



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

SEPTEMBER 2023

THE OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED FOR  
LABOR DAY  
ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 4



**HELP WANTED**

WE NEED SOMEONE TO OVERSEE  
AND RUN TRUNK OR TREAT THIS  
YEAR ON HALLOWEEN AFTERNOON.  
IF YOU'RE THE GUY OR GHOUL  
FOR THE JOB, SEE AMY.

We WANT YOU to  
join us for an evening

## POTLUCK

**THURS, 9/7, @ 5:30PM**

Sign up in the office by Wed,  
9/6. Meat will be provided.  
Bring your favorite side or  
dessert to share. Amanda  
Hawn, Community Liaison  
from [BrightStarCare](#) will speak.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

It's high time we had a **NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY** 'round here! We need someone(s) to work with the company that will take the photos & make the directory. You will likely need to help schedule and coordinate the photo sessions, etc. See Amy for more info. \*\*In the meantime, a new paper directory will be available for pick up in the office on Wednesday, 9/6.\*\*

## SHOEBOX MINISTRY



We are starting our packs for Cooper Elementary School, so we are in need of travel-size bottles of shampoo and lotion, travel-size soaps, children's toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, combs, small packs of tissues, normal-size Band-aids, children's (boy's and girl's) socks and underwear. We also currently need these men's and women's items: travel packs of Kleenex, travel-size shampoo and conditioner, travel-size lotion, and toothpaste. The team recently delivered boxes to Helping Hands and Salvation Army. Thank you all for helping us with the items needed to help those less fortunate.

~ Cheryl, MaryAnn, & Karen



## *“Don’t Hoard the Love of Christ”*

**Rev. Ron Hayes**

Recently I was reminded of a quote attributed to Mark Twain, “It ain’t the parts of the Bible that I don’t understand that bother me, it’s the parts I do understand.” In the Gospel of Luke, Samuel Clemons might have been talking about the first part of the 16th chapter (1-13). I find the first nine verses, which include a dishonest manager, very confusing to me and, suddenly, the reverse is true for the next four.

We may not understand how to view the interactions of the master/rich man and his manager. We may be especially surprised by the master’s ending comments. But Jesus was very clear in the last verse, “No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” Please know the first few verses have baffled interpreters over the centuries. It is fitting Jesus’ disciples had to ask him what some of the parables meant. Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’” (Luke 8:10)

So, I want to go back and imagine all of us sitting amongst the disciples as Jesus shares this parable. Imagine sitting there. You, the disciples, and I are listening to Jesus tell them, and us, this parable. What do you suppose they heard? What were their thoughts? What did they pick out? What did they focus on? What are your thoughts? As you read it now, would you describe the rich man’s manager as the dishonest steward, the shrewd manager, or the prudent treasurer? We know he was squandering the master’s property. We know he decided to decrease the debts others owed the master – without the master’s prior knowledge or consent. So, are we to think this parable must be about honesty in our dealings with others? Maybe it’s about grace, simply and only about grace. We know the master commended the manager for he had acted shrewdly. What if this parable’s core message is not about honesty or grace. Yet, we certainly believe in both. Is it possible it’s more about greed?

Danielle Bernock, the Michigan author of “Emerging with Wings”, provides a more in-depth definition, also a biblically based definition, of greed: “Greed goes much further than money. A person can be greedy for

money but also for fame, possessions, attention, compliments, gifts, another person’s time, and more. In the Bible, the words greed, greedily, greedy, and greediness are always used to describe the selfish motivation of a person.”<sup>1</sup>

There it is. Greed is when it is more about “me and mine” than “you and yours.” The focus is not on equal possession or equality of possessions. It’s when devotion/desire is applied based on me and not you. Christ understands our natural desire to have, to want, to even hoard. But He admonishes us to resist it, to resist greed, and its many forms of selfishness.

I find it uncomfortable to examine myself when the only options are to be devoted to one and despise the other. Do I get frustrated with my God, my faith? Do I despise God when I feel guilty about desiring money, possessions, attention, compliments, gifts, or another person’s time? Sadly, I do find my ability to live out my faith challenged. I can believe God comes first, but unless my actions, my decisions, words, deeds, and time stay aligned to my beliefs; my discipleship journey is on the wrong and unlit path.

