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2024 Arkansas Annual Conference



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Welcome to July! "Finding Home" **Rev. Ron Hayes**

For the Arkansas Area Conference, July 1st is the beginning of a new year. That's true for Bella Vista First United Methodist Church as well. The past twelve months have been a blessing and times of grace. Yes, there have been challenges as dear friends have passed away and others have moved 'back home' to other states. But thankfully, there are even more new friends that have come to worship and work beside us as we seek to live a life of discipleship together. Net membership is up 10% and the attendance numbers are up about +20%. The financial stability of FUMCBV has improved and more importantly, we are making greater impacts in the mission fields around us as our giving back to the community has more than doubled. And 'The Shade' has been replaced. Floors were stripped and waxed, more beautiful As of July 1st, I begin my third year appointed to this blooms are around the property, and new carpeting will be coming soon.

As the new year starts and I reflect on the joy of serv- home to all those already here and with the help of ing here, it aligns with the theme of this year's Arkan- God, others will find home here too. sas Annual Conference, "Finding Home." The conference was held in Hot Springs and ended less than 10 days ago. It was a good 3 days of worship, receiving agency reports, and doing the business of the conference. The best part was the warm and caring atmosphere in the arena and in the hallways.

Bishop Merrill wrote a letter to the attendees in early May and shared the theme with us. She went on to say, "we will be celebrating all the ways we find our home in God, in the church, and in the lives of the people around us." This will be the focus center for a sermon series starting in the latter part of this month. We also opened many of the work sessions with the following prayer:

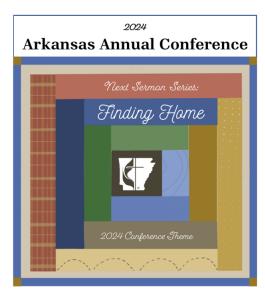
> God of welcome and witness, hospitality and harvest, we give you thanks that you

have made your home among us. As we gather together as the people called United Methodists, seeking a home in you and one another, we pray that we may discover home not only in this place but wherever you send us. On gravel roads and city streets, in community centers and gas stations, under bridges and beside hospital beds, may we experience and share the presence of your beloved kingdom that comes near in Jesus Christ, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

sacred mission field. I feel it is the best appointment in the Arkansas Area, and I am grateful. It is home. Together, we will do our best to make it feel like

Peace and blessings,

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We are going to take a break from looking at historical activities in various past years and focus this month on the Shoebox Ministry.

The first mention I could find regarding the Shoebox Ministry was in 1993. According to Bill Detlefsen's A History of United Methodist Church Bella Vista from 1976 to 2003, "Bud Henke explained the Shoebox Ministry to the Missions Committee. Shoeboxes of personal care items were to be fitted into shoe boxes and then donated to various missions. He set up a display of needed items, and his daughter, Judy Borgeson, the founder of the Ministry, was present to give more information."

A 1999 entry in the History states that the Salvation Army delivered 156 boxes from the Shoebox Ministry to Oklahoma tornado victims. Another entry advises that a total of 3,290 boxes were distributed in 1999, and in 2002, a total of 3,133 boxes were delivered, exceeding the Shoebox Ministry donations received from any other organization.

Today, the Shoebox Ministry is an ongoing ministry for the collection of mainly toiletry items to be distributed to the needy. There are many churches and groups in Bella Vista that support the ministry. An invitation is extended to all who are interested to join the Ministry in its mission. The need is so great that only with the help of many can the Ministry be successful in meeting the need.

Donors are asked to volunteer in many areas, from collecting the items to go into boxes to helping pack and deliver them. Often large quantities of a few items are received from a donor. Periodically, items such as deodorant, shaving cream, and toothbrushes must be bought in bulk. These items are added to the inventory and are used as needed.

Thankfully, the First United Methodist Church has given Shoebox Ministry a room in the lower level of the church in which to store items and to pack the boxes. Much of the information included in this article came from a sheet of paper taped to the Shoebox Ministry door.

The Ministry has found it very important to deliver to selected agencies. Those agencies must agree to monitor the distribution as closely as possible to avoid waste and duplication. At each delivery, the agency is given a short memo stating these requirements and is asked to sign a receipt for the delivery. The receipt is then kept in the Ministry records.

The boxes and other contributions have been well received by both agencies and recipients. The contents are intended to improve the self-esteem of those who receive them. Adult boxes help them to be more presentable for job interviews. The agencies have reported that these goals are being met.

Included with this article is a photograph of the Children's Shoebox Recipe, which will give you an idea of the types of items needed.

