



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

NOVEMBER 2025



Bountiful HARVEST '25

This October was incredibly bountiful for the UWF & UMM missions fundraising efforts. The 47th Annual UWF Holiday Bazaar the first weekend in October was hugely successful. The photos are of the Bazaar. The following weekend was the UMM Fall 2025 Cars, Coffee, & Pancakes event. The proceeds from both will go to help local missions in Benton County and afar. Lastly, at Trunk-or-Treat this year, we saw 426 people come through! If you participated in or attended any of these events, you are Living God's Story. If not, how will you "Write your Chapter"?

(Check out Page 9 for Trunk or Treat photos)



Pen from the Pulpit by Rev. Allen Crum

Looking Back with Gratitude, Moving Forward in Hope

As we step into November, I find myself reflecting on the incredible ways we've seen God at work throughout our *Your Part in God's Story* series. Over these past weeks, we've been reminded that every moment matters, that each of us has a unique role to play, that generosity fuels God's mission, and that we're truly better together.

What's been most inspiring is seeing those truths come to life in real ways—through your stories, your acts of service, your prayers, and your willingness to grow. From Sunday worship to small group conversations, it's been clear that God is shaping something beautiful here at Bella Vista First UMC. You're not just hearing the story—you're living it.

November Worship Focus: Faith That Endures

This month, our worship journey takes us into a series of messages that remind us how faith carries us through life's transitions, fears, and seasons of change. November begins with **All Saints Sunday**, a day to honor those who have gone before us and whose faith continues to shape us (*Hebrews 11:32–12:4; 1 John 3:1–3*). We'll remember the saints not with sadness, but with gratitude—celebrating the truth that we're part of their ongoing legacy of faith.

From there, we'll move into messages of **courage, renewal, and hope**:

- On **November 9**, we'll hear from Haggai 1:15b–2:9, where God calls us to face our fears with fresh courage, trusting that the Lord stands beside us even when the odds seem against us.
- On **November 16**, we'll explore Isaiah 65:17–25 and discover new purpose in the later seasons of

life. "Rethinking Old Age" reminds us that every generation has a role to play in mentoring, serving and building the future of the church together.

- On **November 23**, we'll listen to Luke 1:68–79 and the Blessing of Zechariah—a reminder that God's promises still shine in dark times and that His blessings often come as light after a long night.

These weeks will lead us beautifully toward **Advent**, beginning **November 30**, when we'll turn our hearts toward waiting and watching for Christ's coming once again.

A Season to Remember, Rejoice, and Rebuild

November is more than a month of thanksgiving—it's a season for remembering where we've been, rejoicing in what God is doing, and finding courage to rebuild what lies ahead. Whether it's facing fears, finding new purpose in later years, or holding on to hope when life feels uncertain, this month's messages remind us that faith is never static—it grows, endures, and shines.

Let's continue to be a church that remembers the saints, faces challenges with courage, and lives with expectancy for what God is doing next. As we close one season and prepare for Advent's light, may our faith remain strong and our gratitude deep.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Allen





Thanksgiving Potluck November 27 at 11:30am

Bring a festive side dish or dessert to share! Turkey & ham are being provided. Sign up in the office to attend.



Be on the lookout for the **Angel Tree!** The info is being mailed to us the 1st week of November so we'll have it out as soon as we can. The suggested donation amount per child is \$150. If you're interested in partnering with someone on a bag, let Amy know. You'll need to **return your unwrapped gifts under the tree by Tuesday, 12/2. Further instructions will be available with the shopping lists on the tree.**



The 10th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT sponsored by WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP for our homebound members has begun! The cards will be delivered the first week of December.

How can you help with this important ministry? Each Sunday beginning November 9, cards will be open on tables in the Narthex and Becker Hall for you to sign.

You may supply a box of 12 - 24 Christmas cards, signed by you. Leave the envelopes behind the signed cards in the labeled bin in the narthex. We take single cards with envelopes, too.

This year we are inviting WB groups, Shepherd groups, Circles, Methodist Men, Choir and Bells members, Casual Service Band and other church groups to sign 24 Christmas cards. Leave them in the labeled bin, also. Feel free to add a message describing your group in the cards.

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



We will again adorn the Sanctuary with Poinsettias this Christmas season. Call or come by the office and sign up to dedicate one in honor or memory of a loved one or dear friend by Monday, November 17. They are \$15 each.

GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Have you lost someone special? Do you dread the holidays because you find yourself grieving more than celebrating? Then this special standalone GriefShare class might be right for you. We'll meet **Sunday, November 16, at 1:30pm.** If you could use a little help facing the holidays this year, call Nancy Noyes to sign up at 972-896-3909 or the office.



WB CHATTER BOX

November Meetings



will meet at Rosita's on Saturday, 11/8, at 10:00 am.



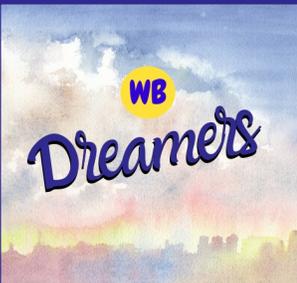
will help Shoebox Ministry pack boxes on Tuesday, 11/11, at 1:30 pm in Quilt Room. Bring items to donate.



meets Thursday, 11/13, at 8:30am at First Watch in Bentonville.



Monday, 11/17, at 11:30am at Bella Vista Country Club



will meet on Wednesday, 11/19, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.



meets for dinner Thursday, 11/13, at 6:00 pm at BV Bar & Grill (Country Club)



meets at Bella's Table on Thursday, 11/20, at 11:00 am. Call Loretta to RSVP: 586-9418.



