

The Good News

JUNE 2023







UWF Sunday is June 11

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2023 Bazaar Workshop



Sarah Circle trip to Precious Moments Chapel

Naomi Circle Christmas Lunch & Ruth Ireland's 99th Birthday



"Three Simple Rules"

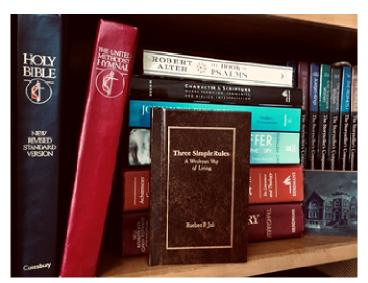
I was rereading some of my newsletter article submissions from the past few years. This one, from early March of 2020, struck me as one to repeat as its message is still spot-on with me as we enter June 2023. Enjoy, reread, and apply its recommendations as often as possible. (And the offer below for a free cup of coffee is still on the table.)

Guess which book is one of my required ones for my Pastoral Licensing Course this Spring? Yes!! Of the more than 450 books on my office shelves, it is this same small one which has already had a huge impact on me. It might only be 4" x 6" and less than 80 pages, but Rev. Rueben P. Job, a former Iowa Conference Bishop, shared the John Wesley approach to living with great clarity and encouragement. It was good to get back into reading this insightful and challenging book.

If you have been a Methodist for a number of years, these "Three Simple Rules" are not new to you. If you have been a *Christian* for a number of years, the concepts aren't new either. Living into the three rules is still a daily challenge for me.

Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living

- 1. Do no harm.
- 2. Do good.
- 3. Stay in love with God.



I am offering a free cup of coffee (at the location of your choice) to anyone who comes in and borrows the book. Over coffee, we can unpack the dynamic impact on our lives if we simply follow these three rules. Rev. Job's premise resonates today: "We search for a way to overcome the divisiveness that separates, disparages, disrespects, diminishes, and leaves us wounded and incomplete. We know deep within that path we are on is not healthy or morally right and that it cannot lead to a positive ending. We fear that there is no way out."

I find I must continually work to stay focused on Rule #1: Do no harm. My faith journey of discipleship keeps me aware of my need to continuously be changing my inner being while I strive to become a new creation in Christ. As Galatians 5:15 cautions us, "If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." When, in my efforts to support one sister or brother, I harm another, I have not truly lived faithfully. I struggle. It's tough. How do I reach out and love one, when another sees me do so and feels pushed away? While it certainly is not my intent, I can see the hurt in their eyes, their words, and their actions (reactions).

Yet, I am called to do goodness. Courage to step out in love cannot be reined in if it leaves a lamb lost and unloved. The "Action Required", to stay with the Sermon Series, is to be 'hyper-aware' of possibly doing harm when trying to do good. The 'how it is done' is vitally important so as to reduce/eliminate any possible harm, even the unintended harm. With God's grace and goodness, together we will journey on a path of doing no harm to others, doing good things for those in need, and loving God – each and every day.

Peace and blessings,





New Coordinator of Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry



This article is my intro to you as the volunteer Coordinator of Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry here at FUMC Bella Vista. It's an exciting time!

Spiritual Formation is the process by which individuals and groups are transformed into the image of Christ within us for the sake of the gospel and God's Kin-dom.

The Apostle Paul named it "Growing up in every way into him who is the Head of the Body (the Church)." (Ephesians 4:15) Spiritual formation takes place in the home, at work and school, in play, through acts of mercy and justice, worship and service. No matter how old or young we are — neverending new life tasks provide new opportunities for our spirits to become more aligned with the Divine Spirit or Spark of Light within.

In this role, my hope is to get to know better new and old members alike, help identify your spiritual growing edges, assist in finding resources or groups that will open up pathways to growth. As we become acquainted, let's celebrate where spiritual formation is already happening in ongoing ministries. Perhaps we can create a way to enhance what's already there.

I am also offering my presence to sit with people of our church and our community as a **Spiritual Director in Residence**. After six years of continuing education related to this ministry, I was recently certified in Spiritual Direction by *The Haden Institute*. The General United Methodist Church has also endorsed this volunteer ministry in my retirement.

A Spiritual Director, also known as a Spiritual Companion or Soul Friend, is someone with whom you can meet for a series of deep listening sessions. Three souls are present in these sessions - you, the director, and the Holy Spirit. As you speak, we listen together for what God may be saying or how the Spirit may be leading you. We can sit together in prayerful quiet if you desire. Some seek direction when they are questioning or doubting God; others seek direction for someone to witness their emerging experience of God's presence or absence. In these stressful and changing times, meeting with a Spiritual Director on a regular basis for a while can provide tethering for the soul. You may want to tell a neighbor or friend about spiritual direction being available – people who say they are 'spiritual, but not religious' often take advantage of this resource on their journeys.

