



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

APRIL 2024

Hurray for SCOUT Troop 3410 of FUMCBV! They meet here every Tuesday evening & we're happy to have them!



SCOUT Troop 3410G



Girls Troop 3410G: Founded in 2019 when scouting opened to all youth
Current numbers: 6 scouts, 2 college scouters, 10 adults

Achievements in 2023: Journey to Excellence: Gold status 2023, Introduction to leadership skills for troops-4 participants, National youth leadership skills-1 participant, Scout World Jamboree 2023-1 participant, Wilderness first aid training-1 youth, 1 adult participant.

"Scouts have taught me great leadership skills. expanded my comfort zone, challenged my social skills, and enhanced my preexisting love of nature. Introduced me to role models, something I've never really had before, and the first community I ever truly felt accepted in. And with that came friendships and family for life,"
Junior Assistant Scout Master 3410G- Max C.

Quote in the paper at Scouting for Food: "It's a good opportunity for Scouts to help others," said Ariana McMillan, Troop Guide Troop 3410G.

SCOUT Troop 3410B

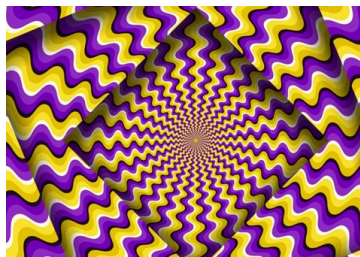


SCOUT Troop 3410C





“When Viewed by Others, Is Our Faith an Illusion?” **Rev. Ron Hayes**



“spiritual senses.” If it can be trusted, a quick internet search shows this faith statement was shared several years ago by John Tanner, a university president.

By saying that “believing is seeing,” I do not intend to deny or disparage the commonsense notion that “seeing is believing.” I believe you and I exist, and we see each other fairly regularly. Yes, there are optical illusions, hence the image with this article, and other ways our senses and reasoning can be unreliable guides to knowledge, but normally, people can safely believe their eyes. We “know” the images above are not moving, but our minds bend the processing of the data from our retinas to show a different reality. The picture appears to move (for most people).

As adults, you have developed the ability to gather and analyze empirical data to test truth claims and to reason your way through complex questions. In the process, you may have acquired what is often called “healthy skepticism” when it comes to assessing claims of pastors, pitchmen, and politicians. These skills and intellectual habits will serve you well. At the same time, I hope that your spiritual education has not turned you into full-blown skeptics.

Some truths are discovered through rigorous and systematic doubt, as Descartes famously demonstrated by trying to doubt everything. Descartes’ *dubito* (meaning “I doubt”) ultimately led him to *cogito* (meaning “I know”). Doubt can lead to knowing. Cartesian doubt gave rise to powerful philosophic and scientific methodologies for discovering truth. In the physical world, seeing comes prior to believing, but in the spiritual world, believing often precedes knowing, just as faith precedes the miracle. Believing can give us eyes to see and ears to hear, enabling us to understand and know.

Jesus taught this lesson to His apostle, Thomas, whom we

often call “Doubting Thomas.” Thomas insisted that he see the resurrected Christ before he would believe: “Except I see in his hands the prints of the nails...I will not believe.” While granting Thomas’ desire to see, Jesus chided him to “be not faithless, but believing,” and pronounced a blessing on those who believe before they see: “Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!’ Jesus replied, ‘Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.’” John 20:27, 29 CEB

As you seek to believe the gospel, you will discover that, paradoxically, believing becomes seeing. Your testimony will open vistas unavailable to a skeptical world. And this will influence how you see everything else. As C.S. Lewis says, “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” (C. S. Lewis, “Is Theology Poetry?” in *The Weight of Glory and Other Essays*. [New York: Touchstone, 1975, p. 106])

So do I! One of my favorite verses from the Psalms is this: “Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see light.” (Ps. 36:9). For me, the gospel is not a set of sacred Sunday truths jostling with the secular truths that govern the workday world. In fact, I find little evidence in scripture for the sharp distinction we often draw between so-called sacred and secular truth. God speaks of all truth as belonging to a whole. The gospel puts all truth into proper perspective. It casts light on, well, everything. It helps us see things as they really are and as they really will be.

