FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA



# The Good News

**NOVEMBER 2024** 







# From Rev. Ron Hayes "Seeing the Fullness of God's Creation"

"All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory." 2 Corinthians 4:15 (CEB)

A few weeks ago, I spent some time one night working with AI (artificial intelligence) and back: "means to feel warm and friendly towards someone and to want to thank them. The word 'extremely' is used to emphasize that the quality being described is present to a great degree. For example, 'I am extremely grateful to all the teachers for their help.""

First, I think AI provided a satisfactory re- always with us. I'm extremely grateful. sponse. Secondly, I was intrigued by its use of "warm and friendly" as part of the response. So, I moved on to ask it for synonyms for grateful which it said were appreciative, glad of, indebted to, thankful, relieved, and touched.

When it comes to describing having or applying an attitude of extreme gratefulness, I would put it this way: "When you're practicing the mindset of extreme gratitude, you focus on all the abundance around you; you focus on the positive things more than the negative things. This intense focus will allow you to manifest more positive things into your life." If you want to see a spectrum of brilliant colors in your daily life, the fullness of God's Creation, you can't "see and experience" everything in black and white. We must trust what our eyes see, but there may also be more than our eyes and our minds can comprehend. God's blessings are there, but it can be hard for us to see them.

September and October brought several opportunities to "see" and experience the Northern Lights, the aurora borealis, even here in Arkansas. Pictures were showing up all over social media, but I couldn't really see the lights simply by looking into the night sky. When photos were taken wondered how it would explain the term with an iPhone, suddenly the beautiful colors "extremely grateful." In a nanosecond, it brought were there with the stars dotting the image. I then pondered the times I see things around me in the dull, muted, and darkened colors of night and have missed the blessings dancing in waves of color that are hard for me to comprehend and yet they've been there all the time. God is

Peace and blessings,





Photo Credit: Julie Hayes, October 10, 2024, Bella Vista, AR



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This will be the last "What's the (Hi)Story?" entry, at least for now. Obviously, it is not an article—just a message.

I'm out of stories and don't have time over the holidays to research history starting in 2004. Over the past several years, many of you have provided stories and contributed in other ways to preserve our church history. Others of you have mentioned to me that you enjoyed reading the stories and articles. I deeply appreciate every single one of you. Thank you!

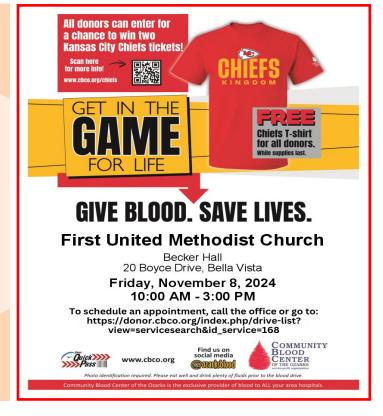
Wishing you many blessings for Thanksgiving.

Jill Hale, Historian



The BLESSING BOX is in dire straits! We desperately need CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, LUNCHBOX ITEMS, CANNED CHICKEN, CANNED PASTA, SOUP, CHILI, STEW, MICROWAVE MAC & CHEESE CUPS (not the boxed kind) right now. Medium sized boxes of cereal & jars of peanut butter are best because they fit in the Blessing Box. Drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the office. AS ALWAYS, PLEASE NO EXPIRED, DENTED. OPENED. OR UNLABELED CANS.







# YOUNG [AT] HEART



MEETS SATURDAY, 11/9 AT 8:15AM AT ACROPOLIS Agape Shepherd
Group meets
Saturday, 11/9,
at Rosita's at
10:00am.





Wesley Shepherd Group meets next on Thursday, II/I4, at Lois McMahon's house at 2:00pm.

# TRUSTEES MEETING SUNDAY, 11/17, AT 12:15PM PARLOR

# Congregational Care Ministry Meeting

Sunday, 11/17, at 1:30pm in the Parlor





# MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 6

Our Missions efforts continue. If you would like to help, come be a part of the team. We would love to have you!

