FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

MAY 2025



Holy Week LEGO Diorama built by Ryker Mendoza

Ryker Mendoza, Jon and Jessica's 9-year-old son, built a diorama of the events of Holy Week entirely out of LEGOS! You can see Jesus on the donkey walking across palm fronds. The Last Supper scene is amazing. He even made a food display. He also made the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of Jesus' arrest. Of course, he included the cross and the tomb. But it's not just any tomb, it actually opens! We are just marveling at his creativity and ingenuity. Thank you, Ryker, for sharing your talents with us!

























COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER OF THE OZARKS BLOOD DRIVE AT FUMC BV

MONDAY, MAY 12 ~ 10 AM-3 PM

Free AR Naturals Shirt and game tickets for donors while supplies last! To schedule an appointment, call or stop by the office, or go to cbco.org, click on "donate blood" then "find a mobile drive near you". Select the church's name in the drop-down menu.



From Rev. Ron Hayes Continue Being the Best "Wonder Bees" (WB's)



Creation to life in all the various flowers blooming active congregational life. It is going from here to everywhere. A vital part of this wonderful ecosys- there and back doing the essential work of weavtem is the worker bee going from bloom to ing a bond with all of those around us. Assisting bloom. Can you see the bee working on the left and receiving until all are part of the body of faith purple coneflower in the picture? The variety and is our calling. The buzz is loud and constant. Each bright colors of the different flowers tend to hide group lives into its own spirit-led ways of being the great and necessary work the bee is doing.

As we are now in a time of transition, I want to new spirit-led differences and letting go of forced share with everyone a piece of the response I uniformity. With less oversight, there's faster and gave to this question posed to me recently, "How more significant accomplishments achieved alis this church doing?" Most of the time, people ready. And the Bella Vista WB's are just getting (which includes denominational/conference lead- started. This church and this community need to ership, pastors, lay leaders, and other church have a focus on sharing the love with each other, members) would expect a response about num- bonding together to share it across our great bers revolving around membership, worship ser- community – today, tomorrow, next month and vice attendance, and of course the financial next year! health for the most recent months. Those numbers are like the wildflowers in the picture. When

they bloom together, each with its own color and form, they represent the hoped-for vitality in local ministry. My response wasn't about those numbers though. Instead, it was about the buzzing of the large number of worker bees in and around the building and in our community every day.

It is a genuine re-centering of connectional ministry at the small group level. The WB's, the Wesley Bands, could also be called the "Wonder Bees". We are gathering together and connecting in worship, discipleship, Word & Sacrament, and in life. It's not about church leadership directing and controlling but quite the opposite - it's less about pastoral leadership and so much more about con-The month of May brings the beauty of God's nection and living into an entirely fascinating and United Methodists and showing radical hospitality to all of Bella Vista. Each one makes room for

Peace and blessings,

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As you know, Pastor Ron & Julie will be leaving us all too soon and we plan to say goodbye properly. We're having a potluck party and program to celebrate them and their time here on <u>Sunday, June 1, at 11:30am in Becker Hall</u>. (There will only be <u>one worship service at</u>),

- <u>10:00am</u> that morning in the Sanctuary. Coffee Fellowship will be held before that at
- 9:00am. No Sunday School.) We'll celebrate with a special cake, but you can bring a different dessert if you like. Be sure to sign up for the party in the office and let us know what side dish or dessert you plan to bring. Meat will be provided.

While this would normally be an incredibly somber occasion, Pastor Ron wants to go out with a bang instead of a whimper. Firstly, he would like this party to be a <u>fundraiser for the</u> <u>Boys & Girls Club of Benton County</u>. Second, and this is the best part, the Missions Team will make up whipped cream <u>pies that can be purchased for \$5 apiece to throw at Pastor</u>



<u>Ron's face</u>! That's right! You get to throw pie at him! He has wanted to do this for a long time, and there's no time like the present. What better way to go than to have us send him out while laughing instead of crying? Pastor Ron has brought about a lot of positive change in his short time here. One of his final acts of positivity will be this fundraiser.

<u>Sign up in the office today. Make plans to attend</u> <u>so you can "Say Goodbye with Pies!"</u>



On Sunday, May 18, we'll have a Graduation Celebration for Hope Markley & Alec Gilmore with cake during the Fellowship Hour. Card baskets for both will be in the Parlor. This month, Hope will graduate from Bentonville High School. She will be attending Pittsburg State University in SE Kansas to study Elementary Education. Alec will graduate from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where he majored in Aerospace Engineering. He will be working at V2X in Indiana starting in July.



