

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



The Good News

OCTOBER 2019

Every One in Ministry

2020



Stewardship as a Way of Life



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

A View From the Other Side

I have had the opportunity to take extended leave three times in my career, and every time, I have returned with a different perspective, or view, of the church I'm serving. Of course, this has a lot more to do with me than the church!

Having the ability to step back and look at the big picture is extremely important for leaders in any organization, pastors of churches notwithstanding. We get caught in the mire of the day-to-day operation and we lose the long-term view and goals.

Now, I'm still on leave for another few weeks, but I will begin to be in the office some starting this month. I can honestly say that this leave has been anything but restful! Our lives were completely and totally flipped upside down in the most amazing, glorious ways! But to say I'm coming back refreshed is an understatement.

Despite that, though, I am coming back looking at the big picture, the larger and longer view of what, where, why, and how God is calling our church to make disciples in our community. While we were on leave, Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris came to the first Mid Week Manna to debrief us on our Gospel Discipleship results. We learned that we are a Lukan church, and Pastor Brenda explained a lot of that in her article last month. From these results, we know that we like being together! We like our fellowship times! We like small groups! We like relating to one another! We also learned that it's hard for us to let people go, even when they want to go. We learned that we are susceptible to bullies because of this tendency. We learned that we can be cliquish – too closed in our small groups to allow new people a place. From these learnings, the Discipleship Team is beginning work on creating a Discipleship System to present to the church.

What is a Discipleship System? Well, it's something that organizes our ministry inside and outside of the church walls that encourages us to be better disciples of Jesus Christ and to reach more people in our community who need to hear about God's love. Our goal is to have this system before you early in 2020. We'll be seeking input and thoughts before we reveal it, but hint – look closely at the Stewardship Materials you are receiving! You're going to see that logo again! Let me be clear that this will NOT replace Every One In Ministry! We will still use that system to align our ministry opportunities with those who wish to serve them.

I am grateful for this time I have been given to bond with my new family. It was more needed than we ever could have imagined. I continue to covet your prayers and support as we continue to figure out our new routines and "normal." I also want to say a very giant thank you to all of you who organized and attended the shower held for us. I am steadily working on individual thank you notes, but we did have a few gifts and cards that did not have names attached to them. If you don't receive a note from us, please know this is what happened and we are extremely grateful for your gift. We are completely overwhelmed by our church communities' love and support during this new chapter for us. We are blessed to serve with each of you!

Blessings, Rev. Jeanne

SUSHINE SACKS



This is a program of Shoebox Ministries within our church. They are sacks (actually ziplock bags) filled with travel-size toiletry items such as shampoo, toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap and other items. Children who are eligible for the "Snack Pack for Back Packs" program are also eligible for this program. We are only given numbers; no names or other information is given to us. The average number of children receiving Sunshine Sacks has steadily grown over the years and is now about 80 per month from Cooper Elementary School. Karen Roenfeld is in charge of this program and the sacks are filled each month by members of her Martha Circle, and delivered to the counselor's office at Cooper School. Next time you see Karen or one of the members of Martha Circle give them a hug and a "Thank You"! Check out other Shoebox programs. . . Always in His service, *The Shoebox Ministry Team*





JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Disciples Serve from the Heart

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's love and grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Beginning on October 16 at Midweek Manna, I will have the privilege of joining with a group of folks in a study to explore our divinely granted spiritual gifts, our talents, our resources, our individuality, our dreams and our experiences. As we move through this study together, we will come to know the grace of God's gifts, to know each other, and to know who each of us has been created to be. Seeing our unique selves in new eye-opening ways brings a new life to who we are called to be as Christ's disciples and allows us to see our service to God with deeply renewed excitement and passion. No longer are we just filling a slot, just helping out, just showing up, but instead we are living in to who God created us to be.

What are **your** gifts? Find out by joining this group in the "Serving from the Heart" study. Once you have made this discovery, you will be enabled to use those gifts in fresh ways as you renew your passion for serving the Lord. We invite you to join us. And then with this exciting knowledge, we invite you to join our church family in our journey together to make disciples; disciples who make a difference in the lives of others, transforming not just individuals, but transforming our communities around us, and ultimately the world.

May God's Blessings Shape your Discipleship Journey, Pastor Brenda

The August Family Pot Luck and Talent Night sponsored by the Stewardship Team was a great success. The night, directed and produced by Amy O. Fulton, was fun and we had a lot of great food. We had over 60 in attendance.

