



The Good News

September, 2011

Green Church Project #2

The second Green Church Adoption Project is to adopt shares for restoration of the entrance doors. The goal is \$1000.00. The shares will be \$25.00 each. The Board of Directors has approved this for the next priority. Funds for this project are currently unavailable. This will be handled in the same fashion as the other project. Checks are to be made out to FUMCBV. In the memo section, please write "Door Restoration." Submit the check to the office. We will keep you posted.

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FAITH WALK

WITH

BRO. JAIMIE J. ALEXANDER



"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteous is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep." Psalm 36:5-6

"CHANGE" is a word that is welcomed sometimes in our lives and rejected at others. We like change when it is something we like, and don't like when it forces us out of our comfort zones. This summer has been a summer of many changes for me. I moved back to my unsold house in Rogers from Conway, Arkansas; I became senior pastor of a FUMC-BV, and I have made many new friends. The change has been easy and smooth for me. In fact the change has been a blessing. But, I am not the only one that has experienced a change. You have also experienced a change in your senior pastor. This change brings about questions, new understandings, and many opportunities to get to know someone new.

Life is full of changes. Our age changes, our mind changes, our relationships change and the list of changes could go on and on. There is someone that never changes in our lives and that is God. God touches our lives daily with His faithfulness, righteous, and justice. God is unchanging. In a world that is changing, a society that is changing, our lives that are changing it is so good to know that God never changes.

Some of the changes that have taken place in July and August are:

...The Contemporary Service will be called "The Well". Worship is the place we come to be refreshed by God's presence and have our thirst for growth in our relationship with God quenched.

...The Order of the "The Well" service has changed to allow children and youth to remain in worship longer with their families before going to Sunday school.

...Pastor Lee Myane has become fulltime associate pastor

...Babies are filling up the nursery again and a new nursery worker has been hired to work with Angie Rader

...Sadly, we have experienced the loss of persons dear to the church this summer. We have celebrated the lives of Stan Carlson, Janie Haynes, Mary Jane Brown, Cliff Jenkins, Carmen Doty, Max Rowilson and BJ Raney.

...We have shared in the baptisms of two children, Kayla Grace Wicker and Tatum Potts.

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OFF AND RUNNING

With
Rev. Lee Myane

God's Vision

As a provisional elder in our Arkansas conference of the United Methodist Church, I'm in a process where for a minimum of two years I meet regularly with a mentoring group along with four of my peers. In our group we are currently working on our personal ministry plans. Building a personal ministry plan is not too challenging. Finding a spiritual mission and vision statement can be done fairly quickly. I was also able to list my beliefs and values. I established some initiatives to move me forward in ministry and personal development. Like I said, my personal ministry plan was not too difficult, until I really evaluated what this plan could and should mean for my life and even the ministry of our church.



Any mission and vision statement could be acceptable to my peers and mentors, but what is God's mission and vision for my life? What beliefs has God placed before me that require special attention? What initiatives does God expect me to attend to? When you put God in a question, that question seems to become a little more critical. The answer becomes not about being right or wrong. The answer becomes a matter of calling. What does God want, not what do I want?

As a priesthood of believers we are all called to some type of ministry. Where is God calling you? What is your spiritual mission? What is God's vision for your life?

*Shalom,
Pastor Lee*

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...Our church family has changed. Four families have joined the church and several members have relocated to be closer to family.

....Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trip and a Children's Mission trip successfully happened!

Whether you realize it or not changes have taken place at FUMC. As we seek to be faithful, to do what God has called us to do in order to build God's kingdom changes will always happen. The greatest change that will happen will be in our hearts! We are Loving, Learning, and Leading together in the Kingdom of God!

God is faithful! Bro. Jaimie

PS.

Have you noticed we have had six Sundays this summer with more the 400 people in the worship services? In August, for all four Sundays the worship attendance was over 400. The highest attendance for one Sunday was 459. Thank you for making worship a priority and for inviting people to join with you in worship!

Thank you to each person who has attended, and to each person who has hosted one of the scheduled Get Acquainted shepherd group meetings this summer.

It has been an incredible joy to meet with many of the shepherd groups during July and August. We have had the privilege to get to know each other better, laugh some, and eat a lot! We look forward to meeting with more shepherd groups in September. What a blessing to the apart of a church fellowship that wants to grow in fellowship and in Christian Discipleship!

Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Lee, and Jan Lowe



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children

We have had many changes in the last few weeks; school is back in session, nights are getting longer, and it is cooling off! With all that said, we are getting ready to start our fall module of HeartShaper. I have heard many good things from the teachers, students and parents. Look for the newest newsletter about what the children will be studying in each of their respective classes.