So, sisters and brothers: remember as your journey continues that believing can lead to seeing no less than seeing leads to believing. May you cultivate believing hearts to match the critical minds with which higher education has properly fitted you. For truth can be known through both heart and mind. Reality can be seen through both spiritual and natural eyes. Therefore, both these truths are valid in their own way: “seeing is believing” and “believing is seeing.” May you see to believe and believe to see.

Peace and blessings,



What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian



It is hard to believe that Easter is behind us, and we are already into April. Last month, we explored the happenings at FUMC Bella Vista in the year 2000. Let's take a look at 2001.

As you will recall, we learned last month that the Board of Trustees had determined that the Sanctuary needed renovations. Funds were raised, and work commenced. In January 2001, the project was completed which included new carpet and new pew installations, as well as the laying of the slate floor in the Chancel. According to "A History of First United Methodist Church Bella Vista" written by Bill Detlefsen in 2003, the first service in the remodeled Sanctuary was held on Sunday, February 4.

Throughout the building, ceiling and walls were cleaned and painted, and light fixtures were repaired and polished. Many church members assisted and are specifically named in the church History. These include members who are still active in our church today. We sincerely thank all of you who have continued your service and devotion to FUMC Bella Vista for these many years! During this time, new air conditioning was also installed in Becker Hall, and heat pumps were installed in the office and in the Sanctuary. This may not be exciting information, but it shows that the church was thriving if these items could be purchased. In fact, one entry references the "rapidly growing church."

There were many activities during 2001, including a golf tournament in October. It was an 18-hole event with 132 golfers participating and raised a net profit of \$4,159. United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women contributed to the purchase of 16 card tables and numerous chairs for use by the many various groups.

Ministry opportunities abounded during this time. One could be involved in a bereavement program called TLC (Tender Loving Care), in Stephen Ministry that extended a caring hand to congregants in hospitals, nursing homes, and private homes, in a special program called "Igniting Ministry," or in cooperating with the Ministerial Alliance to provide worship services to Concordia and the Village House.

As always, UMM and UMW were active throughout the year. Everyone enjoyed the Pancake Day in May and the Bazaar in the fall. A series of dinners were held in Becker Hall throughout the year to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church.

Each month, a different group of early members was recognized. For instance, at the January dinner, members who joined between 1976 and 1978 were honored. Other church activities included Disciple I, II, and III classes, and two Wesley Series film festivals.

The attacks that occurred on 9/11 resulted in a review of the Flag Code for flying flags at half-mast and of security measures for the church.

One final item I found of interest was the mention of something called the "501 Club." Congregants who had signed up pledged to pay \$10 each time a call for help was received, with not more than two "calls" each year. The "call" in May 2001 was for the Arkansas Rice Depot, which was unable to provide food and emergency supplies because of the severe ice storms in December 2000, when their shelves became depleted. Our members contributed \$2,360 to this effort.

If you have other special memories of 2001 or any other year, we would love to read them. Just let me know by phone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email to rjhale68@cox.net.

Jill Hale,
Historian

**METHODIST
MEN'S
GOLF**

**SEASON IS
STARTING
UP AGAIN**

- EVERY TUESDAY MORNING THRU SUMMER
- SEE THE NEWSLETTER CALENDARS FOR FUTURE TEE TIMES & GOLF COURSES
- CALL CHET CAMPBELL TO PLAY 479-876-5172

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2
9:30 AM
BERKSHIRE**



HELPING HANDS WORK DAY COMING UP: SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 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 Verna Bottjen 876-1392 if you would like to help out.



ARE YOU STILL RECEIVING CHURCH EMAILS?

WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL FOLKS WHO HAVE STOPPED RECEIVING OUR EMAILS RECENTLY. WE USE MAILCHIMP TO SEND THE WEEKLY UPDATES, PRAYER LISTS, NEWSLETTERS, DEVOTIONALS, ETC., AND WHEN AN EMAIL IS RETURNED, MAILCHIMP AUTOMATICALLY

REMOVES THE ADDRESS FROM OUR DATABASE. THE EMAILS CAN "BOUNCE" FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS INCLUDING SERVER OUTAGES (WHICH AT&T HAS HAD A LOT OF LATELY). UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT GET NOTIFIED WHEN THIS HAPPENS. SO, IF YOUR EMAILS FROM US (WE SEND AT LEAST 2 A WEEK) SUDDENLY STOP, LET ANDREA KNOW SO SHE CAN ADD YOU BACK TO THE LIST. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



We have a Missions Team!