# 5.0.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, 11/14, at 11:30am at BV 65 (the old Papa Mike's). Please RSVP by Sunday, 11/10, to either Loretta Tidwell at 479-586-9418 or Anne Kelly at 479-367-9609 so they can ensure 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.

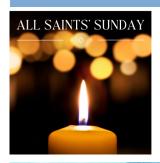






Need some Christmas ideas? Well, we have a TON of our church cookbooks from a few years ago, <u>40 Years of Potluck</u>, available and on sale for only \$10. It's chock full of really yummy recipes! In addition, we also have Jean Alexis Smith's "Bach Piano Transcriptions" CD's that you can pick up for a mere \$5. If you'd like either one, come to the office and we'll get some names crossed off of that Christmas gift list of yours.





On Sunday November 3, we will honor those who joined the Church Triumphant this past year by reading each member's name and lighting a candle for each of them. There will also be an opportunity for those who lost someone to come forward and light a candle in their memory. Join us as we remember each precious life and celebrate the gift of eternity that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Thank You

I know that the Lord has been with me in the 3 year journey of my son, David. David passed into his eternal home on September 23, 2024.

Thank you to the prayer chain and everyone who said a prayer for David as he fought his battle with cancer.

I felt the love from my 1st Methodist Church Family.

Thank you, Nancy Spangler



"I want to thank everyone for the great turn out and for helping us celebrate my 90th Birthday on Sunday, October 13."

~ Bob Kennedy



During this season of Gratitude, we are extremely grateful for our Office Angels. They generously volunteer their time to help the staff out in the office, most on a weekly basis. Some-

times, they answer the phone and greet people who come into the office which affords the staff the extra time they need to be able to complete their jobs. Others regularly take care of specific tasks. Whichever way they help, all of us are extremely thankful for each of them. The staff will be treating the Office Angels to lunch on November 19 as a way of expressing their gratitude to a special group of angels.

### MEET ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



#### LYNN WIGGERS:

Lynn joined the FUMCBV family on Sunday, August 27, when she transferred her membership from Oakley Chapel in Rogers. She is retired from Walmart where she worked in their internet service provider department. Lynn is well acquainted with the church as she is President of D.A.R. (Daughters of the America Revolution) which has been meeting here every month for years. D.A.R. keeps her pretty busy, but she also like to spend her free time travelling around in her RV. We're thrilled Lynn decided to join, so when you see her be sure to give her a big welcome we're famous for around here!

SATURDAY	2 8:30 Amp Big Book AA-Rm 28 11:30 St. Bernard AA Mtg. Rm 28	9 8:15 Young@Heart - Acropolis 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd Grp - Rosita's 11:00 BV Bluebird Society Potluck-BH	16 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28	23 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 2:00 Eagle Scouts Ceremony - BH
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WEDNESDAY		NEW CARPET  INSTALLATION: SANCTUARY  9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room  9:30 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor  3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room  4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends - Becker Hall 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 3:00 Chap. BL PEO Braid Delivery-BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room
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## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



11/03 Gil & Frances Temple 11/22 Bob & Shari Vermett

11/21 Noreen Poor & Tex Foster 11/23 David & Cherise George

11/25 Ken & Jean Swanson



11/08 Paul Healy

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 🊜



11/01 Maryann Johnson11/13 Leroy Handel11/26 Rene Bladon11/01 Amy Terry11/13 Nancy Veach11/26 Sharon Lindsey11/05 Darrell Bottjen11/18 Elaine Klein11/27 Verna Bottjen11/06 Vicki Forrest11/22 Pamela Palasty11/30 Drew Beisswenger11/07 Jeremy Shafman11/22 Dick Schupp11/30 Charles Crider

11/25 Cathy Luck

November 2024 Newsletter Financial Data									
information as of September 30, 2024			2024		2024				
			Actual		Budget				
Month of September Contributions (Income*)			40,138.26	\$	45,916.66				
Month of September Expenses		\$	34,314.73	\$	45,377.50				
	Difference	\$	5,823.53	\$	539.16				
Year to Date Income Contributions Only		\$	115,612.81	\$	137,749.98				
Year to Date Expenses		\$	103,976.57	\$	136,132.50				
	Difference	\$	11,636.24	\$	1,617.48				
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)									

THE ANIMALS



ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1,
PASTOR RON PERFORMED A
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS FOR
TWO SPECIAL PETS, GRACIE (HIS
& JULIE'S LABRADOODLE MIX),
& CHARLIE (TED & JULIE
LASHER'S MINI SCHNAUZER).









