



The Good News

SEPTEMBER 2020



Please come greet your church staff and friends at a Drive-Thru Saturday, September 5th from 10am-11am in our church parking lot .

Last month was such a success and so much fun, we decided to do it again! Your church staff will be standing outside under tents in the church parking lot socially distant (except for family groups) and wearing their masks to greet you, chat, and see how you're doing!

Please enter at the first entrance off of Boyce Drive, just past the church sign. Then follow the arrows! You will drive through the "employee" parking lot to the portico where the pastors will be, then follow the building around towards the Becker Hall entrance where you will see more staff members; keep following the parking lot around (more staff!) and find communion elements at the last tent. We will also have a gluten-free option. Upper Rooms will also be available.

You may exit down the back driveway (*please don't come in that way!*), through the 2nd level parking lot, or you may socially-distance-gather with your friends in the uppermost parking lot—bring a lawn chair and stay awhile.

For your safety and for the safety of church staff, we ask that you also wear a mask inside your vehicle during the drive-thru.

**We've missed you,
and we hope to see you then!**

OUR September MISSIONS

Because of your generosity with this mission drive, Cooper Elementary School is only needing highlighters and dry erase markers at this time! Masks are also still needed.

Thank you for caring about our children!



September
Mission Emphasis

HABITAT for HUMANITY is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. They believe affordable housing plays a

critical role in strong and stable communities.

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County is fundraising to build homes from foundation to roof, and they need our help! To donate, write "Missions" or "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line of your checks. Thank you for your generosity in helping to building our community!



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

This past month, our family had two very important dates occur. The first was August 4 when we officially became a family of 6 – we include Hazel in our family count. We were so blessed that many family members and some friends were able to join us in the courtroom and via Zoom to witness the occasion with us. You can see a picture in the “Our Family” section of the newsletter!

(And, YEA! we can share pictures now!)

The second date was August 16. This marks the one year anniversary of the boys living with us. As we looked through pictures of the past year, we were shocked at how much the boys have grown. I also noticed how many of YOU have surrounded us and held us and helped us nurture and love them. Which is exactly what our baptismal vows ask us to do! (We plan to baptize the boys, but not until we are able to gather with EVERYONE and celebrate, too!)

As the church, when we baptize children, we pledge to raise our children to love God and to know God. We do this in a variety of ways: we teach classes, we chaperone meetings and trips, we help fund ministries, we simply engage our children in conversations in the hallways, we celebrate their life milestones with them... there are so many ways! And, I was reminded this last month that our church does this SO WELL! I think of some of our other children and how you have come alongside their family and nurtured them. Maybe it's helping them learn to drive! Maybe it's attending a junior high school choir concert! Maybe it's going to that morning assembly to watch them receive an award! You have done all of this and more!

In speaking with Ashdon, our wonderful Next Gen Children's Director, we realized that some of our “more experienced” church members have already “adopted” our “younger” families. They do many of the things listed above and a source of support and encouragement to the children and their guardians. So, what if we opened this up and actually had an “adopt a family” program? Families can sign up to either be adopted or to adopt. The commitment level is up to you both, but ideally, you would share in birthdays and other milestones throughout the year, give little “pick me up” gifts, and emotionally and spiritually uphold each other. If this is something that interests you, please contact Ashdon at ashdon@fumcbellavista.com or myself at jeanne@fumcbellavista.com. Remember this is for families of all ages! Isn't this a wonderful way to live into our baptismal promises even more?

Our lives are meant to be lived in community. Think back to early civilizations, and even in biblical times, people lived in groups and shared their resources. They also shared the emotional and spiritual loads between the community. They shared the responsibilities of raising children, gathering food, and making sure the community was functioning at its best. We still do that, but the primary way we do that has been taken away thanks to a pandemic. We continue to live into this reality and creating community in new and unique ways. I hope you'll keep joining me in this endeavor!

Blessings,

Rev. Jeanne

Until we can meet again, Please join us for worship every Sunday right in your own home!

We will be Live - Broadcasting from the church every Sunday.