Every day we get the opportunity to love God. Serving God, each day we make dozens of decisions to do, to be, a bit better in our journey. We help each other as we journey together. Rather than trying to be shrewd, Scripture has a better path. May we be devoted to being a person grateful and in search of ways to share. May we share more money, in its many forms, and share more ‘fame.’ May we give more compliments and take less credit. One of the most precious gifts we can give is to give our time and full attention – to do the things which show we care for all of our sisters and brothers. May we be devoted to seeing all the people and sharing. What is your most precious gift you are blessed to share? Give – share – love in the name of Christ. Don’t hoard the love of Christ you know; resist being so greedy with the greatest gift. Share it!

Peace and blessings,

<sup>1</sup>Danielle Bernock, Emerging with Wings, 4FMedia, April 2017



# Lay Leader's Message

Dave Broers, Lay Leader



This summer is almost over, and school has started again. Where has the time gone? I came across one of John Wesley's distinctive emphases that I've known about and thought I would share with you: Christian Perfection. And to be honest, I struggle with what that really means for me, a lay person, in this complicated life. Here's some background:

Jesus once told his followers to, "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt 5:48). He was talking about loving enemies, which went against conventional thinking. Jesus later summarized the Law and prophetic teaching in two Great Commandments: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind," and "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:36-40).

Perfection—loving God and others, even enemies, as purely and fully as Christ. That's a primary theme in John Wesley's Methodist teaching. Wesley believed that it was possible for people to actually be perfect in love—so filled with Christ, with God at the center of life (rather than self), as to be truly full of life and love as God intended. Perfection didn't mean we could be free from ignorance, mistakes, infirmities, or temptation. And we may never reach full perfection in our earthly lives. But Wesley wrote that Christians should always seek to grow deeper in love,

following Christ so closely as to have "the mind that was in Christ."

I wonder—is that possible? Really? Especially today with all the distractions and "stuff" in our lives and our world? I'm a lay person who deals with a lot of earthly issues, not a deep-thinking theologian, so I need truth that's practical. Is Christian perfection just a nice theory with little practical reality? Well, Wesley acknowledged that Jesus called us to a pretty tough way, but His way of love was truly life. Ok. So, whether it's practical or not, the pursuit of perfection does make us better, more loving of God and neighbor, more like Christ, than we otherwise would be. And something called "sanctifying grace" means that God is helping us in that pursuit.

Are we going on to perfection as United Methodist Christians today? As leaders in our congregations? Let's acknowledge, as Paul wrote in Philipians 3:12-15, that we haven't yet reached the goal but press on to become mature, even perfect, in love for God and all of God's people.

What does Christian Perfection mean for you?

Peace and Blessings,  
*Dave Broers*  
 Lay Leader

*Acts of the Apostles*

**COME JOIN US!**

*Starting again on Monday, Sept. 11, in Room 6 near the office.*

*Bible Study: Mondays at 5:30pm led by Pastor Ron Hayes*

**Did You Know?**

We have a **Potluck & Games Night** every **Monday evening at 5:00pm** in the Parlor/Chapel.

Join us for cards, board games, dominoes, etc. We will find a game for you or teach you a new one. Bring a dish to share and your table service.



## What's the (Hi)Story? Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

The first thing we need to do this month is make a correction to a photo that was included with August's newsletter article. The first photo you see here is one that was omitted last month. This is of the framed, crocheted Lord's Prayer given to the church by Albert and Janice Condra in 1995. This beautiful piece is hanging on the west wall of the Chapel/Parlor on the right side of the altar. The second photo is the one mistakenly printed last month of a beautiful piece entitled, "The Living Word," also hanging in the Chapel. I have not yet found any information regarding when this was donated to the church or by whom. If you know, please share.

Before we dive back into church history, Joyce Connell has asked that we all remember what happened in America on September 11, 2001. The world was shocked by the attack on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon and the failed attack that ended in a Pennsylvania field. The third photo was provided by Joyce. It is of the "twin towers" prior to 9/11 and was taken when she and her husband, Bill, visited New York City. Joyce has titled this photograph, "Lest We Forget." If you have a photo of the current 9/11 memorial, or if you have a special story to tell about that unbelievable day that you would like to share, I will be happy to publish those memories next month.