I want to thank Amy O. Fulton for all her hard work putting the family night together. A big thank you to Janet Walton for her work in printing the programs and Kacy Spears for her work in promoting the family night.

Thank you to those who performed for us using your God-given talents. The performers were:

Amy O. Fulton, Jean Meadows, Lynn Prueitt, Jill Hale, Sandy Fitch, Ron Alford,

Ashdon Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Beth Bishop, Caitlyn Rowland, Kandi Mount, Cynthia Augspurger, Brenda Wideman, and Jim Rowland. Again, thank you, you were all *GREAT!!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ Our next Stewardship Quarterly Family Night is scheduled for Friday, November 15th at 6:00pm. Please join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!!

Stewardship Corner

Friends,

We thank you for your faithfulness in giving that allowed us to have "rainy day" funds available to "get it done." Because of you, we were able to replace the sanctuary roof that was old and leaking badly. Given the age of our church building, we do expect that more renew and refresh work will need to be done in the not too distant future, but with your help, we will work to keep our church and property cared for and having the look of being loved. This makes such a positive statement to all those who enter our doors, members and guests alike.

Our church has a vision and a mission to spread God's word. To do this we need you to continue to invest yourself through the resources which God has given you---your energy, your prayers, and your money--- invaluable investments in this work to which God has called us.

Ken Swanson, Finance Committee Chairperson



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 of Congregational Care at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Gerald and Barbara Denson

became the newest members of our church family on Sunday, September 8th. They are originally from Southern Illinois and moved to Bella Vista to care for Jerry's elderly parents. Jerry is retired military and loves the outdoors. Barbara has worked in various nonprofit organizations, having a degree in psychology. She loves to read and watch movies. They have transferred to us from Goddard UMC in Fort Smith and attend the 10:45 service. Please introduce yourself the next time you see them.



MILESTONES

Frank and Marilyn Kostal

celebrated 58 years of marriage with a donation to the Youth Ministry. They were married in Omaha, NE on September 2, 1961.

Dave and Anny Weber celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary with a donation to the FUMCBV Building Maintenance Fund. They were married in Jacksonville, IL on September 15, 1956.



Joyce Connell—recently honored the memory of her late husband, Rev. William Connell, with a donation to the Music Ministry.

Chuck Eldridge – husband of Dawn and son-in-law of Carol Bryant, has recently returned home to Bella Vista from Philadelphia after receiving a lung transplant back in March. Although he must still be careful with crowds and germs, the transplant has been very successful and he has recovered extremely well. We lift prayers of thanksgiving and praise for this wonderful news!

RELOCATIONS

Iona Baxter – has recently moved from her home on Tanyard Drive to Brookfield Assisted Living here in Bella Vista. Iona and her late-husband Dale, were among the original members of our church family, having joined in November of 1976 and were extremely faithful members. Dale passed away in 2004. We had lost track of Iona for a while, but are thankful for the opportunity to reconnect as a result of hearing from her family. Iona is in room #103 at Brookfield. We invite you to send her a card to brighten her day.

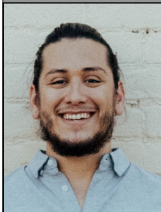
IN MEMORIUM

Sadie Brehm – passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 19th. She and her husband, Sam, moved here from Joplin, MO a little over a year ago to be closer to their son. They quickly became a part of our church family, attending both worship and a Sunday School class. Sam and Sadie had been married for almost 66 years and Sadie had just celebrated her 89th birthday on September 11. A Celebration of Life was held at FUMC Joplin Friday, September 27th and Rev. Brenda officiated a Celebration of Life at Concordia Monday, September 30. Please be in prayer for Sam and for their family, that they receive the comfort and peace that only our loving God can give.



Jim Wallis – former member with us, who had been living at Grand Village at Clear Creek in Fayetteville, passed away Wednesday, August 21st. He was 96 years old. Jim and his late-wife Libby were members with us 1990 through 2009. Please keep his family and friends in prayers for comfort in this loss of Jim.

Granddad Atti – grandfather of Andrew Smith passed away in Greensboro, North Carolina recently. Andrew, Rachel, and family travelled to the memorial service which was held on Tuesday, September 18th. Please keep the family in prayers as they mourn this loss.