In July, I took Theo Hamrin and Owen Drish to Jonesboro for the *Destination: Jonesboro* mission trip, in collaboration with Siloam Springs UMC, and Elm Springs UMC. We worked hard, played hard, and prayed hard. The children served at the Whit House, a food pantry operated by the First United Methodist Church in Paragould. They also help served lunches at homeless shelters, helped with Paragould's Block Party, and received communion from Paragould's Associate Pastor Angie Gage, who also runs Whit house. I am very proud of both of the boys who went on this trip.

We are in the planning phases for 2012's Spring Break and summer trips (shhhhhh we are going to Pine Bluff First UMC for summer, but don't tell anyone). These mission trips are open to all children 3rd grade - 6th grade and are a great way for them to get a small taste of what it means to go on a mission trip.

Because of the First Friday events on the square, we have moved the Friday Night Club for 5th and 6th graders to the 2nd Friday of the month. Jon and Jessica Mendoza are really excited about teaching this class again, and getting to know the new 5th graders.

Carrie Drish,
Director of Children's Ministry



Youth

Well, school has begun again. We are all getting back into routines and Wednesday nights are a part of that. Wednesday Youth meets each Wednesday except for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. On Wednesday, August 3, we had our kick-off Movie Night. Everyone brought \$3 each to vote on the movie to watch and the proceeds will be donated to the YSF (Youth Service Fund). We collected \$45 that night. It turned out to be very democratic and *Transformers* won out. We all enjoyed ourselves.

In Sunday school, we will begin to study Paul from his Damascus Road moment. This should take us to Advent studies after Thanksgiving. Our Boys and Girls Groups are starting back up for fall. The Boys' Group will begin on Sunday night, Sept. 11 and run every Sunday night at Rod Alford's home. The Girls' Group will begin that same night but will meet 2 Sundays per month. We are continuing to sell our DVD Bible game on Sunday mornings for donation of \$10. Proceeds are to go for future mission trips or projects in our area.

We will end September with another "See You at the Pole Rally" at Memorial Park on September 28. Last year's rally brought in over 300 locals teens from churches all over Bentonville and Bella Vista, to have fun and food and prayer. Some of the youth will be helping at the Bazaar again this year. Several volunteered last year and had a super time. Our Fall Retreat is in the planning stages. We are going the weekend of October 8 to Roaring River to tent camp. Thanks for all your support.

In Christ,
Danette Baker,
Director of Youth Ministry





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Bazaar News

October 1, 2011 Bazaar Saturday is rapidly approaching and the need for many hands to help with the different booths and food areas will be needed. A sign up sheet has now been placed in the Library on the Bulletin Board by the door for those wishing to help out. We have been busy these past eight months in our workshops preparing items to be sold. Workshops continue on Thursdays - 9:00 to 2:00. Everyone is welcome to help and join in on the fun. On Thursday, September 15, we will be putting the gift baskets together and it is a great time to join in and see all of the creativity that goes on.

You can bring in your plants and garden items starting the week of September 25, to be sold in the Garden Center on Bazaar Day. Baked items should be brought in on Friday, September 30 to be priced for the Country Kitchen. Please contact Marlene Clapp if you can help out in the kitchen on Friday, September 30 for making the Orange Rolls and Cinnamon Rolls and other prep work that can be done ahead of time for Saturday.

We have received some very nice projects that have been done at home - so if you have yours ready just leave them down in quilt room on the back table so they can be priced and put away. Please put your name (if you like) and suggested price on them.

If you have books, please leave them in the Library marked for Bazaar - Dignified Discards welcome any gently used items, jewelry, glassware, etc. Those items can also be left on the back table in Quilt Room.

It will be a busy week starting Wednesday, September 28, setting up - pricing - selling and then tearing down after the Bazaar to get things ready for the Sunday Services. This is an event headed up by the United Methodist Women but really includes everyone in the Church, young and

old, to help out raising funds for the many different charities that we support. So please sign up to give of your time - make baked items - do crafts - attend and eat and buy - or whatever you are good at, to make this another successful Bazaar for First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.

Karen Roenfeld & Verna Bottjen
Bazaar Co-Chairs

Quarterly Luncheon

The quarterly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, **OCTOBER 5**, at 12:00 noon. Our speaker for the luncheon will be from Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter. Chicken Salad, roll and dessert will be served. Cost of the luncheon is \$7.00. Deadline for reservations is September 29. Anyone wishing to attend should make your reservations through your circle, or call Lynn Prueitt at 876-5753.

Circle Meetings

Hope	Thursday 9-9 1:00 p.m. Chapel Ingathering and Bazaar
Charity	Tuesday 9-13 9:00 a.m. Chapel Ingathering and Bazaar Review
Sara	Tuesday 9-13 1:00 p.m. Chapel Ingathering and Bazaar Project
Evening	Thursday 9-15 7:00 p.m. Chapel TBA
Martha	Monday 9-19 9:00 a.m. Chapel Shoebox Ministry
Naomi	Tuesday 9-20 1:30 p.m. Chapel Myra Baker

HELP WANTED!

