



The Good News

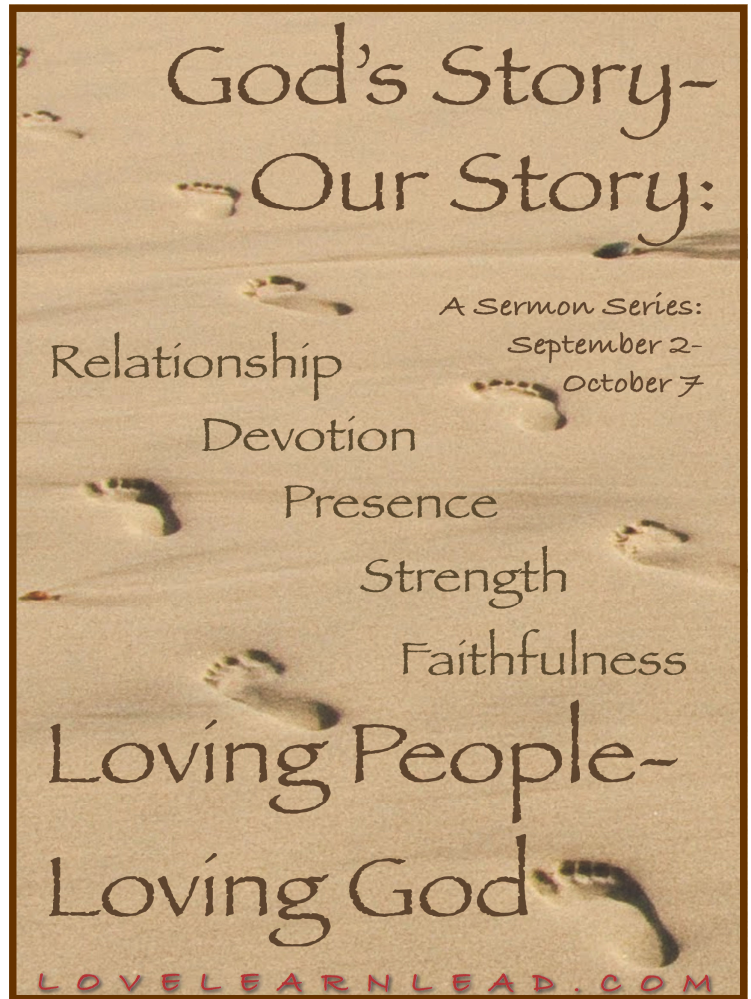
September, 2012



Music Appreciation Sunday
September 16



Prayer Services are held every
Wednesday evening from 6:00-6:30pm.
Please join us at the end of a busy day
for a quiet time of reflection



Please Make an Appointment for Your Church Directory Photograph

We would like all our church members represented in this year's church pictorial directory. There will be people available before and after each church service to make an appointment for you until September 9th. At other times you may call Maryann Johnson (721-9987), Miriam Stocks (855-1676) or Janet Walton at the church office (855-1158) and you will be assisted with your schedule. Please make an appointment as soon as possible, so all arrangements can be made efficiently for the photographers and for you.



*God's Story/ Our Story...
Loving People/Loving God*

I rarely get excited about watching the evening news but for several years I looked forward to the CBS Evening News. From 1998 to 2004 every two weeks, CBS News Correspondent Steve Hartman did a segment called "Everybody Has a Story". Every two weeks someone threw a dart at a map of America, Hartman and cameraman Lee Rose went wherever that dart landed on the map. When they arrived in that community, Hartman would flip through the local phonebook, and pick a person's name at random. He then did a story on someone at that phone number.

After meeting the person and convincing that person the he really wasn't selling anything, that person's story would be told. It usually took two days to tell their story. The first day was spent trying to help the person figure out the person's "story". The second day was mostly spent shooting and interviewing. Before Hartman left, the subject of the story threw a dart (backwards and over the shoulder to prevent aiming at a certain place) sending the Hartman's team on to the next place. Over the years, over a 100 people from Maine coast to the Oregon coast were featured. His youngest subject was a 5 year old boy from Tennessee who liked to release balloons in the sky to float to his grandmother in heaven.

FAITH WALK

With

Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander

His oldest subject was an 87-year old lady from Louisiana who still did her son's wash weekly. Hartman is quoted as saying. "I now believe the white pages are chock full of amazing, untold stories."

In God's word, we also discover that the white pages of the Bible are chock full of amazing stories of God's story which is our story. The stories are about God loving people and people loving God. In September, we will be discovering some of those stories in the sermon series called "God's Story/ Our Story...Loving People/Loving God". Together we will look at stories that are full of God's compassion for people at all times of their lives. We will encounter stories of provision, assurance, tricky, and the results of bad decisions of people. We also encounter stories of God's love for humanity in each of these circumstances and God's love for each of us. If you have a story to share of God's love, I would love to hear your story. Please email (jaimie@lovelearnlead.com) or call (855-1158) me to share your story. I may even ask you to share your story or allow me to share your story during the sermon series.