Young Whippersnappers

Kenneth Wilson, NextGen Youth

Happy October!!! (Or as I like to call it, SPOOKY SEASON)

In September, we studied some of the Hebrew and Greek concepts of love found throughout scripture. Here's a quick intro to one of them:

"Hesed" is a Hebrew word that is typically translated into "steadfast love" or "lovingkindness." Essentially, this is basic human kindness/decency. It is the type of love for neighbor that keeps the world turning. I share some love with a neighbor, and they pass it on, and then that person passes it on, etc. It is sort of a never-ending circle of love that keeps going around and around. It is the kind of love where every single thing matters, big and small. Usually, the small things add up in beautiful ways we never see coming.

These small things add up in the life of a church community too... So, if you have a gift, no matter how small or big, you'd like to share with this community of youth, then let me know. We have some volunteer youth workers already, but we can always use more. Even if we had 1,000 volunteers, I am sure we could find a way for you to serve alongside our wonderful Youth Group.

Have a blessed Spooky Season, Kenneth
P.S. read Galatians 6:9!



Children's Chatter

Ashdon Wilson, NextGen Chil-



It has oft been said that "children are the future of the church." This is usually stated in conjunction with an argument as to why churches need to attract more young families. There is nothing wrong with the sentiment of this statement, but I believe that the statement itself could not be further from the truth. Children are not the *future* of the church; they are an active part of our church family right now! In the book *Children's Ministry in the way of Jesus*, the authors declare that children's ministry is more that just "childcare support for adult programs or about attracting more people to the church," it is about the entire church family's "support [of] them on the journey of being disciples of Christ."

Is this not the goal of adult ministry, too? Are we not all learning how to be disciples of Christ?

I believe that children are an active part of the church *now*. That does not just mean that they help with acolyte services on Sundays or remain quiet during the sermon (though both are important); it means they show the love and light of Christ Jesus to those around them through their actions, words, and love. As a church family, we need to support and nurture our children in their journey to understand and live by the example of Christ.

Don't forget our Vista Kids trip to the Corn Maze on Sunday, October 13th. We will be leaving at 1:30 and plan on returning to the church by 4:00. As always, Trunk-or-Treat is on Halloween, and there are several opportunities to help with this outreach project. Please contact me at childrens@lovelearnlead.com or via text at (870) 834-1597.

Happy
Spooky
Season!
Ashdon



Thursday, October 31
5:30-7:00pm
Trunks, Treats, Hot Dogs,
S'mores, & More
Selfie Photo Station

**Barrels for CANDY DONATION
and Sign-up sheets for
VOLUNTEERS
are in the Narthex & Becker Hall**
We can use YOUR help as FUMCBV hosts
the community
at this fun family holiday event !



MidWeek Manna News

Midweek Manna is in full swing this fall. New classes will begin on October 16. Pastor Brenda will teach Spiritual Gifts; Broc Hite is leading a class on Sacred Music; and The Friends of Christ Bible study class is hosting a couple of movies – God’s Not Dead and God’s Not Dead II. Of course, Disciple Fast Track – New Testament and Coloring will continue. If you have an interest in any of these classes, please sign up in the office and see about a book.

Kathy Ayres and Kitchen Crew are doing a great job. Please, don’t forget to make your donation for the meal and if you can, please help with clearing tables, salad bar, etc. once in a while. Our volunteers are wearing out and it only takes a few extra minutes.

October Group Activities. . . .

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, October 8th at 1:00pm in the Parlor. Beth Walker will give the program

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP will meet in the Parlor Monday, October 14th at 5:30pm for a Potluck.

FRIENDS OF CHRIST is a small study group dedicated to supporting each other as they dig deeper into their own personal relationship with Christ Jesus. They meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 1:30-3:00pm in the Parlor.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Sunday, October 20 at 4:00pm in Becker Hall to finalize FUMCBV forms and vote on 2020 positions to be presented at Charge Conference in November. Please join us for this ever-important church-wide meeting.

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY is Sunday, November 3rd, when we will remember those members who have passed away since All-Saints Sunday 2018. Please carefully look this list over, and let the office know ASAP if we have inadvertently missed someone.

