



The Good News

September, 2015

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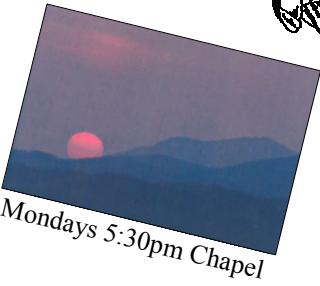
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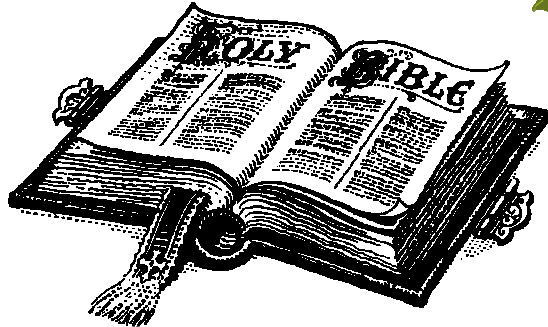
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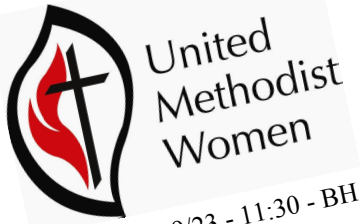
Mondays 5:30pm Chapel



Thursdays 9-2
BAZAAR 10/3



MONDAY, 9/7
Church closed



United Methodist Women

Wednesday 9/23 - 11:30 - BH



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20



You Can Experience True Fellowship With God Through...
Discipline & Discovery
Tuesdays 4pm Room 6
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School is back in session.
Please drive carefully!



United Methodist Committee On Relief
August 29-September 5 ~ Baldwin, LA



Wednesday, September 9 ~ 6:30pm



FAITH WALK

With Brother Jaimie Alexander

"A song of ascents of David. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

The congregation of FUMBV is a multigenerational church family of people. As you know, that has not always been the case. The church was formed by persons who retired to beautiful Bella Vista, but over the last 50 years Bella Vista has changed and over the last 40 years so has the age range of the people who call this church "Home"! We are now called to be a church that offers ministry to persons of all ages and stages of life, from infants to persons in the later years of life who are called to minister. These changes in the age range of the church family creates opportunities and challenges in ministry. An example is the three different worship services; two traditional worship services and one contemporary service. One of the challenges that three different worship services creates is the ability to know each other and have a sense of connection. This is why large and small groups, gathering and serving in ministry is beneficial, because it helps us to know more than the people who just sit around us in worship. I want to encourage you to do what you are able to get to know persons in the church. Attend a different worship service than one you normally attend or get involved in a ministry, shepherd group, small group study, UMM, UMW, craft group, or where you would feel comfortable. Choose to get to know, care, and share your witness of faith with others and look forward to making new friends!



It was a blessing to share in the adult baptisms of Allan Hagan, Verla & Jeremy Shafman, Josh Sweeny, Sonnie & Dick Andersen in the month of August. Allan was baptized at "The Well" on Sunday August 29. Verla, Jeremy, Josh, Sonnie, and Dick were baptized at Lake Avalon on August 16. What a privilege is to know these persons, hear their stories, and experience their devotion to their faith in Jesus Christ. It was my first time to share in the baptism of this many adults in a single month. Please join with me in sharing celebration their commitment of faith in Christ.

It takes us all to be the church. I want to thank everyone who has ministered over the summer in many ways to help proclaim the message of Christ's love. To everyone who has helped with Vacation Bible School, SuperCharged, The UMW Rummage Sale, Youth Summer Trip, Worship, Meals, Yard Maintenance, Building Improvements, Prayed for Others, and More, I say "Thank you"! As the church we are a group of wounded but healing, hurting but victorious, sinful but yet forgiven people that extend grace, mercy and the love of Christ. Thank you for joining with others in Christ's mission to love, learn, and lead!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don't just come to Church; Be the Church!



Listening with Ears of the Heart

with Associate Pastor, Rev. Judy Rudd-Platt

As we hear the first whispers of fall with the cooler weather and the exclamations of children beginning a new school year, I am reminded of how busy our lives can become this time of year. Carpools, fall festivals, vacations, homework, sporting events, friends and family can all vie for our time. Before we know it, our calendars are overflowing their borders with commitments, and we are gasping for breath as we wonder how we will accomplish it all. And we haven't even begun the holiday season yet!

My mind shouts, "Full steam ahead," "No rest for the weary," and "There's much to be done before the day is done." My heart whispers, "Slow down," "It can wait until tomorrow," and "Be still and know that I am God." I wrestle between my head and my heart. I struggle with letting go in a "Go get 'em" world. But scripture reminds us where God can be found.

