



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

DECEMBER 2024



- 12/03, 12/10, 12/17 ~ 9:30am: Seeking the Gift: An Advent Study in Room 6
- 12/07 ~ 2:00pm: Carols for All Ages/Potluck: caroling our homebound members
- 12/08 ~ 3:00pm: BV Men's Chorus Christmas Concert at BV Community Church
- 12/08 ~ 6:00pm: NWA Women's Chorus Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary
- 12/14 ~ 5:00pm: "A Christmas Carol" Movie & Popcorn in Becker Hall
- 12/15 ~ 9:00am: "A Christmas of Carols" Cantata in the Classic Service
- 12/15 ~ 11:00am: "Christ Is Born" Casual Christmas Musical Service
- 12/20 ~ 6:30pm: Longest Night Service in the Parlor
- 12/22 ~ 7:00pm: "A Sacred Christmas" Garth Smith Concert in Sanctuary
- 12/24 ~ 12:00pm: Carols & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
- 12/24 ~ 5:00pm: Storytime & Carols Casual Christmas Eve Service Becker Hall
- 12/24 ~ 7:00pm: Carols & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
- 12/25 ~ 12:00pm: Christmas Day Potluck in Becker Hall
- 12/29 ~ 11:00am: Missions Sunday Unified Service in Becker Hall





## From Rev. Ron Hayes “Advent: Seeking the Gift”

We rejoice as the first Sunday of Advent has us starting the preparations to receive a king, the Savior of the world. I am going to leave the Advent narratives to other sources and approach discipleship from a daily, year-round, perspective in this article. In doing so, it still is a way to better prepare ourselves for the birth of the Christ Child. After all, Advent is a season of preparations for all of us.

In 1729 while John Wesley was a student at Oxford, he started a club with his brother, Charles. It was soon mockingly dubbed, “The Holy Club,” by some of his fellow collegians. The club members rigorously self-examined everyday by asking themselves 22 questions. The first list appeared in 1729 or 1730 in the preface to Wesley’s second Oxford Diary. Similar questions appeared in his “A Collection of Forms of Prayer for Every Day in the Week” in 1733. As late as 1781, Wesley published a similar list of questions in *The Arminian* magazine.

Each day the early group, which never numbered more than 25, gathered and reviewed some or all these questions. Yes, **every single day**.

Here are a few of them:

- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
- Do I disobey God in anything?
- Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
- Am I proud?
- Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward, or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
- Do I grumble or complain constantly?

A key Wesley insight was that spiritual growth is fos-

tered not only by the disciplining of one's personal piety, but also by the equally important disciplining of one's behavior. The ‘Methodist’ was to train what she or he did, in order to train what she or he believed. It was this key insight that caused Wesley to structure Methodism the way he did. Inward faith could be affected and nurtured through outward action. Wesley, it seems, built his Methodist structure to manage not belief or even inward faith, but outward actions. The heart was quickened through hearing the word of God and experiencing God's grace directly, but it was in the disciplined management of the outward actions that this fledgling faith grew and matured. I pray that will be true for me also. Let’s challenge ourselves with the 23<sup>rd</sup> question, “**Am I truly seeking Christ this Christmas?**”.

I will keep a few copies of the full list of the Wesley 22 Questions on my desk. If you are so inclined, stop in and I will gladly share one. You can decide if you want to discuss your thoughts on any of the questions. I am not sure I will be ready to answer on my behalf, but I will try. Each day, I prayerfully strive to live a life that answers them in a way that shows the Christ that lives in me. May I learn from my mistakes, my shortcomings, to be made stronger each day to share the Good News. May I be better prepared to fully receive the greatest gift this Advent season – the Christ Child.

Peace and blessings,






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.

The class continues each Tuesday morning at 9:30AM in Room 6 through Tuesday, December 17th.



**Pick up your copy of the new Advent devotional in the Narthex today. Please pay the \$5 requested donation in the office.**



**THE WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 10:00AM IN BECKER HALL TO SORT CARDS, ENJOY SOME FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP.**



Be the spark that provides peace, stability & hope for the children & families in our care



FUMC Bella Vista can share our light with the thousands of Arkansas children and families that receive care from Methodist Family Health. We can share the light of peace, stability and hope with Arkansans who experience abandonment, abuse and neglect or struggle with psychiatric, behavioral and emotional issues. We will highlight this mission on Sunday, December 15th and hope you will consider sharing a blessing this season.