George Brannon
Patricia Brannon
Sadie Brehm
Earl Cummings
*Mildred Davidson
*Billy Jerman
*Ralph Johnson
Shirley Kennedy

Norma McLain
Richard Severson
Ivaleen Seward
George Tompkins
Dale Veach
*James Wallis
Harriet Williams
Pressley Williams
*Past member

Midweek Manna ~ Wednesday Nights

Dinner ~ 5:30-6:15 ~ Becker Hall

(suggested cost: \$5 adult, \$3 Child, \$15 Family)

Groups 6:30 - 7:30/7:45

Study & Craft Groups:

- Disciple Fast Track New Testament (9/4-11/20)
- Joshua ~ Winning the Worry Battle (9/4-10/9)
- Religion in Art (9/4-10/9)
- Sacred Music (10/16-11/13)
- Spiritual Gifts (10/16-11/13)
- God’s Not Dead-God’s Not DeadII (10/16-11/6)
- Coloring Your Way to Calm

Children & Youth Opportunities

- Infants & Toddlers ~ Nursery Available
- K - 6th Grade “Friend Me” - each week our children will study what it means to be a good friend, God’s way.
- Youth (7th-12th grade) Join us every week for a time of fellowship, open-mindedness, food, Bible study, discussion.

Sign up in the Office for classes and dinner!

UMW BAZAAR ~

SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 5th ~ 8 to 2

BAZAAR IS HERE!! Volunteers need to be in Becker Hall Saturday morning no later than 7:30. We can still use additional volunteers for multiple areas and shifts. Marlene and her crew will be getting delicious food items ready for the dining area for people to sit down and enjoy. *We need help from everyone in pulling this worthwhile Project together to be successful!* Putting things away and getting Becker Hall ready for Church Services Sunday morning is a place where everyone can pitch in and help. . . . ALSO. . .

UMM will be holding their Pancake breakfast, Friday, October 18th and UMW will have a craft sale at the same time. SO, we will be looking for help in setting up and manning the craft sale area, and then repacking afterwards. So, if you are willing to spare an hour or two, please contact Darleen or Linda
THANKS TO ALL who are willing to help with any and every part of our important mission projects.

Darleen O’Brien & Linda Hyde,

Bazaar Mission Project Chairs





OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charles & Connie Danielson
- 2 Ivan & Merle Lantz
- 5 Terry & Linda Davis
- 11 Melanie & Sarah Bowers
- 12 Ken & Mary Jane Hammarstrom
- 16 Jud & Melba Brown
- 21 Justin & Kelly Kelley
- 30 Lynn & Karen Dove

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Connie Danielson
- 2 Jean Swanson
- 3 Evelyn Antoine
- 3 Rob Whitesides
- 4 Don Jones
- 5 Carole Boyd
- 5 Darleen O'Brien
- 6 Marie Carlson
- 6 Allan Hagan
- 6 Malinda Hickey
- 6 Danielle Norgaard
- 6 Marianne Zotti
- 7 Connie Hinton
- 8 Gene Young
- 9 Bob Kennedy
- 10 Isabella Sampson
- 11 Jim Prather

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

- 12 Sandra Beverage
- 12 Tom Harris
- 12 Bill Wilson
- 13 Richard Bacon
- 13 Kristin Crider
- 15 Mickey Shank
- 16 George Ann ("G") Billingsley
- 19 Charlie Danielson
- 20 Arlene Alford
- 20 Drew Baker
- 20 Jeanette Horner
- 20 Kyle Murphy
- 20 Carolyn Sutton
- 20 Caleb Sweeney
- 21 Dave Broers
- 21 Justin Kelley
- 21 Bedetta Valentine
- 23 Elizabeth Little
- 24 Bobby Billingsley
- 24 Michelle Forst
- 24 Weldon Hyde
- 24 Jocelyn Magee
- 25 Elaine Detlefsen
- 25 Dennis Reed
- 25 Maxine Ward
- 25 Cheryl Whitesides
- 28 Richard Abbott
- 30 Jack Storck

August 2019 Newsletter Financial Data

<i>Information as of August 31, 2019</i>	2019 Actual	2019 Budget
Month of August Income	\$ 40,787.43	\$ 40,854.34
Month of August Expenses	\$ 46,841.89	\$ 47,617.34
Difference	\$ (6,054.46)	\$ (6,763.00)
Year to Date Income	\$ 341,203.47	\$ 326,834.72
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 358,576.05	\$ 380,938.72
Difference	\$ (17,372.68)	\$ (54,104.00)

Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Giving Made Easy - Scan the QR code with your smartphone to make an electronic gift to your church! This is a one-time gift. If you would like to set up a recurring gift, see Amy Gilmore in the church office.