As Elijah stood on Mount Horeb after escaping the wrath of Queen Jezebel, he encountered God. The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?" 1Kings 19:11-13 CEB

Being present with God in the thin and quiet is a choice we make. It is an important choice. It requires surrender to the Lord. It requires courage and commitment. Sometimes we choose to spend time alone with God as we study scripture, pray and reflect where God is working in our lives. Other times, we choose to be with God in the presence of other Christian believers. By gathering with other Jesus followers in a small group setting, we encourage, support and learn to surrender together. Playing on Team Heavenly Virtues, as our current sermon series encourages us to do, requires us to surrender to God's presence and influence often. We can't expect to live a life of virtue without practice.

If you are feeling the nudge to experience God's presence in a small group, I encourage you to consider one of these opportunities to join with others in seeking the presence of God. Please contact the office to sign up or for more information.

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| ➤ <i>Jesus Calling</i>
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 | Discussion of the daily devotional
Begins October 7th (5 weeks) | Brother Jaimie |
| ➤ <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>
Sundays 5:00-7:00 | "Back porch" conversation
Begins September 20th (7 weeks) | Pastor Judy |
| ➤ <i>Discipline & Discovery</i> | See article, page 8 | Led by Albert Fisher |
| ➤ <i>Disciple 2, 4 & Christian Believer</i> | See article, page 8 | Led by Alan Packard |
| ➤ Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Adult Bible Study Series – Acts | Juanita Dittmer |
| ➤ Golden Links Sunday School | Revelations | Alan Packard |
| ➤ Wesley Sunday School | A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God | Jean Justice |
| ➤ Seekers Sunday School | Adult Bible Study Series – Acts | Shirley Hofmann |

Pastor Judy



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support & Spiritual Growth

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part, but then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Cor. 13:11-12 (NRSV)

Another Year on the Journey

Here we are at the beginning of a new school year with brand new challenges and opportunities ahead for many of us. For most of my life I have either been a student or a teacher. I find the rhythm of the school year life-giving. Each new year is a new journey, a journey in learning and understanding, a journey with opportunities to grow. The year is filled with challenges and struggles which bring steps in the right direction, interspersed with a few stumbles and falls. If we pay attention and apply ourselves, at the end of the school year, we can speak and think and reason more fully than we could at the beginning of the year. Typically we find that we have progressed in ways beyond what we expected or even imagined. Summer brings a chance to take a rest, to catch our breath, and to let the new-found understanding percolate within us. And then in the fall, we take another giant step forward in the new growth as we move to the next "grade" to face the new challenges of yet another school year. I love that rhythm: learn, reflect, and grow; learn, reflect, and grow....

Spiritual growth is like that. Each year of life itself gives us new challenges and opportunities to grow in understanding of God through God's grace and love. Each year, and in fact, each day, brings us new insights of God and of our relationship with God. We have to pay attention and apply ourselves; and if we do, as Paul wrote to the church of Corinth, over time we see more clearly. At the very core of our being, we humans have a yearning to know God more fully.

N.T. Wright, a modern-day theologian, says in his book *Simply Christian* that "spirituality is a hidden spring that bubbles up within human hearts and human societies." Our indefinable thirst to see and know God, a longing for springs of living beyond what this world can provide, is an indication that our humanity is created for more than this. Wright calls this yearning an "echo of a voice", God's voice, within us. Are you taking opportunities to satisfy the yearning to know God; are you paying attention so that the image of God in the mirror grows clearer with each passing year? We may not have thought of it this way, but we are all theologians; all of us have a faith that nudges us to seek a greater understanding of God. Let this school year be the one where you find an opportunity to grow: be a part of a small group study, or a Sunday School class, or a Bible study, read and reflect on the Scriptures on a regular basis, spend time daily in prayer, look for God in your life each day. God is there; we just have to pay attention and reflect on God's image. When we are intentional about this, the image grows clearer and brighter with each passing day. As Paul said, "Now we know only in part; then we will know fully." Join in the journey toward knowing fully. You will be so glad you did!

Blessings, Brenda



EMMAUS WALK 4th-day PILGRIMS ~ Please help us update our records of those who have attended an Emmaus Walk, by contacting Jan Lowe or Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt by e-mail, text, or phone.



VISTA KIDS

Kristen Crider, Director of Children's Ministry



Thank you for being one of the faithful readers of the FUMC newsletter. Taking time each month to sit, reflect and then look forward is precious for many of us who write to you each month. I also appreciate all of those who work so hard to produce this monthly digest! There are those with names, whom we all know as Sandy and Janet, but then there are scores of angels who hold them up.