In August, we left off in 1995. Wendell Dorman was our Senior Pastor, assisted by Associate Pastors, Paul Johnson and Wayne Bartruff. That year, we held Saturday evening worship services June through August with the Associate Pastors alternating. These services were called "Saturday Night Alive." Also that year, Dr. Larry Zehring introduced the "Wesley Series" of music programs. On May 14, the first Wesley Series performer was Cole Burger, a 16-year-old pianist from Greenwood, Arkansas. One other item of note from that year: on September 5, "Dr. Larry Zehring was placed on a full-time basis as Music Director. Dr. Zehring announced that same month that a new bell choir had been organized, and sought interested persons to apply." ("A History of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista from 1976 to 2003" by Bill Detlefsen.)

We will stop right here to congratulate Dr. Larry Zehring as he celebrates his 30-year anniversary with our church. He served part time until September 1995, as noted above (more about that next month).

Moving on to 1996, a reception was held in June for departing Wayne and Phyllis Bartruff. As mentioned in a previous article, Mr. Don Smith became Associate Pastor at that time. He had been serving the church as Youth and Young Adult Education Director.

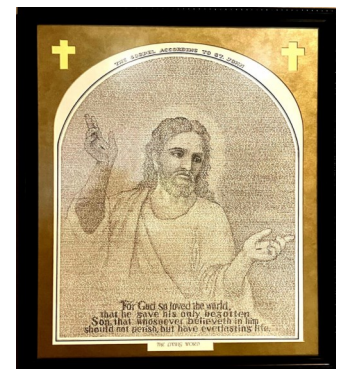
In 1997, new lighted roadside signs were installed. Rev. Joyce Bernholdt was installed in November as Associate Pastor in place of Don Smith. Plans were being made to implement an Informal Worship Service in order to add worship opportunities while reaching out to young families. A church bus was purchased and brought Concordia residents to church on its initial run. Sing-a-longs were held on the fifth Sunday of each month.

That's enough for this month. As always, historical information and stories are welcomed. Just let me know by phone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email to [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net).

Jill Hale, Historian



**The actual crocheted Lord's Prayer that Albert & Janice Condra donated in 1995.**



**"Living Word," the piece Andrea included in August's newsletter by mistake.**



**A photo of the Twin Towers prior to the events of September 11, 2001. Joyce Connell took this photo when she and her husband, Bill, visited New York City.**



## Musings about Adult Spiritual Formation

*Ret. Rev. Cathy Luck*



### “The Other...and Adult Spiritual Formation!”

Discovering and embracing “the Other” in ourselves is a crucial task in Adult Spiritual Formation. When looking outside of ourselves, if what we see is the criminal, the rival, the impoverished, the busy-body, the lazy, etc.; it’s time to look inside ourselves. Psychologically speaking, we project onto “others” what we fear worst in ourselves. Jesus taught in many words and actions that “the essence of spiritual formation is to love God and love others as we love ourselves.” He learned that discipline from his ancestors...it was not a new message. From the beginning, the God has desired this type of respect from the human each other and toward all aspects of creation. Questions we can ask ourselves are: where in me do I hide that undesirable behavior? What does it feel like? Can I love that part of me?

Pastor Ron amuses us with his self-deprecation sometimes. When he says something like, “Who, me? Surely, not!” he is not just being clever and entertaining. Pastor Ron is role-modeling the task of self-examination. I know that you know what I mean. The question is, are we practicing “The Examen”?

St. Ignatius has a famous “examen” with five parts. At the end of the day, he says do these five things. 1. Recall everything God has done with gratitude. 2. Ask for light and clarity to see where God was involved in your day, but you didn’t pay attention. The next step says 3. “examine your day” but also means “examine yourself.” Where on this day did your negative shadow self interfere with God’s plans for you or someone else? When did you see someone else as “the other” because you have not recognized “the other” in yourself?

The last two steps are important: 4. Ask for

forgiveness even though you know God has already forgiven you. Recognizing our forgiveness, the final step is to 5. resolve to change. I like the image of an elastic measuring tape for this process. Forgiveness rolls our error up with the tape. Snap! We can begin again with a resolve to increase the measurement of our loving words and actions in the morning light.

If you would like someone to be a deep listener while you learn to practice the examen, contact me. That’s one essence of spiritual direction for those who are ready to grow closer to God. Spiritual direction is also listening to people who are interested in the numinous, who want to ask questions that don’t have answers, and who desire a non-judgmental presence as they explore the spirit world. Share my contact info with your family, friends, or neighbors who might like a spiritual companion. We also have a 10 a.m. Sunday morning group (with coffee and goodies) where we explore these and other concepts.

