FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

OCTOBER 2024

UWF 46th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, October 5 ~ 9:00am-2:00pm

Orange & Cinnamon Rolls \$2 ea Lunch \$7 served after 10:30 am

You will find handmade crafts, baked goods, jams, jellies, sauces, salsas, our special seasoning salt, dignified discards, & even plants for sale. For lunch, choose from Sloppy Joes, Hot Chicken Salad, and Stuffed Baked Potatoes. Various pies are available for dessert.

(To pre-order rolls, call (479) 855-1158.)

We take Cash & Checks. Credit Cards accepted thru PayPal.

Proceeds go toward local ministries, including: Bella Vista Courtesy Van, Bella Vista Public Library, Bella Vista Preschool, Camp Aldersgate, Children's Advocacy Center, Days for Girls, Gravette Care and Share, Habitat for Humanity, Havenwood, Helping Hands, Hub of Hope, MI-Watch, New Church Build, Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter, Oasis Food Pantry, Ozark Mission Project, Redbird School, Restoration Village, Saving Grace, Shoebox Ministry, Single Parent Scholarship, Souls Harbor, Teen Action and Support, Wesley Foundation & FUMC Bella Vista Library.





From Rev. Ron Hayes "The Christian Journey Means We Continue to Grow"

I have a few, quite a few, favorite devotional writ- tique,' a standard which other people have set up for French-born American Trappist monk, writer, theolo- then they demand that you conform to the image gian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of they have in mind. But the real contemplative stand-'comparative religion.'

growth. It's a theme to which we should all return matter what kind of press I get,' if you are ready to be frequently in prayer. There is a great thing in my life – yourself, you are not going to fit anybody else's mys-Christ wants me to grow. Move this around a little bit tique." in meditation. Instead of worrying – Where am I going and to see what hinders it. But when it comes to and realistic, was basic in Thomas Merton's view. ourselves, all we can do is try to honestly be ourselves."

ure. Merton states that the really important steps logical point: any attempt to renew the contempla-So what? (So that's perhaps one of the valuable prayer. things about this trip to Asia.) We must have the courage to make fools of ourselves, and at the same time be awfully careful not to make fools of ourselves.

"We are too much dominated by public opinion. We are always asking, what is someone else going to think about it? There is a whole 'contemplative mys-

ers. Thomas Merton is high on that list. He was a you. They call you a contemplative or a hermit, and ard is to have no standard, to be just yourself. That's Thomas Merton once shared about his 'theme' of what God is asking of us, to be ourselves. If you are growing. "The main theme of time is that of inner ready to say, 'I'm going to do my own thing, it doesn't

He saw the wrong kind of self-fulfillment as one of ing? What kind of resolution should I make? - I our great temptations today. "The wrong idea of pershould simply let this growing unfold in my prayer. I sonal fulfillment is promoted by commercialism. They should see what is holding me back from it. What is try to sell things which none of us would buy in our it? What kind of compromises have I made? Am I sub- right mind; so, they keep us in our wrong mind. There stituting activity for growth? (I have often asked my- is a kind of self-fulfillment that fulfils nothing but your self, is this writing getting in the way? For me, writing illusory self. What truly matters is not how to get the is so satisfying an activity that it is hard to say.) In most out of life, but how to recollect yourself so that someone else it is easier to see this process of grow- you can fully give yourself." Self-acceptance, sober

Merton added, "The desert becomes a paradise when it is accepted as desert. The desert can never He goes on to say that one of the greatest obsta- be anything but a desert if we are trying to escape it. cles to our growing is the fear of making fools of our- But once we fully accept it in union with the passion selves. Any real step forward implies the risk of fail- of Christ, it becomes a paradise." This is a great theoimply the risk of complete failure. Yet we must make tive life is going to have to include this element of them, trusting in Christ. We ask ourselves, "If I take sacrifice, uncompromising sacrifice. There is no way this step, will everything I have done so far go down around it if we want a valid renewal. Remember, it's a the drain?" In a situation like that, we need a shot of 'theme' of growing, the theme of inner growth. A Buddhist mentality. Then we see, down what drain? theme to which we should all return frequently in

Peace and blessings,

Jula .