We have just taken part of a glorious few months at FUMC! Many times I go into summer with a "not much here, not much there" attitude and then look back in marvel of how much we were a part of! I've met more people in our church and had their lives affect my heart in the last few months than ever before. There is only one way that happened. I was here. Serving with our friends is the most basic way to Love God. When we Love Him, we can Love Others, then Love Ourselves.

In the upcoming months, you will be introduced or re-introduced to the 2016 Every One in Ministry (EOIM) campaign. Ministry is an active process and we are each called to our own! Before you look at the specific categories, take a look around our church, community or beyond and imagine a place even more special with your gifts. One of Pastor Judy's gifts is helping people recognize what their spiritual gifts are, and I've already experienced that in a short time knowing her! Her door is two down from the main office.

My best to you in the upcoming month! Email me anytime at kristin@lovelearnlead.com; or call 417-456-0334. Also, make sure to "like" our FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children Facebook page! You can search that at the top of your Facebook page and then you can find us!

Kristin



YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

Greetings from Youth Life. The youth had a successful "thank you" dinner for the church members who helped support them on their trip to the Orlando Youth15 conference. The youth shared their stories of faith in the adventures they all experienced in Orlando. This last week the youth attended White Water in Branson for one last chance to enjoy the summer.

Right now we are in the planning stage for the next six months of youth activities, so please keep a lookout for some activities that you may want to join or help lead. We do plan to make a couple more trips out into the community or surrounding areas to just have some fellowship time.

Supercharged was a great success for the youth. This past Wednesday we had two new youth come to our fellowship time because of their great experience at Supercharged. It was a wonderful event and I thank everyone who helped support it and put it on. The youth are back in school and are starting to really get busy with activities and homework. We are always in need of volunteers to help supply a Wednesday evening meal for the youth. Please call the office and someone will sign you up. The meal needs to feed 10 to 15 and it starts at seven. Simple meals like a pot of Spaghetti or Chili would be greatly appreciated!

This October, I am looking for church members or anyone who would be willing to talk about their faith or a life experience to the youth. I'm looking for someone to come on Wednesday nights and some Sundays. Please contact me for more information and to sign up. Again thank you for everything that you all do for the youth and God bless you all.

David



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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, 531-0381 or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy and Verla Shafman joined FUMCBV on August 16, at an evening service at Lake Avalon, with members of the congregation looking on. They attend the 9:30 (Contemporary) Worship Service. Their First Friends are Sharon and Coleman Farrar, who initially invited them to visit our church. Jeremy is originally from West Virginia; Verla from Utah. They have a son, Cody, in the Marines, stationed in San Diego. Their daughter and her husband live in St. George, Utah. In 3 months, they will have their first grandbaby.



Jeremy and Verla, shown here when they were baptized in Lake Avalon on Sunday, August 16, along with three others.

To round out the family, they enjoy the company of their 3 furry kids at home—Foxye, Bruzer, and Jazzie.

Jeremy works as a Branch Manager for HD Supply, White Cap. Verla is a Certified Medical Coder at Mercy. They are glad their work brought them to Bella Vista, and like many others, they think it is time they learned to play golf. They both

love just about anything that is outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping. Verla enjoys a good book or movie. They like to go to the Farmer's Market together, window shopping, gardening, and taking walks. They are members of One Shepherd Group. We are so glad the Farrars invited them to our church and that they joined after feeling the presence of the Lord in this place.

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Jim and Ginger Hudson became members of FUMCBV on Sunday, August 2. Their First Friends are Florence and Charlie Hill. They are members of Agape Shepherd Group.

Ginger is retired from K.C. Power and Light; Jim is retired from Union Electric Co., They both like to travel, go camping and fishing, and visiting with friends. Bella Vista looked like a good place to retire for golfing.



Ginger does crafts, greeting cards, and sewing. Jim is a fly tier, and enjoys playing snooker.

We are so glad they have joined our church and hope you will say "Hi" to them when you see them around the church.

Earl & Mary Ann Kennedy became members of our church on August 23, at the 10:45am service. The Kennedys are no strangers to this church, where they have been regular attendees for several years.

The Kennedys are both from Pennsylvania—hometown, Wilksburg, PA. Mary Ann has an M.A. and works for Wal-Mart at Jane, MO. She transferred with the Wal-Mart job after living in Port St. Lucie, FL for 20 years.

Earl is retired from the medical supply business. Now, he stays home and tends to all areas of the house—inside and out, while Mary Ann is continuing to work a bit longer. They have always been



OUR FAMILY

Methodists, and started coming to our church about four years ago. They especially like Bro. Jaimie's preaching.

Mary Ann has a stash of books to read for when she retires. She and Earl do like to travel, especially day trips in the MO/AR area. Branson is one of their favorite spots.

Yes, they are familiar faces in our church, but take a minute to welcome them to our church family when you see them.



