



The Good News

September 2019

Wednesdays ~ Midweek Manna Returns!!

Dinner 5:30 - 6:15 Groups 6:30 - 7:30/7:45

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

Beginning Sept 4th.....

- **Disciple Fast Track New Testament (thru Nov 20)** - Led by Rev. Catherine Luck, this is the second half of the Disciple Fast Track. Please see Cathy if you did not attend the first half, but are interested in this class.
- **Joshua ~ Winning the Worry Battle (thru Oct 9)** - A study on the book of Joshua, we will learn how Joshua and Israelites faced hostile enemies in the Promised Land and ultimately claimed God's promised victory.
- **Religion in Art (thru Oct 9th)** - Led by Kim Davenport, see how both familiar and unfamiliar pieces of art reflect Christianity.
- **Coloring Your Way to Calm (thru Nov 20)** - Gather with others to color and fellowship. We have supplies or you are welcome to bring your own.

Beginning Oct 16th.....

- **Sacred Music (thru Nov 13)** - Led by Broc Hite. This first 5 week session will explore sacred music in the Old and New Testaments-First Centuries-Middle Ages. You will use the book "Te Deum" by Paul Westermeyer.
- **God's Not Dead and God's Not Dead II (thru Nov 6)** - Led by Friends of Christ, these popular videos will each be shown in two parts with discussion following.
- **Spiritual Gifts (thru Nov 13)** - Led by Rev. Brenda Wideman, using the guide "Serving from the Heart" along with the Discipleship Survey, learn what your gifts and talents are for service, because God's plan for the church calls for each member to play a vital role.

Children & Youth Opportunities:

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

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November 20th - To finish up the fall session, we will have a special presentation on Route 66. Rev. Les Oliver from Central UMC in Rogers will be leading it. Everyone is invited for a fun evening. Please make dinner reservations for this special evening.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

What kind of Disciples are We?

On our first Midweek Manna gathering, 75 of us joined to hear Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris explain how there are different approaches to discipleship. She emphasized how Jesus' final words to his followers were to instruct them how to teach others about Him, how to make disciples. Interestingly enough, in each of the four gospels those final words come at discipleship from a different direction. This is because each gospel writer was telling the story to a different kind of community made up of different types of new Christians.

In The Gospel According to Matthew, the words were, *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* The emphasis was on what the listeners were to do. In the Gospel According to Mark, the words told of Holy Spirit filled disciples who after being baptized would, *"... throw out demons in my name. ... speak in new languages. ... place their hands on the sick, and they will get well."* In The Gospel According to Luke, Jesus speaks to his disciples about their relationships and how relationship spreads, *"...and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."* And in the Gospel According to John, Jesus' words mentor a single disciple, Peter, as He tells Peter to *"Feed my sheep."*

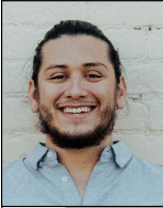
Michelle described the four different types of disciples - Action based, Spirit based, Relationship based, and Mentor based. She stated that all four types are important in every church community, for the presence of all types keeps us balanced, but that often a church community has predominantly more of one type of disciple than the others. That night we discovered that the results from our church taking the Gospel Discipleship Assessment tool revealed **that we are a church comprised of mostly Lukan – relationship based – disciples.** Our results tallied 200-300 more answers showing Lukan traits than the other three. That should not be surprising to us, for we are a friendly church where relationship matters, where spending time together matters, where people matter. There we were that Wednesday night, gathered together to share a meal as we listened to Michelle's teachings. If you were unable to attend this meeting on August 28th, it was recorded and you are able to access it by going to: <https://youtu.be/buSRHJds3fk> If you have not yet taken the Discipleship assessment, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the test and tally sheet in the office to see where you scored in each of the four discipleship characteristics.