All of you are such blessings! Julie & I would like to thank all of you for your many prayers, your wonderful cards, great food, and for extra efforts as I recover from my surgery. The blessings are endless and we are grateful.

~ Pastor Ron & Julie

Thank You

Thank You to Joe and Judy Jackson for all the hard work you did by replacing the feet on all of the Parlor chairs! We appreciate it.



With Many Thanks and Much Appreciation Thank you to all my church family and friends for the prayers, calls, and cards. All are greatly appreciated.

Love and thanks to all, Leroy Handel

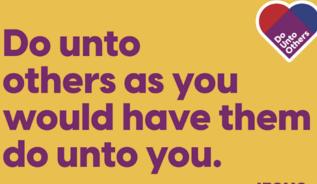


Thank You to Leroy & Toann Handel for the beautiful, new paraments!



Memorial Service for Charlene Marshall

Saturday, October 12, 11:00am in the Sanctuary Reception to follow service in Becker Hall.



- JESUS

Let's inject some kindness into this campaign season. Grab a sign from the narthex for your yard. Donations accepted.





Wesley Shepherd Group meets for breakfast on Monday, 10/7, at Rosita's at 9:00am.

Agape Shepherd Group meets Saturday, 10/12, at Rosita's at 10:00am.



Congregational Care Ministry Meeting Sunday, 10/20, at 1:30pm

in the Parlor



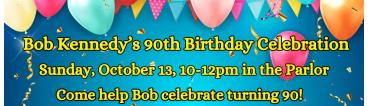




While he was out, Pastor Ron arranged for some amazing women to cover the "Amazing Women of the Bible" series including DS Rev. Roy Beth Kelley & Molly Pickering. Some of the Amazing Women of the Church (and some men too) can be found in the photos.







CARE & SHARE TRAILER Donate ANY used goods Monday, 10/21, starting at 8:00am in the parking lot.



October 12

FUMC, Russellville

Highland Valley, LR

FUMC, Monticello

November 9

CUMC, Fayetteville

Grande Avenue, Hot

Springs November 16

First UMC, El Dorado

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(Mornings)

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For more information, contact Karen Anderson, 479-372-3191 or karen.anderson@arumc.org



MEET ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



JIM DOBEY:

We welcomed Jim to the FUMCBV family on Sunday, August 11. He is retired from careers in the automotive aftermarket and over-theroad trucking safety management. Jim spends his time playing golf and spending time with friends and family. In his own words, Jim keeps himself busy with "all the chores of self-sufficiency as a single, old man! Golf, family, and God's will!" He is interested in attending Bible Studies. We're so glad FUMCBV checked all the boxes for you, Jim!

Next month after we get her photo, we'll meet Lynn Wiggers who also joined in August.

5.O.L.O.5. meet again!

SOLOS gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10/29, at 11:30am at BV Country Club. Please RSVP by Sunday, 10/27, to either Lois McMahon at 678-316-7590 or Layne Anderson at 479-876-6780 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.





We will remember those who have served with a Veteran's Day slide show this year on Sunday, November 10. Please email photos of yourselves or relatives to Andrea or bring your photos to the office before Monday, October 28. Let her know which branch they served in & what your/their rank was. Her email address is andrea@fumcbellavista.com.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT HELP & CANDY NEEDED

THURSDAY. 10/31 5:00PM-7:00PM **BE HERE AT 430 TO DECORATE** YOUR TRUNKS!

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WE NEED A FEW HELPFUL SOULS TO ENSURE THE BOYS & GHOULS HAVE A SCARY GOOD TIME! SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX & OUTSIDE BECKER HALL TO HELP OUT OR DECORATE YOUR TRUNK & HAND OUT CANDY. PLACE YOUR DONATED CANDY IN THE BLACK BINS IN EITHER LOCATION SEE DENA MAYES FOR MORE INFO.