Thank you to Steve Terry who volunteered to chair this committee and to all of those who feel the passion for missions and are part of the team. There is always an opportunity for you to join, too. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, at 3:00pm in the Parlor. As this team comes together to support local interests, keep an eye out for announcements and ways you can help. This church has been known for its mission work in the past - LET'S MAKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN!



Blessing Box Food Collection

DONATIONS ARE DOWN, PEOPLE! We really need: jars of **PEANUT BUTTER**, **CANNED MEATS** (chicken, tuna, etc.), **MEALS**, **CEREAL**, **SHELF-STABLE MILK** (Parmalat). ***WE STILL DON'T NEED BOXED MACARONI OR CANNED VEGETABLES!*** Please get the medium-sized jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal so they

fit in the Blessing Box. Drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the church office. As always, ***NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, or UNLABELED CANS.***

CARING 
friends
Thank You


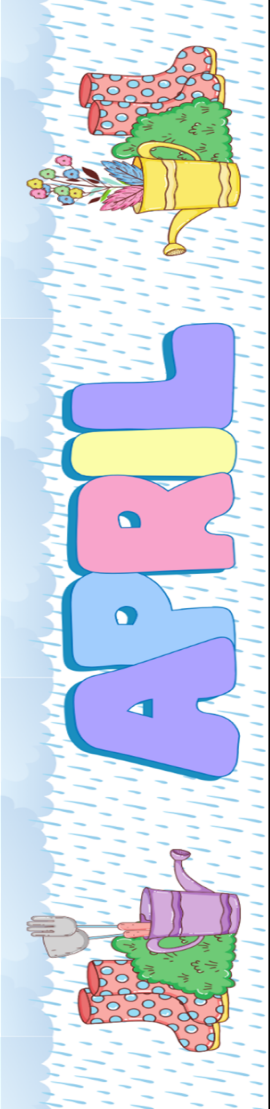
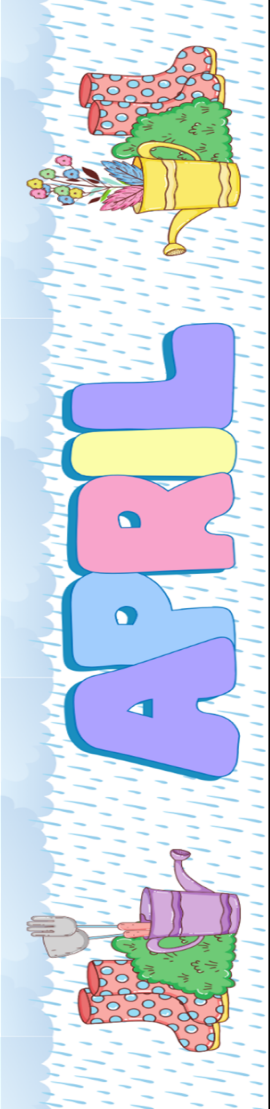
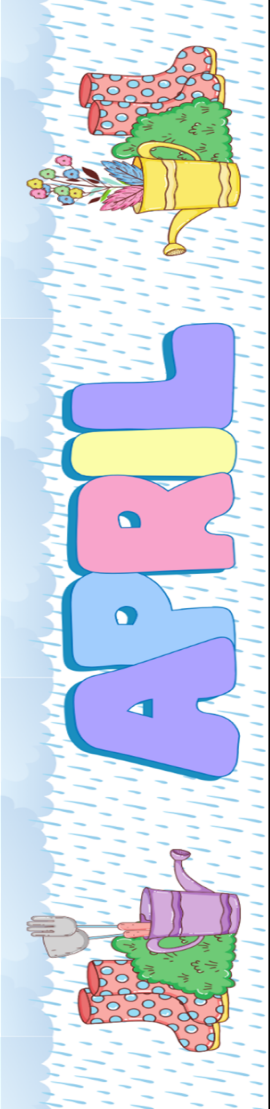
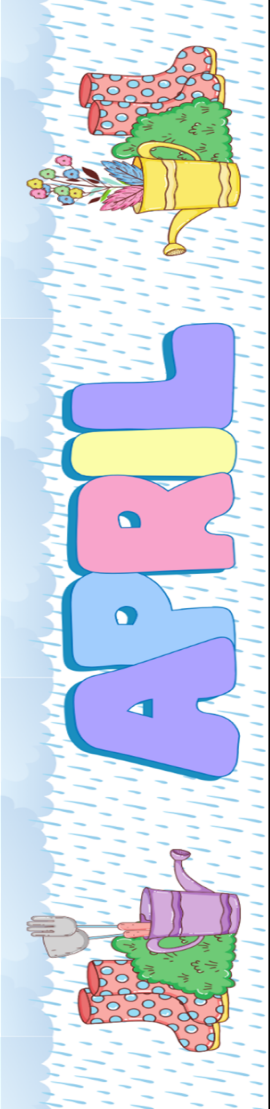
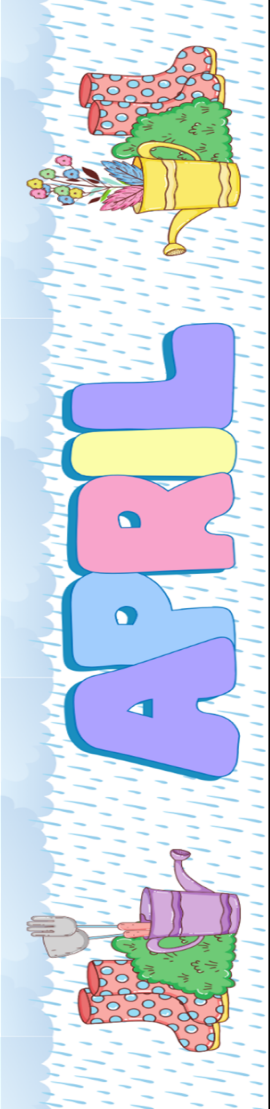
Noreen Poor and Pastor Ron would like to thank everyone for the donations of puzzles, art supplies, pencils, games, etc., given for the Caring Friends program. They received so many they don't need anymore right now. The guests will get a lot of enjoyment out of your donated items during the social engagements!