*The holidays are right around the corner, and while that's exciting for some, it can make others feel blue. Join us for:*

***A Service of the Longest Night: A Night of Light & Hope***

*Friday, December 20, 2024 6:30 PM in the Chapel*

**Join us for**

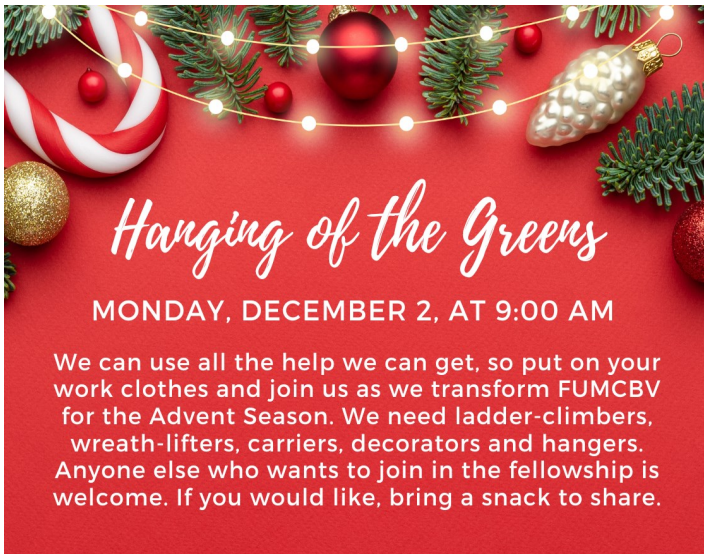
**“Christ Is Born”**

**A Casual Musical Service**

**Sunday, 12/15, at 11:00AM**





## Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 9:00 AM

We can use all the help we can get, so put on your work clothes and join us as we transform FUMCBV for the Advent Season. We need ladder-climbers, wreath-lifters, carriers, decorators and hangers. Anyone else who wants to join in the fellowship is welcome. If you would like, bring a snack to share.



All of the **Angel Tree** bags were taken! Be sure to **return your unwrapped presents in the large, clear bag that came with your list by Monday, 12/2, and place it under the tree.** Write the date you returned it on the list. Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped for these kids. You've certainly made their Christmases happier as a result!




**COME A-CAROLING WITH US!**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, AT 2:00PM**  
 HELP US SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER TO SOME OF OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE. MEET IN NARTHEX.  
**APPETIZER POTLUCK AT 4:30PM**  
**BRING YOUR FAVORITE APP TO SHARE.**



## "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT!  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | STARTS AT 5:00PM**

Let's create precious memories and enjoy the charm of this season with a family-favorite movie and popcorn in Becker Hall.



## "A Christmas in Carols" Cantata

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
 AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE



## Christmas Day Potluck

December 25 at 12:00pm

Bring a festive dish to share! Ham & turkey will be provided. Sign up in the office to attend.





For the **BLESSING BOX** this month, we need **CEREAL** (we have plenty of milk), **PACKETS OF INSTANT OATMEAL**, **CANNED CHICKEN** (we have plenty of tuna), **CANNED PASTA**, **SOUP**, **CHILI**, **STEW**, & **MICROWAVE MAC & CHEESE CUPS** (not the boxed kind). Medium-sized boxes of cereal are best because they fit in the Blessing Box. Please drop off your donations in

Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the office. **AS ALWAYS, PLEASE NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, OR UNLABELED CANS. IF YOU WOULDN'T EAT IT, WE DON'T NEED IT.**

### **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, 12/12, at 11:30am at Chicken Salad Chick at 500 SE Walton Blvd in Bentonville. If you'd like to carpool from the church, please RSVP by 12/11 to either Nancy Spangler at 479-876-6751 or Ann Kelley at 479-367-9609 so they can ensure everyone has a seat. If you're a single lady (widowed, divorced, etc.) & would like to join this group, let them know. You don't have to be a church member to participate.



### **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, December 14**. 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 Christmas 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.