DEATHS

Carroll Prior died Aug 2, 2015 at home while in Hospice care. Carroll was a dedicated Congregation Visitor, going to see members in the hospital or Rehab Centers, until his health began to fail him a few years ago. A memorial service was held at the church on Friday, August 14. Bro. Jaimie Alexander officiated.



Bill Robertson, a friend of many members of our church, died on Monday, August 17 following a long battle with cancer. A memorial service is yet to be scheduled. Please be in prayer for his wife Emily and his extended family and friends.



EOIM

Every One In Ministry

Discover how you can make a difference in the life of the church by joining with others in service.

SOARING SOLOS

Singles have two outings planned for September. **September 4, Friday, 8:30am**, Breakfast at Papa Mike's in Bella Vista.

September 20, Sunday, 3pm, Bella Vista Community Concert Band, final concert of the season, held in Becker Hall. Supper in the Chapel to follow. Italian Beef, assorted salads, dessert. \$6 per person.

If you are a senior single, you can sign up for any of the above activities or get added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, by contacting Jan at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Advent Devotional Writer - It's hard to believe we are already thinking about our Advent Booklet for this year. Writers are needed to prepare four devotionals, one for each week from November 29 through December 20. Please contact Jan Lowe if you are willing to be a writer or would just like to learn a little more about the opportunity. If you have a way with the written word, this could be a blessing for you and for the congregation.

Sunday Office Angel - Are you able to volunteer at the Reception Desk in the Office on Sunday mornings addressing the needs of members and guests? You will greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude, answer questions, sign people up for various happenings at the church.

7:30-8am Arlene Alford **9-9:30 Darleen O'Brien**
10-10:45am **11:45-12:15pm**

Please contact Jan Lowe.

HELP NEEDED! volunteers knowledgeable or trainable for Sunday mornings, operating the audio visual equipment (soundboard, computers and video camera) in all worship services. Please contact Troy, Alan Yount, or the church office.



PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl group, off for the summer, will be back to regular 10:00am Tuesday morning meetings in Room 6 on September 15. Some of the knitters continued their work from home during the summer months, and have now added a couple new elements to their ministry.

A few months ago the group began knitting **Prayer Coverlets** to be given to newborns or children who are seriously ill.

Most recently, **Prayer Cloths** are being made, prayed over, and blessed, to be given to those who have a serious circumstance but have already received a prayer shawl. The Prayer Cloths are 4 or 5 inches by 5 or 6 inches.

And last, **Prayer Squares**, a smaller version of the Prayer Cloth are being made, prayed over and blessed and put in baskets at various places in the church that anyone can pick up for themselves or to give to others when there is a particular prayer need. Initially, the Prayer Squares will be in a basket in the Narthex. As more squares are knitted, baskets will be placed in Becker Hall and the Chapel.

You can request that a prayer shawl be given to a church or family member, or a friend who is dealing with the death of a loved one, or a serious illness or injury. Contact any clergy member, or Jeneda Mickelson, the Prayer Shawl Team Leader.



Small Group Study with
Rev. Albert Fisher
Discipline & Discovery
Beginning Tuesday, September 8
at 4:00 p.m. in Room 6

ARE YOU . . .

Frustrated in your walk with God?
Easily distracted in your devotions?
Habitually overcome by selfishness?
Overwhelmed by the cares of this life?

For many Christians, whether we articulate it or not, our desire is to become more like Jesus in our daily lives. We desire to experience true fellowship with God and realize the presence of the power of the Holy Spirit. Within us there is this generic idea that we need within our lives more discipline and obedience; more humility, simplicity and generosity; more humility, truthfulness, purity and love.

While these qualities of life are found in Christ, they are not the result of absolute native endowment. They were Christ's because God was in him, true! But God was in him because he did what the rest of us must do – by dedication and discipline, keep one's life open to the daily presence of God.

This 10-week study seeks to provide spiritual growth opportunities so that you may be empowered in the awareness of God's gifts through Jesus Christ. Through this study you can experience true fellowship with God through Discipline & Discovery by discovering the joy and freedom of the disciplined life.

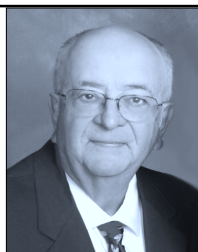
Cost of this study is \$5.00 to cover the cost of two books, Discipline and Discovery and Discipline and Discovery Workbook. For further details or purchase of the study books, please contact Rev. Albert Fisher (aefisher1@att.net or 1-903-271-2738).

You Can Experience True
Fellowship With God Through . . .



DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY for 2015-2016

All classes facilitated by Alan Packard

DISCIPLE II - Wednesdays at 1:00-3:00 pm
starting Wednesday, September 16

DISCIPLE IV - Wednesdays at 8:30-11:00 am
starting Wednesday, September 16

CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS - Fridays at 8:30-11:00am
Starting Friday, October 9

For more information, please contact Alan Packard
owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net or 426-6211



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Frank & Bobbie Dees
- 2 Frank & Marilyn Kostal
- 10 John & Janie Koonce
- 15 Dave & Anny Weber
- 17 Dave & Lynn Broers

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Payton Fitchue
- 1 Edward Parham
- 2 Marilyn Kostal
- 2 Verla Shafman
- 3 Karen Dove
- 4 Dawn Thompson
- 5 Shannon Wicker
- 7 Kayla Wicker
- 9 Trudy Baird
- 9 Martha Grant
- 10 Jack Etheredge
- 10 Wayne Horner
- 10 Ginger Hudson
- 10 Wayne Parham
- 10 Bill Shank
- 11 Jody Iliff
- 11 Billy Jerman
- 11 Norma McLain
- 12 Connie Clark
- 12 Nona Storck
- 13 Donna Gaudet
- 13 Syble Highfill
- 14 Jan Lowe
- 15 Joyce Connell
- 15 Peggy Henault

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 16 Karen Bacon
- 16 Johnny Rayburn
- 18 Gary Tomlinson
- 20 Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander
- 20 Chloe Jorgensen
- 20 John Koonce
- 20 Maxine Paullin
- 20 Lois Wakefield
- 21 Patsy Attaway
- 22 Shirley Davenport
- 22 Amy Fulton
- 23 Patricia Brannon
- 23 Julia Crider
- 23 Aggie Danenhauer
- 23 Greg Franklin
- 24 Marion Best
- 24 Kitty Polich
- 25 Hallee Johnson
- 25 Brennon McCarthy
- 25 Diane Verville
- 26 Piper Engle
- 26 Stan Robinson
- 26 Karen Roenfeld
- 27 Eldon Cox
- 27 Scott Drindak
- 27 Georgiana Green
- 27 Michael Parham
- 28 Matthew Pearson
- 30 Carol Cheek
- 30 Cathy Wilmoth



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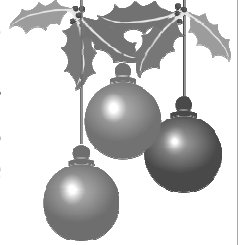
A Campfire Bazaar Story

In keeping with Bro. Jamie's Campfire Stories theme, I thought about how many stories could come out of our own church family during its history. For instance, this will be the 38th year that the UMW has put on the Bazaar. That's a lot of years and a lot of crafts! I've looked at pictures taken of all those events and wondered how many stories all those ladies I didn't know could tell.

For a current story, we have a wonderful member who's in her 90's, Juanita Dittmer, who comes to workshop faithfully every week and quietly does whatever we ask. She irons or cuts fabric or sews seams and even sweeps the floor when we're finished. Her husband Bob passed away a few years ago. A couple years ago when our church happily found that we needed to use our Sunday School rooms and started to re-decorate them, I discovered a beautiful wood cross with string weaving tossed in the corner of room 23. It caught my eye and when I turned it over, the name Bob Dittmer was on the back. What talent and love he must have put into making that cross for the church. I kept it for a year until I discovered a current member, Dick Bacon who does beautiful woodworking and he has graciously made 4 duplicates of Bob's work which will be for sale in our Bazaar this year. Bob's cross has been preserved, hanging in the chapel now as well as duplicated for others to enjoy. If you take a look around the walls of our church, especially in the chapel, you will find other examples of past member's talented works.

Also, at Christmas time, you will find decorations on the chapel tree that were found in the back of a closet and were made by former members back in the 70's, as were most of the Crismons on the Narthex tree. I wonder what stories they would tell about the fun and fellowship those members had while creating those decorations, much the same as we do today down in the Quilting room every Thursday.

So, let's see what other stories we can make and share on Bazaar Day, Saturday, October 3. As stated last month, it's time to bring in things you've been making at home. PLEASE take a look at the Sign-up sheets on the UMW bulletin board at the back of Becker Hall – there are A LOT of different ways you can help. Country Kitchen will be needing all types of goodies: breads, candies, jellies, pickles and other baked goods. Please deliver these to Becker Hall on Friday, October 2. The Garden Center will be accepting plants from Sunday, September 27 through Thursday, October 1. You can also bring in any Dignified Discards or books that you might still have after the Rummage Sale. Everyone will be needed to make this the worthwhile event that it has been for the past 37 years!



Watch the bulletin for more information and as always, any questions, please ask me.