A Seasonal Decorator for the church is needed. The two primary seasons are Easter and Christmas, with smaller decorating times throughout the year. If you think you might be interested in this ministry of enhancing our church atmosphere, please call Verna Bottjen at 876-1392 for more information.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the men and women of the Bella Vista Police and Fire Department at their next dinner meeting, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. Papa Mike will be serving his delicious Baby Back Ribs plus a vegetable, salad, desert and drinks.

Be alert for the September 7 Phone Tree call when members have the opportunity to make a reservation. Let's have a large attendance to demonstrate our appreciation for the safety and protection these city employees provide all year long. Call Keith Prueitt (876-5753) no later than Sunday evening, September 11 if you missed the call or need to cancel a reservation.

Our Fall Pancake Breakfast will be **Saturday, October 15 from 7:00 to 1:00** and tickets will be available at the dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista
Golf Team*

*Mac McCain, Bill Danenhauer, Bob Billingsly, & Gary Grosnickle
For winning the 16th Annual Shrine Golf Classic
2011 Championship Trophy*

Thank You All So Much!

To the Volunteers of the 2011 Rummage Sale:
Thanks to your help, the Sale was a great success!!!

Your time spent sorting, hauling items to and from storage, cleaning, pricing, setting up displays, staying until everything was cleaned up and put back to normal, baking cookies, and all the other odd jobs required certainly paid off. Without all your help the Sale wouldn't get money to support the charities like we do.

To all the people who donated items for the sale, we appreciated the good job you did in giving us clean, gently used items.

The breakfast rolls and sandwiches that Marlene and her crew made were delicious.

Steady, conscientious workers like you are worth your weight in gold.

Sometime in the future, someone in need will benefit from the contribution we will be able to make because you were a volunteer.

Cheryl & Aggie,
Co-Chair of the Rummage Sale



PRAYER

A Dear Friend recently suggested that where the Prayer Ministry is concerned, one ought not to have to ask *whether* members wish to serve in the ministry, but *where*. Oh that it were so!

The time is rapidly approaching when we will once again be asked to serve the Lord and our church family in one of our many ministries for the upcoming year. Therefore I am going to describe the functions of each of the Prayer Ministries at FUMC; so that you may (prayerfully) choose where you wish to serve.

The Hedge Prayer Intercessory Ministry

purpose is to cover every aspect of each worship with a "hedge" of protection through prayer. The analogy of the "hedge", comes from Job 1:10 where Satan accuses God of placing a hedge around Job, protecting him from Satan's temptations: *"Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? . . ."*

The area used for this prayer ministry contains materials to assist the volunteers including, scriptural prayer suggestions and a box containing the names of every family/member of our church community. Prayer for as many families/persons as possible is offered each week, on a rotation basis, from A to Z and back to A and so forth, again and again. Using this method, our entire congregation is being prayed for on Sunday mornings many times a year.

The second area of this ministry, new in 2012, consists of members who volunteer to pray as they walk through the Sanctuary and Becker Hall over the pews or chairs for the people who will be sitting there, like-wise the lectern, choir loft, pulpit, etc. This "walk" will be performed prior to each service in the appropriate location.

You will not be asked to sacrifice your opportunity to attend worship to be a part of this essential ministry; but to serve in an hour when you do not ordinarily attend service.

The Sanctuary Intercessory Ministry, differs

from all the other prayer ministries as the principal purpose is to pray for requests made on the pew cards which are designated for eyes and prayers of pastors and this very special group of pray-ers only, who covenant to come at least once during the week to pray in the Sanctuary, before the Holy Altar, for these confidential requests, which they further covenant to keep private.

They will of course, pray for the other requests made on the pew cards, and requests from prayer lists provided to them from other prayer ministries as well.

A book containing all requests is available only to members of the Sanctuary Intercessory group. A sign up sheet is provided where members record their visits to the sanctuary for prayer. Included in the prayer book, is material to assist in effective prayer.

Both of the above ministries are in dire need of volunteers to give the best covering of prayer this congregation can offer. What a shame it will be if we are unable to fulfill our commitment to God and this congregation for lack of pray-ers.

The Lord has said, "My house shall be a house of prayer". The Hedge Intercessory Prayer Ministry, The Sanctuary Intercessory Ministry and the other Intercessory Prayer Ministries, certainly do everything we can to accomplish what He has asked of us. Remembering that the foundation of all ministries, the health and success of our church community, and all that transpires with-in the walls of this place we call our Church Home is dependant upon the prayers of faithful believers, I beg you, (yes, I'm begging) please prayerfully seek the Lord for direction in where you will serve in the Prayer Ministry of FUMC, we need you, . . .and you, . . . yes, and you.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

P.S. Questions? Call me, 855-0666.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

What do you do while you are watching TV? Would you like to learn to knit a simple shawl to comfort your friends?

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry makes shawls to comfort members of our congregation and you can help. Julie Fischer will be glad to teach a few people, men or women, to do a basic stitch, and you, too, can turn out a beautiful shawl that will bring joy to others.