MISSIONS



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, May 17. 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 up or perhaps put out items. (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.

K PACKS for BACK P

Help us provide 200 sacks of food per month for Cooper Elementary School kids in need. We'll also continue to feed the kids over the summer. Your guarters 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.





This month, we need PROTEIN, LIKE CANNED MEATS, PEANUT BUTTER, & MAIN DISHES (LIKE HORMEL COMPLEATS) for the BLESSING BOX. Medium-sized jars of peanut butter are best so they fit in the Blessing Box. We're also giving out SMALL BOTTLES OF LAUNDRY DETER-GENT, TOILET TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS, & DIAPERS. Please drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the office. PLEASE NO EXPIRED/DENTED/OPENED/UNLABELED CANS AS ALWAYS.





The Bella Vista Boys & Girls Club works with hundreds of kids and teens each year to help them reach their full potential. We provide an environment where all youth feel safe and secure to dream, discover, and develop. Our programs focus on helping kids succeed in school, live healthy lifestyles, and become leaders. We are so glad to be part of this community and look forward to working with you!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING FUND EASTER BASKETS FOR 32 KIDS AT OASIS OF NWA! THAT'S 12 MORE THAN LAST YEAR! YOU HELPED ENSURE A LOT OF CHILDREN'S EASTERS WERE HAPPIER!





~Kandi Mount

THANK YOU

MY FRIENDS OF FUMC BV,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE CARDS OF SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT YOU SENT TO ME FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MY FATHER AND BROTHER. EACH CARD MADE ME SMILE AND THINK OF EACH OF YOU FONDLY. YOUR CARDS ARE A GIFT OF MINISTRY TO ME DURING THIS SEASON OF SORROW. GOD IS FAITHFUL! **Thank You** I would like to thank all of the FUMC BN families & friends for your prayers, well wishes. & cards. Harry has been a blessing as a husband and caregiver to me. My Alzheimer's and Parkinson's are being managed by excellent teams of neurologists. God is ever-present, loving, kind, and gentle with us. No visits yet please. Thanks to each of you for your continued prayers.

BRO. JAIMIE J. ALEXANDER



After being a faithful, active FUMCBV member for many years, Phyllis Widle moved to Olympia, WA, to live with her daughter, Lisa, on April 30. We will all miss her musical talents and sweet, joyful personality. On Sunday, April 27, we had a going away celebration with a special cake for Phyllis between services. She thanks everyone for attending, and for the good wishes and cards. Phyllis' new address is: 3646 Kinsale Ln SE, Olympia, WA 98501. WE'LL MISS YOU, PHYLLIS!



Missions Team member, Shari Vermett, presented Cooper Elementary School with a check for \$1,100 for kids in need. The check total included the proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day Soup Fundraiser we had in March. Shari is pictured above with some very happy Cooper students!

THANKS AGAIN, W&J SERVICES!

Weldon Hyde & Jim Bilyeu recently spent a week grinding the grout of the floor in the narthex to clean it up. Weldon also repaired a malfunctioning HVAC unit. Jim fixed one of the parking lot lights and unclogged one of the office restroom sinks. There were also various light bulbs around the church they replaced. For volunteers, Jim & Weldon are almost always at the church working to keep this old building going. We could not complete our important work if it weren't for the two of them! We appreciate you, guys!



