



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

MARCH 2025

The Season of **LENT 2025**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

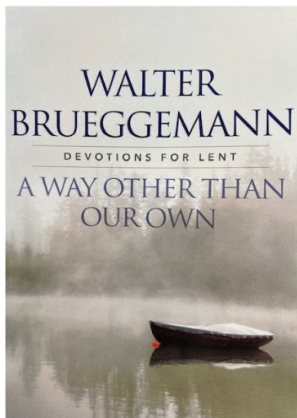
Wednesday, 3/5, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Lent Begins

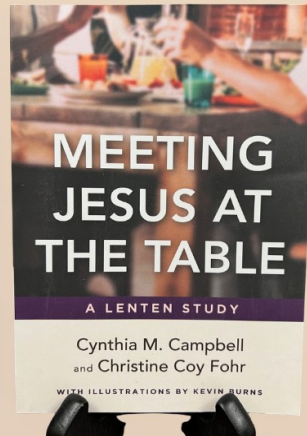


Burning of the Palm Fronds

Ash Wednesday, 3/5, at 10:00am in the Portico



PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE NEW LENT DEVOTIONAL IN THE NARTHEX TODAY. PLEASE PAY THE REQUESTED \$5 DONATION IN THE OFFICE.



PASTOR RON'S LENTEN STUDY: "Meeting Jesus at the Table" by Campbell & Fohr
As the author Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell phrased it, "Lent is a season in which we are invited to reflect on the immensity of God's love made known in Jesus". Let's journey together this Lenten Season on Mondays, 3/10-4/14, at 2:00pm in Room 6.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 17, 2025
6:30 PM SANCTUARY



Good Friday

TENEBRAE SERVICE
APRIL 18, 2025
6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY





From Rev. Ron Hayes

When We Ask Ourselves, “How Are We Doing?”

I am honored to be part of the new taskforce for the Conference which is reviewing the required reporting for the annual Charge Conferences each church holds every fall. The Bishop and Cabinet seek to have a deeper knowledge of how we are doing and how we are living into our Conference’s Missions Statement. “Working together to build vital faith communities by following Jesus, loving people, and sharing grace.”

A key part of any reporting must be based on the definitions, the clarifications, of what a “vital faith community” looks like, feels like, and accomplishes. The Bishop and Cabinet have marked it by seven key attributes – the first step.

- **Welcoming, Spirit-filled worship+**
- **Lay Leadership identified and equipped for ministry in the church and the world**
- **Small group and intergenerational ministries**
- **Relevant ministries with children, youth, and young adults**
- **Connectional work in partnership with others**
- **Intentional work for healing and reconciliation**

They are based on other mainline denominational research results and are scripturally-based.

#Following

Matthew 4:18-20 - *As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

Luke 9:23-24 - *Then he said to them all, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.”*

John 8:12 - *Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”*

#Loving

Psalms 36:7-9 - *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.*

Luke 10:26-28 - *He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and*

with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

John 13:34-35 - *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

#Sharing

Isaiah 58:6-8 - *Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*

2 Cor. 9:8 - *And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*

Romans 1:11-12 - *For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.*

Philemon 4-7 - *I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.*

So when we ask ourselves “How are we doing?”, what will be our answer this fall?

Peace and blessings,



A note from the pastor . . .

Many of the area churches in Northwest Arkansas are following the recommendation to encourage our leadership teams to become Lay Servants and take at least the three basic courses mentioned below. These three courses are simple and yet quite effective in covering the essential tenants to being good disciples and good church members. Please know that I highly recommend that all Church Council, SPRC, Finance, and Missions members consider taking them as soon as possible. Naturally, I am also hopeful others will get involved. If we get enough commitments, I can work with the District Leaders to hold the classes here!



Lay Servant Ministries



• Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

• Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course

Using Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book by Sandy Jackson and Brian Jackson, this foundational course introduces participants to the importance of servant leadership and offers practical guidance for service in the church and beyond.

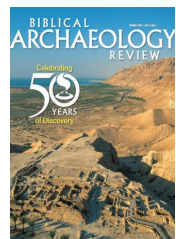
• United Methodist Heritage

Using Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way by Kenneth L. Carder, this class explores the history, beliefs, and practices of the United Methodist Church, providing a deeper understanding of its Wesleyan roots.