We will begin meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning September 6, the day after Labor Day, for one hour each week. Julie can teach you at the meetings, or one-on-one in your home. We enjoy working together, and always include a short devotion (we want good karma to go into our shawls), but if you prefer, you can work at home on your own time. We will supply the yarn for your shawl.

All of the shawls are blessed before they are presented, and we often get thank you notes expressing the joy and comfort of having this loving gift to wrap up in at a time of feeling physical or spiritual pain.

Join us for this wonderful sharing mission. Call Julie or just show up and you will be glad you did.

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Men's Fall Walk #73
September 22-25, 2011
Saint Scholastica, Fort Smith
Women's Fall Walk # 74
September 29 - October 2, 2011
Saint Scholastica, Fort Smith

Fall Walks for Emmaus

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. The Fall retreat for men is Sept 22-25; for women it is Sept 29-Oct. 2. Both Walk's will take place in Ft. Smith.

You will enjoy three days singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it expresses itself in the world. You will also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and bring grace to others. And there is so much more. Please contact Jan Lowe for referral to someone who can give you all the information you may need.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY ~ September 18

Many things occur during a church service which we all take for granted. One of these is the presence of many different kinds of music. Therefore, Sunday, September 18th will be designated Music Appreciation Sunday where we will take special note of all those who participate in many different ways to provide this important aspect of worship. Also, everyone who is involved in our music program in any way is invited for breakfast in the chapel any time between 9 & 10:30am.



FELLOWSHIP



UNITED METHODIST GOLF AND PICNIC

FIRST UNITED METHODIST AND HIGHLANDS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2011 - 1:00 PM

WHERE: Kingswood Golf Course

FORMAT: 2 person scramble, shotgun start

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC: Kingsdale Pavilion

Details: We will play a two person scramble made up of couples, men or women teams. Pairings will be one team from each church. We will try to pair couples with couples, men with men and women with women. Green fees and cart rentals are payable to the golf course.

Scoring: Team scores will be totaled separately by church and divided by the number of teams to obtain an average score. The church with the lowest average score will receive the traveling trophy.

Fellowship Picnic: There will be a catered meal following golf starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Kingsdale Pavilion. All members and guests are invited. Cost is \$10 per person.

Sign-up for golf and/or picnic on sheets provided in Becker Hall by September 14, 2011. Make checks payable to: United Methodist Men's Club. Turn in fees to the Church Office or mail to Jim Prather, United Methodist Golf & Picnic, 33 Cambria Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715-1503.

Join us in this Ninth Annual United Methodist Golf and Fellowship Outing.

Metfield Methodists

Date- September 10

Time- Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.
The first 14 who call Cheryl at 876-5172 will be able to ride the bus.

Event- Prairie Days at the George Washington Carver Park in Diamond, MO

Cost- No entrance fee.

It is a day to experience the prairie life in Missouri in the late 1800's and visit the museum.

Lunch- will be what you buy from the vendors, or bring with you.

Men's Chorus Fall Concert is Near

The Bella Vista Men's Chorus is proud to present its annual Fall Concert: "When I Fall in Love". This concert will be presented on Friday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. Both performances will be at First Baptist Church, 200 S.W. "A" St. in Bentonville. Featured guests will include Mandy Plummer, Soprano and Robert Hubbard, French Horn. A pre-show will begin 20 minutes before the concert starts. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door or from any Men's Chorus member. For further information, you may visit our web site: www.bellavistamenschorus.org or contact Bill Hesse at (479)855-0277 or by email at bvmchesse@aol.com.



THE GREEN CHURCH PROJECT



The Green Church Project
Finding ways to be better
stewards of all of our resources

Suggestions at Home:

- Clean or replace air filters monthly. The inexpensive pleated filters (not fiberglass) at WalMart are fine. This can save 15% of your energy usage.
- Clean a closet and donate unwanted items to Helping Hands.
- Give gifts that the recipient will use up: food, gift certificates, plants, etc.
- Consider native plants for your garden.
- Obey the speed limit when driving. Every 10 mph faster reduces fuel economy by about 4 mpg regardless of vehicle size.

Suggestions at Church:

- Participate in the "Adoption Program" by providing the funds to purchase a needed item.
- Elect to receive your monthly newsletter by email rather than by mail. Save paper, copying & postage costs.
- If you open a window while at church, make sure you close it securely before you leave.
- TURN OFF THE LIGHTS** when you leave a room!

The Green Church Project for thermostats and motion sensors was quite successful. The response was overwhelming. In about a week and a half seven thermostats and six sensors were adopted. Thanks to Sue Nebrig, Pat Mayer, Charlie and Marion Korns, Janet Walton, Keith and Co Ellen Sterwald, Janice Smith, Steve Larsen, Bette and Earl Cummings, Martha Grant, and Richard Anderson for participating in this adoption project.