SATURDAY	3 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28	10 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd Grp - Rosita's	17 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:30 MAPS Meeting - BH 12:00 Helping Hands 9:00 WB Warriors - Table A Pain	24 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28	31 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
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THURSDAY	1 1 8:00 Men's Golf - Kingswood 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Voga - Becker Hall 11:30 Caregivers Support - Parlor 12:30 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	8 8:00 Men's Golf - Dogwood 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle Mtg - Room 6	15 8:00 Men's Golf - Scotsdale 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	22 8:00 Men's Golf - Kingswood 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 MOB Single Men'slunch - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 2:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 WB Searchers - Highlands Pub	29 8-4pm BV Arts Council - Parlor 8:00 Mer's Golf - BV Country Club 8:30 WB Grand Central - Acropolis 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor
WEDNESDAY		7 8:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 8 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 8 3:00 UWF Board Mtg - Parlor 9 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 2 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 5 6:00 Council Meeting - Parlor 5	14 1 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 8 10:00 Caring Friends - Becker Hall 9 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 2 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 5	21 9:00 BV Quitters - Quitt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 1:00 WB Dreamers - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	28 8-4pm BV Arts Council - Parlor 8:30 WBShepherd Grp 1-Bhjeu's Home 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Music Room
TUESDAY		6 8:25 Men's Golf - Berksdale 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Andante Music Week Concert - 5:30 Andante Music Week Concert - Sanctuary	 13 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:10 Men's Golf - Kingswood 1:00 WB Saving Grace - Table a Pain 3:00 MAPS Officers Meeting - Parlor 4:00 SOLOS-meet at church/carpool 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 	20 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Men's Golf - Scotsdale 1:30 Naomi Circle Mtg - Parlor 3:00 Missions Taam Meeting - Rm 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus-Music Rm	27 8-4pm BV Arts Council - Parlor 9:05 Men's Golf - BV Ctry Club 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm
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SUNDAY		4 9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Adult/Child's Sun. School-Rm6/IL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor 3:00 UWF Zoom Webinar - Parlor 3:00 UWF Zoom Webinar - Parlor	Concert-Sanctuary 11 9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Adult/ChildsSun. SchoolRm6/IL 11:00 Casual Service - BH	SENIOR SUNDAY 9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Adult/Child's sun. School-Rm6/LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Trustees Meeting - Parlor 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor	25 9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Adult/Child's Sun. School-Rm.6/IL 11:00 Casual Service - BH



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



- 5/19 Jon & Frances Holman 5/27 Terry & Cynthia Augspurger 5/22 Artie & Marian Lawless 5/31 Harry & Kandi Mount
- 5/08 Darrell & Verna Bottjen

5/16 James & Amy Gilmore

5/04 Lou & Judy Kaufmann

- 5/24 Rex & Denise Waller
- 5/19 Billy & Sandra Beverage 5/26 Tommy & Lynn Runnels



MAY BIRTHDAYS

	5/02	Kathy Easterling	5/09	Rick Mayes	5/21	John Justice
	5/04	Jon Holman	5/1 1	Genie Schupp	5/23	Lara Sandusky
	5/08	Jenna Gilmore	5/15	j Jessica Mendoza	5/23	Gale Thiele
	5/08	Arlyn Richardson	5/15	o Nancy Spangler	5/25	Denise Waller
	5/08	Phyllis Widle (92!)	5/16	6 Mary Hixson	5/27	Evelyn Weigel
	5/09	Ashley Antoine	5/18	8 Marian Lawless	5/28	Jeneda Mickelson
	5/09	Jon Baker	5/18	B Diane Warren	🦢 5/31	Larry Marshall (91!)
	5/09	David Frisby	5/19	Roy Vogel (94!)		
	5/09	Jean Justice	5/20	Cheryl Campbell		

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

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			Actual		Budget	
Month of March Contributions (Income*)			45,076.83	\$	45,916.66	
Month of March Expenses		\$	37,862.61	\$	45,377.50	
	Difference	\$	7,214.22	\$	539.16	
Year to Date Income Contributions Only			368,187.58	\$	413,249.94	
Year to Date Expenses		\$	330,076.17	\$	408,397.50	
	Difference	\$	38,111.41	\$	4,852.44	
*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)						





WB CHATTER BOX

WB Chill used the time at their April 10 meeting constructively and washed all the atrium windows ahead of the UMM Pancake Breakfast and the Holy Week and Easter services. What a great way to serve your church! Thank you, WB members, John and Mary Hixson, Ted and Julie Lasher, and Don and Susan Clemons!





WB

Several members of the WB Acorns have spent considerable time recently cleaning the pews in the Sanctuary. That is no easy task, so a BIG THANK YOU to Lou and Judy Kaufmann, Linda Clausen, Pat Fox, & Gerald Hatley! We appreciate your service!



The WB Dreamers all brought quarters to their April 21 meeting for our Snack Packs for Backpacks endeavor. In total, they donated 364 quarters totaling \$91! What an awesome, yet easy way to make a difference in the community. The Snack Pack tubes are always out for

people to put their quarters in, but what a difference a small challenge to a small group of people can make! They plan to pick a different mission to focus on each month. May's will be the Blessing Box, so members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the next meeting. WB Dreamers also has a special community outreach planned for early June. Be on the look out for details soon.



United Women^{We are all enjoy}

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

We are all enjoying the beautiful spring weather and we thank God for the much needed rain this past week. We are so blessed to live in Northwest Arkansas and enjoy the natural beauty.

