



The Good News

September, 2016

Midweek Manna

Wednesday Nights at FUMC Bella Vista

MEAL

5:30 – 6:15PM

Suggested Donation:

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

Family maximum \$15

CHILCARE AVAILABLE

For Infants and Toddlers

Pre-K ~ 6th Grade

Led by Angie Rader, Dir of Children's Ministries

Bible Basics: Each week the children will learn books of the Bible through Bible stories, memorization of scripture, and song.

If needed, time for homework is provided.

YouthLife

7th ~ 12th grade

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:15

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

GROUPS MEET

6:30 – 7:30/7:45PM

Small Study Groups

- ◇ Embracing Forgiveness
Kandi Mount
- ◇ The Bible ~ the Mini Series
Sean Crider
- ◇ Memoir Writing
Jean Meadows
- ◇ Half Truths (Adam Hamilton)
Don & Kathy Jones

Small Craft Groups

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm:
Adult Coloring
- ◇ Tai Chi for Health
- ◇ Exercise Ball & Movement

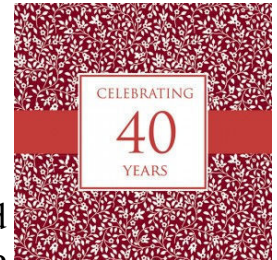
You may register for a small group on Sundays in the Narthex and Becker or in the Office during the week, or by calling or e-mailing the Church Office. Please notify the Office if you plan to join us for dinner.



FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

Ruby Anniversary! *FUMC celebrating 40 years of ministry* *October 29th and 30th!*



What do you give for an anniversary gift? I was wondering this so I googled a chart for reference. I learned that on a one year anniversary you give paper, on a 10 year anniversary you give aluminum/tin, on a twenty year anniversary you are to give china, and on the thirty anniversary you are to give pearl. But what are you supposed to give on the Fortieth Anniversary? Wanda Williams told me and a group of other people it is a ruby, and the chart confirmed her information. First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista has celebrated its paper, tin, china, and pearl anniversary. It is now time to celebrate the ruby anniversary! That's right ~ we will celebrate 40 years of proclaiming faith in Christ in NWA October 29th and 30th. Please don't miss this historic occasion in your church family! Former pastors are being invited back for the celebration. There will be a time of visitation at 5:30 on Saturday evening October 29th in the Narthex and Sanctuary, followed by a ticketed Anniversary Banquet from 6 pm to 8pm in Becker Hall. Sunday morning, October 30th there will be an ongoing reception, as well as special happenings during the worship services. **It will not be the same without you!** The church family is now a church of all ages and there will be something for all ages during the banquet! There will be childcare and events planned for the children. Youth are encouraged to attend the banquet.

The Ruby gift we are giving for the anniversary are new exterior doors for the building. Almost 30 new doors will be installed in time for the celebration, thanks to your donations and gifts of honor. There will be handicap buttons installed at the front doors of the narthex and also at the west exterior doors by Becker Hall. These updates will be a great blessing to so many people.

To also help commemorate the 40th anniversary, a cookbook will be created and be on sale at a future date. Allison Totten will head a cookbook editing team and she is looking for others who are interested in being a part of the team. You can contact Janet Walton in the church office if you are interested. So begin to collect your favorite recipes - there is a recipe form that should be used and can be picked up in, and returned to, the church office. We would appreciate receiving your recipes no later than October 15th.

What an exciting time this is for the past, present, and future of FUMCBV! God is faithful!

Bro Jaimie

Don' just come to church, BE the CHURCH !



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Rev. Judy Rudd-Platt, Associate Pastor

Do Not Be Afraid

Recently, I was on my morning walk home from several laps around the Elm Springs cemetery when I had a reason to be *very* afraid. As I walked past one of the homes, a new large Labrador retriever came charging across the front yard at me. The 80+ pound dog ignored the adamant commands to “stop” and “come” screamed by the owner from the front porch. Years of hiking in bear country conditioned me for this moment. I turned to face the dog and planted my feet firmly – to retreat at that moment would have insured certain attack. As I stood my ground, awaiting the impact, the dog attempted to stop and slid on the pavement beside me as it hurried to gather itself and reposition for an encounter. Although it snapped at my hand, I was able to avoid contact. Thankfully, the owner gained the dog’s attention, and the dog slinked back into its yard acknowledging its willful disobedience. I accepted the owner’s sincere apologies as I turned to walk home in gratitude that the only evidence of the encounter was my heart pounding furiously in my chest.

