



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

FEBRUARY 2024



Caring Friends is a new respite ministry to help caregivers, most especially caregivers of loved ones with dementia. It is the passion of Noreen Poor and Pastor Ron Hayes. Respite care is a lifeline for caregivers who often have little opportunity to take care of themselves. Statistics show that caregivers are more likely to pass away before their affected loved ones because of the physical and emotional stress of the load they carry. This

ministry will ensure the caregiver has time to recharge themselves and attend to their own wellbeing.

Caring Friends will be an adult day care offered monthly in Becker Hall here at First United Methodist Bella Vista, as well as at the Grace United Methodist Church in Rogers. It will provide high quality care in a safe environment for loved ones while allowing caregivers a few hours of free time. This is a joint mission to be offered by several cooperating United Methodist churches here in Bella Vista and in Rogers. We pray this ministry will grow in ways that over time will be available in more locations and eventually on each day of the week throughout the month. This is a deep, unmet need of many families who are affected by this debilitating illness and who often do not ask for help.

Can we count on you? Maybe you have had a family member, or a neighbor go through this, or you have once been that caregiver who was at the end of your strength with nowhere to turn. Please, prayerfully consider helping us to get this respite ministry off the ground. To successfully get started, we are in need of volunteers offering one day of their time a month, supplies, and general support of many types. For more information, contact Pastor Ron at 479-366-9725; please leave a message if he does not immediately answer.

Below is a list of various supplies we are in need of to help get Caring Friends off the ground. You may drop your donated items off in the office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00-4:00pm.

ACTIVITIES: Puzzles (100 pieces or less), Acrylic Paint (primary colors / 8 oz jars), Art Paper, Craft Supplies: Paint Brushes, Stickers, Woodcraft, Twine, Popsicle Sticks, Cotton Balls, Elmer's Glue, Tape, Scissors, Sponges, Paper Plates etc. Decks of Cards, Dominoes (set of 6 dots), Uno Deck, Board games: Checkers, Backgammon, Scrabble, etc., Set of Markers (non-permanent), Pencils (regular and colored).

MISCELLANEOUS: Plastic Tablecloths (large round), Clean Wipes, Copy Paper (8-1/2 x 11), Thank You Notes, Coffee, Creamer, Sweeteners, Tea Bags.

EXERCISE: 45-in Yoga Balls (2), Regular Balls (4), Physical Therapy Exercise Bands (24 5 ft. bands in assorted colors), Bean bag toss or similar indoor games.

CARING friends

Respite Ministry
Volunteer Training
Wednesday, 2/7
9:00am-1:00pm
at the Schmieding Center
Call the office if you
would like to carpool!



“Preparing for Lent”

Rev. Ron Hayes

“Don’t blink. Lent will be here before I know it. Isn’t that how it always feels? The Christmas season is behind me and it feels like Ordinary Time has only just begun — But suddenly it’s Ash Wednesday, and I’m scrambling to decide what I’m doing for Lent and wondering whether my choice of penance is too hard or too easy.” That’s the way Genevieve Netherton put it a few years ago as she shared her thoughts on Lent when it was only a couple of weeks away.

This year, I don’t want to let Lent take me by surprise — I want to have my plan in place. What about you? Here are some suggestions on how we can prepare individually and collectively. Before Ash Wednesday catches us unaware, let’s make a point of sitting down—at the kitchen table, or in the chapel—and give some thought to how we want to spend this Lent. If you have no idea where to begin, rest assured there is a solid foundation from which to work. The Church doesn’t leave us to figure things out ourselves.

There are three holy practices which all Christians are called to embrace in penitential seasons such as Lent and Advent. These three practices are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we make our Lenten plan, choose something specific from each category—and you’re set for a grace-filled journey to Easter.

1. Prayer: Lent is the perfect time to build virtuous habits. It gives us the grace to tackle what we couldn’t otherwise. Since daily prayer is often difficult for anyone, now is the time to counter this by developing consistent habits of prayer. Start by asking yourself: what are my prayer habits now? As faithful Christians, we ought to pray every day. Prayer is conversation and communion with the God who made us and loves us. No relationship would flourish if we failed to spend time in the presence of a loved one, conversing with them and offering them genuine attention. If you are praying once a week at Sunday Worship or saying only a quick “Good morning, God!” as you head to work, make a simple commitment to daily prayer — and don’t overdo it, in case you set yourself up for failures and guilt trips. How much time should we set aside for daily prayer? Most clergy and spiritual advisors say that fifteen minutes is the absolute minimum. That’s a solid goal for all of us.