SHOEBOX MINISTRY



WANTED: NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Shoebox Ministry has been a vital way to help those who have very little, many of whom are also homeless. Cheryl Campbell, Maryann Johnson, and Karen Roenfeld have been leading this Ministry of the Church for the past 20+ years in one form or another, but we are praying that someone will be inspired to take on this worthwhile ministry. We supply & deliver Shoeboxes filled with socks, shaving items, lotion, shampoo, combs, reading material, etc., to Salvation Army in Fayetteville, Bentonville, and also to 7-Hills. When a tornado hit the Little Rock area last year, we sent over 100 shoeboxes and other items with Pastor Ron to help out. We also have the Catholic and Presbyterian Churches pack and bring them to us for delivery. Every month, the Martha Circle packs Sunshine Bags for Cooper School with hygiene products for the kids. If you feel you would be interested in this, please contact one of the ladies listed above and they will be happy to give you more details.

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



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| 4/06 | John & Sharon Lindsey | 4/21 | Diane Verville |
| 4/12 | Al & Maxine Ward | 4/22 | Jeremy & Verla Shafman |
| 4/20 | James & Vicki Forrest | 4/22 | Galen & Teri Thiele |
| 4/26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson | | | |



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|--------------------|
| 4/02 | Sue Prather | 4/12 | Janet Boblenz | 4/24 | Zach Lehmann |
| 4/03 | Jim Bilyeu | 4/12 | Janice Lang | 4/27 | Gerald Hatley |
| 4/03 | Dave Weber | 4/16 | Emmery Antoine | 4/28 | Mark Richardson |
| 4/08 | Duane Penner | 4/16 | John Zurch | 4/29 | Janice Abbott |
| 4/10 | Marilyn Hertel | 4/17 | Marilyn Adams | 4/30 | Delores Grosnickle |
| 4/11 | Ken Swanson | 4/17 | Therese Bivins | | |

April 2024 Newsletter Financial Data
information as of February 29, 2024

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget
Month of February Contributions (Income*)	\$ 34,198.06	\$ 32,586.17
Month of February Expenses	\$ 35,649.35	\$ 35,345.01
Difference	\$ (1,451.29)	\$ (2,758.84)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 298,203.06	\$ 228,103.19
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 272,975.09	\$ 249,044.24
Difference	\$ 25,227.97	\$ (20,941.05)

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



Remember CHURCH DIRECTORIES

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR PORTRAIT SESSION FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY YET?