Now that we know **our strength is in relationships**, our next steps are to build an intentional discipleship plan based on that strength. In the coming months, our discipleship team, which is comprised of individuals, male and female, who represent worshippers from all three of our Sunday services, will be developing that plan. We invite you to talk to them, to listen to how it is coming along, to provide input in how you suggest we might build the plan. We hope that all of the church family will be a part of this, for we are all disciples who want to build the Kingdom of God through knowing others. Once the plan is developed, the implementation will grow beginning with the relationships between those of us within these walls, then spreading to the new folks who join us, and then the relationships will branch out beyond these walls to our surrounding community and beyond. Lukan disciples spread the Good News through those relationships, *"...and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."* It is exciting to think how we will Join in this Journey together!

Blessings, Pastor Brenda

Discipleship Team Members:

Judy Bilyeu	Dave Broers	Sandy Fitch	Michelle Forst	Amy O Fulton	Jill Hale	Maryann Johnson
Lou Kaufmann	Heath Lehmann	Cathy Luck	Jim Prather	Ken Swanson	All Pastors and Staff	



Young Whippersnappers

Kenneth Wilson, NextGen Director

Getting to know this Youth Group has been so exciting, and I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit has led me here to First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. I had the privilege of growing up in a large and diverse Youth Group, and my hope is to give this outstanding group of young people an experience better than my own. I pray you will help me to lead this group into a deeper understanding of God's great grace, love of neighbor, and what it means to be a vibrant faith community.

Recently, we kicked off our first lesson series of the year, "What is Love?" During the next few weeks, we will explore different concepts of love found throughout scripture, engage in open-minded discussion, and grow together in fellowship.

If you'd ever like to discuss helping with Youth in anyway, please email me at nextgen@lovelearnlead.com or text/call me at my personal cellphone number 501-827-9223.

As always, your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness are always welcome.

With peace and understanding, *Kenneth*



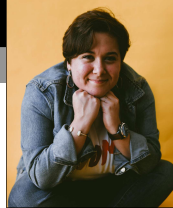
Children's Chatter

Ashdon Wilson, NextGen Child

This Fall, our Vista Kids will be studying two different topics in Midweek Manna to help put Jesus' message of love and kindness to action in their daily lives! First, we will be studying what it means to be a good friend, and explore topics such as what loving your enemy really means. Next, we will be discovering how our decisions effect everyone around us, should they be good or bad. Each week, parents will receive an email with the scripture we studied, the topic we explored, and ways to integrate this message into everyday life at home.

We are coming up on the most wonderful time of the year (and no, I don't mean Christmas, I mean Spooky Season!) There will soon be black tubs in the Narthex and Becker Hall to collect **TRUNK-or-TREAT** candy donations. We had over 700 kiddos last year and we are planning on having more this year, so donations are greatly appreciated. More information on Trunk-or-Treat sign ups/volunteers will be coming soon!

Peace, *Ashdon*



MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,

Self-Fulfilled Prophecy

Have you ever done something with such vigor that you feel exhausted afterward? Have you ever gotten so engrossed in your work that it becomes all you think about, even when you're trying to sleep?

As a young adult, I'm fixated on the work-life balance. When am I working too much? Have I called my mom this week? What have I done for myself this week? How can I do more at work without sacrificing more time? Ultimately, how can I be more efficient?

It's a delicate balance to manage, and I'm not sure if it's even possible because life on this earth isn't close to perfect. In one of our Monday morning staff meetings, Rev. Jeanne forwarded something she'd heard before about consistent planning, which is the idea that if you plan the same thing on the same day of the week (kind of like a goal), you'll be more focused on that task and tasks surrounding it, and therefore be more productive. For example, on Monday, I will work on uploads and cleaning up from Sunday. On Tuesday, I will do research for upgrades and necessities, and so on.

When I made my weekly calendar of priorities and sorted them, I felt accomplished. I felt like I was running the race the Lord had set before me and was on the right track to maximum productivity! But I also felt tired. Tired of the never-ending to-do list and tired of having to communicate with my husband through text all day because we weren't home at the same time. Because we're not robots, we get tired.

Planning for over-expenditure and feeling exhausted is a self-fulfilling prophecy. At a discernment retreat I attended last October, I had the honor of receiving spiritual direction (which is kind of like counseling with a spiritual leader). Near the end of that 30 minute session, the leader of my spiritual direction session put down his notepad, looked at me, and said "Girl, you're doing too much. What are you doing for yourself?" After thinking about it a moment, I told him a few things I like to do for myself – grab fancy coffee before work sometimes, sleep in on Saturday, clean the entire house. He then asked me to describe my ideal day in detail.