Everybody has a story that can impact another person's life for good!

God is faithful! **Bro. Jaimie**

Don't just come to church, be the Church!

Thank you from the Pineville, MO UMC. We were the lucky recipients of your VBS decorations, leftover crafts, etc and enjoyed them immensely. Our church averages around 50 in worship and we had 30 children in VBS the first of Aug. We were thrilled! Ocho the Octopus was a great hit. The coral that someone spent a lot of time cutting from cardboard sheets and painting in bright colors as well as the backdrops for the opening drama were appreciated by young and old alike. This past weekend, we again used the decorations to decorate a float for the Jesse James Day Parade in Pineville, placed children singing those wonderful songs on the float and came home with not only first place in decorated float entry but also the grand prize for all parade entries. You are definitely going out and "being the church" even up here in Missouri. Thanks from *Pastor Rusty Smith and Doris Schlessman.*





OFF AND RUNNING with Pastor Lee Myane



As we move into a new school year for our students there will also be many opportunities for learning here at church. I won't go into all the things we are planning but watch the bulletin, newsletter, email, Facebook and around the church for announcements and information. One set of classes I would like to highlight are our Disciple classes. Yes, "disciple" is a word I seem to have stuck in my head and it keeps coming out my mouth. But, God has put it there for a reason. A typical Disciple Bible study class will last 30+ weeks. I know this sounds like a long commitment and it is. But it can also be a transformative time in your life. Looking at a timeline of my faith story

Disciple helped me realize so many things:

1. I didn't really know that much about the Bible.
2. I wanted to know much more than I did.
3. It was ok to struggle with the class and keeping up. My instructor only wanted what I could give and God needed me to learn whatever I was able.
4. Other people in church knew as little or less than me.
5. I really found God in so many ways that I never imagined.

In this Newsletter, Alan Packard has outlined the Disciple class schedule and what you need to do to attend one of the classes. (See page 9) As he did last year, Alan has graciously offered to teach an evening class. We need at least 6 dedicated people to create that class. If you have ever considered taking Disciple please consider again. Contact me and we can visit about this great opportunity.

On a whole other level of learning our church has reached out in support of Cooper Elementary. During the week before classes began I took a

team of four children and youth to Cooper and they did video interviews of the 3rd and 4th grade literacy and math teaching teams. We conducted two interview sessions where we asked the teachers to convey information about Cooper Elementary and themselves. These interviews were edited and downloaded onto 140 flash drives. Each 4th grade student received a flash drive to keep for their use with a letter describing the videos. The videos served multiple functions. Our first intention was to help the teachers connect with the students and their families. Each school has student orientation days but some families are unable to attend. The videos will give families an opportunity to see not only their students teachers but also other teachers at Cooper. The videos should also help parents understand more about the school and how much emphasis is put on teamwork and attention to the children.

For our church each flash drive has our church name and contact information. We also had the opportunity to meet many of the teachers and administration at Cooper. Everyone was very excited about the students getting the flash drives as a learning tool to transfer data. They were also excited about the videos and the impact they would have on their interaction with students and families. Our youth and children also began a process of intergenerational ministry where they utilized technology to connect people together for the greater good of our community. We will be utilizing what we learned to move forward in ministry where our young people and our more experienced adults share stories and life experiences together. I'm really thrilled with what we have done and how we can utilize the experiences in other settings.

Faithfully in Christ,
Pastor Lee



OUR FAMILY

Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, 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 me, Jan Lowe at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

New Members



Ruth Jackson joined our church on August 14. She recently moved into Concordia Independent Living and she loves it. She had been living in Indianapolis, IN when her son talked her into moving here so he could be close to her.

Ruth spent most of her life in Wisconsin and Indiana. She received her nurses training at the Methodist hospital in Madison, Wis., and then worked as an R.N. in Wisconsin, before becoming a Lt. in the U.S. Army at Hickman Field, Oahu.

Ruth has two sons, the older one in California, and the younger one who talked her into moving to Bella Vista, lives here as well.

She loves being around people, but is equally as happy just staying home and reading books. She is an avid reader. She also loves to play euchre, and spends many a Saturday morning teaching friends at Concordia how to play the game. When she is not reading, she loves to watch sports on television—especially basketball and baseball.

If you get to visit her, the first thing she will show you in her house is her stuffed critter collection. Everything from teddy bears to dolphins to giraffes. And I think she has named each one.

Peg Johnson is her “First Friend.” She is a delightful addition to our church.