Spiritual Direction happens best when face to face, but I am also comfortable with listening to you on a phone call or setting up a Zoom meeting. We can meet at the church or find a bench in a park; alternatively, I have a private meeting space at *The Center for Psychology* at 1601 Rainbow Road in Rogers Please contact me by email or telephone to make an appointment. caluck88@gmail.com 479-619-6063



Have you filled out your Catch Fire brochure yet? There are many ways to Share the Flame Which ones will you choose? HOW WILL YOU SHARE THE FLAME?







Lay Leader's Message

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

The Moment is Now!!!

I can't believe it is already June. We are at the half-way point of 2023. Now might be a good time to reflect on our progress of our goals for the year. Have we continued in the habit of solemn and solitary prayer to our Father and Creator? Have we continued to spend time, alone and quiet, reading and meditating on His Word?

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church on at least two occasions. Each letter contained an exhortation for them to "examine" themselves. Proper examination takes place only in the light of God's Word. Typically, He speaks to our heart, to our spirit, through His Word.

Is Jesus more precious to you now? Do you appreciate His sacrifice more? Do you hear Him speak more clearly? Are you more obedient now? Has He given you a work to do? Have you done it?

Has He given you instruction concerning Vacation Bible School? Sunday School? Choir? United Women in Faith? United Methodist Men? Has He laid a person on your heart for whom you should pray?

Examine yourself, if you come up short. Repent. Seek His face, read His Word. Obey His voice. He loves you. Learn to trust Him. He will prove Himself faithful.

I received this a few weeks ago and want to share. I've shared it countless times in the last few weeks.

Barely the day started and...
it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.
...and the month is already over.

...and the year is almost over. ...and already 40,50, or 60 years of our lives have passed. ...and we realize that we lost our parents, friends. and we realize it's too late to go back... So...let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time... Let's keep looking for activities that we like... Let's put some color in our grey... Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts. And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters... I'm doing it after... I'll sav after... I'll think about it after... We leave everything for later like "after" is ours. Because what we don't understand is that: Afterwards, the coffee gets cold... Afterwards, priorities change... Afterwards, the charm is broken... Afterwards, health passes... Afterwards, the kids grow up... Afterwards, parents get old... Afterwards, promises are forgotten... Afterwards, the day becomes the night... Afterwards life ends... And then it's often too late... So...Let's leave nothing for later... Because still waiting to see you later, we can lose the best moments. the best experiences, best friends, the best family... The day is today... The moment is now...

> Peace and Blessings, Dave Broers, Lay Leader





劉hat's the(狗i)多tory? Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

We continue this month with more history regarding the formation of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista and the erection of our beautiful facility. We left off last month with the approval of a building site and plans for the first phase, which included a fellowship hall/sanctuary, narthex, classrooms, and offices.

Before we go any further, I want to insert a little side story. Last month, we "learned" that Rev. D.M. (Max) Whitfield was our first full-time pastor, starting on January 1, 1977. I recently attended an Arkansas Conference Special Session in Hot Springs, and there on the dais assisting our new Bishop, Laura Merrill, was (drum roll) D. Max Whitfield, now a retired Bishop! I did not get to meet Bishop Whitfield, but I was thrilled to know that our very first full-time pastor had gone on to serve the Methodist Church in many locations during the past 45+ years and is still a respected leader today. Blessings abound!

Now, where were we? The church celebrated its first full year on June 3, 1977, with a membership of nearly 200. On October 9, 1977, the ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site of the new church building. We had a photo of that ground-breaking activity with last month's history article. The service celebrating the second anniversary was held on June 4, 1978. One of the hymns sung was "How Firm a Foundation." The construction of the first phase was completed, and a Service of Consecration was held on October 9, 1978.

Now, on to phase two. On June 1, 1979, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the sanctuary. That work was completed by early 1981, and the Service of Consecration was held in the beautiful new sanctuary on March 9, 1981. On that same date, the church conferred upon Vernon and Georgia Becker the title of Pastors Emeriti.

One undated historical story I found ("Brief Historical Record of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista") states that the men of the church agreed to complete the lower level of the church. Their volunteer efforts began on January 19, 1981. This phase consisted of four classrooms plus a large open area, storage areas, and restrooms. All that work was done by the men of the church in three months! Now that's dedication! The Service of Consecration for the lower-level was held on April 26, 1981. Rev. Bill Connell spoke at the worship service. Bill's wife, Joyce, is still a member of our church and attends Sarah Circle meetings.