Take some time for yourself today, and if you see me, tell me about your ideal day!

A few ways to further your spiritual development and nurture your tired soul:

- ★ If you don't already, read a devotional every morning or evening. It's a hard habit to start, but once started, it fills your cup quickly!
- ★ Take a Midweek Manna class
- ★ Take some time away to reflect on your current walk with Christ and what steps to take in order to further that relationship
- ★ Call a friend and check in on their spiritual development – maybe even make it a weekly ritual to call one another

Blessings, *Kacy*



OUR FAMILY

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

MILESTONES

Marcus and Eli Williams – have joined their new forever family as of Friday, August 16th. Rev Jeanne, and her family have grown by 4 baby feet. We give thanks and praise for this blessing of love in their family and in this church family and look forward to providing a picture as soon as the adoption is final!

Jack and Mary Lee Snively—celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 21st with a gathering with family and friends at their home that day. What a joy this is, and we lift this milestone high in a prayer of thanksgiving for and with them.



RELOCATIONS



Doug and Marilyn Adamson - have moved permanently to Arizona as of the first week of August. They have been travelling back and forth between Bella Vista and their home in Arizona for a number of years, but will now reside permanently in Arizona. This is where their family is located.

Their last Sunday with us was on August 4th. Their new address will be 702 S. Meridian Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Their phone will remain at 479-531-1979. Please keep them in prayers during this transition.

IN MEMORIUM

Earl Cummings – passed away peacefully at about 1:15am on Saturday, July 27th, at Highlands Health and Rehab Center with his wife, Bette, by his side. A Celebration of Life service was held on August 5, 2019, in our Sanctuary, with military rites and a reception immediately following. Bette and the family travelled to Nebraska to Earl's final resting place there; a family service was held on Friday, August 23rd. Please keep Bette and the family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Earl.



Jack Toussant – brother of Suzanne Shoemaker, passed away recently. Please keep Suzanne and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Jack.

Norma Kofoed – 92-year-old grandmother of Dave Broers passed away in Clear Lake, Iowa on Wednesday, August 14. A small family service was held there as they celebrated her life. Please keep Dave's family in your prayers.



PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Rev. Brenda Wideman at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.



OUR FAMILY

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE!

Would you like to learn more about the Bible while seeing the places where the events occurred? If so, join **Seekers Sunday School** at 9:30 Sunday mornings to explore the *Promised Land, Crossroads of the World*. Ray Vander Laan will take you on an amazing journey connecting scripture to events and locations through video programs filmed IN the Promised Land. Please join them!

FRIENDS OF CHRIST

Friends of Christ is a small study group dedicated to supporting each other as we dig deeper into our own personal relationship with Christ Jesus. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month from 1:30-3:00pm in the Parlor. Each individual study is usually a 6 to 8 week in depth look at a Christian book written by a mainstream author. Our next study begins September 9th with *When Christ Comes; the Beginning of the Very Best* written by author Max Lucado (one of our favorites!) We have crafted a group Covenant which encourages healthy boundaries and genuine respect for each other while honoring complete confidentiality within the group. We lift and support each other as we journey toward a closer personal relationship with God. We invite you to join us as we grow in knowledge and understanding of Christ's abiding presence in our life's journey. We are a kind and supportive group of seekers.

Peace unto you.

SOLOS—on Wednesday, September 11th they will meet at the church and car pool, leaving the church at 10:00 a.m., to go have brunch at the *Egg and I*. To be sure they don't leave anyone at the church, please let Lora Burch know if you will be joining them. If you've not eaten at the *Egg and I*, you are in for a treat!

In the Belly of the Well

Kenneth Wilson
Contemporary Worship Leader



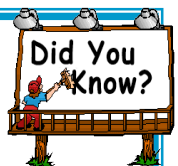
In Psalm 144:9, it is written, *I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you.* I don't have a ten-stringed harp, but I've got a couple of guitars ... close enough, right? It is such a joy to be with you all in The Well, and I am excited to "sing a new song" to the God of Love with you.

