unexpected "heart event". We have been overwhelmed by all the cards, calls, prayers, hospital visits, and acts of love and kindness shown us. Special thanks to Senior Pastor Jeanne, Associate Pastor Brenda, and our "Prince Albert" for several encouraging visits. The prayer shawl was a gift we will always treasure. We are so grateful to be a part of such a loving, caring church. Blessings to all of you.




*Gary & Delores Grosnickle*

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<b>Newsletter ~ August 2017 Financial Data</b>					
		<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Compare</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Year-end</b>
				<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Month to date (as of 8/31/17)	Actual Receipts	\$48,974	\$50,701	\$47,696	
Month to date (as of 8/31/17)	Actual Expense	\$47,279	\$53,307	\$55,267	
	Balance	<b>\$1,695</b>	<b>-\$2,606</b>	<b>-\$7,571</b>	
	Year to Date Actual Receipts	\$415,937	\$405,608	\$402,428	\$608,420
	Year to Date Actual Expense	\$389,416	\$426,456	\$416,549	\$639,707
	Balance	<b>\$26,521</b>		<b>-\$14,121</b>	<b>-\$31,287</b>
Operating Account Balance 8/31/17 = <b>\$23,512</b>					
<i>Patsy Attaway</i> , Business Manager					



# OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>1</b>	BP ✓ Between 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 1:00 Oasis Graduation 2:00 SPRC 3:30 Church Council	<b>2</b>	<b>Bazaar Set-up</b> 7:59 Golf-Dogwood 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Men's Chorus Brd 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>3</b>	<b>Bazaar Set-up</b> 9:41 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Prayer Shawl	<b>4</b>	<b>Bazaar Set-up</b> 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 10:15 Staff Mtng 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:15 Young @ Heart	<b>5</b>	<b>Bazaar Set-up</b> 8:33 Golf-BVCC	<b>6</b>	<b>Bazaar Set-up</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>UMW BAZAAR</b>  9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>8</b>	7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	<b>9</b>	7:59 Golf-Scotsdale 9:30 DAR 10:00 Calico Board 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:30 Abram SG 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>10</b>	9:00 PEO-BR 9:33 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 4:30 Meals on Wheels 5:30 Grief Support	<b>11</b>	8:00 Quilters 1:00 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 9:00 Disciple II 10:15 Staff Meeting 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	<b>12</b>	8:33 Golf-Highlands 9:00 PEO-CD Planning 9:30 Missions Comm 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grp Ldrs 6:00 Evening Circle	<b>13</b>	11:30 PreSchl Brd Mtng	<b>14</b>	9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>15</b>	<b>PAK-A-SAK</b> 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	<b>16</b>	<b>CARE &amp; SHARE TRAILER ~ 7-2</b> 8:59 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Martha Circle 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Staff Planning 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>17</b>	9:41 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 BV Book Club 1:00 Naomi Circle 5:30 Grief Support	<b>18</b>	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 10:00 Calico Anytimers 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	<b>19</b>	8:33 Golf-Dogwood 2:30 Emmaus Beautiful	<b>20</b>	<b>UMM PANCAKE</b> 6:30 BREAKFAST 	<b>21</b>	9:00 Amp Big Book 10:00 SAR
<b>22</b>	<b>CELEBRATION SUNDAY</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>23</b>	7:59 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Calico Cut-ups 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>24</b>	9:41 Golf-Highlands 10:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 BV Library Brd 5:30 Grief Support	<b>25</b>	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 10:15 Staff Meeting 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	<b>26</b>	8:33 Golf-Scotsdale 4:00 Small Grp Ldrs	<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>ALL CHURCH CLEANUP</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book 11:30 Avalon SG
<b>29</b>	<b>CHARGE CONFERENCE</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 2:00 CHARGE CONFERENCE	<b>30</b>	7:59 Men's Golf 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>31</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN</b> 9:41 Men's Golf 10:00 Prayer Shawl  5:30-7:30 								



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## **United Methodist Women 40th Annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7  
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 Orange & Cinnamon Rolls  
8:30 a.m.**

**Luncheon available at 10:30 a.m.**

**Debit/Credit Machine available  
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**All Proceeds go to support local charities**



## **First United Methodist Church 20 Boyce Dr. Bella Vista United Methodist Men Pancake Day**

**Friday, October 20  
6:30am-12:30pm**

**Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,  
Applesauce, Drink**

**\$6.00 per person  
Children under 5 ~ free**

**Tickets can be bought from  
any UMM member,  
in the Church Office,  
or at the door on Pancake Day**  
Proceeds support Local Ministries