To Become a Certified Lay Servant:

1. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which you hold membership. (Pastor signature will be on first Charge Conference report.)
2. Complete the "Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC Course."
3. Complete an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course.

Contact the Office and add your name to the list! These classes are typically held on a Friday or Saturday and are \$15 per class plus the cost of the book [Scholarships are available].



Barbara Brooks donated a stack of *BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEW* magazines to the library. According to their website, "*Biblical Archaeology Review* is a one-of-a-kind archaeology magazine that acts as a bridge between the academic study of archaeology and a broad general audience eager to understand the world of the Bible better." Thank you, Barbara, for these informative and factual archeological resources. Feel free to check one out today!



WB CHATTER BOX

Welcome to the new section of our newsletter dedicated to our WB Groups.

WB GROUPS SIMPLIFIED by Amy Gilmore

By the time the newsletter goes out, the first round of WB groups will have met – some maybe even twice! However, there is still some confusion surrounding these newly forming groups. I am going to try and clear it up, but I'm always available if you have questions.

Here's how it all began...back in 1703 John Wesley was born to Susanna and Samuel Wesley in Epworth, England. As a child...Did I go too far back?! Well, in reality small groups within the Methodist Church did come from John Wesley and hopefully you have been reading the "WB Chatter" in your bulletins for a little bit of history surrounding small groups. They are biblically inspired – from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." and 1 Corinthians 12:25 "that there may be no dissension with the body, but the members may have the same care for one another."

To jump start these groups at FUMC Bella Vista, Pastor Ron and I decided to use the January 25th meeting as a starting point. If you attended the meeting, you were assigned to a group that day and requested to try to meet with your new group several times over the next six months.

If you're asking, "What are we supposed to do in these

groups?" There is no agenda, but suggestions were made. So far, WB groups have met for breakfast, games, lunch, and just a "getting to know you" time. **These groups are all about building relationships with members of FUMC Bella Vista.** We have had 38 people join FUMC Bella Vista since January 2023 and several more faithful attendees and if you don't golf with them or sit next to them in worship, you probably don't have a relationship with them or even know their name. How can a church grow and spread God's love and create disciples if there aren't relationships among the people?

If you're thinking, "What if I wasn't at the January 25th meeting, can I still be in a WB group?" Yes!! We want everyone to have a group of people that will support them, check in with them, and encourage them. Over the next few weeks, Pastor Ron and I will create more WB groups or you can create your own group. Please give them a fair chance, but I know they are not for everyone.

Keep your eye on the newsletter, weekly email, slides and all the places where we communicate to find out more about how these WB groups will help form new relationships and have a positive impact on FUMC Bella Vista.

An AI Response to the Question:

"What are some advantages of Small Group Meetings used by Methodist Churches?" (e.g. WB's, Shepherd Groups, Circles)

In preparation for our WB Dreamers meeting held on Monday, 2/24/25, I wanted to put together a brief explanation of small groups. Since I wasn't sure where to start, I decided to ask AI (artificial intelligence) for its input. (I used Microsoft Copilot Chatbot with GPT-4 Turbo.)

Methodist small groups often engage in various activities designed to foster spiritual growth, community, and service. Here are some common activities:

- 1. Bible Study:** Members gather to read and discuss passages from the Bible. This helps them deepen their understanding of scripture and apply its teachings to their lives.
- 2. Prayer:** Groups often spend time in prayer, both for one another and for broader concerns. This can include intercessory prayer, praying for personal needs, or simply spending quiet time in reflection.
- 3. Fellowship:** Building relationships is a key part of small group life. Members may share meals, celebrate birthdays and special occasions, and simply enjoy each other's company.
- 4. Service Projects:** Many groups engage in community service, such as volunteering at local shelters, organizing

food drives, or participating in mission trips. These activities help members live out their faith in practical ways.

- 5. Accountability:** Members support each other in their spiritual journeys, offering encouragement, sharing struggles, and holding each other accountable to their commitments.
- 6. Worship:** Some groups include times of worship, singing hymns or contemporary Christian songs, and expressing their faith through music and praise.
- 7. Learning:** Groups may study Christian books, watch and discuss religious films or videos, or invite guest speakers to share their insights.