If you'd ever like to discuss helping with The Well in anyway, then please email me at nextgen@lovelearnlead.com or text/call me at my personal cell phone number 501-827-9223. We can always use more musicians and vocalists, and we can always use more people to run the soundboard, use the camera, run the lyric slides, etc.

As always, your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness are always welcome.

With peace and understanding,
Kenneth

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUSINESS REFERRAL PROGRAM



There are various businesses and individuals who are members of our church who would like to offer their services to our congregation. For referrals to them, and completed business from church members, they will contribute up to 25% of their profits back to the church. In some cases, this can be quite significant.

Dr. Gretchen Magee, audiologist from Better Hearing and Balance has joined the cause. We also have some Realtors who are members: Carolyn Sutton ~ Doug Grant ~ Lou Kaufmann. They will donate 25% back to the church, on any commission earned.

Any business member or individual of the church who would like to participate, please let Janet Walton, church Secretary, know to get on the list.



GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY
September 8th
 Grandparents Support Group
 meets at 4:00pm in the Parlor

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY
 is SEPTEMBER 15th
 Thank your FUMCBV Musicians,
 Choir Members,
 Handbell Ringers,
 Praise Team!

UMW Circles are back in the swing of things!

UMW CIRCLES

- Sarah**
Tuesday 9/10
1:00pm
Parlor
- Hope**
Thursday 9/12
1:00pm
Parlor
- Evening**
Thursday 9/12
6:00pm
Parlor
- Martha**
Monday 9/16
9:00am
Quilt Room
- Naomi**
Tuesday 9/17
1:00pm
Parlor

**When Mourning Dawns:
 Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief**

We invite you to travel a 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey meets on Tuesdays and continues through October 23rd. It is held from 5:30-7:00pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who would also benefit from this. Please sign up in the church office.



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



July 2019 Newsletter Financial Data		
<i>Information as of July 31, 2019</i>	2019 Actual	2019 Budget
Month of July Income	\$ 46,480.00	\$ 40,854.34
Month of July Expenses	\$ 43,769.00	\$ 47,617.34
Difference	\$ 2,711.00	\$ (6,763.00)
Year to Date Income	\$ 311,449.00	\$ 285,980.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 311,734.00	\$ 333,321.00
Difference	\$ (285.00)	\$ (47,341.00)

Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest
 Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



Stewardship Corner

How \$1.80 Changed My Life

Lori Hatcher

I didn't grow up in an evangelical church, so when I began attending one in high school, I had a bit of a culture shock. Instead of the minister speaking in a solemn and subdued voice, he raised his voice, gestured dramatically, and paced from one side of the altar to the other. And in the church, *Amen* wasn't just gentle punctuation at the end of a prayer; it was enthusiastic feedback from the congregation telling the pastor they agreed with his message.

The congregation's approach to giving was different, too, and came with intriguing terminology. I added the words *stewardship*, *love offering*, *faith promise giving*, and *tithing* to my list of vocabulary words. I must admit, I considered this new approach with more than a bit of skepticism. Then our pastor preached on Malachi 3:10:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty. "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

"Why don't you try it." A friend suggested. "Tithe for a month. And see what happens. After all, God says, 'Test me, and see if I won't pour you out a blessing. 'what do you have to lose?'"

At the time, I was a poor high school student with no income. I hated babysitting, so I had no hope of a salary increase anytime in the near future. My net gain was my six-dollar weekly allowance. I made a quick calculation.

"What is God going to do with 60 cents a week?" I asked.

"It's not how much you give," he said. "It's that you give God can multiply anything." "OK, I'll try it." My main goal, I admit, was to prove my friend wrong.

The first week, I dropped my 60 cents into the offering plate and waited. Nothing happened.

Second week, same thing.

Third week, and I was almost home free.

Then the phone call. "Lori, this is the Airport High School guidance counselor. We've just received a phone call from a local dentist looking for someone to train as an assistant to work after school. Would you be interested?"

I accepted the job, began my 30+ year career in dentistry, and have been giving to the Lord ever since.

Not because giving to God is a 10-1 transaction.