Noah & Pamela Pittman were married at Cooper Chapel on June 23, 2012, and joined our church on July 29. If they look familiar to you it is because they have been coming for over a year. Pam leads the Youth Music rehearsals, and she sings in the traditional choir. Noah had been coming to support Pam.



Noah works at the U of A as an Honors College Recruitment Rep, and he is also a grad student. He still finds time for sports, and politics, and collecting baseball cards.

Pam (Olson) Pittman is a Music teacher at Westside Elementary in Rogers. She is a gifted singer, one that we enjoy on Sunday mornings, as well as at special performances from time to time. Pam and Noah live in Springdale. We're so glad they have transferred their membership to our church.



They are not surprised—
they are singing.

Harvey & Georgiana Green have gotten to know quite a few people here before they decided to join on July 22, 2012. They attend the last service. Sally Peterson will serve as their First Friend, though they pretty much know their way around.

Harv is retired from school teaching and administration.

Georgie, also retired, was a pre-school and Special Ed teacher.

The Green's have a daughter, Katrina, and a son, Kyle. They have lived in Wisconsin and Raton, N.M. They will, no doubt, sneak off to their vacation home in Wisconsin from time to time.



OUR FAMILY

LeRoy & JoAnn Handel joined our church on August 5, 2012. They attend the 2nd service (Contemporary), where Ken and Bonnie Watson are serving as their "First Friends." Previously, they have lived in Iowa and Illinois.



They are both retired—LeRoy from being a cattle buyer, and JoAnn from being the Clinton County Comptroller in Illinois. They have found much more interesting ways of filling their time. They both enjoy golf, reading, and cooking. LeRoy likes to garden and enjoys grilling outside. JoAnn is also a knitter.

They have a son and four grandchildren to keep them busy if they ever get bored.

Deaths

Jane Dibble died August 2, 2012. Jane was loved by so many people for the good person she was and for all the good she did for everyone at the church. There was a service at the church on August 11, well attended by her family—relatives, church, and Concordia, where she lived. A reception was held in the Chapel immediately following the service. Jane was very special to so many of us.

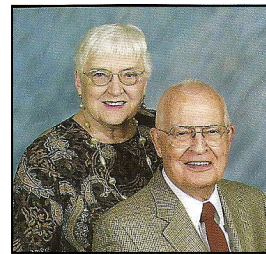


Jeanne Jackson, died in July, 2012. We were not aware of family, and the church had not been notified when she died. She had been given round the clock care for many years. Peggy Gamble never failed to visit her and always took communion to her the first of every month.

Prayer Shawls



Pat Potts received a prayer shawl in August from Bro. Jaimie Alexander, after she decided not to continue the treatments for cancer. Pat is at home. Our prayers continue for Pat.



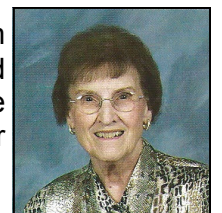
Bob Mauss received a prayer shawl in August from Bro. Jaimie Alexander. He is under Hospice Care at Highlands HealthCare Center, but loves the cards he gets. Short visits (5 min) are about as much as he should handle.

Edith Shepard received a prayer shawl in August, delivered by Jan Lowe. She recently moved to Concordia Care center, being cared for through Hospice. She loves her prayer shawl and all the prayers that come with it.



Arlene Beeks moved to Kansas City to be near her family. She had already reserved a unit at a newer model of our own Concordia. She spent many Tuesday here knitting prayer shawls for others. Bro. Jaimie gave her a special photo of our Sanctuary Window as a memento when she left. We will all miss her.

Maxine Clark recently moved from Concordia Cated Living. She had moved there a few years ago. She has moved to where her daughter lives. We wish her well.





OUR FAMILY

September Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Douglas & Joan Dawson
- 2 Frank & Bobbie Dees
- 15 Ralph & Connie Clark
- 16 Bob & Juanita Dittmer

September Birthdays

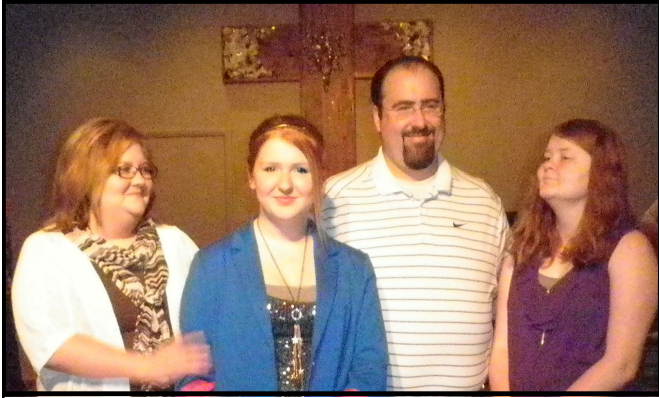
- 3 Karen Dove
- 3 Owen Drish
- 4 Ruth Ann Hough
- 4 Fred Nebrig
- 4 Dawn Thompson
- 5 Shannon Wicker
- 7 Kayla Wicker
- 9 Trudy Baird
- 9 Martha Grant
- 10 Kamryn Baker
- 10 Wayne Horner
- 12 Connie Clark
- 13 John A. Cooper, JR
- 13 Syble Highfill
- 14 Jan Lowe
- 14 Billy Ross
- 15 Barbara Brooks
- 15 Joyce Connell