Prior to my “near miss” with the neighbor’s dog, I awakened most mornings yearning for the quiet time on my walk, looking for evidence of the baby bunnies, and communing with God in prayer. I expectantly anticipated receiving the gift of my Creator’s Presence and the divine wisdom and assurances that only my Beloved gives to me. But things changed that fateful morning. I became reluctant to take my morning walk. Since alternative routes are not an option on the narrow county roads of Elm Springs, I began carrying pepper spray to protect myself. Every morning that I walk to the cemetery, I face my fear of reliving that fateful morning with the possibility of a more gruesome outcome. I have seen the dog unattended several times in the neighbor’s backyard, but it has always been chained to a tree.

I don’t like change. I don’t like living in fear, either. Benjamin Franklin once said that “In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.” In other words, Ben was stating that change is inevitable. Around 500 BCE, a Greek philosopher by the name of Heraclitus from Ephesus stated it more bluntly, “The only constant is change.” Don’t you just love philosophers!

Whether we like it or not, change happens. We have a choice about how we respond. We can resist it and be miserable; or we can embrace it and grow. It is simple to say, but often hard to do. Paul reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:7, “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” When we fear change, we are not living as God intended.

Fear provides an opportunity for prayer. Below is the prayer that I shared in the services on August 21st which you might find helpful the next time you find yourself facing fear and change.

Holy, Life-Transforming God,

I want to be more like Jesus. Reveal the obstacles that keep me from seeking and knowing your desire for my life. Show me the places in my life where I am blind and fail to recognize you. Show me the truth about myself. Grant me courage and strength to release all perceptions, attitudes, words and actions that prevent me from being the faithful disciple that you desire for me to be. Help me to say “Yes” to Your Call to transform me.

In Christ’s Name I Pray. Amen.

Pastor Judy



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care

Journeying Together

Put on then, as God's chosen ones holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another. Colossians 3:12-13a

Support Groups are of God. Paul's words to the first century Christians in the city of Colossae ring as true today as they did then. These early Christians were having struggles in their lives that tested their faith in the love of God through God's Son, Jesus. Paul acknowledged that struggles will happen and said we are called to be like Christ and put on compassionate hearts as we bear with one another. Paul did not say "fix one another"; he said "**bear with one another**"; join in the journey together.

You may be aware of the Caregiver's Support Group which has been meeting for some time in our church. It was a group formed to bear with one another in the journey of caring for a loved one with dementia or other difficult illness. This group, in the past, was led by John Koonce and met on Monday mornings. When John and Janie moved to Kansas, I was blessed to be asked to continue this support group. As these blessings have unfolded, we have changed up a few things, one of which is a new meeting time and place. Beginning September 20, **the Caregiver's Support Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10am, in the Chapel.** We spend some time each meeting sharing coffee and nibbles, sharing helpful information, wisdom, and most of all, sharing compassion, as we journey together in this care-giving to which we have been called. I truly mean we, as I, too, am a caregiver for my mother who moved to Arkansas from Maryland this past May.

On **Tuesday, September 20**, the topic we will share is "Stages of Dementia: How to Know When it is Time." Time, that is, for full-time nursing care and possibly even time for Hospice. On **Tuesday, October 4**, Todd Whatley, an attorney in elder law, will share with us "How to Plan and Protect our Assets for Elder Care." This information can help ensure the expense of elder care does not deplete all of our resources. We invite you to join us.

Also remember that our "When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief" is a support group for those who are grieving due to losses of any type: death, divorce, health, dreams.... This group meets **Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7pm in the Chapel.**

Paul said, "with compassionate hearts, bear *with* one another". As together we bear with one another, the burden becomes lighter for all. We invite you to join us on either or both of these journeys.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,
Director of Children's Ministry

YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis
Director of Youth Ministry



Angie's Moved up!

Welcome to my first news letter. This has been a very exciting few months. Thank you so much for your prayers, hugs, and kind words. They truly mean a lot to me. We have so much going on in *VISTA KIDS*.