Not because I think I can manipulate God into giving me stuff I want by donating to the church.

Not even because I think God need my money.

I give regularly to the ministry because I need to give.

I need to give to remind myself that everything I have comes from him. The breath in my lungs, the strength in my body, the brain in my skull, and whatever abilities or creativity I possess are all gifts freely given to me by God.

I need to give to remind myself to seek first the kingdom of God, and all the other parts of my life, including my finances, will fall into their proper order (Mat. 6:33).

I need to give to remind myself it's not all about me, and that there are people who are less fortunate than I who can use my help.

I need to give to experience personally the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I need to give because where my treasure is, there will my heart be also. If I am only marginally invested in our church and its missionaries, food pantry, and benevolence fund, then I will be marginally involved in its work. If I have invested much, I will pray for the ministries, work with, promote, and love them.

I need to give because I am naturally selfish. If left to my own inclinations, I'll usually invest my best time, energy, and resources in bettering myself, not promoting God's kingdom.

I need to give because I want more faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. When I give instead of hoard, I exercise faith. Like a muscle, faith grows when exercised, so if I exercise faith by giving, my faith muscle grows bigger and stronger.

I need to give to acknowledge that my job is not my provider; God is.

I need to give to remind myself that I served God, not the other way around.

And finally, I need to give because I owe a debt I can never repay.

Centuries ago God issued a challenge to his people: "Bring your tithes into the storehouse...Test me in this." Thirty years ago I accepted the challenge. First out of skepticism, then out of awe, and ultimately, out of love.

I was presumptuous and faithless when I set out so many years ago to prove that God didn't care if I gave. In his mercy, God blessed me, matured me, and taught me one of the most valuable financial lessons of my life.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things all at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2Corinthians 9:6-8)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Frank & Marilyn Kostal
 15 Dave & Anny Weber
 17 Dave & Lynn Broers

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)**

- 16 Karen Bacon
 16 Johnny Rayburn
 18 Gary Tomlinson
 19 Harry Mount
 20 Connie Knauss
 20 Jaimie Alexander
 20 Maxine Paullin
 22 Shirley Davenport
 22 Amy ☺. Fulton
 22 Bob Vermett
 23 Julia Crider
 23 Aggie Danenhauer
 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
 27 Natalie Williams
 28 Matthew Pearson
 30 Carol Cheek
 30 Cathy Wilmoth

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Marilyn Kostal
 2 Verla Shafman
 3 Karen Dove
 4 Dawn Thompson
 5 Shannon Wicker
 7 Kayla Wicker
 8 Herb Ayres
 9 Martha Grant
 10 Wayne Horner
 10 Ginger Hudson
 10 Bill Shank
 11 Suzanne Chilton
 12 Connie Clark
 12 Wayne Hubbert
 12 Nona Storck
 13 Donna Gaudet
 14 Nathan Forst
 14 Jan Lowe
 15 Joyce Connell



Friends,

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

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

Ken Swanson, Finance Committee Chairperson



UNITED METHODIST

All men of the church are invited to our next monthly meeting **Wednesday, September 11th - 6:30pm** in Becker Hall. Our speaker will be Jenny Sorey-(Founder & Executive Director of Hub of Hope) who will speak about human trafficking, with information about what is happening in our own back yard. R&Q will cater, as always a good meal. Please make your reservation no later than Noon - Monday, September 9th - call the church office (855-1158).

LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

My friend Bill and I have been pals for fifty one years. We met in Las Vegas where he was selling shoes and my wife and three daughters walked into his store to purchase shoes for the girls for Easter. He was so enthusiastic and so positive that I thought to myself that this is a young man I need to know, and we did become friends. We did many things together all these years including ending up here in Bella Vista. Two weeks ago, Bill had to go to the Circle of Life Hospice because of his cancer. When I visited him two Fridays ago, it did not look good. The doctor gave him three weeks. I think Bill was sleeping when he said it because when he came out of his deep sleep, I saw the old Bill.

Each day he got stronger. He was able to get up and walk around. He gained weight. We told stories and joked a lot. The doctor now has given him three months. Bill is hoping to go home in a day or so and asked me to take him to a ball game later this week. He has had cancer fifteen years and been terminal four times. Why can't we all be as positive as Bill.