September Birthdays cont'd

- 16 Johnny Rayburn
- 19 Pat Mayer
- 20 Bro. Jaimie Alexander
- 20 Tom Hough
- 20 Chloe Lilia Jorgensen
- 20 Maxine Paullin
- 20 Lois Wakefiend
- 21 Patsy Attaway
- 21 Kyler Baker
- 21 Curtis Brooks
- 21 Morgan Drish
- 22 Shirley Davenport
- 23 Patricia Brannon
- 23 Aggie Danenhauer
- 23 Greg Franklin
- 23 Leah Norton
- 25 Brennon McCarthy
- 26 Piper Elizabeth Engle
- 27 Eldon Cox
- 27 Georgianna Green
- 28 Danette Baker
- 28 Joan Drake
- 28 Oliver Kiesel
- 28 Matthew Pearson
- 30 Carol Cheek



OUR FAMILY



The Norton's, from left: Kim, Rebecca, Patrick, & Leah

Patrick and Kim Norton became members of our church on June 24, 2012. They were joined by daughters, Rebecca, a sophomore at Bentonville High, and Leah, in the 7th grade at Lincoln Jr. High.

Patrick and Kim met at Anderson University in Indiana, and married in 1991. They have lived the past 12 years in Central Arkansas, but recently moved to Bella Vista, Kim's hometown.

The Myane's are serving as their "First Friends." They attend the second service (Contemporary).

Patrick works as a Client Delivery Manager for Acxion Corp. That probably makes him an expert in database management, and computers. He also likes cooking and golf.

Kim owns her own company as CEO of Norton Virtual Services. She loves music, songwriting, gardening, and just being with her family.

Rebecca and Leah both enjoy singing as much as mom (a trio?). Leah likes basketball.

EMIM

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Coffee Set-Up and Coffee Servers, all services. One Sunday a month. Please give some thought to volunteering to help with the coffee ministry on Sunday mornings. It is such a great way to meet people and make everyone feel welcome. People needed in all services. Please contact Jan Lowe for more information.

Host Leader (9:30 a.m.) Contemporary service Four times a year, (every third month), oversee the Host workers, ensure candles, attendance pads, offering, etc. Replace workers when someone is absent. Come 15 minutes early, stay 15 minutes late.

Host (9:30 a.m.) Contemporary service Usually scheduled for a month of Sundays, every other month, or every three months if we can get more volunteers. Hand out bulletins and welcome guests, take up the offering, etc. Come 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes late.

Meal Coordinator Volunteer to organize one meal event during the year. Someone to be over all the Church events and potlucks. Will secure Team Leaders to be over various events at the church. Will work with church staff in coordinating information. Please contact Jan Lowe.

Office Angel Half days, mornings or afternoons, one day a week preferred. It is easy to trade or get off for Dr. appointments, etc., that may come up. Please contact Janet Walton for more information.

Nursery Worker (paid position) needed on a rotation basis. The shift times are 7:45-10:45 and 9:15-12:00 Sunday mornings; rotating Wednesday evenings and as needed for meetings and such. Please contact Carrie Drish more details.

DO WE HAVE YOUR IMPORTANT DATES?

Have you noticed our Anniversary and Birthday Lists growing? We've been getting many updates to our records, but we still need more. Office Angels may contact you by phone to make it easy for you to update this information, and to verify cell phone numbers.

Or you can complete the yellow card available in the pews or the office so you can add birthdates and anniversary dates for each person in your family and update any other information needed.

Your birth year will not be shared with anyone except our pastors who like to keep up with any significant anniversary or birth year.



BOOK NOOK



FICTION:

3 BOOK NANTUCKET DREAMS SERIES:

BOOK 1: SEASIDE HARMONY by Patti Berg

BOOK 2: SUNFLOWER SUMMER by Pam

Hanson

BOOK 3: WHISPERS ON THE DOCK by Camy

Tang

Discover a place where sisters reunite and caring friends await. A place where dreams come true.

MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER by Tobin Oliveira

A vivid, dramatic novel about love, medicine, and the Civil War.