9:30am on our website at fumcbellavista.com or facebook.com/fumcbv or fumcbellavista.com/livestream or ustream.tv **OR ... 11:00am** on Sunday & Wednesday mornings you can catch a re-broadcast of the service on ATT U-Verse and Cox channel 222.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Changed from the Inside Out

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12:2 (MSG)

I recently had a conversation with a NONE – someone today who checks ‘NONE’ when asked for their religious affiliation. We were discussing this person’s perception of churchgoers. They asked the question, “Why is it that sometimes churchgoers are the worst?” My reply came quickly because it is at the core of my faith experience. “Well, sometimes folks see faith as a bunch of rules they have to keep. And nobody really likes being told what to do all the time, so they rebel.”

And the next question was, “So what is faith anyway?” And my answer was, “Well, actually... it’s a matter of the heart.” I love the scripture above; it says that faith, our relationship with God, is a matter of being “changed from the inside out.” We as humanity have rebelled since the beginning of time, just as the story of Adam and Eve tells of them hiding from God in the Garden. We have followed the culture around us, allowed it to drag us down to its level. It is part of our human condition; it is part of who we are as human beings to do this.

We see this in the divisiveness, the selfishness, the rebellion that is all around us. We see it in politics, in race and gender relations, in even something as respectful as wearing a mask. We become well-adjusted to the divisive culture around us. **We** choose and, in so doing, resist allowing our God to bring out the best in us.

So what’s the solution? Surrender; surrender to our God whose love will never let you go; our God who will develop a well-formed maturity in you; our God who will transform you from the inside out. I invite you to surrender this day and I pray, in the words of John Wesley, that **your** “heart will be strangely warmed!” as you join in the journey together with our God, our God who loves you to your very core and wants to bring the very best out of you.

Blessings, Pastor Brenda





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@fumcbellavista.com or 479-855-1158.

JOYS

Lucy Katherine Hill – 9th great-grandchild of Florence and Charley Hill, was born June 1st in Kansas City. What a joy for Florence and Charley and for us to welcome this new life!!



Raegan Mae Bowers - daughter of Sarah and Melanie Bowers, arrived on Saturday, August 1st at 4:28pm. She spent some

time in the NICU in Mercy, Rogers, but made good progress and they are home now. Please keep everyone in prayers for the JOY of this birth and for improved health as they look forward to their future as a family.

Eli and Marcus Williams – officially became the sons of Rev. Jeanne and Rev. Heath Williams, and the little brothers of Natalie, on Tuesday, August 4, at 1pm in the District Court of Sebastian County in Fort Smith. We celebrate the lives of these boys and the JOY of a forever family.



Dr. Noah Pittman – has been promoted to Associate Dean of Enrollment of the Honors College at the University of Arkansas. Noah has been an instrumental leader in the Honors College for a number of years, both as a teacher and an administrator. He and his wife, Pamela, have been members with us since 2012. We celebrate with them and with their two children Bennett (kindergarten) and Ella (2 ½).

IN MEMORIUM

Jean Grundmeier – 95-year-old sister of Jan Vogel, passed away on Wednesday, July 29th, in Storm Lake, IA. Services to celebrate her life are pending. Please keep Jan and her family in your prayers for comfort and peace in this difficult time.

Bill Driscoll – life-long friend of Lou Kaufmann, passed away Saturday, July 25th, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. No services to celebrate Bill's life are planned at this time. Please keep Bill's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn the loss of this positive spirit!

Bill Haynes – uncle of Rev. Heath Williams, passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, August 10. The cause of death is unknown but not related to Covid-19. Please keep Rev. Heath's family in your prayers as they mourn this loss.

Doug Harford – father of Kristin Crider, passed away on Saturday, August 15, after being placed in hospice. Please keep Kristin, her mother, and all of Kristin's family in prayers in this loss.