Verna Bottjen

2015 Bazaar Chair, 876-1392

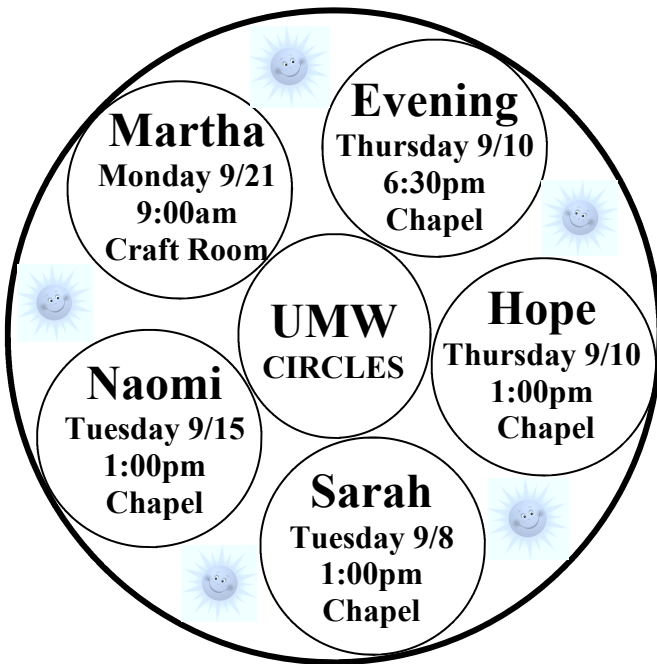
UMW FALL LUNCHEON

The UMW quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23 at 11:45 a.m. The program will be "WHAT IS AUDREY'S HOME OF HOPE"? Where is it, what is its purpose, why should we know about it? What is Audrey's Resale Boutique and where is it? All of these questions and more will be answered by Founder, Jeniffer Lemerise and Event Coordinator, Fran Olsen, with Audrey's Home. Lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert will be served. Cost of luncheon is \$7.00 and the deadline for making reservations is Sunday September 20. Please sign up with your circle or call Sue Nebrig 855-9269 for reservation.



UMW

UMW CIRCLES ARE BACK IN FULL SWING after Summer Break. If you are not a member of a circle, any one of the five circles would be honored to have you join them. Come to the office for a UMW yearbook with information on who to contact and other information on the UMW organization.



Dear United Methodist women,
 Thank you very much for the new Bible. I think that it's very awesome and I'm glad to be part of this church.
 Sincerely,
 Brew Baker

UMM



United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The evening's speaker is Bob Brooks, POA Chairman of the Board. Come hear what is happening in Bella Vista and speak one-on-one with him. Dinner includes sliced Brisket, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Potato Salad, catered by Papa Mike's. Reservations need to be made either by phone tree or with Jim Belcoff (616-6738) no later than Sunday, September 6th.

PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Are you missing your grandkids??? Your Bella Vista Preschool is open for the 2015-2016 school year. We are looking for loving adults, both men and women, who have one morning a month to give as a Preschool Volunteer. BVPS volunteers work with our teachers Sherry Schaefer and Melanie Nichols, 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 been a volunteer of this Preschool for many years and have enjoyed it tremendously and found it very rewarding. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays-Fridays, mostly Wednesdays and Fridays, but we never say no to a helper. At this time Bella Vista Preschool has openings in both the 3 and 4 year old classes. Please contact Preschool Director Marjie Lewis at 273-7977 for more information.

Thank you! *Diane Verville* 876-1676



MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Delivery News

We delivered to Salvation Army-Bentonville, Salvation Army-Rogers, Seven Hills Northwest Arkansas Children's Center and Soul's Harbor.



Beginning this month we will be delivering "Sunshine Sacks" to Cooper Elementary.

The "Sunshine Ladies" as we call the members of Martha Circle have offered to pack and deliver these sacks to the school each month. We are so grateful to the members of this circle for taking on this project. God Bless each and every one you! The eligibility for these sacks is determined by the school and then a number is given to Shoebox. No student's names are ever revealed to Shoebox.

Current Needs

Socks of all kinds. Boy's and girl's at the top of list. Men's and women's are also needed. Please purchase size large in the children's. We always need quart size zip-lock bags (Dollar Store kind work just fine) men's disposable razors, regular size tubes of toothpaste, and women's feminine products for Youth Bridge.

Volunteers

We will be contacting volunteers this month for a boy's and girl's pack.

We appreciate all donations of items but at current time we DO NOT need prescription bottles. Please take them if you can to AARP Recycling Center.

As always in His service,
Shoebox Team Leaders

PAK A SAK

Havenwood will receive our collection of food on September 20. Havenwood is a non-profit home for women and children attempting to turn around their lives. Their food pantry is in need of all types of "READY TO HEAT AND EAT ITEMS". Items needed are soup, chili, stew, pasta, tuna, spam, mac & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit.