These activities help create a supportive, nurturing environment where members can grow in their faith and make a positive impact in their communities.

I say don't be afraid or intimidated by AI. When challenged with questions in an appropriate Christian way, AI's answers can be very thought-provoking and insightful.

Artie Lawless,
WB Dreamers



WB CHATTER BOX

March Meetings

YOUNG [AT] HEART
MEETS SATURDAY, 3/8,
8:15AM AT ACROPOLIS

WB Agape

**Saturday, 3/08,
at Rosita's
at 10:00am**

WB K.I.M.
(Keepers in Mission)

**Saturday, 3/8,
at 11:30am
at Rosita's
in Bella Vista**

WB Acorns

**Monday, 3/11,
at 11:30am
at Bella Vista
Country Club**

WB Dreamers

**Monday, 3/17,
at 1:00pm
in Becker Hall**

WB WARRIORS

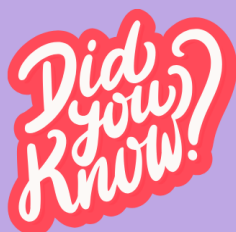
**SATURDAY, 3/22,
AT 9:00AM
AT TABLE AU PAIN**

WB GRAND CENTRAL

**Thursday, 3/27,
at 8:30am
Phillips 66
Grand Central station
on Forest Hills Blvd
(next door to Arvest)**

WB Chill

**Thursday, 3/27,
at 11:00am
at Undercliff Grill
in Joplin, MO**



We have a **Potluck & Games Night** every **Monday evening at 5:00pm** in the Parlor/Chapel. Join us for cards, board games, dominoes, etc. We will find a game for you or teach you a new one. Bring a dish to share & your table service. For questions, call Mabel Ashline: (563)505-6975.



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY															
2	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's Sunday School-LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH	3	10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 Women's Chorus - Music Rm 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	4	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 6, LL 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	5	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:00 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor 10:00 Palm Frond Burning - Portico 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service - Sanct.	6	9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	7	Office Closed 11:30 BVPS Board Meeting - Rm 28	8	8:15 Young@Heart - Acropolis 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd Grp - Rosita's 10:00 WB K.I.M. - Rosita's	1	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28												
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March





MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



3/10 Steve & Sandy Larsen

3/16 Ted & Julie Lasher

3/14 Leroy & Joann Handel

3/27 John & Lani Hyslop



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



3/01 Gloria Atha

3/13 Linda Clausen

3/23 Ricky Echols

3/02 Linda Davis

3/13 Sheryl FitzPatrick

3/26 Naomi Hagan

3/02 James Gilmore

3/16 Lora Burch

3/28 Judy Knadle

3/07 Frank Kostal

3/17 John Lindsey

3/28 Gail Storm

3/07 Wanda Williams

3/20 Terry Davis

3/29 Kim Davenport

3/08 Dylan Antoine

3/20 Judy Jackson

3/10 Linda Hyde

3/22 Dylen Lehmann

March 2025 Newsletter Financial Data information as of January 31, 2025

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Month of January Contributions (Income*)	\$ 40,066.00	\$ 45,916.66
Month of January Expenses	\$ 38,526.60	\$ 45,377.50
Difference	\$ 1,539.40	\$ 539.16
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 287,033.57	\$ 321,416.62
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 253,859.91	\$ 317,642.50
Difference	\$ 33,173.66	\$ 3,774.12

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

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.





MISSIONS

Introducing the Mission of the Quarter

Many FUMCBV members that have been around the church for longer than myself may remember a time when they supported a Mission of the Month. But starting last year, the newly reinvigorated Missions Committee adopted a more focused plan featuring 3 primary causes which are currently Cooper Elementary students, Bella Vista Boys and Girls Club, and Saving Grace of NWA. As of now, we will begin to focus on a Mission of the Quarter. Please note that FUMCBV is still supporting MANY more charities and causes through UWF (30) and UMM (17), and approximately ¼ of the Missions Committee donations will go to a number of causes including some of the United Methodist Ministries.

For this current quarter, we are raising funds to support Cooper Elementary School students. Cooper has provided a video that notes what their needs are and FUMCBV has been partnering with them to address those needs.