### *Thank You*

My family and I want to thank you all for the wonderful expressions of love, calls, and cards sent to me during Ralph's illness and passing. Also to Pastor Ron, Lamar, Andrea, and Amy. What a wonderful church family you all are!

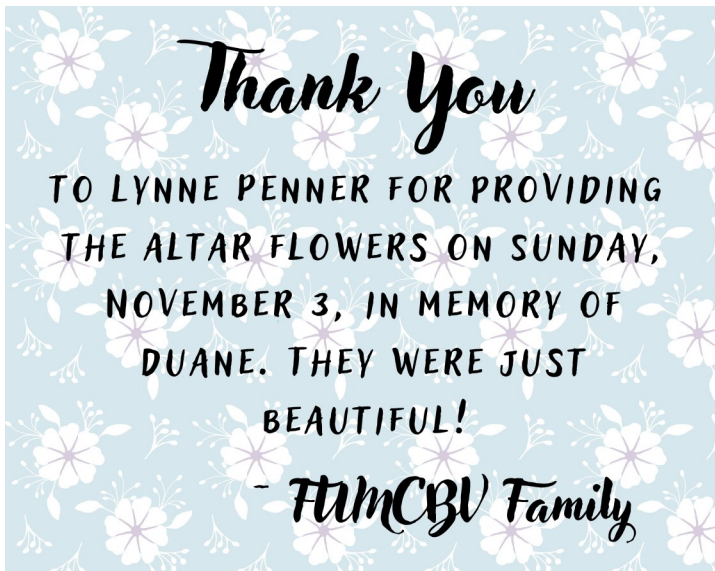
*~ Nita Wallace*



### *Thank You*

**TO LYNNE PENNER FOR PROVIDING THE ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, IN MEMORY OF DUANE. THEY WERE JUST BEAUTIFUL!**

*- FHMCBV Family*





11 SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH	2	9:00 HANGING OF THE GREENS 11:00 Staff Meeting - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - Music Rm 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 2:00 Grief Support Grp - Rm 6 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	3	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Advent Study - Room 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 6, LL 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	4	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor 11:30 UWF Luncheon - BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 6:00 Church Council Meeting - BH	5	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers Support - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	6	Office Closed 11:30 BVPS Board Mtg - Rm 28	7	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Wesley Shepherd Group Card Fellowship - BH 2:00 Caroling for All Ages 4:30 Caroling Potluck - BH
8	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor 3:00 Men's Concert-BV Comm Ch 6:00 Women's Concert - Sanctuary	9	9:00 DAR - Parlor 11:00 Staff Meeting - Rm 6 11:00 DAR Luncheon - BH 12:30 Women's Chorus - Music Rm 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	10	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Advent Study - Room 6 10:00 Sarah Circle - Wooden Spoon 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 6, LL 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	11	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends - Becker Hall 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room	12	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:30 Martha Circle-Bella's Table 11:30 SOLOS - Chicken Salad Chick 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle Mtg - Youth Rm	13	Office Closed	14	8:15 Young@Heart - Acropolis 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd Grp - Rosita's 12:00 Helping Hands Workday - HH 5:00 "A Christmas Carol" Movie-BH
15	9:00 Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Musical Service - BH 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor	16	11:00 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:00 HealingStrong - Room 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	17	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Advent Study - Room 6 1:30 Naomi Circle Mtg - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 6, LL 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor	18	9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	19	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:30 Staff Christmas Lunch - Table at Hickory Inn 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH	20	Office Closed 6:30 Longest Night Service - Chapel	21	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:30 MAPS Meeting - BH
22	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 7:00 Garth Smith Concert - Sanctuary	23	11:00 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	24	CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Carols & Candlelight Service-Sanctuary 5:00 Storytime & Carols Service-BH 7:00 Carols & Candlelight Service-Sanctuary	25	CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Christmas Day Potluck - BH	26	OFFICE CLOSED	27	OFFICE CLOSED	28	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
29	MISSIONS SUNDAY 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Unified Service - BH	30	OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED								





## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



12/10 John & Carol Zurn    12/20 Steve & Amy Terry



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

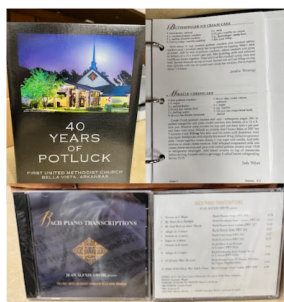


12/01 Joann Handel	12/12 Frances Holman	12/24 Cherise George
12/02 Brittany May	12/16 Shari Vermett	12/24 Betty Starr
12/03 Curtis Willoughby	12/17 Jon Mendoza	12/25 Julie Hayes
12/05 Lynne Penner	12/17 Marilyn Pommerenke	12/27 Ruth Ireland
12/06 Isabelle Mendoza	12/18 Larry Zehring	12/28 Ruth Richardson
12/09 Chris Klein	12/22 Madison Klein	
12/09 Heath Lehmann	12/22 Gil Temple	

### December 2024 Newsletter Financial Data information as of October 31, 2024

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget
Month of October Contributions (Income*)	\$ 40,885.55	\$ 45,916.66
Month of October Expenses	\$ 35,691.71	\$ 45,377.50
Difference	\$ 5,193.84	\$ 539.16
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 156,498.36	\$ 183,666.54
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 139,668.28	\$ 181,510.00
Difference	\$ 16,830.08	\$ 2,156.64

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



**Need some Christmas ideas? Well, we have a TON of our church cookbooks from a few years ago, 40 Years of Potluck, 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.**





# TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2024







## Look Who Was on the Cover of The Weekly Vista!

### P.E.O. holding holiday fundraiser through Nov. 25



Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista  
Submitted photo P.E.O. members **Linda Hyde** (left) and **Phyllis Leckey** are working on the Holiday Greens fundraiser.

The Bella Vista P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) Chapter BR is holding its annual Holiday Greens fundraiser with orders accepted through Nov. 25.

Spokesperson Julie Jensen said the chapter started holding the fundraiser in 2019, and this is the five-year anniversary.

Through the effort, residents may purchase mailbox toppers or swags made of fresh evergreens and ber-

ries. Proceeds will support higher education financial assistance for women.

Jensen said the P.E.O. was founded in 1869 by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The organization now has 197,000 members with a focus on providing educational opportunities worldwide for women, including loans, grants and scholarships. The P.E.O. also supports Cottey College, a women’s college in Nevada, Mo.

Jensen said she brought the Holiday Greens project to the local chapter after learning about it from a chapter in Tennessee. It was started in Tellico Village, Tenn., in 2012 by Jean Sanders, she said.

One special aspect for Jensen is that, 50 years ago, Sanders presented Jensen for membership in the organization. This year Jensen became a “Golden Girl” with 50 years of membership.

Another Golden Girl, Phyllis Leckey, creates the bows for the mailbox toppers and swags. She formerly had her own florist shop and now directs the creation of the greens, Jensen said. She also credited Care Butler as director of the project and said she is a very dynamic person.

The chapter’s 39 members and its BILs (brothers-in-law) help with gathering the greens, berries and pine cones as well as painting, assembling and delivering the finished products. Members also help with food and snacks for the workers, Jensen said. On average, 83 to 88 percent of the chapter’s members contribute to the project, she said, and it raises an average of \$3,800, with 100% going toward P.E.O. projects.

“It’s a great way to gift to other people and a pretty inexpensive gift at \$20,” Jensen said.

The organization will start gathering berries and greens Thanksgiving weekend and put the mailbox toppers and swags together the following weekend. The deadline to order is Monday, Nov. 25. The cost for either item is \$20 each. The cost includes free delivery and installation on Dec. 3-4 for locations in Bella Vista.

Contact Care Butler for an order form by emailing her at [carebutler@aol.com](mailto:carebutler@aol.com).

To send a donation only, make checks payable to P.E.O. Chapter BR and mail to: Vicki Forrest, 36 Villas Way, Bella Vista, AR, 72715.



### MISSIONS SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 29, we will have a Unified Service at 11:00am in Becker Hall. It will be a mix of Classic and Casual music. All of the offerings collected during this service will go to the General Missions Fund which we use throughout the year to help local worthy causes.



# United Women in Faith

## GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

As we approach the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the United Women of Faith are very thankful for the outstanding year we have had and for being able to help many non-profits in Benton County and, hopefully helping to make the lives of women, children, and youth of these organization better.