The whole purpose of this project is to conserve energy and reduce cost to the church. Thanks to Keith Sterwald for diligently monitoring and programming the thermostats we had and for installing the new ones. He is refiguring the way some of the pumps are being utilized, making them more efficient, and getting the church more comfortable temperature wise. This being said, there will be instructional signs going up by the thermostats.

Do not change the settings more than two (2) degrees up or down. Do not press the "Hold" button. Do not open the doors on any of the thermostats. Keith will get the schedule for meetings from the church secretary, Janet Walton, and will program the thermostats for those meetings. When you contact Janet to schedule a special meeting, she will let Keith know so that settings can be programmed.

Finance Corner as of 7-31-2011

<u>Month-to-date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted expenses.....\$51,643	Budgeted Expenses.....\$361,023
Receipts.....\$63,589	Receipts.....\$337,191
	Actual Expenses.....\$339,038

The finances for the church have improved and we are now in better shape than predicted. If we continue in this positive direction, we will not have to tap into our limited reserves in the next couple of months. We want to thank each of you who have gone above and beyond your committed tithes and offerings to make this possible. To ensure that the church continues to meet its financial obligations, your financial support is still vital and much appreciated.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over; will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38 (NRSV)



THE BOOK NOOK



FICTION:

THE "MISS JULIA" SERIES by Ann B. Ross
Six books. Best if read in order.

ONE STRIKE FOR CHRISTMAS by Sheila Roberts

CERTAIN GIRLS by Jennifer Weiner

LOVE FINDS YOU IN CARMEL BY THE SEA,
CALIFORNIA by Sandra D. Bricker

LOVE FINDS YOU IN BRIDAL VEIL, OREGON by
Miralee Ferrell

LOVE FINDS YOU IN GOLDEN, NEW MEXICO by
Lena Nelson Dooley

LOVE FINDS YOU IN SISTERS, OREGON by Melody
Carlson

MISTRESS OF ROME by Kate Quinn

THE DEVIL'S QUEEN by Jeanne Kalogridis

WHEN CALLS THE HEART by Janette Oke

NIGHT SONG by Susan Plunkett

BIRDS OF A FEATHER by Carolyn Greene

PLUNDERED TREASURE by Charlotte Carter

OPAL by Lauraine Snelling

A DEE HENDERSON SERIES: BEST READ IN
ORDER Prequel and six books in series.

NON-FICTION:

THE GIRLS FROM AMES by Jeffrey Zaslow (305.4)
A story of women and a 40 year friendship.

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS by
Rebecca Skloot (616)

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know
her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer
whose cells- taken without her knowledge in 1951-
became one of the most important tools in
medicine.

1776 by David McCullough (973.3)
Intensely human story of those who marched with
General George Washington in the year of the
Declaration of Independence.

BIOGRAPHY:

LOOK AGAIN-BECAUSE YOU CAN by Neile Jones-Batie
If you or someone you know has been affected by
abuse, Neile's story will inspire you to take back your
life.

NEW TO UMW READING PROGRAM:






THE TRELIS & THE SEED by Jan Karon (Fiction) (CatI)
In this gentle tale, Jan Karon offers her readers a
parable about the rewards that come from being a
little bit different from everyone else.

Enjoy the God who
loves you more
than you ever
dreamed possible.
He will take your
breath away!

God loves us more than we know.
He gives us more than we can ask
or dream. He's unrestrained . . .
excessive . . . outrageous . . . Over the Top.

WOMEN OF FAITH
**Over
the top**

Have you ever come on anything quite like
the extravagant generosity of God...? Romans 11:33-34

speakers	musical	musical guests	special guest
			
			
			

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both days

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prices, and talent subject to change. (1.888.493.2484)



EDUCATION

LIFE Works Prepares Fall Schedule

WOW Wednesday has been changed to L.I.F.E. Works (Living in Faith Everyday).

From Wednesday, September 14, and every Wednesday through November 16, we will have a Prayer Service in the Sanctuary from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Bro. Jaimie will organize the Prayer Services.

A class with the focus being Prayer will be offered at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday immediately following the Prayer service. More details to follow.

Although fewer classes will be offered this fall, there should be something that appeals to everyone from mid-September through mid-November. The majority of classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings, but some classes will be offered at times that best meet the needs of the participants and leaders.

Lee Myane will lead a group in the Adam Hamilton study named **"Why?" Making Sense of God's Will.** When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation? Come to this class to wrestle with the answers in this Adam Hamilton book.

"Living Fully...Dying Well" will be offered on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Various people will present different elements of this program that was designed to assist us in making careful, wise, and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. This study for all ages will inspire us to talk openly about faith and mortality. Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Lee, and Bella Vista Funeral Home Director, David Duncan will be among the presenters.

A Children's Time will be available from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday for school age children. Once children have signed up, an appropriate curriculum will be provided. If a study time for school work is needed, supervision can be provided. It is necessary to sign up ahead of time.