Re:MEMBER will be here April 25-27 to photograph everyone. To schedule, visit our website and click on the banner ad, or COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE and we will schedule it for you. *Please make your appointments soon!*

Bella Vista First United Methodist Church Cars and Coffee and Pancakes!



2024 SPRING PANCAKE DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4
7:00 - 10:00**



**PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & A DRINK
FREEWILL DONATIONS WELCOME**

Pancake Breakfast proceeds go to support:

- * NWA Childrens Shelter
- * Scout Troop & Pack 3410 and 3410G
- * NWA Women's Shelter
- * Youth Snack-Pack Program and more

20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715

For additional information: Ted Lasher 810-360-7434 or Steve Terry 405-222-8727



Mabel Ashline was surprised by her daughters with a lovely birthday cake and celebration during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, February 4th.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



KATHY EASTERLING:

Kathy joined the FUMCBV family on Sunday, February 24. She grew up in southern PA, and lived and worked in central IL. Kathy retired from corporate accounting to Bella Vista in 2015. She found herself at our church because she wanted to return to her Methodist roots, and Kathy enjoys the Casual Service. She has already joined UWF's Martha Circle! We are excited to get to know her better! Be sure to give her a big FUMCBV welcome!



JOE & JUDY JACKSON:

Joe and Judy came to our church by way of organist, Lamar Puckett, and secretary, Andrea Fobes. They are good friends and attended church together previously. We welcomed Joe and Judy into the FUMCBV family on Sunday, March 10. They are long-time Bella Vista residents and are both retired. Joe is a retired aircraft mechanic, while Judy was a Medication Aide. She also worked at the POA as a front counter clerk. They both enjoy walking, and even met at a hiking club to which they used to belong. Joe and Judy have been married for 10 years, and have 2 very cute grandsons. They are interested in couples Bible study here at the church. Joe enjoys tinkering outside in their yard, and they both enjoy walking. You will find them in the Classic Service. We are super excited they've chosen to call FUMCBV home!

CARE & SHARE TRAILER
Donate ANY used goods
Monday, 4/8, starting
at 8:00am in the parking lot.

YOUNG [AT] HEART
MEETS THIS SATURDAY,
4/13, AT 8:15AM
ACROPOLIS IN BENTONVILLE

The Agape Shepherd
Group meets Saturday,
April 13, at 10:00am at
Rosita's in Jane, MO.



United Women in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

We are looking forward to spring and all the beautiful blooms of the flowers, bushes, and trees. Mother Nature puts on a great show here in Arkansas every spring.

At our unit meeting in March, personal items were collected and donated to the women of OASIS of NWA. See the photos below. Another outreach opportunity to the ladies and their children of OASIS of NWA, our unit will be preparing and delivering their evening meal on April 14.

Our weekly Bazaar Workshops meet every Thursday from 9 till 2p.m. Many busy hands are already creating items for our Bazaar in October. All are welcome and there are jobs for any and everyone, ranging from pressing material, cutting out items, sewing items to stuffing items. Come when you can, stay as long as you can, bring a sandwich, and have lunch with the group.

Our Rummage Sale will be on August 3rd, so if you are Spring Cleaning, put aside items that we can sell.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR WORKSHOP:

- Large-mouth Pint and Quart jars
- Small Spice Bottles for our special Seasoning Salt

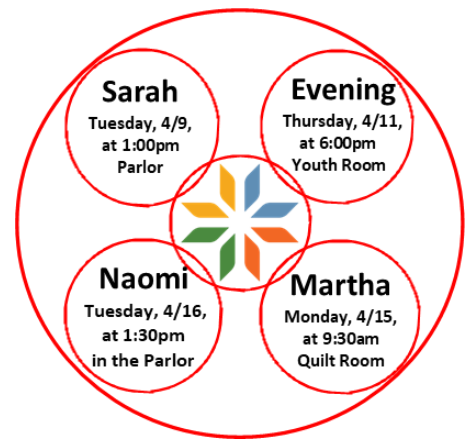
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 3rd** Executive Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- April 21st** NW District Mission U Study-Part A 2:00-4:00pm on Zoom
- April 28th** NW District Mission U Study-Part B 2:00-4:00pm on Zoom

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

YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MANY LIVES!