Blessings, Cathy Luck  
Volunteer Adult Spiritual Formation Coordinator

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

## CATHERINE LUCK


IN THE ONLINE COURSE  
'DREAMS: UNOPENED LETTERS FROM GOD'

Everyone dreams! Many believe that God’s forgotten language for speaking to humanity comes in the form of dreams. Fourteen Biblical dreams will be reviewed along with their messages to the original dreamers. Course participants will identify the meaning of dream images, examine dreams as a group, and make journal reflections. Alternative activities are provided to dream recall and recording as needed. You will discover the voice of divine image within, God longing to take shape in the world, and a healing balm needed in this chaotic world.

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
													
3	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's S. Sch-Lower Level 11:00 Casual Service- BH	4	<b>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	5	8:30 Methodist Men Golf- Berkdale 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:30 BVPS Lunch 'n' Learn - Rm 28 6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor	6	<b>NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE IN OFFICE</b> 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 9:30 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor 11:00 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:30 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:30 Grief Support Grp - Parlor	7	9:00 Bazaar Wkshop - Quilt Rm 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers' Suppt - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 5:30 Potluck - Becker Hall	8	Office Closed	9	8:15 Young@Heart - PM 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 OASIS Eagle Project - Portico 10:30 Agape Shepherd-Papa Mike's
10	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult S. Sch-LL/Rm 6 11:00 Casual Service- BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor 12:45 Nominations - Parlor	11	9:30 DAR - Parlor 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 5:30 Book of Acts Study - Rm 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	12	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Methodist Men Golf- Highlands 10:30 Gospel of Mark Study - Parlor 1:00 Sarah Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	13	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Par. 12:00 Chapter CX PEO Luncheon 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:30 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:00 SPRC Meeting - Parlor	14	9:00 Bazaar Wkshop - Quilt Rm 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle - Youth Rm	15	Office Closed	16	7:00 Scouts Event 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
17	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult S. Sch-LL/Rm 6 11:00 Casual Service- BH 12:15 Council Mtg - Parlor 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor	18	9:30 Martha Circle - Quilt Rm 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 5:30 Book of Acts Study - Rm 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	19	8:30 Methodist Men Golf - Brittany 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:30 Gospel of Mark Study - Parlor 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	20	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:30 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMM Meeting/Meal - BH 6:30 Grief Suppt Grp - Parlor	21	9:00 Bazaar Wkshop - Quilt Rm 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - BH 6:30 Cancer Suppt Grp - Parlor	22	Office Closed	23	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
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## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 9/02 Frank & Marilyn Kostal
- 9/06 Richard & Betty Starr
- 9/15 Dave & Annie Weber
- 9/17 Dave & Lynn Broers
- 9/22 Drew & Nancy Beisswenger



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 9/02 Marilyn Kostal | 9/14 Nathan Forst   | 9/22 Shirley Davenport |
| 9/02 Verla Shafman  | 9/15 Joyce Connell  | 9/22 Bob Vermett       |
| 9/03 Karen Dove     | 9/15 Deb Dakken     | 9/23 Julia Crider      |
| 9/04 Dawn Thompson  | 9/15 Julie Lasher   | 9/23 Maci Echols       |
| 9/09 Trudy Baird    | 9/16 Karen Bacon    | 9/25 Diane Verville    |
| 9/10 Wayne Horner   | 9/16 Johnny Rayburn | 9/26 Karen Roenfeld    |
| 9/12 Connie Clark   | 9/18 Gary Tomlinson | 9/27 Natalie Williams  |
| 9/12 Nona Storck    | 9/19 Harry Mount    | 9/30 Carol Cheek       |
| 9/13 Jane Lewellen  | 9/20 Connie Knauss  |                        |

**September 2023 Newsletter Financial Data**  
*information as of July 31, 2023*

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Month of June Contributions (Income*)	\$ 35,253.71	\$ 32,586.17
Month of June Expenses	\$ 31,632.65	\$ 36,295.01
Difference	\$ 3,621.06	\$ (3,708.84)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 35,253.71	\$ 32,586.17
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 31,632.65	\$ 36,295.01
Difference	\$ 3,621.06	\$ (3,708.84)

*\*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)*



## OUR FAMILY

*Thank you*

I would like to thank everyone that sent prayers, cards, and well wishes to me during my triple bypass surgery. Also, a very special thanks to all who worked on the beautiful Prayer Shawl Amy presented to me. We do have a special church.