The 9th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT sponsored by WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP for our homebound members has begun! The cards will be delivered the first week of December.

Each Sunday beginning November 10, cards will be open on card tables in the Narthex and Becker Hall for you to sign. Feel free to express greetings along with your signatures.

If you supply a box of Christmas cards, please sign every card. DO NOT insert them into the envelopes or seal them. Leave the envelopes in the bottom of the box with the signed cards on top. The Christmas box(es) may be left in the labeled bin in the narthex. They will be collected every day. If you have extra single cards from last year, you are invited to sign those and drop them in the tub, too.

Our hope is that our homebound members will enjoy viewing many cards from their church family during the holiday season.

Thank you for your participation in this much-needed ministry for our homebound members during this Christmas Season!

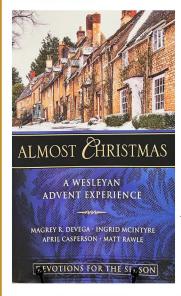


We will again adorn the Sanctuary with Poinsettias this Christmas season. Call or come by the office and sign up to dedicate one in honor or memory of a loved one or dear friend by Monday, November 18.

They are \$15 each.



We're partnering again with Sharing & Caring for our Angel Tree program this year. The tree will be up soon. FUMCBV will provide gifts for 25 kids in need in Benton County this year. There will be one bag for each child with a suggested donation amount of \$150. The deadline for turning the bags in is 11/25. If you'd like to donate a whole bag or partner with someone else to do one, see Amy Gilmore or email her at: amy@fumcbellavista.com



This year for Advent, we have purchased devotionals entitled, Almost Christmas. Pick your copy up in the office today. The devotions in the book begin on December 1, so be sure to get yours before then. A donation of \$5 is requested for each book.





#### A NOTE FROM OUR MISSIONS TEAM

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donating clothes and shoes for the kids at Cooper Elementary. We dropped them off at the school on October 9, and they were thrilled to receive so many wonderful items (see below)!

#### The Missions Team



On October 9, Shari Vermett dropped off all the clothes and shoes you guys donated for the kids at Cooper Elementary School to Mrs. Dumes, one of their counselors.



The Missions Team also made its first donation to Habitat for Humanity of NWA in the amount of \$1,800 on October 16. Pictured are Steve Terry (left), our Missions Team Lead, Debby Wieneke, Executive Director (center), and Chet Campbell (right).

# UNITED METHODIST MEN MORE FALL 2024 CARS, COFFEE, & PANCAKES











































#### **GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!**

As we all look to weather changes in November and the celebration of our many blessings at Thanksgiving, the United Women of Faith feel very BLESSED that our 2024 Holiday Bazaar was such a success! With our Bakeless Bake Sale, Rummage Sale, and the Bazaar, we will be able to distribute \$23,500.00 to non-profits in Benton Co. to help women, children and youth.

#### THE SUCCESS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALL THE HELP OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH! We Thank All of You!

In November, all the circles will be collecting for World Thank Offering which is an opportunity to help women, children, and youth worldwide.

ITEMS NEEDED: We continue to collect BEST CHOICE BAR CODES (like the one here). For every 1000 we collect, the unit receives \$60.00. Just drop the bar codes in the box in the library. Also in the Library is a large selection of beautiful cards for all occasions handmade by Sandy Larsen. The cards are \$3.50 and can be paid for in the office. All proceeds go to UWF missions.



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 6<sup>th</sup> UWF Board Meeting 9:30am Parlor & December 4<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting & Luncheon with Installation of Officers. It will also be another opportunity to pick up some special gifts for Christmas!

For questions or comments, call: UWF President Barbara Brooks at 876-5353. Become a member of UWF and make a difference in someone's life. HAVE A BLESSED & SAFE THANKSGIVING!