- ★ School has started.
- ★ August 28th was Promotion Sunday.
 - ◇ And the funny thing is, not only were the kids being promoted, but I was also being promoted. There was a reception in Becker Hall for me after 2nd Service and I thank everyone who came.
 - ◇ At 11:15am, The parents and children were invited to a promotion pizza party in the chapel. This was a good time for the parents and teachers and myself to get together and talk about what our mission and vision is. Also a time to thank the teachers for all they have done with our children.
- ★ We are getting ready for *Midweek Manna*, Wednesday night dinners and classes which begin September 7th. I am so excited about this! We will be working on learning the Books of the Bible and going through the books for a better understanding of them. We will do this with video, lessons, and games. I am looking for adults to help with this. If you are interested, please call the Church office or let me know.

Also, A big "Thank You" to all who were involved in Supercharged and Vacation Bible School. Both events were a big success and fun was had by all. I am so blessed to work with wonderful people. God is truly good. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

God bless and have a wonderful day!

Angie

Welcome, Austin Curtis!

As we enter this new school year, *YouthLife* has been experiencing some changes. We said a heart-felt thank you and sad farewell as David Hanson stepped down as the *YouthLife* Director. David has been a mentor, encourager and guide for our youth for the last three years. He spent countless hours preparing lessons, counseling, driving for mission and recreation activities, and being there for our youth. David, thank you for your compassionate and spirit-filled leadership of our youth.

David's decision to step-down left a large void in the lives of our youth. But as Brother Jaimie says every Sunday, God is faithful – faithful in our past, faithful in our present, and faithful in our future! Austin Curtis, a friend of Brother Jaimie, who went on the Uganda and McGehee mission trips, has agreed to be our Interim *YouthLife* Director. Welcome Austin!

Austin is no stranger to youth and church ministry. He graduated from Elkins High School in northwest Arkansas, earned his Bachelors in Sports Ministry at Campbellsville University, and received his Masters of Divinity from Liberty University. Austin has served in various capacities as a youth pastor and YMCA Site Director from 2003-2012. Currently, Austin serves as the Associate Pastor of Sulphur City Baptist Church and is the chaplain for C. I. Solutions. He is married to Amber, and they have an adorable 3 year old daughter named Elizabeth. Austin brings a passion for youth ministry and an infectious love of Jesus Christ to his commitment as the Interim *YouthLife* Director. He is very enthusiastic about sharing his witness, passion for missions, and joy for life with our youth over the next few months. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him!

Pastor Judy





OUR FAMILY

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

NEW MEMBERS

Hollis and Joan Evatt ~ became affiliate members

with us on Sunday, July 24. They have recently relocated to NW Arkansas from Furlow, Arkansas. They are members of the Concord UMC there, where Hollis'



grandfather was a founding member. They have a daughter Samantha, who we are excited will be a part of our Youth. Hollis is a painter and handiman, so if you need help with that, contact him at mrhollispainting@gmail.com They worship with us at The Well service. We are so pleased they are a part of our church family.

Tommy and Lynn Runnels ~ joined our church family on Sunday, July 31. Tommy is a retired principal and band director and Lynn, also retired, was a coordinator for Special Education in Bentonville Schools. They keep busy with hiking and their family, two daughters and their families, with 5 wonderful grandchildren. Tommy and Lynn attend the 8:00 worship. Please welcome them there and let them know how glad you are they are a part of our family.



Rick and Dena Mayes ~ became members of our church family on July 31. Rick was a long-time adjunct instructor and administrator at NWA Community College, and is currently a

building inspector for the city of Springdale. Dena has been a teacher in the Bentonville schools for over 30 years and currently teaches kindergarten at Cooper Elementary. They love spending time on the BV lakes and with family and friends. They worship with us at The Well service and we are so pleased they have chosen to join the family officially! Be sure to say "Welcome" when you see them.

Leona Bryson and Donna Brown ~ are sisters and joined our church family on July 31st. Donna has

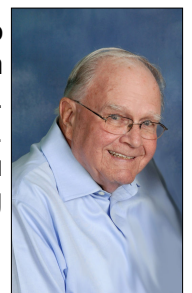
lived in NW Arkansas and Leona just relocated to BV from Longview, TX. Donna is a retired nurse and Leona a retired healthcare worker and restaurant manager. Zoe is 8 years old and is a student at



Thomas Jefferson Elementary. They worship with us at the Well Service and we are delighted to have them as a part of our church family. Welcome Leona and Donna and Zoe!