Rev. Joe F. Wilkerson became the second full-time minister on June 15, 1981. At the same time, Rev. Dwight Dussair was hired as Associate Minister.

Moving right along, on February 27, 1983, the congregation voted to approve house plans for a parsonage just up Boyce Drive from the church. Ground breaking was held on March 1, 1983. The parsonage was completed with a Service of Consecration on September 11, 1983. A mortgage burning and dedication was later held on March 10, 1985.

Come back next month as we continue delving into the history of our church and building. Any and all stories and comments are welcome. Your memories of any of these events would be treasured. Call me at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or send email to rjhale68@cox.net.

Jill Hale, Historian



Rev. D. Max Whitfield, 1st Full-time Pastor



Vernon & Georgia Becker, Pastors Emeriti



Newly completed sanctuary, March 9, 1981

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10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sun. School-LL	12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor	11:00 Tom Harris Celebration of Life Service	9:30 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice	Offices closed	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
10:00 Adult Sunday School-Rm6 11:00 Casual Service - BH	6:00 Book of Acts Study - Rm 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm		6:00 Evening Circle - Youth Rm		
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11 * UWF SUNDAY *	12	13	14	15	16	17
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10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor	12:30 Women's Chorus - MR	11:15 Naomi Circle	10:30 Martha Circle- Quilt Rm	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall	Offices closed	
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11:00 Casual Service - BH	6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28					





6/01	Dennis & Kathy Eckard	6/08	Larry & Charlene Marshall
6/01	Jill & Richard Hale	6/10	Jack & Jan Kolbe
6/01	John & Gladys Jutte	6/20	Andrew & Rachel Smith
6/01	Roy & Janice Vogle	6/22	Rick & Rose Taylor
6/02	Melinda & Chris Murphy	6/23	Noah & Pamela Pittman
6/03	Jim & Jamey Rowland	6/24	Kenneth & Ashdon Wilson
6/04	Nathan & Michelle Forst	6/27	Jim & Sue Prather
6/04	Jim & Paula Phillips	6/27	Arlyn & Linda Richardson
6/08	Bobby & George Ann Billingsley		



6/01	Rick Taylor	6/11	Jerre Barron
6/02	Doug Adamson	6/11	Laura O'Malley
6/02	Ella Ray	6/12	Angie Rader
6/02	Suzanne Shoemaker	6/12	Miriam Stocks
6/03	Hal Shope	6/14	Pat Cooper
6/03	Carol Tomlinson	6/15	Judy Duncan
6/06	Marilyn Adamson	6/15	Sandy Larsen
6/07	Barbara Machemehl	6/15	Janice Vogel
6/08	Marcia Bohn	6/16	Joey Smith
6/08	Brenna Drindak	6/19	Kandi Mount
6/09	Judy Bilyeu	6/21	Cyndie Jacks
6/09	Zach Mendoza	6/23	Melinda Murphy
6/10	Rick Atha	6/28	Jim Rowland





GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

As we enter the summer months, we are continuing our Bazaar workshops every Thursday from 9 till 2. Come and enjoy fellowship, bring a sack lunch, and help create beautiful items for our Bazaar in October.

NOTICE: for anyone who would like to do some easy embroidery/stitching work for our Bazaar, there are Kits in the library. Go take a look and sign one or more out.

ALSO, in the library we have a container of beautiful cards, handmade by Sandy Larsen and donated to the UWF, for sale for \$3.00 each.

Our **Rummage Sale** is Aug. 5 so start collecting all a the Items you want to donate for our Rummage Sale.

The deadline for turning in The **UWF Reading Program** is August 13th.

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: June 28th, Sept. 27th, Dec. 6th
June 4th Spiritual Growth via Zoom 1:30-4:30
June 11th UWF Sunday with Speaker Karen Anderson
June 28th Unit Luncheon with Saving Grace speaker
July 26-29 Mission U 2023 at Hendrix College

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

YOU TOO CAN BECOME A MEMBER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



UWF Unit Meeting & Luncheon

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 28, at 11:45 am in Becker Hall. Abigail Harris, the Program Coordinator for Saving Grace, will present a program on how they help women in need. The menu will be chicken salad, fruit, roll, and dessert for \$7.50. We ask attendees to arrive by 11:30 to be ready for devotions at 11:45. Lunch will follow. We encourage all members and guests who wish to attend to make reservations by Sunday, June 25, either through your circle or call the church office at 855-1158. Childcare will be provided with prior notification.