Harold 'Bud' Taylor – father of Rick Taylor and husband of Marge Taylor, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 24th, with family by his side. Rick and his wife Rose have attended our Traditional services as members since 2014, and Marge plays in our handbell choir. Please keep this family in your prayers. Condolences can be sent to the family through Rick's address, 24 Chapel Lane, BV 72715



UMW News

September is here and we are still wondering what next! We all want to get back to "normal", but let me assure you that even if we can't meet as usual, your UMW is still busy and meeting. The board will meet on September 2, in front of the church under the Portico. Everyone should bring a chair and your mask. Circles will also meet again in September. Your Circle leaders will let you know when and where. September will be a nice month to still be outdoors. The final decision has not been made for the UMW unit meeting at the end of September. We definitely will not have a luncheon. We may decide to have a meeting on zoom or another form. Your circle chairperson will let you know about the final plans.

We are still, or especially, continuing our support of charities during this time. Thanks to all of you who have donated to the *No Bake Sale*. Thanks also to the women who would usually be sewing items for the bazaar who have instead been making masks for the Children's Hospital, Cooper School, and other needy children. These women and others have also been working at home on items for the bazaar, whenever it may happen. Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing you once again as we come together. Ladies, if you have not yet joined a circle, we would love to have you join any of our groups. Please call me at 876-2345 to learn the dates, times, and locations of the meetings.

Stay well! Yours in Christ, **Judy Bilyeu**

Hello all. Here it is September and everything is still questionable when it comes to the Rummage Sale and Bazaar, whether we will be able to have these events as usual or not.

We will have our UMW Board meeting September 2nd at 9:30 to discussing what steps we need to take for these two events. We will keep everyone informed of the decisions made as we get them.

So...I have heard that many people have been crafting, sewing, etc. items and growing plants for the bazaar. I would like to get an inventory of what has been made and the quantity of each item ready for the sale. There have been many discussions about what we might be able to do to raise money this year, and if we have an inventory count it will help us decide the best way to have a sale, and be safe in doing so. If we do not have a Bazaar, all items will be held for next year.

Verna has not made a decision about the Rummage Sale at this time, but she will still take donations if you do not have space to store them. You can drop them off at the church, Monday – Friday between 9:00 – 1:00 or contact Verna Bottjen at 479-876-1392, Darleen at 281-781-3838, or Judy Bilyeu @ 479-876-2345 and we can make arrangements to pick them up. We want you to know we appreciate all the hard work and time you have spent preparing for the bazaar, but until further notice our hands are tied in making a decision to have a Bazaar this year. We have to make sure everyone stays safe and healthy.



MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,
Director of Communications

There's Always Butter in the Butter Dish

COVID is weird. I know we all know that, but watching the scientific method in real time makes lots of people uncomfortable. Government organizations will support one thing one day and debunk it the next, and that's part of the process. We don't know where to place our trust. We cautiously plan our every move in hopes of keeping ourselves and our neighbors safe.

Sometimes, those plans get thrown out the window and settle in the ditch next to the litter.

In July, a close college friend of mine called me and told me that she and her husband got jobs in NWA and asked if they could move in with us as they search for a home. My gut reaction was to say "yes, of course!" Our home is a blessing meant to be shared with others, and denying access feels wrong. It's felt wrong for 6 months. I talked it over with my husband, and we went through the list of protocols and procedures and finally said yes. After 6 months of it just being the two of us, we invited two people into our home knowing that it could be dangerous, knowing it's a big risk.

It's been a month now, and everyone in my home is safe and working in places that strictly adhere to the CDC guidelines. The roommates have been successful in their house hunting and are waiting to close. Within this month, I've learned a lot about myself. Mainly, that I like things to be in their place, and I like having this sense of control of what's going on. Adding roommates to that predisposition makes an unhappy equation.

This morning, I opened the butter dish on the table to butter my bagel, and I find that all the butter in the dish is gone...and no one thought to put more butter in it. I could have gotten butter from the fridge and cringed as I tried to spread cold butter across a warm bagel. I could have yelled. Instead, my thought was "but there's always butter in the butter dish!"

We are creatures of habit. The world's most financially successful individuals have perfected their morning routine, claiming that doing the same thing in the same order every day makes them a more functional human. We like knowing what's next and what to do when and where things are. But God did not make us creatures of habit. Becoming a creature of habit is a coping mechanism that finds order among disorder, and it's not inherently bad!

As I held the lid to the butter dish in my hand, my second thought was "why am I upset about this?" Among all the change in the world, this would be the one to slow me down and make me reflect...