GIDEON'S GIFT by Karen Kingsbury

A holiday tale of a man who has lost all hope, an irrepressible child suffering from a terrible illness and the small act of love and faith that will give them both the greatest gift of all.

UNDER THE BIG SKY by Kelly Hake

When romance's timing becomes all wrong for these young women, how will they turn things around and reap a bountiful harvest of faith and love?

THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE by David Wroblewski

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm. But when catastrophe strikes, he finds his once peaceful home engulfed in turmoil.

SCHOOLHOUSE BRIDES by Wanda Brunstetter

If a woman was fortunate enough to secure a teaching position before 1920, then she needed to work diligently to keep the school board's strict guidelines for female teachers. Four women face career challenges while learning unexpected lessons in life and love.

GAP CREEK by Robert Morgan

Julie and Hank discover that the modern world is complex. To survive they must find out whether love can keep chaos and madness at bay.

AMAZING GRACE by Danielle Steel

The lives of four unforgettable characters collide as a shocking natural disaster transforms each of them forever, leading them on journeys of change and revelation, courage and grace.

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

A TEXAN'S HONOR by Shelley Gray

In 1874 Texas, U.S. Marshall Will McMillan goes underground to infiltrate the notorious Walton gang. But when Jamie Ellis is taken hostage, Will risks his life for the love of a woman who thinks he's a dangerous outlaw.

A TEXAN'S PROMISE by Shelley Gray

Past promises will be tested as new ones are given.

NON-FICTION:

THE GREEN BIBLE (220)

Understand the Bible's powerful message for the earth.

DIDN'T MY SKIN USED TO FIT? By Martha Bolton
Living, laughing, loving life after forty!

LIBRARY REMINDER

If you bring something into the Library, please put a name on it and call the person to let them know it is in the library so they can pick it up in a timely manner.



Thank you.
The Library Board



EDUCATION

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

It's that time of year again when Disciple Bible Study groups are forming and plans are being made to invite new participants to the program. Disciple Bible Study is an opportunity to begin, or renew, your study of our Christian scripture. It is a series of the sequential study of the Bible, and begins with an overview of the Old and New Testaments and ends with a study of Revelation. This study takes four years to complete, but leaves you with a new and exciting understanding of what the Holy Scripture holds for you as an individual.

For the 2012-2013 year, there are many opportunities for you to take part. A Disciple 1 class will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. This class is the foundation for all of the other Disciple classes, as it provides each learner with a sound knowledge of the Old and New Testaments – the basis for the other three studies. This class must be taken before you can enroll in any of the other Disciple classes.

The second opportunity for study is for those who have completed Disciple 1 and would like to continue their studies. A Disciple 2 class will be offered on Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Disciple 2 is a sixteen week study of Genesis and Exodus – these books are the foundation of the Hebrew faith, and a sixteen week study of Luke and Acts – the foundation of our Christian faith.

On Sunday, September 30, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a mandatory informational meeting for all those who are interested in beginning or continuing Disciple Bible Study. Contact Alan Packard – 855-1168 for more specific information. There will also be other opportunities for Disciple Bible study this year on a shorter basis.

For those of you who do not want to commit to 32 or 34 weeks at a time, we will offer sixteen or seventeen week sessions from November to March. Disciple 1 and 2 would seem to be the logical offerings for these studies, but Disciple 3 is also a possibility. These classes would be offered on Monday or Tuesday. If this sounds interesting, contact Alan.

Other opportunities are available if there is enough interest. An evening class is always available – the only requirement is that we need to secure a group of at least six people to participate.

Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions - a six-week class that will be facilitated by Mercy Chaplains Kandi Mount and Steve Dykes, certified leaders of this course. Classes begin Tuesday, September 25, from 2pm – 4:30pm in the Chapel, and continue through October 30. Classes are comprised of caregivers and those suffering from chronic illness. Please review the \$15 workbook in the office and sign up as soon as possible. Husbands and wives may share one workbook. The class size is limited to 15, and participants must attend all six classes, barring emergencies.

WEDNESDAY STUDIES RETURN SEPTEMBER 12

You are invited to join your Church family in learning more about
God's Word
and His Mission for you.
Watch for more information in your church bulletin...



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

It's getting closer! The Rummage is over, we've had a little breathing time but now it's time to get ready for the Big One – the **Bazaar on October 6.**

The sign up sheets are now on the UMW bulletin board. There are lots of different areas where we will need EVERYONE – young and old, men, women & teens to help. If you are a new member and want a way to meet new people and do good work, this is the place! We would like to stress that YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF UMW to help. This event provides the majority of the funds that goes out to a great number of worthwhile charities that need our support even more these days. If you have any questions about what is involved in working an area, talk to the chairpersons or any UMW member.