2. Fasting: Fasting is largely misunderstood today. Many Christians think that fasting is a broad category of abstinence that includes giving up social media, music while driving, Netflix, and so on. That’s not really fasting, however. Now, don’t get me wrong: it’s important to practice discipline and self-control over the things mentioned above. When you do, you are strengthening your will and overcoming the desire for instant gratification and constant mind-numbing pleasure. Absolutely be encouraged to incorporate such disciplines into your life!

The Bible spells out specific spiritual benefits of fasting. It produces humility (Psalm 69:10). It shows our sorrow for our sins (1 Samuel 7:6). It clears a path to God (Daniel 9:3). It is a means of discerning God’s will (Ezra 8:21) and a powerful method of prayer (8:23). It’s a mark of true conversion (Joel 2:12). I have discovered that it’s amazing what the human mind and body is capable of when it comes to fasting — and the benefits are truly God-given.

3. Almsgiving (tithes & offerings): In all the excitement over fasting and giving things up, almsgiving is often forgotten. Yet almsgiving is a crucial work of charity that we Christians are called to participate in. Jesus praised the poor widow who gave “all she had” to the temple treasury (Luke 21:1-4). James’ epistle reminds us that faith should go hand-in-hand with good works, such as caring for the poor. Lent is an important time for almsgiving, and each of us should give according to our situation. I was reminded by my mentor that almsgiving is not the tithing you’re already doing—it’s giving above and beyond what you normally give. It is a true penance. This isn’t easy to say, but when we give alms, we are supposed to give not merely from our “plenty,” but enough to make it hurt — or at least a small pinch. But who to give to? Do you have trouble finding trustworthy causes? When it comes to monetary gifts, we do have to be cautious about where our funds go. Some organizations support things that contradict Church teaching and harm souls — and some are not transparent about their use of funds. For those who can’t give money, we can seek to give our talent (making prayer shawls or other crafts as many do) or our time (volunteering at a school, visiting the homebound, or sending greeting cards for various reasons — or no reason but to say “Thinking of You”).

Be encouraged: It’s going to be a fruitful Lent. When we’re mentally and spiritually prepared, it’s easier to stick with our resolutions. We will do the things that help. If we need visual reminders, we will consider making some for ourselves. Many people benefit from the “note-on-the-bathroom-mirror” tactic. Choose a Bible verse for Lent and stay inspired that way. And let’s pray for each other. Finally, I’d love to know — do you have suggestions for Lent? Have you found particular things to be helpful for you? Don’t hold back — share them with me!

Peace and blessings,



Disciple Fast Track I

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Many members of our congregation have completed four years of Disciple Bible study. The rewards are immeasurable! Have you always wanted to know more? As the Psalm says, “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path.”

Adapted from the original *DISCIPLE I* study, this twenty-four-week study was developed in response to the time demands of busy lives. Revised and updated for the *BeADisciple* Study App, the digital version of *Disciple* Fast Track I offers a sweeping survey of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, with readings that cover the equivalent of about half the Bible.

The *Disciple* Fast Track I App include commentary, Bible reading, and scholar videos all on your choice of digital media. Weekly meetings are 75 minutes each.

30 minutes / day **5** days / week **24** weeks

All materials needed can be accessed through your smart phone, tablet, or computer. Once a week group session will be conducted early Tuesday evenings on Zoom. Do you have a friend or family member who would like to participate with us? Using the digital app and zoom classroom, we can have participants from all over the world including our snowbirds! Please contact Cathy Luck by Feb 10 at 479-619-6063 or caluck88@gmail.com if

you would like to be in this incredible study group. Registration fee to purchase the app (used all 24 weeks) is \$45.

This class runs for 12 weeks this spring and 12 weeks next fall.



**BeADisciple
Study App**



Natural Healing Education and Support Groups

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Are you ready to seek wisdom and gain understanding about your health?

Are you healing from cancer or any other disease?

Do you need encouragement and hope?

This group provides life-giving information on natural, non-toxic strategies to heal strong and stay strong.

We focus on food, detoxification, supplements, affirmations and prayers based on God's promises in His Word.

WHEN: Monday, February 19

LOCATION: FUMCBV Room 6

TIME: 6:00PM-7:00PM

This is an education and connection group of like-minded people desiring to heal strong and stay strong!

Absolutely no goods or services are sold at these meetings.

We are an independent group of volunteers empowered by HealingStrong curriculum and resources. Our mission is to educate, connect, and encourage those seeking comprehensive natural strategies to heal strong and stay strong. Please consult your healthcare provider for diagnosis, medical advice, or treatment.