RELOCATIONS

John DeVan ~ a member with us for over 15 years is moving to Kansas to be close to family. You can send him cards at Twin Oaks, #203, 457 W. Eisenhower Rd., Lansing, KS 66043. We wish him well and know that you will keep John in your prayers during this time of transition.





OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Dylan Axle DeGraf ~ was born to Bryan and Ashley DeGraf on Wednesday, August 10. Dylan was born at home in a water birth. Everyone, including Dylan, Mom, Dad, big sister Shalyn and big brother Bradley are doing wonderfully. Congratulations to the DeGraf family!

Blakely Ava Pitt—sixth great-grandchild of Judy Knadle was born Monday, August 15th in New York. Congratulations to Judy and her family!

DEATHS

Madge Garrison—passed away Friday, August 5 at her home in Rogers. Madge was an active crafter for our UMW annual Bazaar for many years but had been unable to be with us for quite a while due to poor health. Madge's memorial service will be held at the Mildred Cooper chapel at a future date.

Martin 'Marty' Mueller—husband of Carolyn Sutton, passed away Tuesday, August 2. He had been living in a nursing home in Anderson, MO for the past few years. His memorial service was held Monday, August 8 in Indiana. Please keep Carolyn and the family in your prayers.

A CUP WITH A PURPOSE

Our sisters in Christ at the Oasis community have opened a new coffee shop, *The Oasis*, on the Northwest Arkansas Community College campus. It is located in the Global Business Building on Eagle Avenue, which is EZ-off, EZ-on of exit 86 of I49. This is a great location to meet with friends or small groups of up to 15; to enjoy wonderful coffee, espressos, lattes and the like, and all at a reasonable price. What a great way to support the Oasis women as they grow their lives and their community into the wholeness God created them to be!



LOST & FOUND

We are accumulating a plethora of items in our "Lost & Found" area in the Office. There are 8 pairs of glasses, earrings, watches, a lug nut, and various other items. If you are missing something, come check it out!

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIED

Application for employment and complete job descriptions for available positions may be picked up in the office. Please fill out and return with a current resume to Amy Gilmore, Director of Community Life.

Director of Childcare Ministries

Part Time/hourly wage

Responsibilities

- *Providing age-appropriate care for babies up to preschool age in nurturing & clean environments
- *Cheerfully interact & teach age-appropriate bible based lessons
- *Maintain & clean all areas/items used
- *Build relationships with parents and ensure them that their children/babies are receiving the highest quality of care and ministry
- *supervise and schedule other child care workers.

Availability Needed:

- *Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings
- *Special Events & Holiday Worship Services

Qualifications:

- *Satisfactory Completion of Background Check
- *Satisfactory Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training
- *Prior Childcare Experience Preferred
- *Must Be Able to Lift 40lbs
- *CPR Certified is a Plus!

Director of Youth Ministries

Part time/ Salaried

Major Responsibility: To develop age appropriate ministries to reach all the junior high school and high school youth.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: (*complete list in office*)

- *Committed to the Bible as the primary authoritative guide for faith and life
- *Committed to a vital and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- *Committed to create programs and events to reach out to youth
- *A passion for seeing youth who are Christ-followers grow in and develop their faith through ministry involvement

Availability Needed:

- *Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings
- *Special Events, mission trips, & church wide events

Qualifications:

- *Satisfactory Completion of Background Check
- *Satisfactory Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training
- *CPR Certified is a Plus!