Lou Kaufmann

Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs.

UMW Fall Luncheon



The Fall Luncheon of the U M W will be held Wednesday, September 25th at 11:45 in Becker Hall. Nancy Desler from Circle of Life Hospice will give us an informative talk on help that is available through Circle of Life. We encourage All MEMBERS AND GUEST TO ATTEND with reservations. Our menu for the luncheon will be pasta primavera, roll, salad, and dessert. The cost is \$7.00 and the deadline for making reservations is Sunday Sept. 22nd. Please make reservations with your circle or call 563-505-6975.

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND, WITH PRIOR NOTICE.

UMW BAZAAR ~

SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 5th ~ 8 to 2

We are getting ready for the UMW Bazaar and we need your help ~ men and women and teens to set up and tear down. We will start receiving items for the Garden Center on September 30th and during the week. If you have a specific price for something, please put a tag on it. There are still a few kits in the container in Becker Hall to be completed. If you have made things at home, please bring them down to the quilt room with a suggested price attached by September 24th. There is a list on the UMW board in Becker Hall for those who will sign up to help in our different areas, with suggested times, PLEASE put your name down to help with this Mission Project, which helps support local Women, Children, & Men's Shelters. We encourage our bakers to make things for the Country Kitchen area, because this is one of the first places people go. Pies, cookies, candy, jams, jelly, rolls, bread and whatever you enjoy making will be welcome. Marlene and her crew will be getting delicious food items ready for the dining area for people to sit down and enjoy. She will also need pies for that area. WE NEED HELP FROM EVERYONE IN PULLING THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT TOGETHER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. Putting things away and getting Becker Hall ready for Church Services Sunday morning is a place where everyone can pitch in and help. THANKS TO ALL who are willing to help with any and every part of this important mission project.

Darleen O'Brien & Linda Hyde,
Mission Project Chairs

Bazaar





MISSIONS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Cooper Elementary School Let's help them meet their needs!

Our mission outreach project for September and October will be to gather items for Cooper Elementary School's immediate and ongoing needs:

- Sweat pants (sizes children's 6x – youth 18)
- Emergency food for children to carry home throughout the week:



- ◊ Canned vegetables
- ◊ Dry pasta
- ◊ Peanut butter
- ◊ Tuna
- ◊ Cereal
- ◊ Rice
- ◊ Breakfast bars
- ◊ Macaroni and cheese
- ◊ Oatmeal

We'll be collecting these items at the missions table in the hallway across from the Library. If you'd like to



make a monetary donation, we will pass it on to the school.

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

Another way that we can help Cooper Elementary School – and this will also be an on-going mission – is to save the plastic bottle cap from your Coca-Cola products as well as the

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SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

is our on-going mission to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. Two "Goat Banks" are out in the hallways across from the Library and the west Becker Hall entrance. Your quarters are needed for us to successfully continue this much needed program. If you would like to "adopt" a Back Pack to be filled every week, your donation of \$5.00 per month will be used for this purpose. Please make out a check to FUMCBV and in the memo write "Back Pack monthly donation". Thank you for your continued generosity for this new school year as we fill the banks with quarters.



banks with quarters.

Bring your quarters !
Fill the Banks !
Feed a Child !

JOB BOOK



Have you seen a burned-out bulb somewhere, or a faucet leaking, or any other "something that needs to be fixed"? There is a JOB BOOK in the office where you can fill out a job request form. The Trustees check this book frequently, and try to fix whatever needs to be fixed—but if they don't know about it, it won't get done! Everyone can be the eyes and ears of the church. Thanks!



MISSIONS



Our 2019 2nd Quarter Mission outreach emphasis was *Mountain of Food*. This year, instead of us purchasing the cases of food and then having to deliver hundreds of cans to the different food pantries, we collected monetary donations and watched the mountain grow on the board in the hallway. Marion Kornes delivered checks totaling \$5560 to Russ Anzalone at St. Bernard's Food Pantry, Tony White and Rev. Mark Voll at Oasis Food Pantry, Bill Crawford at Helping Hands Food Pantry, Wilma Fladager at Care & Share Food Pantry, Amy Prime and Elizabeth Dumas at H2O Living Waters Food Pantry, and Kay Gaudin at Good Shepherd Pantry at BV Lutheran Church. We received notes from everyone, written to our church congregation, thanking YOU for your wonderful generosity in helping the less fortunate here in NWA.





