FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



The Good News

SEPTEMBER 2024

SCOUTS TROOPS 3410B, 3410C, & 3410G UPDATE

First United Methodist Church Bella Vista hosts our large Scout troop. Troop 3410 is comprised of the cub pack, boys troop, and girls troop. Together, we are a comprehensive youth program that focuses on leadership, outdoor skills, and having fun in a safe, welcoming environment. We have roughly 70 youth this fall. Through this program, both youth and adults have opportunities to share their skills, develop leadership through training, and have the ability to travel and explore places near and far!

We appreciate being able to use the Church facilities for our multiple weekly meetings. In turn, we also serve the Church though volunteer hours, special Sundays, flag presentations and several Eagle projects.

As the summer is wrapping up, all units are making plans for the fall and even next year's summer Camp! Our Calendars are full of Camping, learning, hiking, climbing, and many other events! If you know a youth looking for an opportunity to explore, learn and have some fun, we invite them to come and check out our troop! Also, we offer many learning opportunities for Scouts through merit badges, leadership training and more, and we welcome adults with specific skills and training to share them through our programs.









































From Rev. Ron Hayes

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

- JESUS

Do Unto Others: A Campaign for **Kindness during** the 2024 Election Season (and all other seasons)

How do you want to be treated? Jesus' words, The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas is supknown as The Golden Rule, simply state: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"Do Unto Others" is a grassroots movement launched by Resurrection, a United Methodist Church, to encourage Christians and others to be intentional about treating one another with kindness, even those with whom we disagree. It reminds us that kindness should extend into election season. A vote for kindness is a step toward overcoming the polarization in our country through civility and respect. I am excited to have FUMC Bella Vista join in and set examples of how to be good Christians and patriotic at the same time.

porting the goal of the Arkansas Board of Church and Society to help us local churches promote this campaign of peace-building with a grant for custom yard signs to be placed on our church campus, in prominent local spaces, and our members' yards. One side of the sign will feature the campaign slogan, "'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' – Jesus," and the other side will feature our logo and our church name, First United Methodist Church Bella Vista.

Peace and blessings,



UNIFIED CLASSIC SERVICE

We're having one service on Sunday, September 1. Join us at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Rev. Cathy Luck will deliver the message.

YOU CAN ALSO JOIN US ONLINE TO WATCH THE SERVICE LIVESTREAM.

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What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian



This will be a short history entry. We did not receive any new stories from our wonderful congregants, and I do not have time right now to delve into historical records. On the other hand, one event recently occurred that I would like to mention for both the church history and for United Women in Faith history.

On July 25, eight people from our church attended, "Spark of Hope," a dinner and awards ceremony provided by Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas. I felt honored to be part of a wonderful group that included Mabel Ashline, Judy Bilyeu, Verna Bottjen, Pastor Ron Hayes, Friskey Kennedy, Marian Lawless, and Shari Vermett.

According to the written program, "The prestigious Spark of Hope Awards are presented annually to an outstanding Individual, Community Partner, and Corporate Partner." The 2024 Spark of Hope Award Honorees were as follows: Outstanding Individuals, Dr. Terryl and

Shannon Ortego; Outstanding Corporate Partner, Ozarks Electric Cooperative; and (drum roll) Outstanding Community Partner, UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista!

UWF has supported Single Parent Scholarship through donations from our annual fund-raising efforts (the rummage sale and the bazaar) for over 20 years. It is a thrill to be recognized for the longtime partnership.

Here is my plea for assistance. Once again, PLEASE consider sharing your story with us. Other areas in which I need assistance are with history research for these articles and in putting history notebooks together, If you can help in any of the three areas mentioned, please contact me by phone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email to rjhale68@cox.net.

Jill Hale, Historian



This (submitted) photo appeared in the NW AR Democrat Gazette on August 3, 2024, with the following caption:

Women in Faith members stand for a photo with Tyler B. Clark, president and CEO of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund (center) at the Spark of Hope fundraiser July 24 at the Rogers Convention Center in Rogers. The organization honored the company with the Outstanding Community Partner award.



Verna Bottjen on stage accepting the "Spark of Hope" award on behalf of the UWF of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.



The front of the prestigious and specially crafted "Spark of Hope" award. The piece of pottery is on display in Pastor Ron's office if you would like to see it in person.



The caption on the back of the award reads:
Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA,
Celebrating 40 Years,
2024 Outstanding
Community Partner,
United Women in Faith,
Spark of Hope,
July 25, 2024.





The **Wesley Shepherd Group** met at the Augspurger home for a late summer picnic on Friday, August 23. Everyone brought meat to grill and a side dish to share. The entertaining conversation centered on family, including stories about spouses, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Pictured from left to right are: Julie & Ted Lasher, Linda Hyde, Lora Burch, Dr. Terry Augspurger, Weldon Hyde, Arlene Alford, Judy Duncan, Layne Anderson, and Rod Alford. Cynthia is behind the camera. Thank you to her for providing this photo.

DONA te Kid's Clothing for Cooper Elementary Students in Need

Drop your donation in any of the bins in the narthex or outside Becker Hall starting Sunday, 9/8.