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Frank & Bobbie Dees
- 2 Frank & Marilyn Kostal
- 15 Dave & Anny Weber
- 16 Ron & Julie Buker
- 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
- 8 Herb Ayres
- 9 Trudy Baird
- 9 Martha Grant
- 10 Wayne Horner
- 10 Ginger Hudson
- 10 Megan Osborne
- 10 Wayne Parham
- 10 Bill Shank
- 11 Jody Iliff
- 11 Billy Jerman
- 11 Norma McLain
- 12 Dena Bratten
- 12 Julie Buker
- 12 Connie Clark
- 12 Wayne Hubbert
- 12 Nona Storck
- 13 Donna Gaudet
- 13 Syble Highfill
- 14 Nathan Forst
- 14 Jan Lowe



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 15 Joyce Connell
- 15 Peggy Henault
- 16 Karen Bacon
- 16 Sandra Duden
- 16 Johnny Rayburn
- 18 Gary Tomlinson
- 19 Harry Mount
- 20 Bro. Jaimie Alexander
- 20 Chloe Jorgensen
- 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





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



One More to Go!

One big hurdle, the Rummage Sale, is over! So now we have one more big UMW fund raiser left for this year. We hope you've all set the first weekend in October aside for THE BAZAAR. If you are not acquainted with this event, it is similar to the Rummage Sale in that we pretty much take over the top floor of the church to sell homemade, homegrown or home baked items with ALL proceeds going to missions. Many ladies have faithfully attended the workshops on Thursdays and hopefully, many folks have been working at home. If so, we would appreciate receiving all donations by September 18 so we have time to price them. You can drop them off on Thursday mornings in the quilt room or just bring them to the office. It is helpful if you have a suggested sale price. We also have a section for plants, books, and "Dignified Discards" which you can drop off starting September 25. We would be grateful for help with some donated home-baked items on September 30.

And then we have to ask for your help one more time on the actual sale day of Saturday, October 1. As usual, an event like this takes many willing hands to make it a success and it really is fun working with your fellow church members. There is a sign-up sheet on the UMW bulletin board in the back of Becker Hall. If you're not sure where you can help, there is a section for that and we will call you. If you have any questions, talk to any UMW member or call me at 876-1392.

Verna Bottjen, 2016 Holiday Bazaar Chair

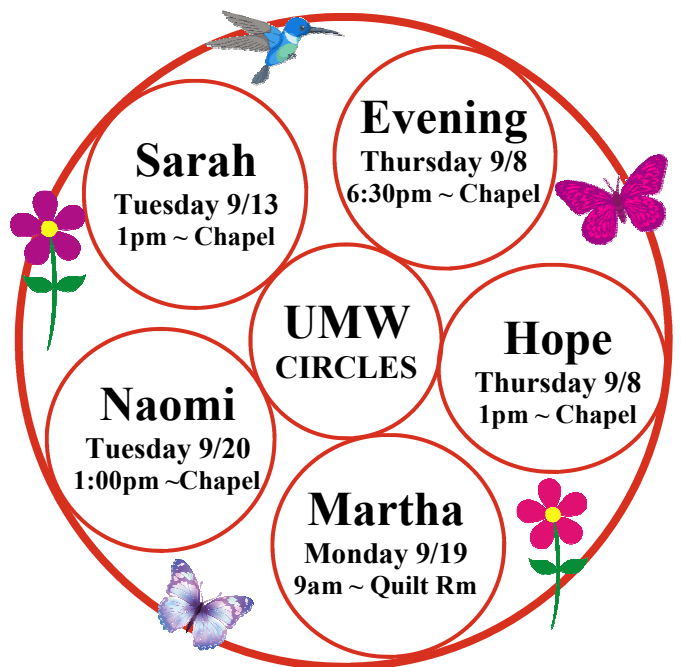
Rummage Sale Success!

Our UMW and friends rock! I figured it took in the neighborhood of 800 man hours to pull off this year's rummage sale – and I can't put a price tag on all that volunteer time! Not to mention the warmth of friendship and comradery as we worked together. We were able to raise \$5,085 for local mission programs and donate usable items to Care and Share in Gravette. Thank you to all the volunteers – women and MEN who gave of their time, talents and strong backs to make this sale a success!

Co-Ellen Sterwald, 2016 Rummage Sale Chair



Circles are back in the swing of things!



UMW FALL LUNCHEON

The UMW quarterly luncheon will be held Wed. September 21st at 11:45 A.M. The Program will be presented by "DEB PROJECT". (Deserving - Enriched - Blessed) This is a group who help provide needed clothing for children in school in Bella Vista. They also provide volunteers to read to children and also help in other areas at school.