Got TOO Much Stuff?

Begin Now To Set Aside Your Usable Discards For the

UWF



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**!





Sarah

Tuesday, 6/13, meet at the church at 11:30am Lunch out at Pastafina

Naomi

Tuesday, 6/20, at 11:15am Lunch out at Bella Vista Bar & Grill

June Circle Meetings

Thursday, 6/08, at 6:00pm in the

Evening

Youth Room

Martha

Wednesday, 6/21, meet at the church at 10:30am Lunch out at The Wooden Spoon

JOIN US FOR THE UWF Luncheon

JUNE 28, 2023

11:45 a.m. in Becker Hall Please RSVP by June 25th in your Circle or the Church Office

June 2023 Newsletter Financial Data				
information as of April 30, 2023		2023	2023	
		Actual	Budget	
Month of February Contributions (Income*)	\$	37,996.16	\$ 31,340.33	
Month of February Expenses	\$	36,684.77	\$ 34,649.57	
Difference	\$	1,311.39	\$ (3,309.24)	
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$	337,321.06	\$ 313,403.30	
Year to Date Expenses	\$	326,836.44	\$ 343,152.40	
Difference	\$	10,484.62	\$ (29,749.10)	
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest				

From July 5-9, middle schoolers from the First UMC of Blue Springs, MO, will be staying at the church. While they are here, they would like to do some simple, odd jobs around the church as well as at the homes of members who could use the help. If you know of something they can do, please call or email the office.





OUR FAMILY

Look who made the *Weekly Vista* recently!

Fly Tyers prepping for spring sale

The Bella Vista Fly Tyers Club is preparing for its spring sale to be held this weekend at the United Lutheran Church located at 100 Cooper Road.

The sale, which will be held Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon, serves as a fund- mation on this weekend's sale or for any more inforraiser for the club, which uses the proceeds to to help various programs in the area.

Members of the group have been collecting donated items, such as fishing, hunting and sports equipment, among other items, for the sale. They clean and fix any items they receive before offering them for sale at the event.

Members of the United Lutheran Church will be offering kolaches (Texas style) and cinnamon rolls for breakfast and pizza slices for lunch with homemade goodies on the side during the event so shoppers can grab a quick bite while making their purchases.

The Bella Vista Fly Tyers Club is a fishing, conservation and service club consisting of approximately 190 members. This group of men and women share a

common interest in fishing in the local streams and lakes in and around Bella Vista. The club, which also promotes lake conservation, recreational activities and conducts service projects throughout northwest Arkansas, meets every Thursday in the fellowship hall in the lower level of the United Lutheran Church. The meetings start with a social hour at 9 a.m. prior to the actual meeting, which lasts from 10-11 a.m.

Visit the club's website at byft.org for more information about the club.



Submitted photo The Bella Vista Fly Tyers' 2023 board members include (from left) Donnie Roberts; David Dodson; Duane Penner; Kevin Huels; Ed Limehouse; Harrold Robinson; and Lance Childers.



This month, we need *canned meat*. cereal, and shelf-stable milk! Now that school is out, kids will be home, so cereal and shelf-stable milk (milk that doesn't have to be refrigerated like Parmalat) will be great for them. Medium sizes are still ection recommended so they fit in the box more easily. 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**.



OUR FAMILY



Thank you to
Nancy Veach for
the Blessing Box
donation she made
in honor of her late
husband, Dale.

Thank you

Dear Members of FUMC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS &
THOUGHTS. MY INJURIES WILL STILL
TAKE QUITE A WHILE TO HEAL. I'VE
BEEN TO REHAB AND THAT HELPED
SOME, BUT NO MIRACLES AT THIS TIME.
I APPRECIATE REV. RON'S PRAYERS AND
THOSE OF OUR CONGREGATION WHO
HAVE BEEN THINKING OF ME.

For my Church, Joyce Connell

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all our friends that have sent condolence cards to us, and cards of healing. God bless you, our Church family.

~Kandi Mount

The Celebration of Life service for Jan & Roy Vogel's son, Wesley Paul Vogel, who passed Dec. 9, 2022, will take place in Storm Lake, Iowa, on Saturday, June 3.



TO MARY SPANGLER FOR THE GIFT GIVEN IN HONOR OF NANCY SPANGLER'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

ON 5/15.





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Praise Band Leaders - Rick & Gloria Atha

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Newsletter Submission Deadline: 20th of the month



Cancer Support Group 6:30pm, Thursday, 6/15, 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.