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		8:50 UM Men's Golf - Berksdale	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room	9:00 UM Men's Golf - Dogwood	Office Closed	
		1:00 Blessing of the Animals	3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room	12:30 Caregiver's Suppt Mtg - Rm 6	11:30 BVPS Board Meeting - Room 28	8:00 UWF Holiday Bazaar Setup
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		6:30 Men's Chorus-Music Rm				
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9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary	9:00 Wesley Shephd Grp-Rosita's	8:00 UM Men's Golf - Berksdale	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room	9:00 UM Men's Golf - Scotsdale	Office Closed	8:15 Young@Heart - Acropolis
10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall	10:00 Caring Friends - Becker Hall	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall		8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL	12:30 Women's Chorus- Music Rm	1:00 Sarah Circle Mtg - Parlor	3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room	2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH		10:00 Agape Shepherd Grp - Rosita's
11:UU Casual Service - BH 3:30 Charge Conference-Flm Snr	1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parior 2:00 Grief Sunnort Grn - Rm 6	6:00 Scouts - UK, BH, KM 6, LL 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor	4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Koom 6:00 SPRC Meeting - Room 6	5:00 Kotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle Mfg - Youth Rm		11:UU Charlene Marshall Memorial Service - Sanctuary
	5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor	6:30 Men's Chorus- Music Rm	0			12:00 Helping Hands Workday-HH
	6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28					
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9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary	9:00 DAR - Parlor	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room	9:00 UM Men's Golf - Kingswood	Office Closed	6:30 UMM Pancake Prep
10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6	1:30 Naomi Circle Mtg - Parlor	9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall		8:00 UMM Coffee, Cars, & Pancakes
10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL	12:30 Women's Chorus- Music Rm	3:00 Missions Team Mtg - Room 6	12:00 Chapter CX PEO Lunch - BH	2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH		8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
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10/02 Ivan & Merle Lantz 10/05 Terry & Linda Davis 10/12 Ken & Mary Jane Hammarstrom



10/02 Jean Swanson	10/12 Sandy Beverage	10/21 Dave Broers
10/03 Evelynn Antoine	10/13 Kristin Crider	10/21 Bedetta Valentine
10/04 Andrea Fobes	10/13 John Hyslop	10/24 Michelle Forst
10/05 Darleen O'Brien	10/13 Lani Hyslop	10/24 Weldon Hyde
10/06 Allan Hagan	10/16 G. Billingsley	10/24 Lamar Puckett
10/07 Connie Hinton	10/20 Arlene Alford	10/25 Dennis Reed
10/09 Bob Kennedy	10/20 Drew Baker	10/25 Maxine Ward
10/10 Peggy Crabtree	10/20 Dennis Eckard	10/28 Richard Abbott
10/11 Steve Larsen	10/20 Carolyn Howard-Small	10/31 Laraine Smirl
10/11 Jim Prather	10/20 Kyle Murphy	

October 2024 Newsletter Financial Datainformation as of August 31, 2024ActualBudget					
Month of August Contributions (Income*)		\$	38,984.93	\$	45,916.66
Month of August Expenses		\$	35,164.40	\$	45,377.50
	Difference	\$	3,820.53	\$	539.16
Year to Date Income Contributions Only		\$	75,474.55	\$	91,833.32
Year to Date Expenses		\$	69,661.90	\$	90,755.00
	Difference	\$	5,812.65	\$	1,078.32
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)					



A LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONS TEAM STEWARD

Thanks to all of you who contributed to Missions this year, we made donations of \$18,000 plus to Cooper Elementary, Boys & Girls Club, Saving Grace, UMCOR, Habitat for Humanity and disaster relief in Rogers. We also took several loads of much needed goods to Rogers & Decatur after the tornado. We took food for Snack Packs and donated clothing and supplies to Cooper Elementary. We currently have around 15 members who are active in our meetings and with our Charities. If any of you would like to join us, just come to the meetings and I will add you to the committee.

It is time now to start rebuilding our Mission funds for next year. We would like to have your continued support by donating bills to the **POWER OF ONE** through the offering plate. You can also donate to Missions through the office by designating the donation to Missions. Again, thanks for your support, we are looking forward to making a difference in our community in the future.

Steve Terry Missions Team Steward



The Missions Team made a donation of \$2,500 to the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County on September 4. Pictured is Caitlyn Edwards, Director (left), Steve Terry, our Missions Team Lead, and Rebecca Christie, Program Manager, (right).



On September 13, Shari Vermett presented Mrs. Dumes, a school counselor at Cooper Elementary School, with a check on behalf of the Missions Team and FUMCBV to help with the lunch program deficit.



MISSIONS TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 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!