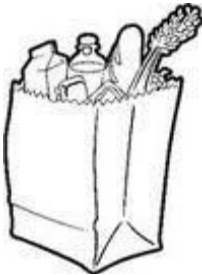
Taco Salad, Fruit, and Dessert will be served. Cost of luncheon is \$7.00 and the deadline for making reservations is Sunday September 18th. Please sign up in your circle, or call Diane Verville at 876-1676 to make reservations.



MISSIONS

PAK - A - SAK

Our September Pak A Sak donation will go to Havenwood in Bentonville. Havenwood provides single parent families with a safe place to move from crisis to self-sufficiency. Their food pantry for residents is always in need of any non-perishable food items. Canned meats, vegetables, fruit, canned or powdered milk, and paper products are always needed. Your assistance to help sort the donations is always welcome on the 3rd Sunday of the month in Becker Hall immediately after the second service (*The Well*) at 10:45am.



Senior Mobile Pantry

My name is Austin Harms and I am the Community Outreach Coordinator at the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank. I wanted to let you and your congregation know that this month we will be starting a senior mobile pantry in your area. We will be setting up our mobile unit at the new Bella Vista fire station which is located at 1639 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista, AR 72715. We will be at the fire station every 2nd Thursday of the month starting on September 8th at 10 am. Seniors over the age of 55 are eligible to come pick up a box of supplemental groceries for the month. We ask that seniors bring a form of ID to check in at our check in station which will be located in the community room.

If you know anyone in your congregation who is struggling or could use access to a few extra food items a month please feel free to pass this information along. I also would love to extend the invitation to your congregation to volunteer at the Food Bank and give back to the hungry in our community. If you know any groups or individuals who may interested in volunteering their time, please direct them to:

<http://www.nwafdb.org/#!volunteer/vd21h>



MISSION OF THE MONTH Louisiana Flood Relief

Usually, our September Mission of the Month is Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. And while we whole heartedly continue to support Red Bird Mission with our prayers - the devastation of the flooding in Louisiana has called for an immediate response.

Our September Mission of the Month will be directed to the catastrophic flooding in Louisiana. Meteorologists are call this a 1,000 year flood event.

Over 7.1 TRILLION GALLONS of water fell as rain.



At this time, UMCOR is asking for the following:

PRAYERS ~ FLOOD BUCKETS ~ CASH

UMCOR has just put out the call for trained first response teams to deploy for the initial response. But this will be a long, long process of recovery for the areas hit. Think Hurricane Katrina type recovery. There may be a mission trip for us in the future to help with the recovery effort. But right now, your dollars will have the most impact.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY STITCHERS will resume meeting Tuesday, September 6th from 10:00am-11:00am in room 6. Come for an hour of visiting and stitching. Please bring your completed projects from the summer hiatus. Any questions, please contact Jeneda Mickelson. See you here!!





PAYSINGER HUNGER SUMMIT

September 10, 2016

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

The late Rev. Vernon and Eva Lee Paysinger dedicated their lives to Christian ministry and were lifelong

advocates for programs designed to eradicate hunger in Arkansas. Their legacy of caring is reflected in the establishment of the Vernon and Eva Lee Paysinger Endowment Fund, administered by the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas (UMFA). The endowment's purpose is to support Arkansas ministries that work to eliminate hunger.

This summit offers a variety of workshops on addressing hunger in our community. The cost is \$15 and is open to everyone! If you feel called to hunger ministry - this program may be for you!



BV Community Band Concert

Sunday, September 25th
~ 3:00pm ~
Becker Hall

The Bella Vista Community Band will play their final concert of the season in Becker Hall on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00pm. This is always "standing room only" and a fun afternoon. Be sure to mark your calendar!

SOARING SOLOS will meet at the Community Band Concert on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00pm in Becker Hall. Immediately following the concert, they will adjourn to the Chapel, where they will have a fellowship potluck. If you are someone who is flying solo, you are invited to join this active social group. Contact Maryann Johnson for further information.

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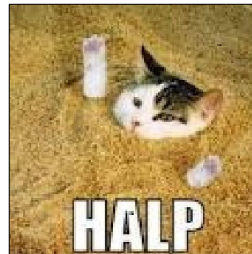


- invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The program will honor our local police and fire personnel as they join us for dinner, which will be catered by Papa Mike's. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, September 11th. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

Attention all (male) golfers!