Cooper Clothing Needs:

- boys sweatpants (sizes xs,s,m,l) girls underwear (size 4)
- girls tennis shoes (sizes 3-7)

- boys underwear (sizes 4-12)
- girls leggings/pants (sizes 5-8) boys tennis shoes (sizes 3-6)

SMEK PACKS for BACK PACKS



Kids are back in school now, so food is more important than ever for them. 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 or in the one in the narthex.







You all are doing a great job keeping the Blessing Box full! Let's keep it up! Kids are now back in school, so CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK (Parmalat), POP-TARTS, BREAK-FAST BARS, LUNCHBOX ITEMS, & CANNED MEAT (chicken, tuna, etc.) would be appre-Collection ciated, Medium-sized boxes of cereal are best as they fit in the Blessing Box. Drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box

Room, or the office. PLEASE NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, OR UNLABELED CANS.



Chapter CX PEO meets in our Parlor monthly. At their last meeting on Wednesday, August 21, each of their members brought in food items for the Blessing Box. They filled an entire grocery cart with their donations! Big THANKS to all of them! Pictured are Mary Hixson, left, & Chapter CX President, Annie Drake.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards after the passing of my mother. Judy and I appreciate each of you.

~ Tim & Tudy Bilyeu



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:00 Unified Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor	6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	8:20 UM Men's Golf - Berksdale 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - OR BH Parlor Rm6 II	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 UWF Board Meeting - Parlor	8:00 UM Men's Golf - Kingswood 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop-Qlt Rm	Office Closed 11:30 BVPS Board Meeting - Room 28	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
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9/23 Max (Julia) Crider



9/02 Marilyn Kostal

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



9/02 Frank & Marilyn Kostal

9/17 Dave & Lynn Broers

9/06 Claude & Betty Starr

9/22 Drew & Nancy Beisswenger



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/02 Verla Shafman 9/16 Johnny Rayburn 9/23 Maci Echols

9/15 Julie Lasher

9/03 Karen Dove 9/18 Gary Tomlinson 9/25 Diane Verville

9/10 Wayne Horner 9/19 Harry Mount 9/26 Karen Roenfeld

9/12 Connie Clark 9/20 Connie Knauss 9/30 Carol Cheek

9/13 Jane Lewellen 9/22 Shirley Davenport 9/30 Noreen Poor

9/15 Deb Dakken 9/22 Bob Vermett

September 2024 Newsletter Financial Data						
information as of July 31, 2024		2024		2024		
		Actual		Budget		
Month of July Contributions (Income*)	\$	36,489.62	\$	45,916.66		
Month of July Expenses	\$	34,497.44	\$	45,377.50		
Differer	nce \$	1,992.18	\$	539.16		
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$	36,489.62	\$	45,916.66		
Year to Date Expenses	\$	34,497.44	\$	45,377.50		
Differer	nce \$	1,992.18	\$	539.16		
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)						

\$.O.L.O.\$. meet again!

\$0LO\$ gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/24, at 11:00am at Gusano's. Please RSVP by Sunday, 9/22, to either Judy Duncan at 479-876-2849 or Carol Cheek at 479-268-4991 so they can make sure everyone has a seat. If you are a single lady (widowed, divorced, etc.) and would like to join this group, let them know. You do not have to be a church member to participate.





This is an AR Conference email sent to us: Be aware of fake texts & Facebook messages

We are aware that a fake Facebook profile has been created under the name Bishop Laura Merrill and that a scammer is texting congregants pretending to be Bishop Laura Merrill. Neither of these is the real Bishop Laura Merrill.

The Facebook scammer is sending friend requests and messages asking for money, daily devotionals, etc. Please unfriend this person and report that account to Facebook. Bishop Laura Merrill's ONLY Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/bishopmerrill. **Do not give this scammer any personal information.**

The texting scammer requests to meet for coffee, send prayers, mention personal details about your life, etc. The information is likely coming from Facebook/social media.

As a reminder, do not share too much of your life or information on Facebook, do not accept friend requests from people you do not know, and make sure your phone number and email are private on social media. It's also important to ensure your Facebook profile is private so your posts cannot be seen by anyone who is not your friend. If you need help making your social media private, please email Day Davis at this address: day.davis@arumc.org so she can walk you through the steps. Facebook has tons of resources for this as well.

As a reminder, ARUMC staff, especially Bishop Merrill, will NEVER ask you to send money or email you for a special favor or request. Do not interact with these emails, texts, or messages. If you are questioning whether it's a real email from the ARUMC, please call our offices or email communications@arumc.org. Please note that Bishop Merrill will only contact you using her ARUMC email address.

REMINDER: If you ever receive a questionable email, phone call, or text message asking for money, a favor/request, or claiming to have hacked into any of your accounts, **please do not click on a link in the message or give any personal information.** Please look up the business and contact a secure and legitimate company representative. If you ever have a question about the emails we send, don't hesitate to reach out to us directly.