~Rich Abbott



We need your help to make sure our blessings stay bountiful in the **Blessing Box!** 😊

Right now, we can use **READY-MADE**

**MEALS, CANNED MEATS (chicken, tuna, etc.), CEREALS, & SHELF-STABLE MILK!**

Ready-made meals (like Hormel Compleats, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, canned ravioli, etc.) and cereal with shelf-stable milk (milk that doesn't require refrigeration like Parmalat) make for quick and easy meals for kids who are fending for themselves. Please drop off your donation to the church office or place them in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room. As always, **please NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, or UNLABELED cans.**

*Dear Family in Faith,*

*First, I want to thank you for your constant loving presence in my life the last year and a half. Your prayers and thoughtful encouragement helped me get through illness and back surgery. I feel I am surrounded by angels who always make me joyful to be a member, but today you humble me. In my darkest hour, you not only prayed for me, but helped me remain safe and cared for as my CPD requires oxygen due to having pneumonia for so long. Each day brings more strength. Your generosity touches my heart. I trust God will guide me as I grow stronger and return to the church to help keep making a difference in Christ's name.*

*Love, prayers, & blessings, Pamela Palasty*





## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



### DEB DAKKEN & BRAD LEISINGER:

Deb & Brad joined the FUMCBV family on July 26. Deb is a retired school teacher, while Brad works at the Bella Vista Country Club golf course. Deb & Brad moved to BV in 2016, and finally feel they have found the right church family for them. When he's not working on the golf course, you can find Brad golfing for fun. He also likes to spend his free time just relaxing. Deb enjoys card making, scrapbooking, quilting, trying new recipes, traveling, and floating in their pool. Some of the ways she is keen to get involved are the Quilting group, the Shoebox Ministry, & Snack Packs for Backpacks. Give them a warm welcome!



### FRANCES & JON HOLMAN:

We welcomed Frances & Jon to the FUMCBV family on July 30 when they joined the church. She is a retired teacher, and he is a retired dentist. They moved to Bella Vista from Altus, Oklahoma, after retirement. Now they spend their time playing golf, pickleball, walking, and gardening. Keeping up the house and working in the flower garden also keep them busy. They also have eight grandchildren whom they see every chance they get. Fun Fact: Frances & Jon celebrated their 50th Anniversary in May! Be sure to welcome both of them the first chance you get!

## OASIS of Northwest Arkansas Donation Drive Eagle Scout Project



Julia Crider is collecting supplies to make 100 welcome baskets for new residents of **OASIS of NWA for her Eagle Scout Project**. She needs women's toiletries, Bibles, women's socks, towels, washcloths, laundry baskets, laundry supplies, and snacks. On **Saturday, 9/9, from 10am-1pm**, you can drive under the **Portico (covered area in front of church)** where your donations will be unloaded for you. See her display on the Becker Hall hallway table for more info.

## SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

As school ramps up again, being able to provide 40 sacks of food per week for Cooper Elementary kids in need is more important than ever. Your quarters go toward that goal. Deposit them in the big, plastic Snack Packs tube located on the little table in the Becker Hall hallway.



Friends of Christ will not be meeting again until October.



## United Women in Faith

### GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

As we are coming to the end of summer and looking forward to fall and the changing of the season (and hopefully cooler weather), we first want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our Rummage Sale, including all those who donated so many items for our sale. Many people worked very hard the first week of August and we are thrilled to report our sales totaled over \$5,000.00!!! We want to thank the BOY SCOUTS and the many men and women who worked tirelessly to make it run very smoothly. Thanks to everyone's help with this UWF project which will add to the amount we will be donating to charities supporting women, children, and youth in Benton Co.

Our Next Big Event is our **ANNUAL BAZAAR ON OCT. 7th** . Our workshops will continue every Thursday thru Sept. 21st. Just a reminder that anyone making things at home may drop them off any Thursday between 9 am and 2 pm.

Our UWF Quarterly luncheon is Sept. 27th at 11:30 and Scharmel Roussel, Director of AR Interfaith Power And Light, will give a presentation of their work in Climate Justice. Childcare will be available with prior notification. Make reservations with your circle or call 855-1158.

### THINGS WE NEED:

BEST CHOICE COUPONS — for every 1000 we collect, we receive \$60.00.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Next Luncheon: **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**; **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** UWF Board Meeting; **Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>** UWF Bazaar.