Our summer leagues are going strong, and we are always looking for more golfers! We have several new members who were not here last summer, so think about joining one or more of these groups. Our three leagues consist of two 18-hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays, and one 9-hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell, Darrell Bottjen, or James Forrest if you are interested.

Audio-Visual-Sound Needs Your Help!



The audio visual team needs "halp" for the Sunday morning worship services. The camera is a good place to start. Operating it only requires a reasonable attention span to keep the camera on the subject, and the ability to sit there for an hour.

You can stand if you prefer. Volunteer for one of three services and your contribution to worship is archived on the internet. There are so many homebound and out-of-town who depend on being able to worship with us via television or live-streamed on the internet. A good camera operator enhances the worship service for those away from their church home.

HALP ME, I'M FALLING AND I CAN'T.... For more information, please contact the church office.



BOOK NOOK



LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

HEARTWOOD by Belva Plain

This unforgettable story of family & friendship, love & marriage, the challenges of life and the secrets of happiness.

FICTION:

REVERSIBLE ERRORS by Scott Turow

A true-to-life, convincing picture of how the law and life interact.

PLEADING GUILTY by Scott Turow

Mack Malloy needs to find a missing person and \$5.6 million immediately!

A COVINGTON CHRISTMAS by Joan Medlicott

The Christmas season brings a host of surprises – not all of them welcome!

THE HOPE by Herman Wouk

A tale of 4 Israeli officers and the women they love.

THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN by Jacquelyn Mitchard

It's the moment every mother dreads. Three-year-old Ben is gone and no-one can find him.

THE FINISHER by David Baldacci

They don't want you to know the truth.

THE TARGET by David Baldacci

The President turns to the one team that can pull off the impossible.

THE FORGOTTEN by David Baldacci

In Paradise, nothing is what it seems...

THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN by David Baldacci

Equal parts hilarious, poignant, suspenseful and thrilling.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

SUGARCREEK AMISH MYSTERIES: A GUIDEPOSTS SERIES:

BOOK 1: BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE by Nancy Mehl

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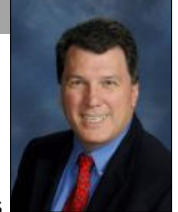
BOOK 4: THE SEASON OF SECRETS by Elizabeth Adams

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From the Organ Console

Broc Hite,

Organist/Associate Director of Music



The theme for September is *Certification*. I belong to the American Guild of Organists, which serves many functions in the organist community. At its heart is education, offering certification at many levels. I passed the Colleague exam in 1992 since I wanted to add credibility to my work on the organ given my two music degrees in piano.

For the past 24 years, I have contemplated taking the next exam, Associate. The reason I haven't is that it requires a lot of study and skills practice: theory, keyboard harmony, ear training, composition, and music history. The drawback was never the playing. As part of a separate August project, I learned and performed three pieces by César Franck, of which the last, the *Pièce Héroïque*, is on the list. The remaining three pieces, by Bach, Buxtehude, and Hindemith, will be learned and played this month.

I trust that this won't be at all a testing experience for you. You will get a first listen to what might become my program should I go ahead with this project!

Broc

IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:00PM



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DISCIPLE

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

It is again time to sign up for Disciple Bible Study. This year we will be offering two sessions—a Wednesday session of *Disciple 3* (time TBD) and a Friday Morning session of *Jesus in the Gospels*. To enroll in either, please fill out the registration form available on the desks in the Narthex and in Becker Hall and drop them in the baskets or in the office. Information sessions for these classes will be held September 14th & 16th to distribute books and calendars.

Disciple 1, which is always available, is the opportunity to begin your study of the Bible. If you are interested in this session, please indicate so on your registration form.

All classes will begin in the third week of September and end in May.

If you have questions, please contact Alan Packard, 426-6211 or at owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the "Summer Knight" jazz and dessert evening such a success. The decorations were great and the desserts delicious. Special thanks to Suzann and Dee Wresche, and to Connie Hinton for the table decorations; to Marlene Clapp along with Jack and Jan Kolbe, Jim and Judy Bilyeu and Phyllis Widle for organizing and distributing the desserts and all the rest of the kitchen-related tasks that are so necessary to the success of an event like this; and to Chet Campbell and his crew for setting up all the tables and chairs.