Power of One

The concept is really quite simple. Fold a one-dollar bill lengthwise like in the pics at left and place it in the offering plate. The bill's unique fold will signal the Finance team that it is meant to be used for local missions only. Because \$1 is just \$1 until it's added to a bunch of others, then it becomes a tool for local missions.





The **Blessing Box** is running low again! Right now, CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK (Parmalat), LUNCHBOX ITEMS, CANNED MEAT (chicken, tuna, etc.) are most needed. Medium-sized boxes of cereal are best because they fit in the Blessing Box. Drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the of-Collection fice. PLEASE NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, OR UNLABELED CANS.

Kid's Clothing for Cooper Elementary Students in Need Thank You to everyone who donated clothing for Cooper Elementary! It will make a difference for the kids that need it.





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.



Helping Hands Work Day



Are you looking for a "hands-on" mission project? Our church is scheduled to work at the Helping Hands Resale Shop in Bentonville on Saturday, October 12. The indoor work is from 12:00pm to 4:00pm and includes cashiering, bagging the customer's purchases, or roaming the sales floor to clean and tidy or perhaps put items out. (It's a great way to do a little shopping at the same time - at half price!) If you're feeling strong, they can always use help out back receiving donations either in the morning or

afternoon. For questions, speak to Verna Bottjen, 876-1392.



GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

United We are all looking forward to the beautiful fall colors and are anticipating our 46th Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Oct. 5th, from 9AM to 2PM. The women of UWF would like to THANK the many women and men who are helping to make this year's Bazaar very special. Orange and Cinnamon rolls will be served again, followed by lunch with your choice of Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Hot Chicken Salad, Sloppy Joes, and a selection of Pies.

At our unit luncheon on Sept. 25th, we presented our Special Recognition Pins to Becky Collier and Mary Hixson for all the many ways they have helped UWF and the Church in the past years.

After the tornado hit Rogers in May, our unit asked how we could help FUMC Rogers with their food assistance program. In July and September, we provided fifteen 9x13 cakes for their once-a-month Sunday meal for the community. We will continue to furnish them with cakes every other month and ANYONE who would like to be part of this outreach, please let Judy Bilyeu know.

<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.

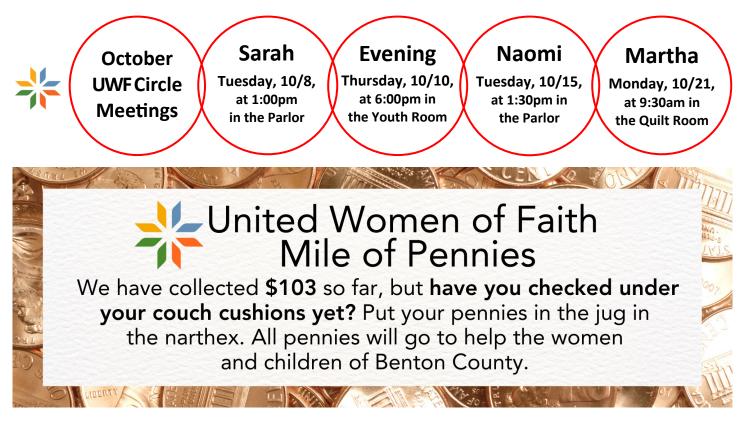


DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 5th UWF Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm & October 23rd 9:30 AM UWF Finance/Budget meeting

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

Become a member of UWF and make a difference in someone's life. ALL ARE WELCOME!







The next **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 10/16**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.

METHODIST MEN'S GOLF

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OCTOBER TEE TIMES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8:50AM HIGHLANDS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9:00AM DOGWOOD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 8:00AM BERKSDALE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9:00AM SCOTSDALE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:20AM BV CTRY CLUB THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9:00AM KINGSWOOD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8:20AM BRITTANY THURS, OCTOBER 24, 9:00AM BV CTRY CLUB TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9:20AM BERKSDALE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 9:00AM DOGWOOD



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20



The 9th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT sponsored by Wesley Shepherd Group for our homebound members is COMING UP NEXT MONTH! Beginning November 3, cards will be available on card tables in the Narthex and Becker Hall to sign during the entire month of November. You can donate boxes of Christmas cards if you wish. Cards will be picked up each week and will be mailed out the first week of December.



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: <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.