November **UWF Circle Meetings** 

#### Sarah

Tuesday, 11/12, at 1:00pm in the Parlor **World Thank** Offering

#### **Evening**

Thursday, 11/12, at 6:00pm in the Youth Room **World Thank** Offering

#### Martha

Monday, 11/18, at 9:30am in the Quilt Room **World Thank** Offering

#### Naomi

Tuesday, 11/19, at 1:30pm in the Parlor **World Thank** Offering

# **UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON**

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 4, at 11:30 am in Becker Hall. Perfect Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus will sing Christmas music for us. The menu will be hot turkey salad, fruit, roll, and dessert for \$7.50. Reservations & cancellations need to be made by Sunday, December 1, through your circle or call the church office at 855-1158. Childcare will be available with prior notification.

# **Les of Paith Mile of Pennies**

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We have collected \$103 so far, but have you checked under your couch cushions yet? Put your pennies in the jug in the narthex. All pennies will go to help the women and children of Benton County.





# Book Nook: New in the Church Library



#### **UWF 2025 READING PROGRAM BOOKS**

#### **EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS (CATEGORY I):**

- 1. <u>THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE</u> by Abi Dare (FIC)(Bonus Book)
- 2. <u>THE BOOK WOMAN'S DAUGHTER</u> by Kim Michele Richardson (FIC)
- 3. THE LUCKY ONES by Linda Williams Jackson (FIC)

#### **NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY (CATEGORY II):**

- 1. START WITH HELLO by Shannon Martin (177)
- 2. ALL THAT IS SECRET by Patricia Raybon (FIC)
- 3. ALL MY RAGE by Sabaa Tahir (FIC)(Youth)

#### **SOCIAL ACTION (CATEGORY III):**

- 1. THIS IS YOUR TIME by Ruby Bridges (323.44)
- 2. OUR MISSING HEARTS by Celeste NG (FIC)
- 3. SOLITO by Zavier Zamora (BIO)

#### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH (CATEGORY IV):**

- 1. <u>SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR SOUL CARE</u> by Barbara Peacock (235)(Bonus Book)
- 2. WORDS OF LOVE by Eugenia Anne Gamble (241.5)
- 3. <u>WHISTLESTOP TALES</u> by Krish Kandiah (808.3) (Youth)

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (CATEGORY V):

- 1. A RIGHT WORTHY WOMAN by Ruth Watson (FIC)
- 2. THE GIRLS IN THE WILD FIG TREE by Nice Leng'ete (302)
- 3. <u>WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER</u> by Linda Sarsour (BIO) (Youth) (Bonus Book)



To all who wish to understand who we are as members of the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista, I would like to offer a starting point defined by these three words: **We seek Christ**.

We seek to learn of Him. To follow Him. To become more like Him. Every day throughout the year, we seek Him, but especially at this time of the year—Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our beloved Savior—our hearts are ever more inclined to Him. As part of our preparations for celebrating Christmas, let us consider what we can do to be ready to welcome the arrival of the Savior again this Christmas.

Starting November 19th, we will meet for 5 weeks on Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM in Room 6.





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#### We're Here to Serve You

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Music Ministries Director - Dr. Lawrence Zehring
Organist/Accompanist - Lamar Puckett
Praise Band Leaders - Rick & Gloria Atha

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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOV. 18** 

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 & stay strong.

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

WHEN: Monday, 11/18 LOCATION: 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 & resources. Our mission is to educate, connect, & encourage those seeking comprehensive natural strategies to heal strong & stay strong. Please consult your healthcare provider for diagnosis, medical advice, or treatment.

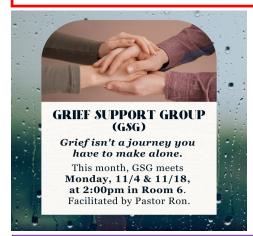
Questions? Please contact: Lorre Faszholz - 682-234-1645



Red Walking
Stick/Cane with
Handle found in
the Library laying
atop the counter
by the door. If it's
yours, please
take it home.



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







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