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers will be available from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. each Wednesday.

This would be a good time to visit one of the on-going Bible Studies offered at our church or to recommend something you would like to learn more about. The Disciple Bible Studies will be offered again beginning in September.

Watch for more of the details in the LIFEWorks brochure.

Soul Searching—A Spiritual Journey October 14-16, 2011

For women of all ages. We will contemplate our personal faith journey as we write our spiritual autobiography and practice the spiritual disciplines of centering prayer, contemplative prayer, lectio divina, and walking the labyrinth and meditation trails. Led by Rev. Gail Baldwin and Jan Williams.

All of this while in the beautiful setting of the Mount Eagle Retreat Center. There will be time alone in silence as well as opportunities to participate in group activities to listen to God and one another. We will also find and create symbols of our journey as we allow the Divine to minister to our hearts and our souls.

The cost is \$85 for the weekend. The church bus will be utilized if enough sign up. Please call or stop by the church office for more information and a registration form. Call Jan Lowe if you have questions.



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK

Havenwood is our recipient of our food collection for September. All residents have been hit hard by the economic downturn, and need our help to restock their food pantry. They are in need of all types of **"READY TO HEAT & EAT"** items especially, soups, stews, pasta's, tuna, Spam, spaghetti & sauce, Mac & cheese, peanut butter, cereal and canned fruit. The generosity of all of you touches many lives in our community.

*A big THANK YOU to everyone who made our Snack Pack collection for the schools in August such an awesome success! **We collected 1,772 snack pack items, plus an additional 204 regular pantry items. Total value is estimated at \$987.55.***

Habitat for Humanity - Apostle Build

Thank you to everyone who helped us to reach our financial goal for the Habitat Apostle Build. Through your generous cash donations during August Mission of the Month, and the overwhelming contributions of clothing for our Clothing Sale, we have reached (and exceeded!) our goal. Bless you all.

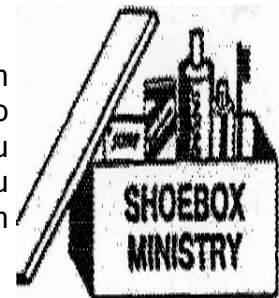
Save the Date! Our "work week" for the Apostle Build will be the week of October 24. We are looking for five to seven workers per day. Skill is not important (but helpful, of course!) just a willingness to work to build a deserving family a safe and affordable home. We will be officially "tiling" that week - but other skills will be needed.

Also - this is the week that we will be providing a noon meal for the work crew of ten to twelve people. If you or your group (Circle, Shepherd Group, Sunday School class, etc.) is interested in preparing and serving a simple noon meal, please contact me.

Chet Campbell, Habitat for Humanity

Shoebox is Open!

We are back from vacation and eager to accept any donations you have for us. Thank you so much for holding them for the month of July.



Legacy Village

We have started giving gift boxes to twenty of the assisted living residents at Legacy Village. They are referred to as "Elders". The boxes will be filled with some basic needs as well as special items such as pens, men's ball caps, note cards, small bottles of cologne or after shave. Reading material that will fit in boxes and any other item that might make this gift special. Please put your "thinking caps" on and bring those items to us!

Needs

Full sized toothpaste for Youth Bridge. Feminine products, gallon size zip lock bags, wash cloths, sandwich size bags zip or regular, note cards for Elder boxes, men's handkerchiefs, and stamps (just a couple from a few people will help), sock slippers and knee highs. These items need to be new for the Elder boxes.

Volunteers

If you would like to be a part of our group that packs the "Elder" boxes, please email Diane Cox at dcoxmom42@att.net. It will be once a month for about 45-60 minutes. We will try for the first Wednesday of the month either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Please email me and feel free to suggest a time that would work for you. We need you!

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team



September Mission of the Month Restoration Village

Established June 1989 as Restoration Ministries, Inc., RV provides long-term shelter for women in crisis. Restoration Ministries is a new beginning for all who come, offering:

- A Family Atmosphere
- Encouraging, exploring opportunities for the future
- Learning new social skills
- Training in practical aspects of living, such as budgeting, cooking and housekeeping

Our sole purpose is to:

- Rebuild broken lives – Isaiah 35:10
- Renew minds – Romans 12:1-2
- Repair the Altar of Lordship – II Chronicles 33:16
- Restore the Soul – Joel 2:23-26

The Village includes a 10,000-square-foot lodge and 3 other separate transitional houses. There is also a renovated building containing counseling offices, a library, and a chapel.

The staff of Restoration Ministries devotes their time to the women and children through case management, budget counseling, support groups, and a variety of educational and personal growth opportunities.

Restoration Ministries receives no government, state, or municipal funding and depends solely upon people like you who believe in and support second chances for all of God's people. We believe and confirm that all people are God's image and deserve to know His love, His compassion, and His restorative power.