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

All ladies are welcome to join one of our Circles and help make a difference in the lives of children, youth and ladies In our area, as well as in the country. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **THANK YOU! from Verna**

We did it! We got through another successful Rummage Sale. Despite the rainy day, we managed to clear just over \$5,000! And the great thing is that all the leftovers went to Care and Share in Gravette, so our stuff will still be benefitting the folks that they help.

I can't thank everyone who helped in one way or another enough. I kept pretty close track of all the workers, and I figure we had slightly over 55 people involved. Although, there's no way I could keep track of the hours involved or the extra Tylenol needed to take care of the aching muscles. But I would like to give special thanks to 3 ladies who I consider my special partners, **Cheryl Campbell, Mabel Ashline, and Becky Collier**. They were with me months beforehand hauling and pre-sorting and pricing boxes and boxes of stuff we scrounged from anyone and everyone we knew who were moving or having sales. We kept Barb Brooks' garage and several downstairs rooms full of stuff till sale time! And of course, we thank Marlene Clapp-Barron for managing the kitchen and providing us with the scrumptious rolls and Sloppy Joe's.

So, rest up everyone, and get ready for the Bazaar in October!

~Verna Bottjen



## UWF Quarterly Unit Meeting & Luncheon



The **UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON** will be **Wednesday, September 27, at 11:30 am** in Becker Hall. The speaker will be Scharmel Rousel, the Executive Director of Arkansas Inter-faith Power and Light, will give a presentation on their work in Climate Justice. They received a grant to help nine cities with gardening projects. They also help congregations with grants to make their buildings environmentally sustainable. The menu will be Cordon Bleu lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. The cost will be **\$7.50**. We encourage all members and guests who wish to attend to **make reservations by Sunday, September 24**, either through your circle or call the church office at 855-1158. Childcare will be provided with prior notification.

**Sept. Circle Meetings**



**Sarah**  
 Tuesday, 9/12,  
 at 1:00pm in Parlor  
 Speaker, Ray Brust,  
 Wall of Honor Pres.;  
 Ingathering  
 Collection

**Evening**  
 Thursday,  
 9/14, at 6:00pm  
 in the Youth Room  
 Ingathering  
 Collection

**Martha**  
 Monday,  
 9/18, at 9:30am  
 in the Quilt Room  
 Ingathering  
 Collection

**Naomi**  
 Tuesday,  
 9/19, at 1:30pm  
 in the Parlor  
 Ingathering  
 Collection



## Book Nook: New in the Church Library



**BOOKS IN SERIES:**

- THE INN @ MAGNOLIA HARBOR SERIES**  
 Book 1: WHERE LOVE BLOOMS by DeAnna Julie Dodson  
 Book 2: SAFE HARBOR by Elizabeth Penney  
 Book 3: BINDING VOWS by Gayle Roper  
 Book 4: TENDER MELODY by Elizabeth Penney  
 Book 5: AT SUMMER'S END by Racheal O. Phillips  
 Book 6: MENDING THE PAST by DeAnna Julie Dodson  
 Book 7: KINDRED BLESSINGS by Elizabeth Penney  
 Book 8: GRATEFUL HEARTS by Gail Chianese  
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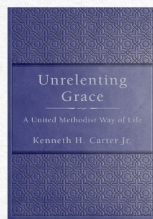
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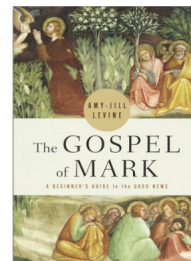
**Newsletter Submission Deadline: 20th of the month**



**A new Adult Sunday School class led by Cathy Luck will begin Sep 10 at 10 a.m. We will discuss the 4-week study by Bishop Kenneth Carter, Unrelenting Grace:**

**A United Methodist Way of Life. Traditional & e-book versions of the book are available through Cokesbury.**

A new Bible Study led by Amy Gilmore, **The Gospel of Mark,** will be held each **Tuesday at 10:30am** in the **Parlor** from **9/12-10/17**. Sign up in the office. The book is available on Amazon, Kindle, or Cokesbury. (Not required, but helpful.)



**A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:**



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (GSG)**

*Grief isn't a journey you have to make alone.* The GSG meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The September meetings are on 9/6 & 9/20 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Facilitated by Pastor Ron.



**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, AT 12:30 PM PARLOR**  
**RESPITE CARE PROVIDED**



**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday, 9/21, at 6:30pm in the Parlor**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Tuesday, 9/26 2:00pm in the Parlor**

**Deaconess Kandi Mount will facilitate this group in exploring the many faces of grief.**



**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.