We want to let you know that (at least for now) we have funds designated for weekend snack packs that will likely last us through the next school year. Because of this, we are hoping to work with the Cooper administration to extend the weekend snack pack distribution through the summer! The details are not finalized, but FUMCBV members would be involved in getting the packs filled and distributed weekly from the school.

With this in mind, we hope that this quarter's combined St. Patrick's Potluck and Soup Fundraiser will bring in enough for us to address the Cooper Elementary needs for day snacks, school supplies, clothing, and more. We will be receiving your donations for Cooper Elementary at the Potluck and we will also have a Soup Contest in which you can vote with your dollar bills for your favorite(s). The soups will be cooked by members of the Missions Committee.

A reminder: if you want your donations to support a specific purpose, you can designate it so it will not be used for anything else. If you do not make a specific designation, the Missions Committee will use it where it is needed most. Thank you for supporting these important ministries!

- Ted Lasher, Missions Committee Co-Chair

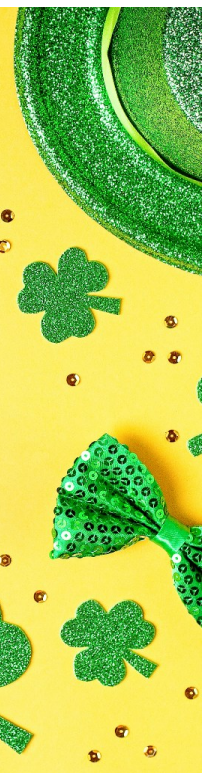
St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner & Soup Fundraiser

Thursday, 3/13, at 5:30pm in Becker Hall

Bring your favorite dish or dessert. \$1 votes for your favorite soups made by the Missions Team. Proceeds go to help with Cooper Elementary kids' extra needs.

Bring your cash!\$! Bring a muffin tin to hold your soup-tasting cups! Sign up in the office today!

**Entertainment provided by The Sophisticated Ladies Dance Troupe of BV*





MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



DIANE WARREN:

We welcomed Diane into the FUMCBV family on Sunday, February 2, when she transferred her membership from College Hill United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas. She is retired and now calls Bella Vista home. We're happy to have Diane and look forward to getting to know her better! Be sure to welcome her if you see her in the Classic Service or around the church. Welcome, Diane!

Finance Meeting
Sunday, 3/9,
at 12:15pm
in the Parlor



TRUSTEES MEETING
TODAY, 3/16,
12:15PM PARLOR

Congregational Care Ministry Meeting
Sunday,
3/16,
at 1:30pm
in the Parlor




An Opportunity to Serve!

First UMC Rogers has a food ministry in which they provide take-out meals to the community on the first Sunday of each month. Fifteen people from area churches bake 9x13 cakes for these meals, and FUMCBV does this every other month. It is an easy way to serve those in need. Disposable pans are provided. The cakes are then delivered by noon that day. Cakes can be brought into the kitchen earlier in the week and put into the freezer if that is more convenient. If you would like to be part of this ministry for the food insecure in the area, please text or call Judy Bilyeu at 479-721-9460.

SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS



These snacks help keep growing bodies going. Help us provide 40 sacks of food per week for Cooper Elementary School kids in need. Your quarters help us accomplish that goal. Deposit them in the big, clear plastic Snack Packs tube located on the table in the Becker Hall hallway or the one in the narthex.




Blessing Box Food Collection

Currently, the **BLESSING BOX** is in very good shape, but we can always use **SHELF-STABLE MILK** (like Parmalat), **CEREAL**, **PEANUT BUTTER**, **MEATY SOUPS**, **CHILI**, **STEW**, & **CANNED FRUIT**. Medium-sized jars of peanut butter & boxes of cereal are best so they fit in the Blessing Box. Please drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the office. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED/DENTED/OPENED/UNLABELED CANS.**



United Women in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

The women of **UWF** have many charities we support throughout the year. We would like to highlight **Hub of Hope NWA**, A Human Trafficking Non-Profit.

HOPE stands for: **Healing**- in a holistic manner with physical, mental, spiritual and emotional health for survivors. **Opportunities**- for safety, health, autonomous living and sustainability. **Prevention**- to reduce the impact of trafficking. **Educ**-
tion- with training to help identify victims and tactics of traffickers.