MISSION of the MONTH

Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.



The Education ministries are carried out through a K-12 school and an early childhood development program for 3 and 4 year-old children. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the children and youth of this community to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment empowering these young people with tools that will help them escape this cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically underserved. In addition to in-Clinic visits, our providers travel to the homes of our patients to provide care to those that are home-bound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area. Volunteers in mission service come and help with the refurbishment of homes, low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store and local crafter's wares are marketed to a wide area through the craft marketing ministry. A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. Over the years the Mission has enjoyed wide support in The United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help us continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.



Musical Notes

From Dr. Larry Zehring

The Wesley Series of concerts, lectures and art exhibits sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. The Wesley Series, which held its first program in 1995, will celebrate the occasion with a pair of gala concerts this fall.

The first will be an evening of music and refreshments featuring Pulitzer Prize-nominated jazz pianist and composer Dan Knight. This event is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9th in the church's fellowship hall. Dan will be joined by "The Usual Suspects," a group of local jazz virtuosos that includes drummer Steve Wilkes, bassist Drew Packard, clarinetist Jim Jernigan and vocalist Pam Pittman. There will be plenty of dessert selections, coffee and iced tea available.

Usually, there is no admission charge for our Wesley Series programs, but to help support future programs and to partially offset the cost of this event, we're asking for a donation of \$10.00 per person to attend the evening of jazz and dessert on October 9th. In addition, we'll be offering CD's and DVD's of carefully selected performances from past Wesley Series programs available for a donation of \$25.00 or more.

The second event in our twentieth anniversary celebration will be a concert featuring organist Gail Archer. This program will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st in the church sanctuary. Her program will include pieces by Dietrich Buxtehude, J.S. Bach and many others. This will be Dr. Archer's second visit to Bella Vista, and we are looking forward to hearing her again.

We hope you will help us celebrate the Wesley Series' twentieth anniversary, and will continue to attend the events we sponsor for the next twenty years.

Cheers! *Larry*



Book Nook

BOOKS IN SERIES:

KENSINGTON CHRONICLES by Lori Wick

Book 1: The Hawk and the Jewel

Book 2: Wings of the Morning

Book 3: Who brings forth the Wind

Book 4: The Knight and the Dove

TRADE WINDS by Linda Chaikin

Book 1: Captive Heart

Book 2: Silver Dreams

Book 3: Island Bride

ANGELS WALKING SERIES by Karen Kingsbury

Book 1: Angels Walking

Book 2: Chasing Sunsets

NON-FICTION:

WILD by Cheryl Strayed

The story of an 1100 mile solo hike.

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

TRUTH BE TOLD by Hank Phillippi Ryan

A middle class family is evicted from their home.

THE PRESIDENT'S SHADOW by Brad Meltzer

A young National Archives staffer is responsible for safekeeping the government's most important documents.

MRS. GRANT AND MADAME JUTE by Jennifer Chiaverini

In 1844 Missouri belle Julia Dent meets Lt. Ulysses S. Grant. They are permitted to wed but Grant's family refuses to attend.

THE TRUTH ACCORDING TO US by Annie Barrows

Layla Beck refuses to marry the gentleman her Senator father has chosen and is forced to get a job.

BLUEPRINTS by Barbara Delinsky

Some women are born with an instinct for knowing how things work and what to do when they break.

BORN TO BE WILD by Catherine Coulter

Someone is trying to kill Mary Lisa Beverly, a soap-opera star.

FICTION:

THE DISCOVERY SAGA COLLECTION by Wanda Brunstetter

A 6-Part Series from Lancaster County.

AN AMISH CANDLE by Beth Wiseman

Four Novellas to enjoy!



THANK YOU

Many thanks to all my dear FUMC friends for all the prayers, support, cards, visits, and the lovely prayer shawl during my husband's recent heart surgery. God is good and so are all of you. Blessings, *Peggy Stout*

Thanks to so many of you the UMW rummage sale was again a success. Your donations of discards, your time and effort are so appreciated. When those of us who priced, organized and sold items were very tired, a group of volunteers numbering near 50 showed up to help with tear down and clean up. It was amazing to watch as goods were packed to go to Care and Share, tables folded and put away, carpet vacuumed and the chairs returned to Becker Hall; all in one and one half hours. WOW! Last but certainly not least, thanks for coming to purchase some new treasures and enjoy a cinnamon roll or lunch. The funds raised will be combined with monies from the upcoming bazaar and be distributed to several charities in our community.

You can be very proud to be part of such an awesome church. Thanks again,

Co-Ellen Sterwald, Rummage Sale Chair

Dear UMW,

Thank you so much for the bibles you presented to our young learners in August! Each child was thrilled to have their own. Your thoughtfulness has engaged their learning of the bible in a new way and their group has begun a special class especially to learn how to use, read and enjoy their new bible! Thank you!