It's that time of year again, Disciple Bible Study groups are forming and plans

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THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

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 scriptures. It is a series of sequential studies of the Bible and begins with an overview of the Old and New Testaments and ends with a study of Revelation. If you complete all the classes in Disciple Bible study it will take four years, but it will leave you with a new and exciting understanding of what Christian Scripture holds for you as an individual.

For the 2019-2020 year, there are many opportunities for you to take part. A Disciple 2 class will be available for those who are interested. This class is the study of Genesis/Exodus and Luke/Acts. It provides the learner with the basic tenets of the Jewish Faith and our Christian Faith. The class will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 beginning on September 16th.

The second opportunity for study is for those who have completed Disciple 2 and would like to continue your studies. A Disciple 3 class is being offered on Wednesdays, from 9:00 to 11:30, beginning September 18th. This class will be a sixteen week study of the Prophets (OT) and of the Letters of Paul (NT). This study introduces the participants to the problems and the concerns of the Prophets in the Old Testament, and the concerns of the early Christian church under the guidance of Paul

There will be one other opportunity for study. It is a continuation of the Bible study from the Disciple program –*Christian Believer*, which will meet on Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30, beginning on the 20th of September.

All classes would begin the week of September 15th, and a calendar of the rest of the meetings will be given out at the first class meeting.

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

For those of you who are interested in beginning or continuing Disciple Bible Study, contact Alan Packard – 426-6211 or the church office for more information.

Alan Packard

From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



Potpourri. In English, divorced from its French origins, the word has a lovely connotation. However, were you to delve into the two French source words, pot and pourri, you would find the meaning is literally *rotten pot*. The combination of words originally meant boiling or stewing expired meats together, trying to make the best of the worst! Some of this month's organ selections having been stewing in my gig bag for months - going back and forth from car to church and back - without being touched. It was time to either program these pieces or take the books out of my bag to make way for others. As a result of this purge, I'm programming some wonderful selections by Ralph Vaughn-Williams, Gerald Near, and a composer I've never played before, Jehan Alain.

Many of you will enjoy the Scherzo No. 4 by Frédéric Chopin, which I delayed by a week since I planned too much difficult music in August. This concludes my project to play all of the Chopin Scherzi. On Music Appreciation Sunday, I play two remaining pieces from the Second Book of Fantasy Pieces by Louis Vierne, to complete playing all six of those selections. And, on the last Sunday of September, I continue working through the Four Postludes by Jean Langlais. This one, number three, was dedicated by Langlais dedicated to Charles Dodsley Walker, a fabulous organist who was also my colleague in the same town when I was a music director in Fairfield, Connecticut.

I'm excited to announce a Mini Hymn Festival that will take place in Becker Hall on Sunday, October 13th, at 12:10 pm. I plan on exploring a plethora of different ways to approach hymns. You could say it's everything but what I do on a typical Sunday morning! This is a warm-up event to leading a Midweek Manna class on Sacred Music, which begins on October 16th. If you'd like to study the evolution of church music as it was from the before Christ through the Middle Ages, this is your opportunity! In the spring, the class will continue with a study of the Reformation through the Twentieth Century. I promise you will learn a plethora about the topic, and it will not be at all pourri!

Please join me online!