Questions? Please contact:

Lorre Faszholtz - 682-234-1645

www.healingstrong.org



UMCOR

Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

UMCOR operates a supply depot, located at **Sager Brown** in Baldwin, Louisiana. **UMCOR Sager Brown** collaborates with affiliate warehouses within the United Methodist Relief Supply Network in AL, IL, MO, PA & TX.

From 2/4-2/9, a Mission Team from Bentonville will be going to Sager Brown as volunteers. There are 2 slots still open.

For more info, go here:

https://umcmmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/UMCOR-Sager-Brown-Know-Before-You-Go_2023v1.pdf

Please remember the team and their mission in your prayers in the coming weeks.



Blessing Box Food Collection

We again need protein: **PEANUT BUTTER & CANNED MEATS** (chicken, tuna, etc.). We also need **CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK** (Parmalat), **RAMEN NOODLES, & ALSO CANNED FRUIT** this month. **WE DO NOT NEED ANYMORE CANNED VEGETABLES OR BOXED MACARONI.** Be sure to get the medium-sized jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal so they fit in the Blessing Box. Please drop off your donations to the church office or in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room. As always, **please NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, or UN-LABELED cans.**



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

We took a month off from researching and writing history. Visiting with family over the holidays and getting Christmas cards sent moved to the top of the to-do-list. Now we are back to continue with FUMC Bella Vista history from the early years. We have gotten through the seventies and the eighties and most of the nineties. We continue our journey with a few final items from 1998.

The Board of Trustees provided a year-end report that listed the following accomplishments in 1998: (1) larger gutters and an additional downspout were added to prevent flooding of the lower stairwell in heavy rains; (2) purchased a meat slicer, ice maker, and freezer chest for the kitchen, and a vacuum cleaner for the custodian to use; (3) a hearing aid system was installed in Becker Hall to assist the hearing impaired.

Now, we continue our historical journey by moving to 1999. The first item of note that comes up for that year in Bill Detlefsen's "A History of First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista" is that the church was designated as a sheltering site to be used by the community during a disaster. The Red Cross asked for volunteers to be available to assist them in running the shelter.

Chef Bruce Main was hired as Kitchen Manager (a new position). The church purchased 300 Bella Vista church license plates with the cross and flame to be sold for \$5 each. These were for the fronts of members' cars. Do any of those still exist? Kandi Mount was hired to replace Carmen Heck as the new church secretary. Thank you to both of these ladies for their long-time service to our church.

In July, the Salvation Army delivered 156 boxes from our Shoebox Ministry to Oklahoma tornado victims. We also sent funds, and Harold and Tibbie Fitch went from our church to Moore, Oklahoma, for three weeks to work with Moore UMC in helping with tornado recovery.

Activities for youngsters included a Sunday school class called "Bible Bloomers" and Vacation Bible School.

The Church & Society & Christian Unity Committee purchased a finger-type blood pressure machine. Lucile Roberts conducted the first tests on it on August 1, and plans were made to offer blood pressure tests on the first Sunday of each month.

Rev. Carryl Zietlow and the Endowment Committee placed plaques on the wall by the sanctuary doors above the Memorial Gifts cabinets to honor donors to the Endowment Fund. The committee had prepared a Donor Book to include the names of all donors who make gifts of any amount. It was also at this time, in November 1999, that this committee set up a plan of recognizing cash gifts to the Endowment Fund on four levels: Builder, Founder, Patron, and Benefactor.

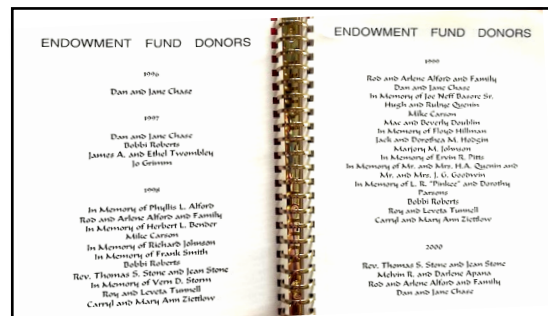
The Worship Committee purchased channel units for the ministers, so that a mic could be adjusted to each minister's voice.

The United Methodist Men's annual Pancake Day made over \$6,000, and the United Methodist Women's Holiday Bazaar brought in over \$16,000. At that time, UMM was struggling and considered decertifying with the General Commission.

After a considerable amount of negotiation with the Keyboard Unlimited firm, the church made an agreement to pay a certain amount in cash and trade in three used pianos in order to purchase an Estonia grand piano with artist bench.