If you've been working on projects at home, we would appreciate you bringing them in soon with a suggested sale price. Also, plants can be brought in anytime Oct 1st – 4th. The library will need some more books by then also. If you can't work elsewhere, perhaps you can make some baked goods. Look for those sign up sheets also on the bulletin board.

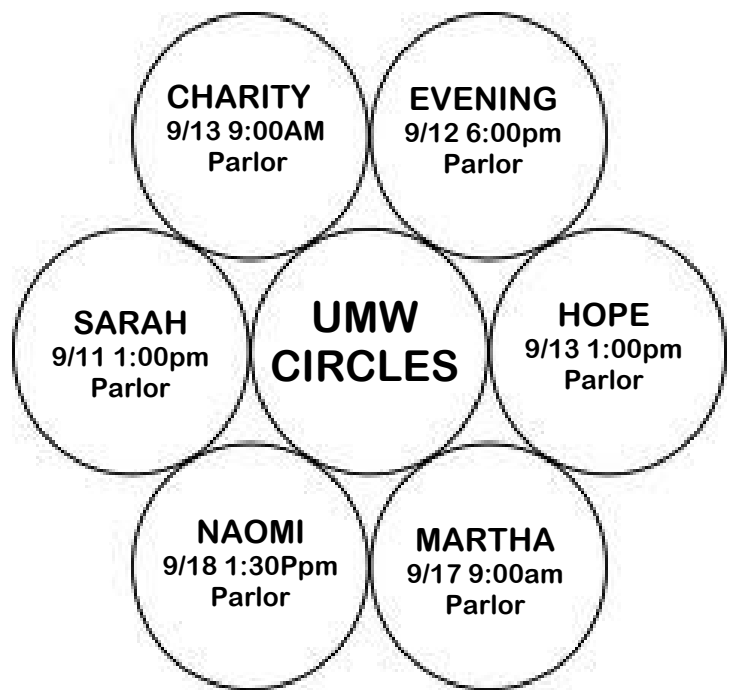
Many thanks to those who have already put in many hours of work and we look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Bazaar!

Verna Bottjen and Mabel Ashline,
Co-Chairpersons



United
Methodist
Women

The Fall quarterly meeting of the UMW will be Wednesday, September 26 at 12:00 noon. In Becker Hall. The program will be given by Ms. Jamie Frazier, Marketing Director for Prevention Plus Medical Clinic. She will speak on **"Medical Advancements for Healthy Aging"**. Chef Salad and dessert will be served. Cost for luncheon is \$7.00 and the deadline for reservation is September 20. Make reservation through your circle or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269



Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group visited the Siloam Springs Museum on August 11 and went on a tour of this historic city, narrated by the museum director who boarded the church van and pointed out things of note.



MISSION of the MONTH

Restoration Village in Rogers has been providing long-term housing for women and their children since 1989. The first priority of the Village is to see that women and their children are safe, free from abuse and have their most basic needs met of food, shelter, and clothing. They work with the residents to connect in the community with services to meet their educational and medical needs.

Restoration Village is long-term because they realize it takes a significant amount of time to come up with solutions to the barriers these women face.

The sole purpose of Restoration Village 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

Your support of Restoration Village as our Mission of the Month will help women and children find not only themselves, but God.

United Methodist Women
35th Annual
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

Holiday decorations,
Plants & garden accessories
Dignified Discards
Baked Items & Gift Baskets

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

8:30 a.m.

Luncheon Available

10:30 a.m.

**All proceeds benefit
UMW Mission Projects**

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The **Metfield Methodists
Shepherd Group** will be in charge of the evening meal on Monday, September 10 at Bentonville Salvation Army.

If you would like to help, please call Cheryl at 876-5172.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will begin again on Tuesday, September 4 in room 5 at 1:00 PM. If you would like to participate but have never learned to knit or crochet, or would like to update your skill, we can help you get started. We meet for one hour a week and work on our shawls while we have fun talking and getting to know each other better. Please come if you can, or you may work at home. We have the patterns and the yarn. If you have questions, call Julie Fischer at 903-3316.



**UNITED METHODIST
MEN**

United Methodist Men will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The Bella Vista Fire Dept & EMT's, and also the Bella Vista Police Dept will be our guests. Help us show our support and thanks to our Bella Vista Emergency Responders. Reservations need to be made by Sunday, September 9.



CHILDREN



VBS was a huge hit!! I hope you all got to see the slide show of pictures from VBS. If not, you can see it on the church website. Ninety (90!) children participated!

For our Mission during VBS, our Mission Team chose fish and ducks from Heifer International. The children raised enough for 4 shares of fish and 4 flocks of ducks or just over \$200.00! I had a mother tell me that her young daughter was so excited that she wanted to take the money out of her piggy bank and bring it to VBS!