Shoebox Ministry is a way for all of us to help the needy. Contact the church office to make a donation of products or funds or to volunteer to assist the Ministry. Our sincere thanks to all who have assisted with this Ministry throughout the years.

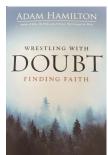
Remember that in August, we hope to return to congregational stories for a while. PLEASE consider sharing your story with us as soon as possible. Contact me by phone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email to rjhale68@cox.net.

Jill Hale, Historian





NEW BIBLE STUDY LED BY AMY GILMORE TO START TUESDAY, JULY 2



ADAM HAMILTON The study will focus on Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith by Adam Hamilton and the class will meet every Tuesday at 10:00am in **DOUBT** the Parlor for six weeks. You can purchase your book online from Amazon, Cokesbury, etc. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so in the office if you'd like to attend the class. For more info or if you have questions, call Amy in the office at (479) 855-1158.

Look Who Made The Weekly Vista in June!

Veach's crafts provide practical solutions



Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista Nancy Veach of Bella Vista is pictured with fabric as a lot of stores," she "My mother was a perfectionist," "hotties," or bowl cozies, in her craft booth at the said. Wishing Spring Gallery on McNelly Road.

sign in Nancy Veach's booth at the Chiefs are hard to keep in stock, she Her career was with an insurance Wishing Spring Gallery on McNelly said. People like to watch birds in company in the audit department. Road.

lery for at least 17 years, she said. not far away and it is the sunflower manage the audit department there, The sign is a suggestion to purchase state, she said. She has a pattern she said. Veach learned a lot about a floral arrangement, which she said with religious sayings on it that she the oil and logging industries in Dalshe makes in part for people who likes to give to people who have lost las. Then the company decided to do are bed fast or in nursing homes. their spouse. They are inexpensive, so they can "People my age are always losing New Jersey, and she did not want to easily be changed out to keep the their spouses. How many hams and move to New Jersey, so she retired space bright, she said. She also casseroles can they use?" she said. and moved to Bella Vista. She has makes arrangements that are appro- "So I give them one of these with a been living here almost 29 years. priate for hanging on the front door bag of cookies and they can think of "I love Bella Vista. I love being reor for indoors, she said.

of practical solutions to everyday available include crocheted nylon love the customers that come in. It's problems. She has a large selection scrubbers, a scrubber that is nylon fun to talk to people from different of "hotties," which are also called on one side and crocheted cotton on places." bowl cozies, which are used to hold the other side (two sizes) and an

cause the ice cream bowl dler aprons. fabric hotties. "I've got as much dle machine, she said.

"Brighten someone's day" reads a rics are popular, and the Kansas City well."

me whenever they use it."

a bowl when microwaving adjustable handle for iron skillets or something. Bowls get so hot other skillets with metal handles.

in the microwave, she said, She makes back scratchers that are and trying to use a pothold- long pieces of fabric with handles on er can result in getting the each end and a nylon scrubber in potholder in the food. She the middle. Nylon tulle scrubbers added she has a friend who that are delicate enough for skin uses one when they eat exfoliation are "dressed up" with their bowl of ice cream be- small flowers. She also makes tod-

can get so cold in the hands. Veach has been sewing since age There are a multitude of eight when she joined 4-H and choices for the learned to sew on her mother's trea-

she said. "That has always stuck with College and pro team fab- me, that if you're going to do it, do it

Bella Vista, so she likes bird fabrics. She is from northern Illinois, and the Her crafts have been part of the gal- Veach has sunflowers since Kansas is company moved her to Dallas to its auditing out of its home office in

tired," she said. "I love the gallery. I Veach has a good-sized assortment Other practical items Veach has love the people that work here. I



Car Show & Fundraiser for Decatur

On June 8, a couple of our Missions Team members, Steve Terry and Ted Lasher, took some of the goods that you donated for the tornado victims to those affected by the storms in Decatur. They also took their classic car and truck to show. On the left is Steve with his 1968 Chevy C10 short-bed pickup truck. At right is Ted with his 2008 Corvette Z51 convertible.











S.O.L.O.S. meet again!