Kristin Crider and Vista Kids

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers and visits. Words cannot express how much this caring congregation means to us! *Dale & Nancy Veach*

Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and for thinking about me in my time of need, God bless you!

Ruth Heyka (Tim Van Allen's mom)

I would like to thank our Church family for all the prayers and cards during my recent surgery and healing process. God is so good to each of us. It is wonderful to share and receive from those who are dedicated to Christ and help build our faith family. Thanks

Janice Lang

Thanks for the volunteers who helped with Supercharged. It isn't possible to name each volunteer, but there were some very dedicated individuals who helped Friday, August 14 and we are so grateful for them! The attendance this year wasn't as large as it was at last year's Supercharged event. We don't know why except the fair may have drawn some people away.

Those who attended the event seemed to have a great time and many children and youth won prizes. Hotdogs, chips, lemonade and watermelon were enjoyed too!! Thank you to Melanie Ketner of Lifeline of Northwest Arkansas for her donation of hot dogs for the event.

Special appreciation goes to the two volunteers who gave their time and skills to cut hair for children getting ready to go back to school. Marion Kalmer and Todd Pratt were busy from before 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They gave great cuts, too!

The United Methodist Women cooked hotdogs and prepared lemonade to keep the food fresh and ready for all to eat and enjoy! The United Methodist Men got the watermelons, cut them into large pieces, kept them cold and the fruit was so delicious. Some even came back for seconds if they still had room for more!

Many people stayed to help clean up and put away chairs and tables. That was really appreciated and some of those helpers weren't just the individuals who had volunteered before the event! Thanks to all!!!!

Special Note: If you have any suggestions for future events please write a note to First United Methodist Church or call the office at 855-1158.

Newsletter JULY 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				
		* = - Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare 2014
Month to date (as of 7/31/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$54,533	*\$54,317	*\$48,797
Month to date (as of 7/31/15)	Actual Expenses	\$52,124	\$54,317	\$57,625
	Month of JULY	\$ 2,409		-\$8,828
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$403,493	*\$217,268	*\$383,727
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$368,218	\$217,268	\$377,443
	YTD	\$ 35,275		\$6,284

Operating Account Balance 7/31/15 **-\$ 3,124**

SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11:32 Golf-Scotsdale 6:30 Men's Chorus	2 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	3 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Kingsdale	4	5 9:00 Amp Big Book
6 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	7 CHURCH CLOSED HAPPY LABOR DAY! 	8 9:00 PEO-BR 9:24 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 4:00 Discipline & Disc 6:30 Men's Chorus	9 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 2:00 Concordia Party 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	10 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Berksdale 1:00 HOPE Circle 6:00 Emmaus 4th day 6:30 Evening Circle	11 11:30 PreSchool Brd Mtng	12 9:00 Amp Big Book
13 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 2:00 District Conference	14 Caregivers Support 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Lifeline Lunch 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow-up 5:30 Mourning Dawns 6:00 By the Book AA 6:00 Finance Committee	15 10:30 Happys SG 11:30 Golf-Berksdale 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Discipline & Disc 4:30 Meals on W Board 6:30 Men's Chorus	16 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 1:00 Disciple II 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	17 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Scotsdale	18	19 9:00 Amp Big Book
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Opportunities for YOU to Interact with Your Church Family in Small Group Settings

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| ➤ <i>Jesus Calling</i>
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 | Discussion of the daily devotional (5 weeks)
Begins October 7th | Brother Jaimie |
| ➤ <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>
Sundays 5:00-7:00 | "Back porch" conversation (7 weeks)
Begins September 20th | Pastor Judy |
| ➤ <i>Discipline & Discovery</i>
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 | <i>See article, page 8</i>
Begins September 8 (10 weeks) | Albert Fisher |
| ➤ <i>Disciple II</i>
Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 | Begins September 16 | Alan Packard |
| ➤ <i>Disciple IV</i>
Wednesdays 8:30-11:00 | Begins September 16 | " |
| ➤ <i>Christian Believer</i>
Fridays 8:30-11:00 | Begins October 9 | " |
| ➤ Wednesday Morning Bible Study | <i>Adult Bible Study Series - Acts</i> | Juanita Dittmer |
| ➤ Golden Links Sunday School | <i>Revelations</i> | Alan Packard |
| ➤ Wesley Sunday School | <i>A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God</i> | Jean Justice |
| ➤ Seekers Sunday School | <i>Adult Bible Study Series - Acts</i> | Shirley Hofmann |

**Please watch the bulletins and newsletter for future small group opportunities.
 We welcome any suggestions you might have.**