John Justice (Left) presents United Methodist Men President, Artie Lawless (right), a Check for \$2800.00 that were proceeds from turning in over 28,000 golf balls to a company that refurbishes them. The money will be added to the Men's Club Charitable donations list of 18 deserving Charities in North West Arkansas at year end. The UMM asks if you have Golf balls that you wish to donate, please contact The Club thru the First United Methodist Church, 20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista and we will arrange to pick them up.



UNITED METHODIST MEN All men of the church are invited to our next monthly dinner meeting **Wednesday, October 9th - 6:30pm** in Becker Hall.

Our Guest speaker will be Tom Judson-CEO of the BV POA. He will be presenting the New 2020 Member Plan and updating us on what's going on at the POA for the rest of this year and next moving forward.

R&Q will cater a good meal, as always. Please make your reservation no later than tomorrow, Noon - Monday, October 7th - call the church office (855-1158).

LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

I didn't quite finish the story from last month's newsletter. My friend Bill did get to go home that Thursday morning from Circle of Life Hospice, to home-Hospice and he did make the baseball game. We had leased a suite at the Arvest Ball Park for guests and clients and Bill came in his wheel chair. When the National Anthem was played, he did not remain seated, he did not kneel, he stood straight up and honored our country as veterans do. I visit with Bill each day and with the aid of his walker he walks to the dining room table and we have our coffee and apple fritter. Like I said last month, "Why can't we all be Positive like Bill?"

Lou Kaufmann



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 a child. Watch your bulletin for more information!

September/October Mission Emphasis

Cooper Elementary School

Let's help them meet their needs!

List of immediate needs:

- ◇ Cheese & Crackers (new)
- ◇ Fruit Snacks (new)
- ◇ Cheese Goldfish (new)
- ◇ Canned vegetables
- ◇ Dry pasta
- ◇ Peanut butter
- ◇ Tuna
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Rice
- ◇ Breakfast bars
- ◇ Macaroni & Cheese
- ◇ Oatmeal



- **Sweat pants** (sizes children's 6x – youth 18) (most needed, especially as the weather cools)
- **Emergency food for children to carry home throughout the week:**

We'll be collecting these items at the Missions Table in the hallway across from the Library. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, we will pass it on to the school.

This is in addition to our *Snack Pack for Backpack* program, which is only dispensed on the weekends.

Another way that we can help Cooper Elementary School – and this will be an on-going mission – is to save the plastic bottle cap from your Coca-Cola products, as well as the end flap from the cardboard packaging. There are numbers on these products that, when turned in, are worth money to the school (much like Box Tops or



VETERAN'S PHOTOS - If you are a veteran and have not previously turned in a military photo, please bring one to the church office no later than Sunday, November 3 so we can include you in our video salute to veterans on November 10. Please make sure we have your name, branch of military, service dates, and which service you attend on the back. Your photo will be returned.



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



Plans gone awry. I had to substitute one of my Vierne pieces on Music Appreciation Sunday because there were too many notes to learn! That's a small thing. The big decision was to postpone the Mini Hymn Festival that I planned on the Sunday preceding my class in Sacred Music starting on Wednesday, October 16th as part of Midweek Manna. It's tough to plan ahead, especially when you're daring to do big, unfamiliar things. It's sometimes difficult to know how to pull back. I wish I could tell you that my aha moment happened as the result of fervent prayer. In this case, it was just a thought spark while driving that instantly informed what I must do.

If you haven't heard about my Sacred Music class, I'll summarize it here. Believe it or not, Christians didn't sing four-part hymns until fairly recently in music history. The Protestant movement had a big part in that, but that's still centuries after what we're going to cover in this Part One of Paul Westermeyer's book *Te Deum*. We'll go back to the singing of Psalms, before the common era, and wind up after the time of Charlemagne, well before the 16th Century. If this goes well, there will be a part two, covering the Reformation forward to 20th Century worship - but more on that next year!

If you're more interested in my preludes and postludes, I'm dipping into the music of Felix Mendelssohn to present some movements from his six organ sonatas, as well as some free-standing pieces. Switching to the piano, I'll complete my two-year traversal of Book One of Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier in November. In December, I'm planning two half-recitals, one on organ, one on piano. Perhaps I'll put a full recital together, combining the two, on a Sunday afternoon program! More news about that next month, and on my blog and social media before that!

Please join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com>

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc

In the Belly of the Well

Kenneth Wilson
Contemporary Worship Leader



Happy October!!!