Preschool Volunteers Needed

Bella Vista Preschool is open for the 2011-2012 school year. They are looking for loving adults who have one morning a month to give as a Preschool Volunteer. BVPS volunteers work with teacher Sherry Schaefer, director Marjie Lewis, and a group of 3 or 4 year-old children in a stimulating, nurturing environment. Please consider this opportunity to support a mission of our church and to share in these children's lives. Call Diane Ver-ville, Pre-school Board President, at 876-1676 for further information.

Soles 4 Souls

*Changing the World
One Pair at a Time.*



While attending a Worship Conference in Kansas City this summer, Worship Leader, Shannon Wicker was moved by the Spirit to become involved with a Mission Project called "Soles 4 Souls". She has shared her enthusiasm with the Praise Team from *The Well* contemporary service and the Missions Team. As a result, FUMCBV will be hosting:

A SHOE DRIVE OCTOBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 6

We want your gently used (or even new!) shoes. You can bring them to the church and place them in the collection boxes that will be set up. If you can include \$1.00 per pair, that will help off-set the cost of shipping. Once our drive is complete, we will send our shoes to the Soles 4 Souls warehouse in Old Hickory, TN to be shipped all over the world.

BAZAAR DAY IS OCTOBER 1 - Please finish up your projects and leave them in the Quilt Room on the back table to be priced. If you have a SPECIAL item that we could use for the Silent Auction or the Dignified Discards Booth, please leave them downstairs or contact me. We can use puzzles and books for the Library Sale, so drop them off in the Library, marked for Bazaar. We will start accepting plants on Sunday, September 25th, so please give them some TLC at home until then. There are sign-up sheets in the Library on the bulletin board just inside the door for EVERY member to sign up to help or provide items for the Country Kitchen - remember proceeds go to the many charities we support. YOUR help is needed. I'm thanking you in advance for your support! *Karen Roenfeld* ~ 876-6205



THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who has helped me through this time of losing Cliff. I am so humbled by the response that I have received! You have prayed for us, you have fed us and you have sent cards and money and flowers. I am overwhelmed with the caring Church that we share.

Thanks to my Shepherd Group, my Naomi Circle and Marlene Clapp, Judy Bilyeu, Gladys Jutte and Katie Anderson for all you did for us, to make our day a little easier.

Thanks to Pastor Lee, Pastor David and Brother Jamie. You all have guided me and been there for me every step of the way.

I wish there was a way that you could know how you "All" have touch me and the family. I will always be grateful to you. "GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME" as Brother Jaimie says. Thanks be to God for all of you at FUMCBV.

Pat Jenkins

Thank you for the phone calls and prayers during my short stay in the hospital; for Joe Bowen who took me to the hospital and also our shepherd group friends: Judy Bilyeu, Jean Swanson and Joanne Fishbach who made sure Dorene could spend time with me; and one more thank you to Tim and Judy Ireland for their surprise visit with a bag of goodies. Thanks to all of you –

Jay Van Fleet

Simple words cannot express my appreciation and "thank you" for all the prayers, phone calls and cards. Special thanks to Pastor Lee and Brother Jaimie for their visits while I was in the hospital and to Jan Davidson who delivered a lovely bouquet from the flower ministry. We are so fortunate to belong to such a caring, loving congregation. God Bless you all –

Juanita Reed

Just a note to thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. I'm sure I'll need it soon. It was great being a part of the FUMCBV for so many years. Jack and I appreciated the fellowship so much.

Dorothea Hodgkin

Dear Friends: It is with sadness that we have left FUMC and moved to Dallas, TX, We are blessed having been members of church with such loving and caring people. Thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl and know that next winter it will be a reminder of our Christian friends in Bella Vista. We are slowly settling in our apartment but we are going to need time. Everyone is so friendly and helpful in making us feel welcome. God bless you all.

Fondly, Ned and Joan Shively

Thank you so much for your donation! Your gift will make a big difference in helping us to restore lives and rebuild our community. We appreciate your gift and the prayers that accompany it. Please continue to pray for our church, community and our needs as we continue to rebuild. Thank you again from our St. Paul's Family. May God Bless you.

St Paul's UMC Joplin, MO

As most everyone knows, FUMCBV as a participating sponsor of Meals on Wheels in Bella Vista, was responsible for meal delivery during July 2011. Surviving extreme heat, thirty-nine volunteers successfully completed our Meals on Wheels mission commitment. These very generous people donated their time (and their rather expensive gas) to deliver over 850 hot and/or frozen meals to program clients. As in prior years, there were three daily delivery routes (East, West, and Central) that ranged from 12 to 18 hilly, winding miles.

I, along with the Meals on Wheels managing directors, wish to express a very sincere and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone that participated this year. May GOD BLESS and continue to keep a watchful eye over all these local saints.

Thank you, Darrell Bottjen



September 2011 CALENDAR

Please consult this page for meetings and activities for the month of September.