Nothing went to waste from food to supplies. Every evening, we offered dinner to our volunteers and their families. The cooked food that was left went to Souls Harbor. We donated the unopened food to Pak-A-Sak. Even most of our decorations went to Pineville to help them with their VBS.

To everyone that helped in anyway, whether you prayed, volunteered, donated items or just brought your children, THANK YOU SO VERY VERY-MUCH from the bottom of my heart.

We have been very busy in the children and youth wing of our building as well. The Bella Vista Pre-school has relocated from the east side of the building to the children and youth wing. They will use our toddler nursery and the Pre K- K class room during the week. We widened the door between the class rooms, painted and even helped them move. While this has been a bit of an adjustment for our nursery workers, the children love all of the new toys. We have also been able to expand our services to have both a infant and toddler nursery available for our families. This part just really gets to me! We have enough infants and toddlers in our nursery on Sunday that we need to now separate them. God is good!

Please continue to pray for our growing children's ministry, and for me that with the help of you, we can truly make this the best port in the storm.

Carrie Drish

CROSSWORD YOUTH



It's time to get back into the routine of school, activities, and sports for all the youth. We are welcoming many new youth to CrossWord from our new 7th graders to our new families. This is an exciting time. Please keep all the teens in your prayers starting out new classes and schools from junior high on up to college.

We took 10 youth to North Little Rock on August 3-4. Our car wash generated \$300 for the Walk for Children!!! Thank You to All who trusted us to wash your cars! And Thank You to all the youth and younger siblings who came out to work at the car wash. You did an amazing job!

We will be studying the book of Daniel in Sunday morning class during the month of September. Due to our growth, we now will head downstairs to begin class at the same time as the children. More youth can take part in the discussions and give everyone a chance to participate. We will be back in full swing on Wednesday nights with Youth Music beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room led by Larry Zehring and Pam Pittman. Any youth 7-12 grade wishing to participate please come at 6:00 p.m. Youth is at 7-8:00 p.m. downstairs in the youth room. Each week we discuss a message on a different life application from the Bible. Our Boys & Girls small groups will pick up again on Sunday nights, led by Rod Alford and David Hanson for the boys, and Sandy Fitch and Julie Swanson for the girls. I will have more information on the groups by September 2nd. If interested, please see me or one of the leaders for information.

CrossWord has grown from 18 youth at the end of last school year to 30+ youth starting out this school year. We have had tremendous growth over the summer. Anyone that is interested in becoming a part of this growing ministry to help, please see me. I am in need of adults of all skills and abilities to help in different areas of the ministry....Sunday school substitutes, Wednesday night co leaders, project helpers, etc. Please prayerfully consider work in this rewarding ministry with some of the best teens around. You definitely won't regret it.

I am looking forward to our 2nd Annual Fall Retreat in October. Another camp-out is in order, I believe. More news on that soon.

In Christ, *Danette*



MISSIONS



The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better stewards of all of our resources

Do you have old household batteries to dispose?

About three billion household batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.) are sold annually in the U.S. averaging about 32 per family or ten per person. Most used batteries are disposed of with regular trash which poses significant risks to our environment.

A battery is an electrochemical device with the ability to convert chemical energy to electrical energy to provide power to electronic devices. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when batteries are improperly disposed of. When incinerated, certain metals might be released into the air or can concentrate in the ash produced by the combustion process. In landfills, heavy metals have the potential to leach slowly into soil, groundwater or surface water. Dry cell batteries contribute about 88 percent of the total mercury and 50 percent of the cadmium in the municipal solid waste stream. In the past, batteries accounted for nearly half of the mercury used in the United States and over half of the mercury and cadmium in the municipal solid waste stream.

The Green Team has placed a plastic carton on the credenza in Becker Hall to collect used batteries, which will then be taken to a facility which accepts hazardous household materials. Instead of throwing spent batteries in with the rest of your trash, bring them to church and put them in Becker Hall.

Read more about batteries and the environment at: <http://www.ehso.com/ehshome/batteries.php>

GREEN TEAM ADOPTION PROJECT

To further utilize motion sensors in the bathrooms, it is necessary to separate the fan and the lights from a common switch in the Becker Hall bathrooms and the two adjoining bathrooms downstairs. Expected cost of this project is \$300. To buy a \$25 share, make a check out to FUMCBV and write "Bathroom Sensors" in the memo section. Your donation will be appreciated!

The Green Team

PAK A SAK

Havenwood is our recipient for September. The women with children living at Havenwood have a difficult time making ends meet each month and their food pantry is a big help to them. The pantry is in need of all types of **READY TO HEAT & EAT** items



especially soup, stew, pasta, tuna, Spam, Mac & Cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit. The generosity of our congregation touches many lives in our community.