April Circle Meetings



Clockwise, left to right: Amy Terry, Julie Lasher, Jill Hale, Denise Waller, Diane Verville, & Ruth Richardson
Standing: Sue Nebrig & Mabel Ashline



Clockwise, left to right: Kathy Easterling, Shari Vermett, Marian Lawless, & Gladys Jutte.



Barbara Brooks presents Executive Director of OASIS of NWA with donations brought by the UWF as well as Easter baskets for the children of OASIS provided by the congregation.



The Easter baskets shopped for & assembled by Judy Bilyeu.



Behind the scenes of the luncheon: Marlene Clapp-Barron, Jan Kolbe, Judy Bilyeu, & Jane Potts



Norma Snyder & Barbara Machelmel



Spring Luncheon Table



Saving A Child's Sight

As members of the Bella Vista Lions club, Maryann Johnson and I do vision screening of preschool children at twelve preschools in Bella Vista, Bentonville, and Rogers. We screen approximately 500 children each year.

Why do we do it? Our mission is to save the sight of even just one child and give a child a chance of better vision and succeeding in school. The younger a child is when we discover a vision deficit, the easier it is to correct.

We use a screening device manufactured by Welch Allyn that can detect seven different problems with a child's eyes in seconds. We usually spend two days at a preschool, so we can screen as many children as possible. If a child is referred for an additional examination, the parent is given a copy of the report created by the screening device to take to their optometrist, like the one at right.

This report is very useful to the optometrist giving him/her a place to start the examination, in part because the screening device is over 99% accurate.

We do not often hear about our successes, but one mother wrote us a note after we referred her child for an additional examination. It read: "Thanks for doing this! Because of you, we discovered he was losing sight in his left eye. He can see perfectly fine in his right eye, but that's all. His brain was using it and shutting his left eye down. Now, he will always have a deficit in his left eye, but it's not nearly as bad as it could have been. Thank you."

Through the Bella Vista Lions Club, we are able to provide glasses and medical treatment for vision problems for people meeting the U S poverty guide lines. We also have low-vision readers to loan out.

This is my mission and I intend to continue as long as I'm physically able to do so. It is my small way to serve God's people.

Ken Swanson, Lions Club Member

Spot Vision Screening Summary

Complete Eye Exam Recommended

Myopia (OD,OS) [uncorrected]
Astigmatism (OD,OS) [problem focusing]
Anisocoria [unequal pupils]

RIGHT EYE LEFT EYE BOTH EYES

myopia
hyperopia
astigmatism
gaze dev.

amblyopia
anisometropia
gaze asymmetry

PEDIAVISION

Learn more about vision screening at: SpotVisionScreening.com



The next **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 4/17**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.



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We're Here to Serve You

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 Church Secretary - Andrea Fobes
 Music Ministries Director - Dr. Lawrence Zehring
 Organist/Accompanist - Lamar Puckett
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 Monday-Thursday
 9:00am-4:00pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 15th

EASTER BASKETS FOR THE CHILDREN AT OASIS OF NWA

THANK YOU FOR HELPING FUND EASTER BASKETS FOR 20 KIDS AT OASIS OF NWA! AND THANK YOU TO JUDY BILYEU FOR SHOPPING FOR THE GOODIES & ASSEMBLING THE BASKETS!



A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (GSG)

Grief isn't a journey you have to make alone.

This month, GSG meets
 Wednesdays, 4/17 & 4/24,
 at 2:00pm in the Parlor.
 Facilitated by Pastor Ron.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, AT
 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
 *RESPIRE CARE PROVIDED



Friends of Christ meet this month on Thursdays, 4/11 & 4/25, at 1:30pm in the Parlor. Come explore & discuss different media about Jesus Christ with friends.

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.