One last note for 1999 states that the Commission on Missions was advised that Helping Hands would have an open house at their new facility on Airport Road in Bentonville. We were advised that our church was the only one that donated food monthly. We have a long history with Helping Hands that continues today with volunteers from our church working regularly to assist at the loading dock and in the store. Way to go, FUMC Bella Vista volunteers!

That's it for February. There is much more to come, so "stay tuned." We are always looking for more church memories and stories. Please share with me by phone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email to rjhale68@cox.net.



Jill Hale, Historian

Photo of Early Endowment Fund Donors List

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY																																									
4	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School - LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH	5	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	6	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - Quilt/BH/LL/Rm6/Parlor 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Sanctuary 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Room	7	9:00 Caring Friends Training - Schmieding Center 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 9:30 UWF Board Meeting 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	8	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Friends of Christ - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle - Youth Room	9	Office Closed	10	8:15 Young@Heart 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:30 Agape Shepherd Group 11:00 Scouts Blue/Gold Party - BH	11	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor	12	9:00 DAR - Parlor 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	13	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Sarah Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - Quilt/BH/LL/Rm6/Parlor 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Sanctuary 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Room	14	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Meeting-Parlor 10:00 Burning of Palm Fronds-Portico 2:00 Grief Support Group - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	15	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:30 Cancer Support Group - Parlor	16	Office Closed	17	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28	18	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor	19	9:30 Martha Circle - Quilt Rm 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:00 HealingStrong- Room 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	20	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - Quilt/BH/LL/Rm6/Parlor 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Sanctuary 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Room	21	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 2:00 Grief Support Group - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMM Meeting/Meal - BH	22	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Friends of Christ - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	23	Office Closed	24	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:00 Andante Junior Festival-BH	25	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH	26	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	27	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - Quilt/BH/LL/Rm6/Parlor 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Sanctuary 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Room	28	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 2:00 Grief Support Group - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	29	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor		



♥ FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES ♥

2/02 Dick & Genie Schupp 2/17 Gary & Dolores Grosnickle
 2/12 Steve & Therese Bivins 2/22 Ralph & Nita Wallace

♥ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS ♥

2/01 Jane Potts	2/09 Leslie Magee	2/17 Gretchen Magee
2/02 Bette Cummings	2/10 Landree Hight	2/19 Laney Baker
2/03 Lynn Dove	2/10 Tiffany May	2/21 Matthew Sandusky
2/04 Rose Taylor	2/11 Judy Kaufmann	2/23 Phoebe Bader
2/05 Mabel Ashline	2/11 Charlene Rayburn	2/25 Kathy Eckard
2/08 Clara Ruth Echols	2/13 Amy Gilmore	2/26 Rex Waller
2/08 Juanita May	2/13 Jill Hale	2/27 Rod Alford
2/08 Ella Pittman	2/14 Marilyn Frisby	2/28 Sean Crider
2/08 Dee Wresche	2/16 Mike Meyers	

Happy Valentine's Day

February 2024 Newsletter Financial Data
information as of December 31, 2023

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Month of December Contributions (Income*)	\$ 51,839.35	\$ 32,586.17
Month of December Expenses	\$ 37,085.81	\$ 35,645.01
Difference	\$ 14,753.54	\$ (3,058.54)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 232,316.05	\$ 195,517.02
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 202,934.33	\$ 213,970.06
Difference	\$ 29,381.72	\$ (18,453.04)

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



Dear Pastor Ron and Bella Vista friends,

Your outstanding gift has touched our hearts here at Methodist Family Health Foundation because it has enabled us to lift up and bless our hurting children in our care. We pray you will have a prosperous and blessed New Year!

Michael Mattox,
Church Relations Coordinator



Dearest Church Family,

I want to thank you for all of the generous gifts, snacks, flowers, cards, and prayers during my hospitalization and rehab. Your well wishes and prayers were a big part of my progress. My sincere thanks to everyone.

Vicki L. Schroeder



Friends of Christ meet this month on Thursday, 2/8 & 2/22, at 1:30pm in the Parlor. Come explore and discuss different media about Jesus Christ with friends.

ARE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS WE HAVE ON FILE STILL GOOD? IF IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU FILLED OUT PAPERWORK, GIVE THE OFFICE A CALL SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS.



**HELPING HANDS WORK DAY COMING UP:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 12:00 PM**

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 Ver-na Bottjen 876-1392 if you would like to help out.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



TEX FOSTER & NOREEN POOR:

We welcomed Tex Foster and Noreen into the FUMCBV family on January 21. They came to the church by way of our Caregivers' Support Group which they have been attending for some time. It is there they got to know some of our members, and began to attend worship services as a result. Noreen is a retired environmental engineering professor and engineer. Tex is a retired airline pilot and aircraft mechanic. Noreen now takes courses at the University of Arkansas for fun. She also enjoys gardening, while Tex enjoys birdwatching and "putzing" around his workshop. They have jumped in and are helping to start the Caring Friends Respite Ministry of Bella Vista. Noreen will be co-leading the group with Pastor Ron. They are thrilled to be part of our church community, & we are thrilled to have them!