The December 4th Unit Meeting and Luncheon will be in Becker Hall at 11:30. Our entertainment will be Perfect Harmony. The lunch menu consists of Hot Turkey Salad, green salad, fruit, and dessert. Reservations should be made by Sunday Dec. 1st. We will also be installing the officers for 2025-2026. The budget for 2025 will also be adopted. We will have many Christmas items from our Bazaar available for sale to help with everyone's gift shopping. The Unit will also be handing out the awards that we received this year.

There are 15 new books in the Library that our unit has purchased, so drop in and check them out. Also we are still collecting Best Choice bar codes that can be left in the Library.

**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. We still have a large selection of beautiful cards for all occasions handmade by Sandy Larsen in the Library. The cards are \$3.50 and can be paid for in the office. All proceeds go to UWF missions.



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 4<sup>th</sup>** Unit Meeting & Luncheon with Installation of Officers in Becker Hall
- January 8<sup>th</sup>** UWF Board Meeting & planning for 2025 9:30am in the Parlor

For questions or comments, call: UWF President Barbara Brooks at 876-5353.

You too can become a member of UWF and make a difference in someone's life.

### HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON!



<b>December UWF Circle Meetings</b>	<b>Sarah</b> Tuesday, 12/10, Leave church at 10:00am for The Wooden Spoon Lunch Out	<b>Martha</b> Thursday, 12/12, at 11:30am at Bella's Table Christmas Lunch Out	<b>Evening</b> Thursday, 12/12, at 6:00pm in the Youth Room Christmas Gathering	<b>Naomi</b> Tuesday, 12/17, at 11:30am in the Parlor Christmas Potluck
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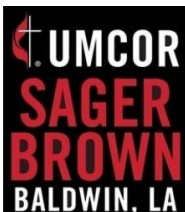
**UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON**

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.





## What is Sager Brown?




Sager Brown is an UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) sponsored depot in Baldwin, LA, that is a center for relief supply operations. After being shut down for a few years because of COVID, they are up and operating again, shipping out approximately \$4 million in supplies in response to disasters in the US. They also reach out to the local Baldwin community through housing rehabilitation, food distribution, and educational programs. The many volunteers who come to Sager Brown each year make this all possible. It is a mission experience for all ages, capabilities, skill sets, and desires to support God’s children who have undergone a disaster in their lives.

Our church sent teams through 2019, and we are wondering if there is any interest in doing it again. It does involve some personal expenses for lodging and meals provided on the 25-acre campus. Work consists primarily of assembling the 4 different relief kits, but there is also a wide variety of work opportunities allowing for different physical abilities on campus and in the community.

If there is enough interest, we will try to schedule a trip sometime later in 2025. ***We will meet briefly on Sunday, January 12, in between services at 10:15am in Room 6 to discuss this mission.***

If you have any questions, see their Newsletter on the Missions Bulletin Board by Becker Hall or call Verna Bottjen at 876-1392.

 **United Women of Faith Mile of Pennies**  
 You have donated **\$139** so far! Keep those pennies coming!  
 Put them in the jug in the narthex. All pennies will go to help  
 the women and children of Benton County.

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

**YOUNG [AT] HEART**  
 MEETS  
**SATURDAY, 12/14**  
**AT 8:15AM AT**  
**ACROPOLIS**



**Agape Shepherd Group** meets  
**Saturday, 12/14,**  
 at Rosita’s at  
**10:00am.**



**Congregational Care Ministry Meeting**  
**Sunday, 12/15,**  
**at 1:30pm**  
**in the Parlor**





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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, DEC. 16**

Pianist Garth Smith presents:

# A SACRED CHRISTMAS

## 2024

A multimedia concert featuring the  
**"A Sacred Christmas"  
 Choir and Orchestra**  
 presenting traditional Christmas  
 carols and covers of contemporary  
 Christian artists.

**SUNDAY, DEC 22nd, 2024  
 7:00 PM**

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**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  
**Monday, 12/2,**  
**at 2:00pm in Room 6.**  
 Facilitated by Pastor Ron.



**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 12/5, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR**  
**\*RESPITE CARE IN BECKER HALL**



**CARING friends**

The next  
**Respite Care Ministry social engagement is Wednesday, 12/11, from 10:00am-2:00pm in Becker Hall.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.