A prayer:

May we notice and recognize the disorder within ourselves – where we get upset, where our motives lie, where we're not doing as much good as possible – and ask God to intervene. May we feel God's peace surround us in times where change is too much to handle. May we also realize that there's a community of people who love us, no matter what, and they're only a phone call or email away. May there always be butter in the butter dish. Amen.





LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Lou Kaufmann, Lay Leader

WELL, I FINALLY DID IT...

I really didn't think I would, and I thought about it for a long time. Old habits are hard to break and this is one habit I have had for over sixty years. Sometimes with coffee in the morning and when it was chilly outside, with a warming fire in my fireplace. Times change and yes, sometimes we have to change with them, but other times it is just like an old slipper, it feels so comfortable and change comes hard. I seem to watch the news on TV less and less each day and with everything that is going on in the world today, it is mostly negative and that isn't really enjoyable but you can't live in a shell.

2020 is like a year we have never seen before and pray we never see another one like it but amidst all of it we need to remain positive and continue working on our life goals. We need to keep our Faith and say our Prayers everyday and to ask for Gods help and to keep us safe. This too, will pass. But the change I'm facing right now seems enormous. I thought about it for the longest time and said "No" but finally agreed to have someone come to the house and explain how it works and I think I understood what she was saying and then said somewhat dubiously, "okay". I now have a digital iPad to read the newspaper everyday.

Wednesday Night Worship: A New Worship Experience

Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm

Facebook Live (or) [fumcbellavista.com](https://www.facebook.com/fumcbellavista.com)

This new worship service will be led by our Praise Band and feature new ways to worship with hands-on interaction and a different structure from any kind of worship service we've done before! Wednesday Night Worship is for all ages, and we hope you'll join us!



Artie Lawless,
UMM President



Friends Check on Friends

Hello Methodist Men,

My friends (above) and I are just checkin' in to see how you are doing. I know what you're thinking "Artie really needs to get some professional help," and you're probably right.

Seriously, please keep in touch with our fellow members, especially if there is someone you haven't seen in a while. As we approach the last quarter of 2020, there are some important items coming up before the end of the year for us to consider. I'll be sending out an e-mail in the near future with details.

Meanwhile, here is a church news reminder. The Staff is looking to do another "Drive-thru" event on Saturday, September 5th from 10-11 a.m., where at the end you will be able to pick up The Holy Communion elements for the Upcoming Service on Sunday September 6th. Please plan on coming by and saying "hello".

On a happy note. The very end of July, Marian and I got together for a couple of days with her family in Iowa, to celebrate her father's 93rd trip around the sun. I will say I miss the road trips, the family reunions, and the joy of being together. (Mask and social distancing, of course).

If there's one thing the Covid-19 era has made us aware of, it is the value of love that family has on all of us, and how much it is missed when taken away. Whether it be our Immediate Family, or our Church Family, God is showing us how valuable Love, His Love, really is and how much we need to know and experience that love.

May that love always be with you as we grow in faith knowing that we will get thru this time. It's God's promise to us. His love for us is unconditional. Never forget that.

Blessings, **Artie**

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES		SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)	
2	Frank & Marilyn Kostal	15	Joyce Connell
15	Dave & Anny Weber	16	Karen Bacon
17	Dave & Lynn Broers	16	Johnny Rayburn
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		18	Gary Tomlinson
2	Marilyn Kostal	19	Harry Mount
2	Verla Shafman	20	Connie Knauss
3	Karen Dove	22	Shirley Davenport
4	Dawn Thompson	22	Bob Vermett
5	Shannon Wicker	23	Julia Crider
7	Kayla Wicker	23	Aggie Danenhauer
8	Herb Ayres	24	Kitty Polich
9	Martha Grant	25	Diane Verville
10	Wayne Horner	26	Piper Engle
10	Bill Shank	26	Stan Robinson
12	Connie Clark	26	Karen Roenfeld
12	Wayne Hubbert	26	Natalie Williams
12	Nona Storck	27	Natalie Williams
13	Donna Gaudet	30	Carol Cheek
14	Nathan Forst		

SEPTEMBER 2020 Newsletter ~ July 2020 Financial Data

		2020 Actual	2020 Budget
Month of July	*Income	\$ 37,025.34	\$ 36,709.84
Month of July	Expenses	\$ 37,607.84	\$ 47,114.17
	Difference	\$ (582.50)	\$ (10,404.33)
Year to Date (as of 7/31/20)	*Income	\$ 270,977.03	\$ 259,968.88
Year to Date (as of 7/31/20)	Expenses	\$ 294,831.63	\$ 329,849.17
	Difference	\$ (23,854.60)	\$ (69,880.29)
Year to Date Income including PPP loan		\$ 337,077.03	
Year to Date Expenses		\$ 294,831.63	
Difference		\$ 42,245.40	

* Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest or PPP Loan

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

For the first time in exactly six months, I'm taking off a Sunday. Why is that important? On Sunday, March 8, I attended the morning Eucharist at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in NYC, and that marked the last day of in-person worship at that church and at our own. Yes, folks, we've endured half a year of this, with no end in sight!

So back to my vacation...I'm driving west to Oklahoma to visit the two heritage sites of Will Rogers: the Museum in Claremore and his Birthplace in Oohlogah. I have to Google that spelling every single time! I guess I'm not alone; Will Rogers himself once said that he was from Claremore, because no one but an Indian can pronounce Oohlogah!

After wandering through Cherokee Country, I'll settle in Tulsa, where I'll visit some favorite haunts like Trader Joe's and Dilly Diner. If you don't know that classic restaurant on Route 66 in the Blue Dome district, you'll have to put it on your list. And do try the Green Eggs and Ham! It's more appetizing than it sounds - the green comes from pesto and arugula!

I'll also be stopping by First Presbyterian Church on South Boston Avenue, where I'll do some practicing and setting of stops for playing for a hymn playing master class on Saturday, September 12th, hosted by the Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It's going to be broadcast live, so I'll be sure to provide a video link when I get one. The presenter will be Adam Pajan, an organ professor at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

The remaining Chopin Waltzes will be tucked away until November. For preludes, I'll continue the beautiful miniatures by Flor Peeters. For postludes, I'll go Back to the Baroque for some festive Handel: Royal Fireworks and Water Music arrangements. If that doesn't put some pep in your step, nothing will!

I'm continuing to explore what it means to be a member of the band. If you haven't heard us, you must tune in live or for the archive of our new worship service on Wednesday evening. I wrote a blog piece about lead sheets, which are the type of music we use. It's sort of a shorthand to writing out the music as pianists typically read it. If you're curious, I wrote a blog post on the subject, and I even talk about figured bass, which was used in the lead sheets of Baroque times.

I also celebrated a separate victory in an other blog post: I introduce my first professional long-form blog post that was just published on the Colourful Keys Website in Dublin, Ireland. The article, called Music Reading through Rote Teaching, explores a subject that I've been researching for several years with my students.

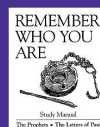
On the Weekly Acorn, I got a bit behind on my Chopin series because those Scherzi are just so difficult to play well. They have launched, and should be wrapping up in mid-September, after which I'll introduce a new Beethoven Sonata that I've just learned in celebration of the composers 250th birthday! On my own Music Monday page, you'll experience a variety of musings, including an introduction to one of my favorite pianists from my youth, Joel A. Martin!

Please join me online! On the Web: <https://brochite.com>
On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals



Christian Education

DISCIPLE



Disciple III

Beginning September 14th
Led by Sandy Fitch

The class will begin on Zoom and may meet in-person depending on number of people enrolled and will begin at a time most convenient for the class.

Disciple III Remember Who You Are is the third study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. The driving idea in this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word *You* in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Participants in this 32 week study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the thirteen Letters traditionally attributed to Paul. To establish the historical context in which the prophets spoke for God, daily reading assignments draw also on the books of Deuteronomy through Chronicles. If you have taken the Disciple 1 class, you are eligible to enroll in this class. Please call the office to enroll and order a book.

Growing Your Spirit

Beginning the week of August 30th
led by Rev. Cathy Luck

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus told us these 19 words summarize the whole of our faith-life. Most Christians know that "love" is our commandment and make ourselves busy doing "love" in every way we can. But is that all there is to "loving God and neighbor" with every fiber of our being? Do you ever feel like there must be more? Are you ready to find out?

We will begin exploring deeper dimensions of "love" on the path of spiritual formation. We will learn what spiritual formation is, examine our own spiritual paths, identify obstacles and next steps. The examination and identification will be done on your own with guidance and support for your individual reflection.

Please contact Rev. Cathy for more information: caluck@sbcglobal.net



Stewardship Corner

Financial Stewardship in COVID-19 Rev. Kristopher Whitby

In the midst of uncertain days and the rapidly changing world that is being shaped daily, even hourly, by COVID-19, some things remain unchanged. Our Lord is still the provider of all we need to support this body and life. He is the One who has given us the gift of life eternal through His own life, death, and resurrection even as our Lord so wonderfully reminds us through the season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. He is also the One who resources us to respond to His mercy in our lives through our own gifts back to Him, which He, in turn, uses for the furtherance of His kingdom's work.

We each now walk a balance between our own fears of what will happen to us and our families and our sanctified response to our Lord's grace, as expressed in our support of the local church even at this time when we cannot gather together as the church.

What follows, I pray, is both an encouragement and some practical considerations on personal financial stewardship amidst COVID-19.

Personal Financial Stewardship

- **Continue to give your regular offering to your local congregation.** This may be more challenging as we are not able to meet together in the Lord's house at this time. If you have not considered giving online and becoming a regular online giver to your local church, now is the time to do so. If you do not know how to give online, contact your pastor or lay leaders to see how that can be done. If you do not wish to give online, make a plan to regularly mail in your offerings.
- **Adopt a special aspect of your church's ministry as your passion project.** This may be taking on your congregation's light bill, or sponsoring your food pantry for a given week. See what you normally give, and find something that your church needs to expend resources for that you care about, and make that your "above my normal giving" gift.
- **Become an advocate with your friends for continued support.** While you may still joyfully support your church, your fellow church members may be tempted at this time to pull back on their stewardship. At this crucial time, your encouragement to fellow members may be a vital way our Lord can use you to build them up and keep them mindful of their care for the Lord's work among you.
- **Reach out to do a "wellness check" on your staff.** Church and school staffs right now are, like so many, stretched, tired by their focus on the care for others, and likely just as concerned about their welfare and that of their families. A call from you to check-in, ask what prayer concerns there are, ask how you might support them at this time, is a powerful assurance and reminder that we are a family in Christ who is caring for them through you.
- **Look for ways to match your financial gifts.** Your place of business, your insurance group, social organizations to which you belong, all might seek special ways of helping make your giving a greater impact through their match. If they are not doing this, your suggestion to them might spur such giving opportunities.
- **Remember your church in your estate planning.** Many of us are home now, and if you have some extra time on your hands, now may be a good time to draft or update your estate planning. As you do so, prayerfully consider your local congregation as a part of that plan.
- **Pray.** Our Lord directs us in His Word to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," (I Thessalonians 5:16-18) and "The prayers of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16b). Continue to faithfully intercede for your church in its financial need before our gracious and abundant Lord.



UMW CIRCLE NEWS

HOPE CIRCLE is planning on a meeting for Thursday, September 10th at 1:00 pm under the back deck. We will do the Ingathering and collect Best Choice labels. Anyone coming will wear a mask and bring a folding lawn chair. Extras will be available. The meeting will be canceled if the weather becomes a problem. We will keep you posted.

Barbara Brooks

MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at 9:30 on Monday September 21st (notice the time change from 9:00, which was voted on at our last meeting) We will meet either inside the church or on the lower patio. Karen & Ev will bring snacks and we will contact everyone before the meeting. I also will contact Cooper School to see about doing the Sunshine Sacks and number needed. If possible, we will fill them at the meeting.

Karen Roenfeld



The Bella Vista Recycling Center at 400 Pinion Bluff Drive (just north of T.H. Rogers) is open for business daily (except Sundays). Patrons are encouraged to practice social distancing and to sort items carefully to minimize the amount of resorting staff members will have to do. Thank you for your continued support.

John Justice, BV Recycle Board member



OUR AUTO ANGEL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

If you are able and willing, please consider becoming an Auto Angel. There are many in our church family who do not drive, or may be temporarily unable to drive. Taking them to local doctor visits or grocery shopping or other necessary trips would lighten their worry load. There are very few times during the year that you would be called upon, but our current Angel list is becoming short. For more information, please contact Marilyn Hertel at 479-250-5888 (or) emjhertel@cox.net.

WALK to END ALZHEIMER'S Fundraiser



Home-made fabric masks

- Fabric Masks . . . \$5.00 each
 - Razorback Masks . . . \$6.00 each
 - Mask with filter pouch & filter. . . \$8.00 each
- Contact Debbie Cousineau at Magnolia Place
2000 So. Hampton Place, Rogers 72756
or call 479-636-0799 ~ Will Take Orders

Devotionals

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, in times such as these, taking time out of the day to listen to God and tune out the chaos makes all the difference. Our pastors have been recording devotionals each week and putting them on the church Facebook page at fumcbellavista.com. for you.



**Schools are back in session!
Please don't forget
about our ongoing
mission project!
SNACK PACKS
for BACK PACKS**

. . . Our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!

**Bring your quarters! Fill the Banks!
Send a check!
Feed a Child !**



THANK YOU

Thank you so very much to everyone for your many cards and prayers after my father's passing. I ask for your continued prayers for my mother and our family during this time. I am so blessed to belong to such a caring church family.

Marisa Nabholz



Thank you all for the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers in the death of my brother, Lyman. This one is a very hard one for me, but you have helped me greatly. This church family is the best ever! Hugs and thanks to all of you.

Diane Verville



Thank you for contributing to the work we do at Methodist Family Health. Your gifts ensure we provide the best possible care to those who need our help. You have made a real difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Gratefully,

Carolyn McCone, Executive

Director



Pastor Brenda & Kenneth Wilson load the approximately 600 items we collected and delivered (plus over \$600 in gift cards) to Methodist Family Health earlier this year. THANK YOU, FUMCBV for

your caring a n d



Dear FUMCBV, We greatly appreciate every thing you do for our families. The generous donation of school supplies and masks is amazing. Please let those who sewed the masks know that they are really cute and the kids will love them. Thank you again for everything!

Buddy

Herndon



Counselor, Cooper School

I want to thank all of you for your cards, thoughts and prayers, texts and calls while I was in the hospital and throughout recovery. The offers of help were overwhelming to not only myself, but to Linda and Hope as well. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring community. I am feeling much stronger after a few weeks home – so of

In-Home Long Term Care, Financial, Legal, Insurance, Community Service, Medical Services.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
from 9am ~ 1pm

VIRTUAL SENIOR EXPO 2020

Join us for our Virtual Watch Party and see all the Senior Resources available in NWA, as well as website resources: www.seniorexpo.services (and) [facebooklive@aduldaynwa](https://www.facebook.com/aduldaynwa) Door Prizes from all our vendors!!



The Senior Expo wouldn't be the same without **CONCORDIA** giving away the famous Nathan's Hot Dogs & Chips Sack Lunch. 10-1 in their parking lot.



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Shoe Box Ministry has been kind of at a standstill again due to the Covid-19 situation, although we did supply

Salvation Army Homeless Shelter with approximately 100 boxes for men and women this past month. However, we do not need any more Shoeboxes at this time. Shelves are pretty full. Thank you for your continued support.

Your Shoebox Team



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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

Return Service requested

To the Home of ...

THIS IS MORE THAN
A GENTLE REMINDER!!
Have you gotten the hint?

STAY CALM
&
REMEMBER TO
WASH YOUR HANDS
several times a day,
drink plenty of fluids,
and disinfect
frequently-used surfaces.

STAY HOME
if at all possible.

STAY IN TOUCH
with family and friends
and others who may be alone,
with a quick phone call,
text, e-mail, or send a card.

STAY SAFE!
Remember, You are loved!

PLEASE DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT
or WANT TO HURRY THINGS!!
WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!