Weekly bazaar workshops are continuing every Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm in the basement of the church. It is a great time to meet and share ideas for the bazaar held in October. If you enjoy sewing, we could use your help with items being prepared for the bazaar. Come join us on Thursday mornings.

Remember the UWF Rummage Sale is August 2nd. If you are doing spring cleaning, put aside items that we can sell in our rummage sale. No clothes or large furniture, please. If you cannot hold them until the end of July, call Verna Bottjen and she will help find a place to store them.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAR PROJECTS:

Regular quart jars and wide-mouth pint jars and ½-pint jars.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 4th Social Action Zoom Webinar at 3:00p in the Parlor Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

May 7th UWF Board Meeting 9:00am in the Parlor

June 1st Farewell Party for Pastor Ron & Julie 11:30am in the Parlor

June 22nd UWF Sunday

June 25th Unit Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am in Becker Hall

For questions or comments, call Judy Bilyeu 876-2345 or 721-9460. Our UWF is committed to helping local non-profits. Come and be part of our Mission. *All Are Welcome!*

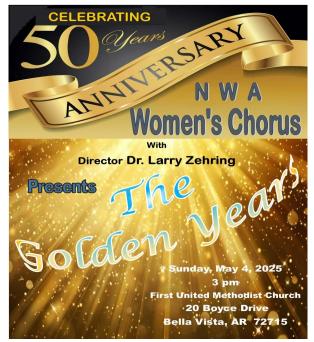
S.O.L.O.S. May Meeting

\$0LO\$ gives single ladies theopportunity to go out to eat and socialize with each other. This month, SOLOS will <u>carpool</u> from the church to <u>Chicken</u>



<u>Salad Chick</u> for dinner on <u>Tuesday, 5/13</u>, at <u>4:00pm</u>. We will arrive by 5:00 so we'll have plenty of time to get home before dark. <u>RSVP by Sunday, 5/11</u>, to either Nancy Spangler at <u>876-6751</u> or Anne Kelly at 479-367-9609 so they can ensure everyone has a seat. All single ladies are welcome! If you're a single lady (widowed, divorced, etc.) & would like to join, let them know! You don't have to be a member of the church to participate.







UNITED METHODIST MEN The United Methodist Church SPRING 2025 CARS. COFFEE. & PANCAKES





































UMM meets Wednesday, 5/25. Dinner is at 5:30pm in Becker Hall. The meeting follows at 6:00pm. Speakers Judy Bilyeu & Ted Lasher will be discussing other FUMCBV groups that support from within.

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

METHODIST MEN'S GOLF

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY THRU SUMMER

CALL ARTIE LAWLESS TO PLAY MONDAYS 479-212-4995

CALL CHET CAMPBELL TO PLAY TUESDAYS 479-876-5172 479-876-1392

MAY TEE TIMES

THURSDAY, MAY 1 8:00AM KINGSWOOD

MONDAY, MAY 5 10:00AM BERKSDALE

TUESDAY, MAY 6 8:25AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, MAY 8 8:00AM DOGWOOD

MONDAY, MAY 12 9:30AM BRITTANY

TUESDAY, MAY 13 12:10PM KINGSWOOD THURSDAY, MAY 15 8:00AM SCOTSDALE

MONDAY, APRIL 19 11:45AM BV CTRY CLUB

TUESDAY, MAY 20 10:00AM SCOTSDALE

THURSDAY, MAY 22 8:00AM KINGSWOOD

TUESDAY, MAY 27 9:05AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, MAY 29 8:00AM BV CTRY CLUB



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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, 5/19

B.A.D. (BOB & ARTIE DISPOSAL)

Bob Vermett and Artie Lawless spent a couple of days cleaning out really old electronic components, computers, and just junk from the communications office. Tons of old technology had been stacking up in there for years. They went through and sorted things, pulled out hard drives, and drilled into



them to destroy them. They took a few truckloads of junk to an electronics recycling facility in Rogers. This has been on our list for a while to do. but none of us had the time to get it done so this was a huge help to the office. Thanks so much, **Bob and Artie!**

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, 5/1, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR *NO RESPITE CARE THIS MONTH





LOCATION: FUMCBV Room 6 TIME: 6:00PM-7:00PM

Absolutely no goods or services are sold at these meetings. Questions? Please contact: Lorre Faszholz - 682-234-1645 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: <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.