We donated \$750.00 to Hub of Hope NWA in 2024. Forty-seven survivors were supported in 2024 with groceries, housing and meals. (262 survivors safely transported) These donations are made possible with proceeds from the Rummage Sale in August and the Bazaar in October. Many hands are involved in making these donations possible.

Bazaar workshops will start Thursday, March 6th, from 9:00am till 2:00pm in the Quilt room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come and there are jobs for everyone from pressing material, cutting out items and sewing items. Bring your ideas and patterns. It is a great way to visit, laugh and meet new friends. Come when you can, stay as long as you want, bring a sack lunch, and have lunch with the group.

New Directories for Circle members are available.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 5th Ash Wednesday

March 5th UWF Board Meeting 9:00am in the Parlor

March 6th Holiday Bazaar Workshop starts up 9am to 2pm in the Quilt Room

March 15th Soul Care Retreat at FUMC Springdale

March 26th Unit Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am in Becker Hall

For questions or comments, call Judy Bilyeu 876-2345 or 721-9460.

You too can become a member. **All Are Welcome!**



<p>March UWF Circle Meetings</p>	<p>Sarah Tuesday, 3/11, at 1:00pm in the Parlor Call to Prayer & Self Denial</p>	<p>Evening Thursday, 3/13, at 6:00pm in the Room 6 Call to Prayer & Self Denial</p>	<p>Martha Monday, 3/17, at 9:30am in the Quilt Room Shoebox Ministry</p>	<p>Naomi Tuesday, 3/18, at 1:30pm in the Parlor TBD</p>
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UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be **Wednesday, March 26, at 11:30 am** in **Becker Hall**. Our program will be about Alzheimer's awareness. Lunch is potato soup, Jell-o salad, roll, and dessert for \$7.50. **Please RSVP by Sunday, March 23rd**, in your Circle or the Church Office. Childcare provided with prior notice.





The next **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 3/19**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**.

The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.

Topic: Rick Echols, Superintendent

Lake & Fisheries Department Bella Vista POA will be speaking. *Fishing will *actually* be discussed this time.

ALL METHODIST MEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE UMM & ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



UMM SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Wayne Horner was presented with the UMM Lifetime Achievement Award on Sunday, February 2, 2025, for his many and outstanding contributions to the United Methodist Men over the years. From left to right in the photo are former UMM President, Ken Swanson, Wayne Horner, Pastor Ron, and Rex Waller, the current UMM President. Congratulations, Wayne!

S.O.L.O.S. March Meeting

SOLOS gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize. The next lunch meeting will be on Tuesday, 3/11, at 11:00am at Gusano's. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by Sunday, 3/09, to either Sue Nebrig at 479-372-7247 or Pat Fox at 479-619-7145. All single ladies welcome! 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!



THANK YOU, W&J PLUMBING!

There aren't any photos this time, but Weldon Hyde & Jim Bilyeu were at it again. Rex Waller even joined their crew to help out. Some of our pipes froze during the ultra frigid week we had in February. Luckily, or maybe that should be skillfully, Weldon had the foresight to come by and see if we had any burst pipes, and he also checked the faucets around the church. That's when he discovered some of the pipes *were* actually frozen. None of them burst thanks to Weldon, Jim, and Rex who solved the problem before it turned into another disaster like we had in December 2022. Thanks so much for all you do, guys!

Thank You

Sue and I thank you for your texts, cards, calls, and prayers during my most recent hospital stay. They are much appreciated.

~ Jim Prather



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COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER OF THE OZARKS
 not-for-profit organization

Thursday, March 13
 9:00am-2:00pm
 United Lutheran Church
 100 Cooper Rd, Bella Vista

In March, the CBCO Blood Drive is at United Lutheran Church. There is enough time between this drive and the next one at FUMCBV in May, so you can give blood at both drives. Call CBCO at 417-227-5000 to schedule your appointment.

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, 3/6,
 AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
 *NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK

CARING friends

The next
 Respite Care Ministry
 social engagement
 is Wednesday, 3/12,
 from 10:00am-2:00pm
 in Becker Hall.

Natural Healing Education and Support Groups
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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, March 17

LOCATION: FUMCBV Room 6

TIME: 6:00PM-7:00PM

Absolutely no goods or services are sold at these meetings.

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

www.healingstrong.org

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.