SOLOS gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7/25, at 11:30am at



Table at Hickory Inn. Please RSVP by July 20 to Lora Burch at 417-770-0719 or email her at loraburch126@gmail.com so they can ensure enough seating for everyone. If you are a single woman and would like to join this group, let Lora know. Any lady is welcome! You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thank You Thoughts of appreciation for all of your prayers and get-well wishes. I am continuing to get better. ~ Merle Lantz

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:00 Children's Sunday School - LL	11:30 AA Meeting - Rm 28	11:30 AA Meeting - Rm 28	6:00 SPRC Meeting - Parlor	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall		10:00 Agape Shepherd - Silver Spur
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10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6	9:45 UM Men's Golf - Berksdale	5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop-Olt Rm		
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12:15 Trustees Meeting - Parlor		6:30 AA Meeting - Rm 28				



7/01 Mike Roth & Cathy Luck	7/17 Maci & Rick Echols	7/25 Ed & Barb Jenner
7/02 Jon & Jessica Mendoza	7/17 Pastor Ron & Julie Hayes	7/27 Dick & Karen Bacon
7/06 John & Mary Hixson	7/20 Stanley & Melodee Neukircher	7/30 Rick & Dena Mayes
7/08 Bill & Jane Potts	7/22 Sean & Kristin Crider	



7/01 Sue Nebrig	7/09 Mike Roth	7/19 John Hixson
7/01 Allan Ward	7/10 Layne Anderson	7/20 Noah Pittman
7/03 Mary Ann Kennedy	7/10 Carol Pennington	7/20 Teri Thiele
7/04 Earl Kennedy	7/11 Leota Rowlinson	7/23 Randy Mincke
7/05 Sandy Fitch	7/11 Stanley Neukircher	7/24 Rachel Smith
7/05 Pat Fox	7/13 Juanita Prior	7/25 Steve Bivins
7/05 Lou Kaufmann	7/14 (Claude) Richard Starr	7/26 Pastor Ron Hayes
7/07 La Von Fryer	7/15 Merle Lantz	7/27 Jack Kolbe
7/08 Chet Campbell	7/15 Tommy Runnels	7/27 Brad Leisinger
7/08 Helen McBride	7/16 Ken Hammarstrom	7/30 Melodee Neukircher
7/09 Jennifer Lehmann	7/17 Carol Zurn	7/31 Pamela Pittman
7/09 Carmen Phillips	7/18 Verle Shoemaker	

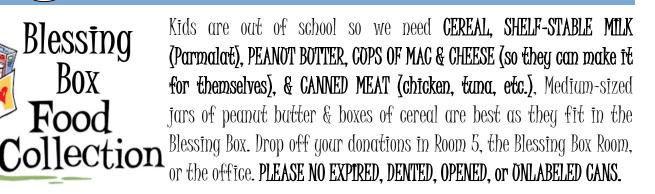
July 2024 Newsletter Financial Data					
information as of May 31, 2024			2024		2024
			Actual		Budget
Month of May Contributions (Income*)		\$	32,602.47	\$	32,586.17
Month of May Expenses		\$	35,280.14	\$	35,345.01
	Difference	\$	(2,677.94)	\$	(2,758.84)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only		\$	414,403.29	\$	358,447.87
Year to Date Expenses		\$	378,906.73	\$	390,995.05
	Difference	\$	35,496.56	\$	(32,547.18)
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)					



Blessing

Box

Food





LOST & FOUND

We have guite a few items around the church that people have either lost or forgotten they left behind. Some smaller items in the office are necklaces, single earrings, glasses, sunglasses, glass cases, pocket knives, a lanyard, a charger, some keys, and even a Fitbit. If you're missing any of these, check with the office. There are also items on the shelf above the clothing racks in the hallway to the elevator. These items include mostly ball caps, water bottles, and umbrellas. There is also a stuffed cat and an orange ball, along with a knit cap, and one pair of turquoise glasses on a beaded chain. Hanging on the rack are a white ladies' jacket, a black men's jacket, a little boy's t-shirt, a gray blanket, and a Refresh Dental tote bag. If any of these items sound like they might belong to you, check the rack/shelf. Lastly, there are items that were abandoned in the kitchen: a white serving bowl, an oblong white serving tray, a Bundt cake pan, a clear glass plate, a rectangular basket, and even a Razorback travel mug. Visit the kitchen to reclaim these.







MEET OUR NEW MEMBER



NANCY NOYES:

Nancy Noyes became part of the FUMCBV family on Sunday, June 23. She came to us by way of the Grief Support Group where she met Pastor Ron and Loretta Tidwell. Nancy is a retired TV Production and Broadcast Journalism Teacher who volunteers at Bella Vista Community TV. She also hosts a TV show for them called "Bella Vista and Beyond." Nancy is also a docent at the BV Museum. When she isn't working at the station or museum, she enjoys photography, writing, scrapbooking, hiking, sports, The Questers, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to get plugged into the United Women of Faith. We're glad you're here, Nancy!





Agape Shepherd Group meets Saturday, 7/13, at Silver Spur at 10:00am.