Pak-a-Sak for August went to two Bentonville schools. 532 items for a value of \$742 were collected for the snacks for backpacks. Also, 7 people helped sort the food on Sunday and 6 others delivered the food to the schools the next week. Good Job, members! Please keep up the good work for a great cause!

PRE-SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Are you missing your grandkids??? Your Bella Vista Pre-School is opening for the 2012-2013 school year. We are looking for loving adults who have one morning a month to give as a Pre-School Volunteer. BVPS volunteers work with our teacher Sherry Schaefer, our 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 children's lives. I have volunteered many years with these kids and have been truly blessed by the experience. If you want to know more about volunteering give me a call at 876-1676. At this time Bella Vista Pre-School has openings in both the 3 and 4 year old classes. Please contact Marjie Lewis at 273-7977 for more information. Thank you.

Diane Verville



THANK YOU

Our family wants to thank all of you for your prayers and support when our grandson was critically injured in a 4-wheeler accident. We are so happy to report that through the power of prayer and good medical care he is truly himself once again. He has a couple more weeks of therapy and then can, reluctantly on his part, look forward to returning to his job. Praise be to God.

Thanks again, *Keith & Co Ellen Sterwald*

Thanks for all the concern and prayers for Ed when he had his liver biopsy in July. He managed to have a little complication after the biopsy and stayed in the hospital overnight to make sure everything was fine before he could go home. The lesion was benign, for which we are grateful, and know our prayers were answered.

Ed and Julie Fischer

Thank you everyone who helped make this year's Rummage Sale such a great success! Those of you who donated your "treasures"; acted as booth coordinators; set up our sale space; helped sort, display and price items; worked in the kitchen or baked cookies for sale; those who worked the day of sale; helped us pack-up the leftovers and clean up - Thank you is not enough!

We raised in the neighborhood of \$4,000 for the various UMW Missions we support. We could not have done it without every single one of you.

Bless you all! *Katie Anderson*

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and good thoughts sent to me after my recent back surgery. I appreciate all the kindness shown Carol and Me.

Clyde Cheek

A Special Thanks to Bro. Jaimie and all the members of the church for your thoughtfulness and caring of Mom during these past few months.

The Jane Dibble Family ~ Kim, Tim & Alice

Thank You, Pastor Alexander and congregation! My mother, Barbara Brooks told me that I am on your prayer list. It is with deep appreciation that I give my thanks to you. I sent prayers in return asking for the church to continue to grow and be healthy.. I know without a doubt your prayers are being received and helping me. Gain Thank You and God Bless.

Paul Brooks

Thank you for the Pak-A-Sak. It is going to a good cause. Also, thank you for thinking of us at the end of your rummage sale.

Sandy Bugner, Care & Share VP of Operations

Thank you to your Youth Group that attended the 2012 Walk for Children and Families, a Methodist Family Health event held on August 3 in Little Rock. This event raised over \$84,000! Your support of the walk will help rebuild the lives of so many.

Annie Davis, Methodist Family Health Foundation

I would like to thank your entire congregation for your Pak-A-Sak food donation. At our peek, we will send week-end SnackPaks home with about 45 kids. With R.E.Baker Elementary operating on a non-traditional calendar, our students start school August 1st. Unfortunately, our normal food deliveries don't start until the first week of September. So your food donation helps us to send SnackPaks home prior to this.. Thank you!

Buddy Herndon, counselor, Baker Elementary

FINANCE CORNER

Month to date (as of 7/31/12)	Budgeted Expenses	\$ 50,860
Month to date (as of 7/31/12)	Actual Receipts	\$ 53,996
Year to date	Budgeted Expenses	\$ 610,102
Year to date	Actual Receipts	\$ 347,465
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$ 337,315

September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BPV between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	LABOR DAY CHURCH CLOSED	7:34 Men's Golf 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Brd of Directors	8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 UMW Board Mtng 2:30 Concordia Receptn 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Crossword Youth	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:20 Men's Golf 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
PAK-A-SAK 7:05 Handbell rehrl 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	7:34 Men's Golf 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 3:30 Library Brd	7:34 Men's Golf 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 BV Book Club 1:00 Prayer Shawl 1:30 Naomi Circle 4:00 Meals on Wheels	8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 6:30 Green team 7:00 Crossword Youth 7:00 SALT	8:00 Men's Chorus 8:00 Men's Golf 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 2:00 Son's of Rev 2:30 Photo Sessions 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2:30 Photo Sessions	10:00 Photo Sessions
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UNITED METHODIST GOLF AND PICNIC FIRST UNITED METHODIST AND HIGHLANDS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Sunday, September 16, 2012 - 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 the golf, starting at 6:00 pm 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 or in the office by September 9th, 2012. 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 Tenth Annual United Methodist Golf and Fellowship Outing. If you don't play golf, still come for the picnic and fellowship!