Council Members, please attend so you can sign an important Charge Conference doc. Also, Andrea needs your Charge Conference reports no later than Sunday, 9/15.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



JOHN & LANI HYSLOP:

John and Lani (pronounced Lonnie) joined FUMCBV on Sunday, August 4, when they transferred from an FUMC in North Carolina. They moved to Bella Vista from there to be closer to family in Pea Ridge and Rogers. John is a retired Sears Auto Store manager, and Lani is a retired school teacher. He enjoys reading, exploring the outdoors, and wants to learn how to golf. Lani loves to shop, go to the pool, watch TV, and bake. She is a long-time member of the UWF and a member of PEO. John would like to get plugged into UMM and Sunday School, and has extensively served previously. We're so happy to have both of you as part of our family, John and Lani!



LINDA CLAUSEN:

Linda is a long-time Bella Vista resident who has been attending services here for a while. We're so glad she officially became part of the FUMCBV family on Sunday, August 25. She is a retired RN. Linda is lucky enough to have her son and daughter-in-law close here in BV, a grandson in Bentonville, and a granddaughter in Cave Springs. She enjoys walking daily, reading, writing notes to family members, playing dominoes, and watching Packers games. Linda is already involved in the UWF Martha Circle. She attended Pastor Ron's Grief Support Group after losing her husband last year. Linda is also a member of SOLOS. Welcome to the family, Linda!

Thank You

We want to thank you all so much for your prayers and concerns for Ralph during his recent stays in the hospital.

He is continuing to get better each day.



Bella Vista Community Band Concert



Sunday, September 22, at 3:00pm in Becker Hall ~ FUMCBV





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, we first want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Rummage Sale. We had a RECORD profit of over \$6,500.00 which will go to non-profits in Benton Co.

In July, our UWF unit received an "Outstanding Community Partner" award at a dinner hosted by the Single Parent Scholarship Fund. Our unit

of UWF have been supportive of the organization since the beginning, and many members of our church through the years have served on their board. The award we were presented is a specially created pottery plate.

In September, all the circles will be meeting again and the program will be INGATHERING for UMCOR. All donations collected go directly to cities, states, and countries world-wide in time of natural disasters such as the tornadoes in our area in May.

Our speaker for the Unit meeting on Sept. 25th will be Carla Thompson from The HOPE CAFE at the Center for Non-Profits, where those in need can select food items they need rather than getting preselected bags of groceries. She works with the unhoused, and she assists both women and men. She advocates for those in pending judicial situations.

Our Bazaar workshops are every Thursday from 9 till 2. Just a reminder that anyone making things at home may drop them off any Thursday.

<u>ITEMS NEEDED</u>: The UWF continue to collect BEST CHOICE BAR CODES (like the one here). We receive \$60 for every 1000 codes we collect. Just drop your bar codes in the box in the Library.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 4th Executive Board Meeting at 9:30am, **September 25th** UWF Unit Meeting & Luncheon in Becker Hall, & **October 5th** UWF Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm

For questions or comments, call: UWF President Barbara Brooks at 876-5353, or Judy Bilyeu at 479-721-9460 about the Bazaar.



September UWF Circle Meetings

Sarah

Tuesday, 9/10, at 1:00pm in the Parlor Ingathering

Evening

Thursday, 9/12, at 6:00pm in the Youth Room

Martha

Monday, 9/16, at 9:30am in the Quilt Room

Ingathering

Naomi

Tuesday, 9/17, at 1:30pm in the Parlor Ingathering

Lunited Women of Faith Mile of Pennies

ERICA

Thanks to an idea sparked by Gerald Hatley and the jug of pennies he donated to the UWF, we are collecting them for the UWF Conference and for women and children of Benton County. We have collected almost \$75 so far, but we can do better! Put your pennies in the jug in the narthex.



Finance Meeting Sunday, 9/8, at 12:15pm in the Parlor

Congregational Care Ministry Meeting

Sunday, 9/15, at 1:30pm in the Parlor





The next **UMM** meeting is **Wednesday, 9/18**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.

YOUNG [AT] HEART



MEETS SATURDAY, 9/14 AT 8:15AM AT ACROPOLIS



Agape Shepherd Group meets Saturday, 9/14, at 10:00am at Rosita's at 1889 Bella Vista Way.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (GSG)

GSG will be meeting this month on **Monday**, **9/16**, at **2:00pm** in **Room 6**.

UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 11:30am in Becker Hall

Dr. Carla Thompson of the Center for Non-Profits who works with unhoused and asset-limited persons will be presenting "Made Again Another." Lunch will be spaghetti casserole, salad, garlic bread, and dessert for \$7.50. Childcare is available with prior notification. *Please RSVP by Sunday*, 9/22, in your Circle or call the Church Office.



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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

UWF 46th Annual Holiday Bazaar

October 5th 9am-2pm

The UWF needs your help for the Holiday Bazaar. You can bake pies, bake goodies, buy and donate plants to sell. help in the kitchen, be a dining attendant, cashier, work in a booth, or just generally help out. Men are needed to set up before and tear down after. An insert will be in each Sunday's bulletin beginning 9/8. Please fill it out and place it in the UWF basket (next to the bulletins) in the narthex and also near the Becker Hall entrance. To volunteer, call Judy Bilyeu at 876-2345.

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:





Natural Healing Education and Support Groups



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, September 16 **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

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.