Congratulations Again to Our 2024 Graduates!

On Sunday May 19, we celebrated the graduation of two of our teens, Dvlen Lehmann and Max (Julia) Crider in the parlor after the Classic service. Their fun, colorful cake came from Harps and was delicious. In the right picture top are Dylen and Max with the cake. Dylen is in the photo on the lower left. Max is in the photo on the lower right. They are both super grateful to everyone for the party, the cake, the cards and the gifts.





GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

REMINDER:

NO Circle or Board Meetings in July or August!

United Women in Faith Summer came in with a BANG!! Very Hot! As we celebrate our Independence on July 4th as a country, the women of our church are busy collecting, sorting, and pricing items for our Rummage Sale on Saturday August 3rd. We will need many helping hands the week before the sale, July 29th thru August 1st, to get ready for the it that Saturday. At our

rummage sale, we will again have OUR FAMOUS ORANGE and CINNAMON ROLLS, also Sloppy Joe's, drinks, chips, and cookies.

We are also continuing to work on projects for our Bazaar every Thursday in the Quilt Room downstairs from 9:00am till 2:00pm. For all of you that are making things at home for the Bazaar, you may bring them in any Thursday. It helps the girls who are pricing to stay ahead.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR WORKSHOP:

Large-mouth Quart and Pint Jars ¹/₂ Pint Jars Small Spice Bottles for our special Seasoning Salt

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 3rd Rummage Sale 8:00am-1:00pm
 September 4th Executive Board Meeting at 9:30am
 September 25th UWF Unit Meeting & Luncheon in Becker Hall, 5-Star Women Awards, Special Recognition time along with a program on Racial Justice
 October 5th UWF Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm

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

Our UWF is committed to helping local non profits who help other in our community that are in need. Come and be a part of our Mission. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY!



Sorters and Pricers needed Monday-Thursday, 7/29-8/1. Just show up 9am-4pm & we'll put you to work. Bring in any saved items for the sale during those dates and hours. Setup people (men) needed Sun, 7/28. Tear-down crew (men) needed after sale at 1:30. Call Verna Bottjen 876-1392 for info!

METHODIST MEN'S GOLF

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING THRU SUMMER

CALL CHET CAMPBELL TO PLAY TUESDAYS 479-876-5172

CALL DARRELL BOTTJEN TO PLAY THURSDAYS 479-876-1392

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TUESDAY, JULY 9 9:50AM HIGHLANDS THURSDAY, JULY 11 8:00AM HIGHLANDS

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> TUESDAY, JULY 16 9:45AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, JULY 18 8:00AM SCOTSDALE

TUESDAY, JULY 23 8:40AM BRITTANY

THURSDAY, JULY 25 9:00AM SCOTSDALE

TUESDAY, JULY 30 10:10AM SCOTSDALE



Thank you to everyone who purchased tables and tickets. to all the men who helped plan and make the dinner happen, and to the Praise Team for the wonderful music. It was a great night out!

Thank you

Thank you so much for all the prayers you sent up for our grandson, Spencer, and nephew, Tom, these last few months. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely, Mary & John Hixson

CARE & SHARE TRAILER

Donate ANY used goods Monday, 7/15, starting at 8:00am in the parking lot.



The next **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 7/17**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.

> United Women in Faith

UWF Mile of Pennies Thanks to an idea sparked by Gerald Hatley and the jug of pennies he donated to the UWF, we are now collecting them for the UWF Conference and for the women and children of Benton County. Put your pennies in the jug in the narthex.



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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, JULY 22ND



Saturday, August 3rd 8:00AM-1:00PM

Begin Now To Set Aside Your Usable Discards! If you don't have room to store your donations, we do have limited space available—call Verna Bottjen 876-1392. No Clothes, TVs or Furniture ~ please have it clean and in working order.

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:

Natural Healing Education and Support Groups



Respite Care Ministry social engagement is Wednesday, 7/10, from 10:00am-2:00pm in Becker Hall. Empowered by: bealingstrong 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. MEETINGS RESUME MONDAY, 8/19

LOCATION: FUMCBV Room 6 TIME: 6:00PM-7:00PM Absolutely no goods or services are sold at these meetings.

Questions? Please contact: Lorre Faszholz - 682-234-1645 www.healingstrong.org



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR *RESPITE CARE PROVIDED

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: <u>ron.hayes@arumc.org</u> or call him: (479) 366-9725. You can also call the church office (479) 855-1158, email our secretary, Andrea, at: <u>andrea@fumcbellavista.com</u> 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.