(Or as I like to call it, SPOOKY SEASON)

I'd like to start by saying... THANK YOU ! Thank you (from the whole worship band, tech volunteers, and myself) to everyone who helped with Music Appreciation Sunday. It is heartwarming to see people volunteering their time to brighten someone else's day. In the spirit of volunteering, remember we can always use more volunteers (tech, music, etc)... and let me answer a few common questions about that:

Q: What if I don't know how to use a soundboard, control lights, or record with a fancy camera?

A: That's okay, and perfectly normal! All of these things are actually fairly easy and very quick to learn.

Q: Do I have to be there EVERY Sunday at the crack of dawn?

A: Absolutely not! The more volunteers we have, the more we can rotate and take breaks. Also, tech volunteers for *The Well* don't have to show up until 8:00am for some positions, and some positions get to show up when *The Well* begins at 9:30am.

Q: What if I mess up?

A: Well... we are human, so you will mess up, but that's okay; the world won't end if you accidentally turn out a light or forget to switch slides on the projector screen. As with all things... Grace =)

That's it for now, I hope you all have a blessed Spooky Season!

With peace and understanding, *Kenneth*
P.S. read Galatians 6:9!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



THANK YOU

WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP will begin their 4th annual **CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT** for our homebound members on Sunday, October 13. The cards will be delivered the first week of December.



They are asking for each family to please fill out a box of cards with each of your name(s) on each card and leave in the Christmas box in the narthex.

Please sign a card provided on the tables at each church entrance EVERY TIME you come to church. This would be on Sunday morning, Wednesday night Manna, and any other time you are at the church during the week.

If you have any individual or boxed Christmas cards you will not be using this year, please bring to Church and leave on the Missions table. These will be used for the members to sign when coming into the church each week.

Please do not seal the envelopes. We will need to see inside each card so they can be divided between all the persons receiving them without them receiving duplicate cards.

Thank You for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. It is a blessing to know that it comes with prayers and faith. Words cannot express how much your loving kindness means.
Nancy Veach

Thank you so very much to my church family for the many phone calls, cards, food, and visits after my recent surgery. It is a blessing to know that we are "Family".
Florence Hill

Please let your entire congregation know how much we appreciate all you do for our kids and their families. The donation of emergency food and sweat pants was much needed and appreciated. Thank You,
Buddy Herndon Counselor, Cooper Elementary

Sarah
Tuesday 10/8
1:00pm
Parlor


Hope
Thursday 10/10
1:00pm

Naomi
Tuesday 10/15
1:00pm
Parlor

UMW CIRCLES

Evening
Thursday 10/10
6:00pm
Parlor

Martha
Monday 10/21
9:00am
Quilt Room




Walmart Gives NWA

With the help of their associates, friends, family, and customers, WalMart gave back to organizations like us in the Northwest Arkansas community! From June 8 through August 23 when you donated time with FUMCBV, WalMart donated \$10 for every volunteer hour you spent! There was no limit on how many hours you could volunteer. Through this generous opportunity, volunteers from FUMCBV logged in enough hours at VBS, UMW Rummage Sale and other activities to be refunded \$2,460, which will be divided between Children & Youth ministries and the general Fund. Thank You so much, Volunteers who logged hours and WalMart!



Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project! SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS



How to Give Back Without Trying

AmazonSmile is a great way to help your church financially without you having to do more. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. If you already have an Amazon account that you use, you already have an AmazonSmile account. Simply type in smile.amazon.com and follow the instructions on screen to select First United Methodist Church Bella Vista as your preferred donation recipient.



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We're Here to Serve You

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NextGen Youth - Kenneth Wilson
NextGen Children ~ Ashdon Wilson
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Handbell Director - Dawn Thompson
Organist/Pianist - Broc Hite
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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

To the Home of ...



United Methodist Women 41st Annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Autumn & Holiday Decorations
Plants & Garden Accessories
Books, Handcrafted Items
Dignified Discards
Baked Items

Homemade Orange & Cinnamon Rolls
8:00 a.m.

Luncheon available at 10:30 a.m.

Debit/Credit Machine available

20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista
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**First United
Methodist Church**
20 Boyce Dr. Bella Vista
United Methodist Men

Pancake Day

Friday, October 18
6:00am-11:30pm

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

\$6.00 per person

Children 5 and under ~ free

Tickets can be bought from
any UMM member,
in the Church Office,
or at the door on Pancake Day

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