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LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE CONSPIRACY CLUB by Jonathan Kellerman
LONG ROAD TO MERCY; ONE GOOD DEED

both by David Baldacci

MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFE by Heather Webber

THE ROAD HOME by Richard Paul Evans

WINDOW ON THE BAY by Debbie Macomber

FICTION:

DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL; WE'LL MEET AGAIN; LOVES MUSIC, LOVES TO DANCE; WHILE MY PRETTY ONE SLEEPS; NIGHTTIME IS MY TIME all by Mary Higgins Clark

THE INNOCENT by John Grisham

THREE WEEKS IN PARIS by Barbara Taylor Bradford

THOUGH NONE GO WITH ME by Jerry B Jenkins

CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART by Joe L Wheeler

THE ANGELS OF MORGAN HILL by Donna Van Liere

BLEEDING KANSAS by Sara Paretsky

THE SHORT FOREVER by Stuart Woods

BORN TO RUN by James Grippando

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST by Agatha Christie

STONE KISS by Faye Kellerman

THE BOURNE OBJECTIVE by Eric Van Lustbader

AMBER BEACH by Elizabeth Lowell

THE HORSE WHISPERER by Nicholas Evans

JUDGE AND JURY; CROSSFIRE by James Patterson

OUR GAME; THE SIXTH MAN by David Baldacci

THE SHADOW PATROL; THE NIGHT RANGER by Alex Berenson

THE BRASS VERDICT; THE REVERSAL; THE DROP by Michael Connelly

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT by Chris Bohjalian
FOREIGN INFLUENCE; HIDDEN ORDER by Brad Thor

THE TRAFFICKERS by W.E.B. Griffin

WHIPLASH by Catherine Coulter

THE SUMMER I DARED by Barbara Delinsky

THE DARKEST EVENING OF THE YEAR by Dean Koontz

THE GATE HOUSE by Nelson DeMille

HAPPY BIRTHDAY by Danielle Steel

ENEMY WOMEN by Paulette Jiles

THE OVERTON WINDOW by Glenn Beck

THE LOST SYMBOL by Dan Brown

SIZZLE by Julie Garwood

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST by Stieg Larson

NON-FICTION:

HEAVEN IS REAL by Don Piper (248)

PRAYER WORKS by Rick Hamlin (240)

FIRST FAMILIES by Bonnie Angelo (973)

GOD CAME NEAR by Max Lucado (248.4)

BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM by Max Lucado (248.4)

LARGE PRINT BIBLES:

READER'S DIGEST REVISED STANDARD VERSION (VOLUMES I and III)

AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES:

THE CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION BIBLE

DVD'S:

DAKOTA AMERICAN ADVENTURES (10 Western Movies) (2 copies)

OCTOBER BABY (Movie)

NAMED BY GOD (Video)

CD'S:

I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DOING THIS by Bob Newhart (Comedy)

ENCHANTED by Nora Roberts (Movie)

THE LIAR by Nora Roberts (Movie)

CD COLLECTION by Nora Roberts (4 Movies)

DANCE OF DREAMS by Nora Roberts (Movie)

MYSTERIOUS by Nora Roberts (Movie)

THANK YOU



Shoebox Ministry wants to thank our church for their support recently when we were Mission of the Month. We are now able

to go out and buy bulk supplies for several of the charitable agencies we help support, many supplies such as cleaning supplies, detergents, and trash bags which are hard to purchase on low budgets. The last few months have been a bit slow, but now we will start supplying Cooper School with Sunshine Bag hygiene kits. Thank you to Martha Circle for their dedication in filling these bags periodically throughout the year (and have helped for many years). Customers of our ministry such as 7 Hills Men's Shelter and the Salvation Army in Bentonville and Fayetteville are regularly supplied with much needed hygiene items for their transient clientele. We thank you for your continuous supply of travel-size shampoos, tooth brushes and tooth paste, razors, and the many other items you leave on the Mission Table in the Narthex. You are a blessing to our program and to this church. *Diane Cox, Karen Roenfeld, and Cheryl Campbell, Shoebox coordinators*



Have you noticed how wonderful the Atrium has looked lately?? Many terrific volunteers have spent hot days out trimming, planting, painting, power-washing, and generally sprucing up. Also, our flower pots around the church, the bushes and small flower areas, including down by our street signs are beautifully maintained by others who are dedicated in their watering and trimming and planting. A big "THANK YOU" to all who have helped in these projects. They are on-going, and if you would like to help, please contact the office.

THANK YOU! I am so grateful for all of the prayers, cards, flowers and calls. It gives me so much needed emotional support. We are so happy to be part of such a caring and loving church family. Thank you for raising my spirits.

Jeanette Horner



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