*****Once we get their photo taken, we'll meet Steve & Amy Terry who joined 1/28!*****

SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS



Help us provide 40 sacks of food per week for Cooper Elementary kids in need. Your quarters help us accomplish that goal. Deposit them in the big, clear plastic Snack Packs tube located on the little table in the Becker Hall hallway.



In the event of closure or cancellation of Sunday services due to winter weather, notices will be posted on our website, Facebook page, & on local TV stations. During the week, if Bentonville schools close, the church office will be closed & activities cancelled.



United Women in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

Since Mother Nature graced us all with some frigid weather in January, three of our circles will have their Pledge Services at their February meetings. With our pledges, we are able to help women, children, and youth in our area, state, country, and the world.

As we are now into February, we as a unit are anticipating Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14th. Our first Unit meeting for the year will be March 27th, and our speaker will be LaDonna Humphrey, Executive Director of Oasis of NWA, who will present information regarding their "Share the Love" initiative.

We have received many new books in our library, so stop by and check out the many great books that are available for anyone.

Anyone having photographs of any of our circles or unit, Mary Ann Johnson would like a copy to put into a UWF photo collage.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 7th Executive Board Meeting 9:30am in the Chapel

Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday

March 7th Bazaar Workshop from 9:00am-2:00pm every Thursday in the Quilt Room

Call President, Barbara Brooks at 876-5353 for questions or comments. You, too, can become a member and make a difference someone's life. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Feb. Circle Meetings



Evening
Thursday, 2/8,
at 6:00pm
in the Youth Room
TBA

Sarah
Tuesday, 2/13,
at 1:00pm
in the Parlor
Pledge Service

Martha
Monday, 2/19,
at 9:30am
in the Quilt Room
Pledge Service/
Sunshine bags

Naomi
Tuesday, 2/20,
at 1:30pm
in the Parlor
Pledge Service



UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be Wednesday, March 27, at 11:30 am in Becker Hall. LaDonna Humphrey, Executive Director of Oasis NWA, will be here to tell us about their Share the Love program. More details will be published in the March newsletter.





The next **UMM** meeting is **Wednesday, 2/21**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.



The United Methodist Men presented Rod Alford and Weldon Hyde with Life Achievement Awards in appreciation of their tireless efforts on behalf of the church on Sunday, January 7th.



Let's get the MISSIONS TEAM back together! The timing is right for this flourishing congregation to stretch and flex its muscles in mission work. The rich mission history here shines the way as we reestablish several mission projects and create visions for new ones in the months and years to come. For example, regular blood drives are now back on the calendar. Semi-annual UMM Pancake Breakfasts join the UWF Holiday Bazaar and Rummage Sales. UMCOR, Sager Brown, and OMP Projects can be considered. **A leadership team is needed to review, plan, recruit and implement Missions Work for FUMCBV.** *Please come be a part of it. Sign up in the office today!*



We have **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 & your table service. For questions, call Mabel Ashline: (563)505-6975.



A NEW, UPDATED DIRECTORY is available for pick up in the office. Get yours today!

RESIDENT MEMBER DIRECTORY
February 2024

9:00am Sunday Classic Worship Service
11:00am Sunday Casual Worship Service
1:00pm Children's Sunday School
(services also livestream on our Facebook page & website)

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm



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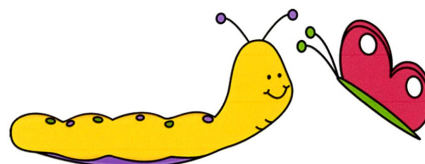
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Bella Vista PreSchool

STILL Seeking Volunteers!!

Help prepare students for lifelong success!
 Volunteers spend 1-2 mornings a month playing, reading, and interacting with 3-5 year olds as well as assisting the classroom teacher



Interested? Call or text
 Melanie Nichols at 479-531-1149
 bvpreschool@gmail.com
 Look for us on FaceBook!!

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
 THURSDAY, FEB. 1, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
 *RESPIRE CARE PROVIDED



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (GSG)

Grief isn't a journey you have to make alone. This month, GSG meets on **Wednesdays, 2/14, 2/21, & 2/28, at 2:00pm in the Parlor.** Facilitated by Pastor Ron.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Thursday, 2/15, at 6:30pm in the Parlor

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.