Check the weekly bulletin and website (www.lovelearnlead.com) for updates.

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| 1 Men's Golf—7:59 am—Dogwood | 12 Abrams SG—5:30pm—Metfield Pavilion |
| 1 Men's Chorus (every Thurs) 8:00am—BH | 13 Men's Golf—7:34am—Berksdale-B |
| 1 Bazaar Workshop (every Thurs) 9:00am-Q Rm | 13 Charity Circle—9:00am—Chapel |
| 1 Choir Practice (every Thurs) 3:30pm-Chr Rm | 13 Sarah Circle—1:00pm—Chapel |
| 4 Blood Pressure Check - 9:00am - Chapel | 13 Steward Meeting—2:00pm—Room 6 |
| 4 Golden Links (every Sunday) 9:30am- Rm 23 | 13 Agape SG—5:30pm—Chapel |
| 4 Seekers (every Sunday) 9:30am—Room 6 | 14 Missions Mtng—9:30am—Room 23 |
| 4 Study of the Old Testament -10:45am - Chapel | 14 UMM Board Mtng—5:30—Room 5 |
| 5 LABOR DAY - CHURCH CLOSED | 14 UMM Dinner—6:30—Becker Hall |
| 6 Men's Golf—7:30am—Country Club-B | 15 Men's Golf—10:32—Dogwood |
| 6 GA Prayer Ministry - 10:00am - Room 5 | 15 Bazaar Luncheon—11:30—Becker Hall |
| 6 Concordia Bible Study (every Tues) 10:00am | 15 GA Education Ministry—1:00pm—Room 5 |
| 6 Andante Pot Luck—10:00am—Chapel | 15 Sons of the Rev.—2:00pm—Chapel |
| 6 Prayer Shawl (every Tues) 1:00pm—Room 5 | 15 Evening Circle—6:30pm—Chapel |
| 6 Board of Directors—6:30 pm—Room 6 | 17 PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE—7:00am |
| 7 Bible Study (every Wednesday) 8:30am - Rm 5 | 17 GA Crooks SG—9:00am—Bladon home |
| 7 Quilters (every Wednesday) 9:00am-Quilt Rm | 18 PAK-A-SAK SUNDAY |
| 7 GA -UMW Board Meeting—9:00am - Room 23 | 18 MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY |
| 7 Guest Follow-Up Meeting—1:00pm - Room 5 | 18 Golf & Picnic with Highlands—1:00pm—Kingswood |
| 7 Chancel Bells (every Wed) 3:30pm—Music Rm | 19 Martha Circle—9:00am—Chapel |
| 7 PACE Exercise (every Wed) 4:00pm—Chapel | 19 Library Board—10:00am—Library |
| 7 New Circle Org—6:00pm—Chapel | 19 Finance Committee—6:30pm—Room 5 |
| 7 Youth Choir (every Wed) 6:00pm-Choir Room | 20 Men's Golf—10:58am—Scotsdale |
| 7 Crossword Youth (every Wed) 7:00pm -Room 22 | 20 BV Book Club—1:00pm—Room 23 |
| 8 Men's Golf—11:15am—Berksdale | 20 Naomi Circle—1:30—Chapel |
| 8 HOPE Circle—1:00pm—Chapel | 20 Meals On Wheels Board—4:00pm—Chapel |
| 9 Pre-school Board Mtng—11:30am—Room 6 | 21 GREEN TEAM—6:30pm—Chapel |
| 10 GA Avalon/Omega SG—9:00am - Highlands CC | 21 S.A.L.T.—7:00pm—Room 5 |
| 10 Good 18 SG—9:00am—Chapel | 22 Men's Golf—10:24am—Kingswood |
| 11 Wesley Class (every Sun) 9:30am-Qlt Rm | 24 Angel Food Dist—10:00am—Becker Hall |
| 11 Youth Meeting—6:00pm—Chapel | 25 BV Community Band Concert—3:00 pm—Becker Hll |
| 12-14 Order of the Elders gathering-Camp Tanako | 25 ToServe SG—3:00pm Band—4:00pm Chapel |
| 12 Men's Golf—7:34am—Highlands | 26 Alzheimer's/Dementia Support - 9:00am - Chapel |
| 12 DAR—9:00am—Chapel | 26 Calico Cut-ups—10:30am—Becker Hall |
| 12 Alzheimer's/Dementia Support-9:00am | 26 Men's Golf—11:49am—Scotsdale |
| 12 Staff Meeting (every Monday)—10:00am—Room 6 | 27 Men's Golf—7:59—Highlands |
| 12 Calico Cut-ups Board Mtng—12:00pm—Rm 23 | 28 UMW Luncheon & Mtng—Noon—Becker Hall |
| 12 Women's Chorus (every Mon) 1:00pm-Chr Rm | 29 Men's Golf—Noon—Country Club |
| 12 Stewardship Mtng—1:00pm—Room 6 | 10/1 UMW ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR |

