FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



The Good News

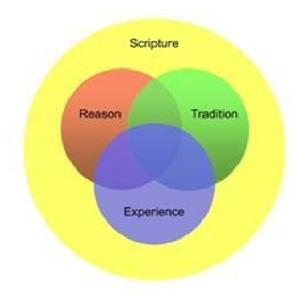
JULY 2023



VBS IS HERE! SUNDAY, 7/16-Wednesday, 7/19 5:30PM Meal & 6:00PM Class

THE KIDS WILL ENJOY A CHILD-FRIENDLY MEAL AT 5:30 PM. AGE-APPROPRIATE CLASSES WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AFTER 6:00 PM ON THE LOWER LEVEL. THEY WILL ENJOY LESSONS, SONGS, AND CRAFTS WHILE HAVING FUN AT FOOD TRUCK PARTY: ON A ROLL WITH GOD!





AFTER THE "OLDER KIDS" EAT, THOSE INTERESTED IN A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE WESLEY QUADRILATERAL WILL MEET IN THE PARLOR EACH EVENING. THE QUADRILATERAL IS A METHODOLOGY FOR THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION THAT IS CREDITED TO JOHN WESLEY, LEADER OF THE METHODIST MOVEMENT IN THE LATE 18TH CENTURY. THE TERM ITSELF WAS COINED BY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN METHODIST



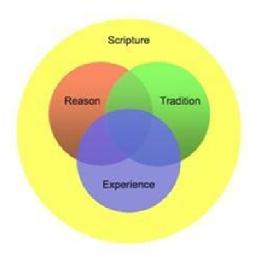


"VBS for us older kids: The Wesleyan Quadrilateral" **Rev. Ron Hayes**

Whether you have a child, children, and/or grand- history." children in VBS this year or want to join just to be required response of worship and service.

quote:

Outler's role in the formation of The United Meth- vice. odist Church, including leading the doctrinal study



I am offering a new twist to Vacation Bible commission, and contemporary scholars consider School this month, it's VBS-A (VBS for adults). him an indispensable figure in the denomination's

Taking a disciplined and detailed approach to part of the discussion, we are going to have a class faith is good for all believers. The *Quadrilateral*, on The Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Each night, Sunday which has relatively recently come into use to de-July 16th through Wednesday July 19th, we will meet scribe the principal factors that John Wesley beafter a light dinner to talk about Outler's work on lieved illuminate the core of the Christian faith for this important theological structure to a mature and the believer. Wesley did not formulate the succinct fulfilling understanding of the Christian faith and the statement now commonly referred to as the Wesley Ouadrilateral. Building on the Anglican theological Albert C. Outler — son of a Methodist pastor tradition, Wesley added a fourth emphasis, experifrom southern Georgia — almost defies summation. ence, thus resulting in four components or "sides" of He taught at Duke Divinity School, Yale Divinity the quadrilateral. For United Methodists, Scripture is School, and finally at Perkins (SMU). He edited a considered the primary source and standard for collection of John Wesley's sermons and formulated Christian doctrine. Tradition is experience and the the Weslevan Quadrilateral, which holds that Chris- witness of development and growth of the faith tians should bring to bear Scripture, tradition, rea- through the past centuries and in many nations and son, and experience as they live their faith. Sam cultures. Experience is the individual's understand-Hodges wrote of Outler in March of 2015 and I ing and appropriating of the faith in the light of his or her own life. Through reason the individual "Exactly how true to John Wesley's theology Christian brings to bear on the Christian faith disthe Quadrilateral is remains a matter of debate. But cerning and cogent thought. These four elements it's part of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, taken together bring the individual Christian to a mapart of the education of United Methodist clergy and ture and fulfilling understanding of the Christian a big part of Outler's legacy. Combine that with faith and the required response of worship and ser-

> I look forward to sharing and examining our approach to faith and our Christian journeys. Each of us seek a path to be closer to Christ. In turn, we seek to share more and more of Christ's love and grace with others.

> > Peace and blessings,





Lay Leader's Message

Dave Broers, Lay Leader



Is It Well With Your Soul?

ask at Congregational Care Ministry. The neighbor as yourself." All the laws and prophquestion is not, "Are you happy? Are you ok? Are you well? Are you stress free?" It's, "Is it well with your soul? Are you at peace with If we work on nothing else this year, this God? Are you at peace with yourself, or with would be a good time to rest, study and pray. your family, co-workers or neighbors?"

life? If you look at your key ring, do you own over them because I might not want to hear all that is represented there or does it own the answer. Sometimes, I want to be satisfied you? Questions like this bring me back to pri- with my answer, and not God's answer. Am I orities! How are you doing with your check- really loving him with all my heart, all my soul book? What does your calendar look like? When are you taking time to listen to God? be different in my life? Each of us must an-And just be with God? Are you able to stop or swer it for ourselves. So my prayer for you, all slow down all the doing? Are you able to just of you, is to take time. Sit with your Lord and be you? Do you like being alone with you?

It is a good time to ask yourself a few guestions in the guiet of your prayer time. In Mathew 21:37-40. Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment in the Law is. He states: "Love the Lord your God with all your

heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest com-Sit a moment and reflect on the question we mandment. And the second is: "Love your ets hang on these two commandments.

I know I'm asking a lot of questions, but we must slow down enough to not only ask them, If not, what do you need to change in your but to truly answer them. Sometimes I gloss and with all of my mind? If I were, what would Savior. Love Him. Truly Love HIM. And then ask yourself, "Is it well with your soul?"

> Peace and Blessings, Dave Broers. Lay Leader

July 2023 Newsletter Financial Data information as of May 31, 2023	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Month of May Contributions (Income*)	\$ 31,479.14	\$ 31,340.33
Month of May Expenses	\$ 32,962.53	\$ 34,649.57
Difference	\$ 1,483.39	\$ (3,309.24)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 368,800.20	\$ 344,743.63
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 359,798.97	\$ 377,801.97
Difference	\$ 9,001.23	\$ (33,058.34)
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest		





到hat's the (頂的多tory? Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

If you are reading the third installment regarding the history of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista and how our beautiful church building came together unit by unit, then you must still be interested. We hope so!

We have looked at three phases so far. The first phase included a fellowship hall/sanctuary, narthex, classrooms, and offices, consecrated on October 9, 1978. Phase two was the new/current sanctuary, which was consecrated on March 9, 1981. The third phase was the completion of the level below the sanctuary, which included classrooms and storage areas. That area was consecrated on April 26, 1981.

According to the "Brief Historical Record" I mentioned last month, Rev. Gerald Hammett was appointed as the new minister on June 15, 1985 (replacing Rev. Joe Wilkerson). Rev. Harold Wagner was added to the staff as an associate minister. The congregation celebrated the tenth anniversary of the church on June 8, 1986. Founding Members and Charter Members were recognized, and the sermon was given by Rev. Vernon Becker.

I hope it won't get too tedious mentioning the ministers (when did we change from "minister" to "pastor?"). My hope is that seeing these names will jog the memories of our members so that they will wish to share stories or special thoughts about these special people from our past. Associate Minister Rev. Wagner left in 1987 and was replaced by Rev. Ivan C. Bys. Then, on June 1, 1988, Rev. Wendell Dorman was appointed as senior pastor (ah, there's the term "pastor") of the church. In 1989, Rev. Bys left as associate minister, and Rev. Harold Wagner returned.

A special ceremony was held on July 12, 1989, for the burning of the mortgage of the church. The steeple was raised on March 22, 1990. There must be stories about that steeple. *Please share!*

Now we have reached phase four. Ground breaking for the new two-story addition, a fellowship hall/kitchen, was held on September 9, 1990. Rev. Harold Wagner left as one of the associate ministers and was replaced by Rev. Wayne Bartruff on January

1, 1991. The cross on the sanctuary was raised July 8, 1991, and the new fellowship hall/kitchen was completed on November 1, 1991.

The fifteenth anniversary of the church was held in 1991 with a dinner and a program that included Charter Members. According to the "Brief Historical Record," the highlight of the evening was the surprise dedication and naming of Becker Hall in honor of Rev. Vernon and Georgia Becker.

Rev. Dwight Dussair left as associate minister in October 1992 (he was here a long time!) and was replaced by Rev. Paul J. Johnson, who started in early 1994. In July of 1996, Rev. Bartruff resigned as associate minister and was replaced by Mr. Don Smith, son of Rev. Woodrow Smith of Rogers. Don Smith planned to enter the Seminary in the fall of 1996. For the time he was on staff, his official title was Director of Education and Outreach.

"Under the guidance of the Vision 2000 Committee, a 20-year anniversary was held at the church on September 29, 1996. The "Brief Historical Record" ends there, so I am surmising that it was written for the 20-year anniversary celebration.

If you are new to the congregation, make sure to walk down the hall in the office wing to look at the pictures of the pastors.

We have covered the building of the church facility, along with the stained-glass windows (see previous newsletter issues). You will just have to open the August newsletter to see where we go next. As always, your stories and comments are needed to enhance the precious history of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. If there is something you would especially like covered, I'll do the best I can. Call me at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or email to rihale68@cox.net.

Jill Hale, Historian



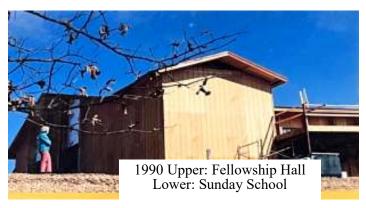
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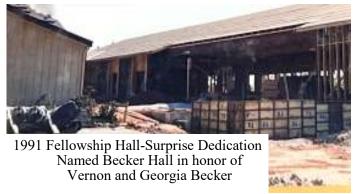


After the Service of Consecration for the new classroom/activity area on April 29, 1981.
Pictured, left to right, are:
Leroy Smith, Percy Engel, District Superintendent Rev. P. Connell, the Rev. Max Whitfield, pastor, and the Rev. Vernon Becker, associate pastor.



On March 10, 1985, following the consecration of the parsonage, District Superintendent Rev. P. Connell greets the parsonage family, Rev. Joe Wilkerson, Pat Wilkerson, and Patty Wilkerson. Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks is shown at left.





JOB BOOK

Have you seen a burned-out bulb somewhere, a faucet leaking, or anything else that needs to be fixed"? There is a JOB BOOK in the office where you can fill out a job request form. The Trustees 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!







GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

As we begin July and our country's celebration of our Independence, all the UWF are continuing to work hard on our Rummage Sale and making things for our Bazaar.

Our Rummage Sale will be August 5th. Starting Monday, July 31st, we can start bringing all our items we saved for the sale to the church. Ladies will be needed to help with pricing and set up that week. Please come and join in the fun and fellowship with other ladies of our church.

Our Bazaar workshops continue every Thursday from 9-2. Come enjoy fellowship, bring a snack, and help create items for our Bazaar. For those who can't come on Thursday but would like to do EASY embroidery/stitching, there are kits in the Library for making money holder ornaments. Take a look and sign out one or more.

ALSO, we have a container of Hand Made Cards by Sandy Larsen that she donated to the UWF for sale for \$3.00 each in the library.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR BAZAAR:

Small Spice bottles for Special Seasoning Salt Large-mouth Quart & Large-mouth Pint Jars ½ pint jars

(Many of our ladies make jams, jellies, pickles, relish and other homemade items and need the jars.)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Future Luncheons: **Sept. 27**th; **Dec. 6**th **July 26-29** Mission U 2023 **Aug. 5**th UWF Rummage sale **Oct. 7**th UWF Bazaar

Call President, Barbara Brooks at 876-5353 for questions or comments.

Join one of our Circles & help make a difference in the lives of children, youth & ladies In our area, as well as in the country. ALL ARE WELCOME! HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Latest News from UMCOR Sager Brown

In case you have noticed that we have not reported any news from Sager Brown for a very long time, we finally have good news from them:

"UMCOR Sager Brown, which has hosted thousands of volunteers who support the United Methodist Committee on Relief by working on relief supply kits, reopens to previously scheduled volunteer teams started in March 2023. Part of the United Methodist Relief supply Network, UMCOR Sager Brown Depot was closed at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the safety of volunteers, staff, and supplies. We have...reopened our doors and have been hosting volunteers since March 2023."

The Depot has operated these past years with selective volunteers and continued to provide a limited amount of supply kits. From January to May of 2023, they were able to supply the following domestic shipments: 12,958 Hygiene Kits — 1,958 Cleaning Kits — 4,260 Period Packs — 600 School Kits with a total value of \$411,186. FUMCBV is not planning on sending any teams so far, but if anyone is interested, speak to Verna Bottjen at 876-1392.

Got TOO Much Stuff?

Begin Now To Set Aside Your Usable Discards For the





Saturday, AUGUST 5th

If you don't have room to store your donations, we do have some space available call **Verna Bottjen 876-1392** No Clothes, TVs or heavy furniture, and please have it in clean and

working order. THANKS!





Praise Team Band

Did you know we have five very talented musicians and singers in our midst? Rick & Gloria Atha lead the Praise Team. Rick plays the guitar and the piano, and also sings. Gloria is a phenomenal singer, often singing lead. The two frequently collaborate to write their own

lyrics and music. Jill Hale is also an amazing singer, and she plays the keyboard for the band. Terry Davis accompanies the group on the bass. Artie Lawless can be seen banging it out on the drums, During Holy Week this year, they created and performed an entire musical with mostly original music by the Athas. If you haven't heard them before, you can check out the Praise Team Band in our Casual Service each Sunday at 11:00am.

Just a reminder: from Wednesday, July 5-Sunday, July 9, the middle schoolers from the First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs, MO, will be staying downstairs at the church.





Book Nook Church Library



New Books in the Library:

BOOKS IN SERIES:

THE GODMOTHERS by Fern Michaels

Book 1: THE SCOOP

Book 2: EXCLUSIVE

Book 3: <u>LATE EDITION</u>

Book 4: **DEADLINE**

Book 5: BREAKING NEWS

Book 6: CLASSIFIED

FICTION:

FANCY DANCER by Fern Michaels

THE SWEETNESS OF FORGETTING

by Kristin Harmel

A baker in Cape Cod must travel to Paris to uncover a family secret.

THE BAKE SHOP by Amy Clipston Cakes, pies and a tender romance await you in the Bake Shop.

NON-FICTION:

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS

by Karen Kingsbury (248.4)

Sometimes, in order for us to grasp the truths of scripture, we must first experience them with our hearts.

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7/01	Rick & Gloria Atha	7/20	Stanley & Melodee Neukircher
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7/02	Jon & Jessica Mendoza	7/22	Galen & Teri Thiele
7/06	John & Mary Hixson	7/25	Ed & Barbara Jenner
7/08	Bill & Jane Potts	7/27	Richard & Karen Bacon
7/17	Maci & Ricky Echols	7/30	Rick & Dena Mayes
7/17	Pastor Ron & Julie Hayes		



7/01	Sue Nebrig	7/09	Jenniter Lehmann	7/18	DJ Dean
7/01	Allan Ward	7/09	Carmen Phillips	7/18	Verle Shoemaker
7/03	Jacqueline Beahm	7/09	Mike Roth	7/19	John Hixson
7/03	Wanda Holloway	7/10	Layne Anderson	7/19	Noah Pittman
7/03	Mary Ann Kennedy	7/10	Carol Pennington	7/20	Teri Thiele
7/04	Earl Kennedy	7/10	Ashdon Wilson	7/24	Allen Janssen
7/04	Selena Smith-Rodrigues	7/11	Leota Rowlison	7/24	Rachel Smith
7/05	Sandy Fitch	7/13	Stanley Neukircher	7/25	Steve Bivins
7/05	Pat Fox	7/13	Juanita Prior	7/26	Pastor Ron Hayes
7/05	Lou Kaufmann	7/14	Richard Starr	7/27	Jack Kolbe
7/06	Judith Vickers	7/15	Merle Lantz	7/27	Jamey Rowland
7/07	Layla Dangler	7/15	Tommy Runnels	7/27	Katrina Sparlin
7/07	La Von Fryer	7/16	Ken Hammarstrom	7/30	Melodee Neukircher
7/08	Chet Campbell	7/17	Dorothy Phillips	7/31	Pamela Pittman
7/08	Helen McBride	7/17	Carol Zurn		



OUR FAMILY

Scholarship surprise!

Look who made the Weekly Vista recently!



PEO Chapter CX of Bella Vista recently sponsored Miranda Madsen (right) for a Continuing Education Grant. The grant program provides a monetary award to women who are completing college work to obtain a college degree. Madsen has earned an Associate degree from College of the Ozarks and is now completing course work that will enable her to become an R.N. Recently, Joyce Boyles and Jane Lewellen, of PEO Chapter CX, surprised Madsen with personal gifts from Chapter CX members.



Beautiful Jan
Vogel and her
pretty pink
§ blue floral
birthday cake.
We helped Jan
celebrate her
goth birthday
on Sunday,
June 18,
during the
Fellowship
hour between
services.

MISSING



Up until recently, the church had several wheelchairs. One of them has disappeared. If you borrowed one and still have it, please let us know. It's ok if you need it; we simply want to know where it is. We like to keep a few on hand to lend, and to assist those in need while at the church.

479-855-1158



OUR FAMILY

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER, DREW BEISSWENGER!



We welcomed Drew to the **FUMCBV** family on May 17, when he joined the church. Drew previously belonged to **Campbell United Methodist** Church in Springfield, MO. Drew & his wife, Nancy, moved here from there 7 years ago. He retired from the U of A in March where he worked as an academic librarian. Drew enjoys music and travel. He even likes to write his own songs! He has enjoyed Pastor Ron's Monday night Acts of the Apostles Bible Study class. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Thank You

Thank you to this wonderful congregation of FUMCBV for caring, support, & expressions of sympathy during this difficult time of Tom's passing. Tom truly loved his church.

~ Molly Harrris and Family



Julie Hayes and Shari Vermett. pose with the Naturals sasquatch mascot, Strike, during the June 3 Faith and **Family Night** at Arvest Ballpark, A good group from the church went to the game that night.





HELPING HANDS WORK DAY COMING UP: Saturday, JULY 8

If you've been looking for a charity where you can give your time instead of just donating money, this is the place for you! This organization has been around over 45 years serving Benton County with a food pantry and

Resale shop. It takes no special skills to work at the back dock accepting donations, just some muscle and determination. If you like the feel of money, try cashiering! If you like talking to people, be a bagger. If you like straightening things and shopping at the same time, work on the sales floor. Please call Verna Bottjen 876-1392 if you would like to help out.

Recently, we delivered 100 men's and women's boxes to Salvation Army in Bentonville and Fayetteville and also to Seven Hills Shelter. In September, we will again start our packs for Cooper Elementary School. We are always in need of small bottles of shampoo and lotion, smaller

size soaps, child's toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, combs, small packs of tissues, normal-size Band-aids, children's (boys and girls) socks and underwear. We are thankful for the boxes that the Catholic, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches supply us with for delivery also. Thank you all for helping us with the items needed to help those less fortunate.

~ Cheryl, MaryAnn, and Karen



SHOEBOX

MINISTRY

We appreciate all the canned meat, and everything else that's been donated lately. Keep it coming! Cereal and shelf-stable milk (milk that doesn't have to be refrigerated like Parmalat) are also still needed! Don't forget that Medium sizes are best so they fit in the box. Please NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, or

UNLABELED cans. You may drop off your donation to the church office or place them in Room 5, the **Blessing Box Room**.





Friends of Christ

The group was created so that we may share a warm and welcoming place to share God's grace, experiences, and love with each other. They meet the 4th Thursday of each month in the Parlor. Their next meeting is Thursday, July 27, at 1:30 pm. All are invited and welcome.

-Deaconess Kandi Mount

The **Potluck and Games** group meets every **Monday at 5:00 pm** in the **parlor**. We encourage you to come and join us in games such as *Mexican Train*, *Pinochle*, *Sequence*, *Golf*, *Canasta*, 3 to 13, and others. We will find a game for you or teach you a new

game. Bring a dish to share and your table service, and come enjoy the fellowship and fun.

All are welcome!





PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX INSTALLED AT BVPD

The prescription drug take back box at the Bella Vista Police Department has been installed in its new location and is ready for collection. Residents can drop off their unused or expired prescription drugs in the secure collection box located at the new Bella Vista Public Safety Facility, **2483 Forest Hills Blvd.** The police department stores the medications in a secure location until they can be destroyed properly.

The box in located **inside the door behind the flags at the front of the building**, the first door to the left of the main entrance. Starting Monday, May 22, the drop off box is available from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.**

Needles or other sharp objects are not allowed inside the box.

TO DISPOSE OF SHARPS: Throw full, sealed and labeled sharps containers in your regular trash. If you do not have a specified sharps container, put sharps in a dense plastic container with a lid, such as a laundry detergent bottle or plastic coffee can (NO MILK JUGS) and seal the lid with duct tape. Write "SHARPS" clearly visible on all sides of the container and put in your regular trash. For additional questions, call the Police Department at 479-855-3771.







Musings about Adult Spiritual Formation Ret. Rev. Cathy Luck

Do you have a vocabulary of symbols and metaphors that help to make sense in your worldview? I hope you found that question to be confusing! Aren't vocabularies made up of words rather than images? Make sense?!? Worldview? Psychologists and spiritual directors are finding that when people only have "beliefs" to inform a worldview it can be difficult to handle times of change and uncertainty. Beliefs declare that something is true. Metaphors are more descriptive of the truth. Symbols are images that point to something larger than themselves. Beliefs have a tendency to be limiting and defining; metaphors and symbols are more flexible and expansive.

I was fortunate to have a confirmation pastor who believed more in the power of image and metaphor than in traditional statements of belief. We learned the historical creeds found in the hymnal at the same time that we developed stories about what the beliefs contained therein could mean in our lives. We learned the meanings of traditional symbols like "the all-seeing eye", "the cloud of presence", "the bread and cup", "the tree of life". We were encouraged to create or appropriate our own symbols, like the butterfly and cocoon. Some popular metaphors for God are creator/maker, shepherd, gardener, father/mother. During Advent 2022, I was sur-

prised to learn that in the Mediterranean cultures, the divine child (Savior) has been celebrated as arriving on the back of a swimming dolphin rather than in a chariot, or on a donkey, etc. Archetypes like "Divine Child" and "Savior" have existed in collective culture since the beginning of time.

Using whatever form of creativity you can muster, I encourage you to develop and explore symbols and metaphors for your beliefs. You will be making room for God to speak to you in a new way. Do this without self criticism. The process of "making" in which you are involved is a form of contacting, communing with, and expressing the Divine Self residing within you. Here's my picture of the Divine Child riding on the dolphin. Have fun...God will have fun, too!

Blessings, Cathy



Calling All Dreamers: A Dream Exploration group is being formed. Everyone dreams. With intention and awareness, you can remember your dreams. This group will use the workbook by the Rev. Robert L. Haden, Jr., "Unopened Letters from God," to remember biblical dreams like those of Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, Mary, Peter, and John while learning keys to understanding our own dreams. Time and day to be negotiated with interested participants. Please contact Cathy Luck at 479-619-6063 or caluck88@gmail.com with your interest and questions about this group.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

One way the church can make additional funds to assist in our mission work is to have advertising in the church newsletter. Pictured below is an example of such advertising found on the back page of another Bella Vista church's newsletter. We can have ads starting at \$25 a month and more, depending on the size. We would be interested in your opinion as to the merits of the program. This could help the church in one way, by covering the costs of mailing, which we used to do. Let Lou Kaufmann know your thoughts on this at krrealty.com.

Another idea is our Business Referral Program. We have members of our church that have businesses and when they receive a lead from one of our members and make a sale, they would donate 25% of their profit to the church. We have done this in the past and it was quite successful. For example, we have real estate agents in our church and, if they receive a listing from a member and sell their home, they would donate 25% of their profits to the church. All realtor members can be a part of this program. Let us know what you think about this idea also.

-Lou Kaufmann





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Newsletter Submission Deadline: 20th of the month



Cancer Support Group 6:30pm, Thursday, 7/20, in the Parlor

SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS



Now that kids are out of school and without school lunches, snack packs are extremely important. Help us continue to provide 30 kids with snacks per week! Feed a Child! KEEP THOSE QUARTERS COMING!

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family, we lift each other up in prayer for both our joys and our concerns. Send your Praises and Prayer requests to Pastor Ron at his email: ron.hayes@arumc.org or call him: (479) 366-9725. You can also call the church office (479) 855-1158, email our secretary, Andrea, at: andrea@fumcbellavista.com or stop by 20 Boyce Dr. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop them in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked during office hours.