We had a great audience for the program, and were pleased to see and greet quite a few people who were not church members. Several of these folks asked me if we had ever done this before, and I was happy to let them know that this event, along with our Wesley Series, are things that happen pretty regularly and that we're always glad to welcome people from the community at large to these programs and to our regular church services as well. I believe we made a good impression.

So thanks again to everyone who helped make the "Summer Knight" program such a success. Blessings,

Larry Zehring

An Experience in the Emmaus Tradition ~ for 60 and older



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Face to Face is designed to inspire, challenge and equip you for Christian action in your home, church and community. This short course for seniors in Christianity will help you become a more effective disciple of Jesus Christ and actively engage in God's mission in the world.

The four-day event is open to Christians of all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives. Face to Face allows the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence, gain a fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and form friendships that foster faith and spiritual maturity. You will enjoy four days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ.

The event will be held at Central United Methodist Church in Rogers, October 22, 25, 27, & 29, from 9AM - 4PM. Lunch and snacks are provided. Any special needs will be accommodated.

For further information, please contact Pastor Judy or Sandy Fitch.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

Hug your Musicians,
Choir Members, Praise Team!



THANK YOU

Bro Jamie,

Just want to tell you and your group of volunteers "Thank You" again for taking time to help the citizens of McGehee. You have an amazing group of people and you should be very proud of them. I hope each and every one of them had a safe trip home and maybe we will cross paths again. God Bless You!

Jeff Owyong, Mayor, McGehee, AR

Your church has always been such a great support to the teachers and staff at Cooper Elementary. We look forward to the wonderful lunches you always prepare for us during our teachers work week. A special "Thank You!" for preparing the lettuce rolls for the teachers who have special diet requirements.

Cooper Elementary First Grade

*(the following notes are from the
4th Grade Team at Cooper Elementary)*

- ★ Thank you so much for always making us feel so appreciated every year & and for the work you put into the delicious lunch.

- ★ You guys are the best! Thank you for your time and heart.
- ★ Thanks so much for the awesome lunch! We really appreciate your community support!
- ★ Thank you so much for your generous hospitality! You are a great blessing to us & our students.
- ★ Thank you for the lunch today. We really appreciate you thinking of us!
- ★ Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch! We really appreciate everything you do for us and our school!

I wish to thank my church family for all their prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my illness. I had a bad bladder infection, complicated by pneumonia. I am feeling much better. I am still on medication, 6 pills a day, hopefully to keep the infection from coming back.

Melba Brown

Newsletter JULY 2016 Financial Data

		2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Compare 2015 Actual	2016 Year-end Budget
Month of July	Actual Receipts	\$51,352	\$54,326	\$54,557	
Month of July	Actual Expense	\$49,747	\$54,326	\$52,124	
	Balance	\$1,635		\$2,433	
Year to Date (as of 7/31/16)	Actual Receipts	\$361,534	\$380,282	\$397,153	\$651,915
Year to Date (as of 7/31/16)	Actual Expense	\$361,268	\$380,282	\$367,508	\$651,915
	Balance	\$266		\$29,645	

Operating Account Balance 7/31/16 **-\$20,808**


Please note new format with additional information.

The RED box shows where we should be according to budget by the end of July 2016.

We are short our goal by \$18,748 in income, while our expenses have remained low.

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:07 Golf-Berksdale 4:00 Chancel Choir	2	3 9:00 Amp Big Book
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11 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	12 9:30 DAR 9:50 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 Childerns Ministry 6:00 Finance Committee 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	13 9:00 PEO-BR 9:33 Golf-Highlands 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Grief Support	14 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 3:30 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 5:30 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	15 8:42 Golf- Kingswood 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 4:00 Chancel Choir	16	17 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Calico Cut-ups
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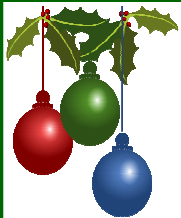
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Lunch Available at 10:30

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First United Methodist Church United Methodist Men Pancake Day

Friday, October 14

6:30am-12:30pm

**Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
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\$6.00 per person

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

**Proceeds support Local Ministries
Sign up in the office to help!!**