CHURCH LOGO T-SHIRTS \$5!

UNISEX SIZES: SM-3XL IN GREY ONLY \$5 IN THE OFFICE

Even if you're not a fan of our logo or you don't like the color, the tees are still a great conversation starter about our church.



ARE ANY OF THESE KITCHEN ITEMS YOURS?

If you identify one of these as yours, please reclaim it and take it home. You will find them on the kitchen counter.



Donors can enter to win 2 tickets to a Chiefs game and a parking pass! Scan for more info and official rules! www.cbco.org/chiefs

Go the **EXTRA YARD**

GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.



FREE Chiefs T-shirt for all donors. While supplies last.



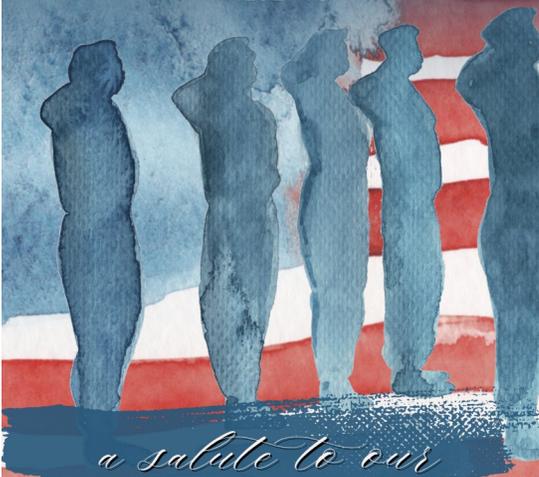
COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER OF THE OZARKS
not-for-profit organization

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 17, 2025
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Becker Hall

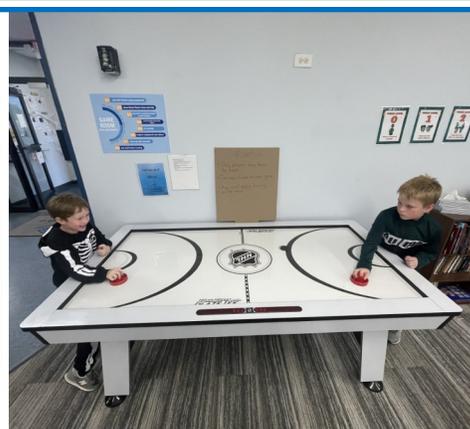
To schedule your appointment, call or stop by the church office or go to cbco.org/donor OR follow the link in the Weekly Update email.

ARKANSAS HIGHLANDS BRASS BAND PRESENTS



a salute to our
VETERANS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 3:00PM
IN THE SANCTUARY



Missions Team members, Ted & Julie Lasher, presented Boys & Girls Club of BV Unit Director, Becca Christie, & Program Manager, Maddie Delurey, with a check for \$750 for the purchase of a new air hockey table from their wish list. As you can see on the right, they did indeed get the air hockey table for the kids. According to Becca, the kids are referring to it as “the coolest thing ever!” She went on to say the kids love it and are having an absolute blast playing with it. Becca extended her thanks for the gift.

Bella Vista Cemetery Association Columbarium Capital Campaign

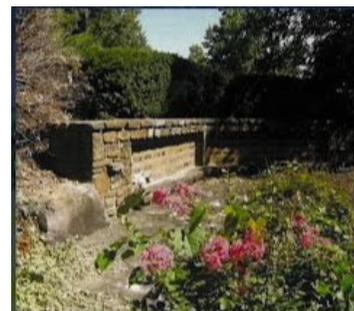
The Bella Vista Memorial Garden Cemetery, located at 34 Buckstone Drive, is currently conducting a capital campaign to raise money for a new columbarium.

A columbarium is an above ground structure that contains numerous small compartments called niches designed to hold the cremains (ashes) of the deceased. It provides a lasting and peaceful resting place in a beautiful setting and a space for the family to memorialize and connect with their loved ones.

The cemetery is almost out of available niches at the present time. The cost of a new 480-niche columbarium, estimated to provide spaces for approximately 10-12 years, is \$250,000. The Cemetery Board of Directors is committed to ensuring available on-going space to meet the needs of the community, but your help is needed!

Any donation to support this project would be deeply appreciated. Checks should be made payable to: BVCA Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 5723, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

Thank you for your help! Please contact the cemetery manager, John Kittelson at 479-304-593



SUNDAY

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November

<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LL/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 4:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 TOPS - Room 28 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Staff Meeting - Room 6 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 12:00 Andante Mtg/Lunch - Parlor 2:00 "American Music..." Andante Concert - Sanctuary 6:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 UWF Board Mtg - Room 6 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 6:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd - Rosita's 11:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28 1:00 Shirley Weed Memorial Service - at BV Funeral Home</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LL/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor 3:00 Highlands Brass Band Concert - Sanctuary 4:30 St. Bernard AA - Room 28</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:00 DAR - Parlor 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:00 Sarah Circle - Parlor 1:30 Shoebox Ministry Packing - QR 1:30 WB KIM Shoebox Packing - QR 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends Respite - BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:00 SPRC Meeting - Room 6</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 WB Grand Central - First Watch 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 WB Searchers - BV Ctry Club 6:00 Evening Circle - Room 6</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LL/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 CCM Meeting - Parlor 1:30 Surviving the Holidays Class 2:30 Charge Conference - FUMC Springdale</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:30 Martha Circle - Quilt Room 10:00 CBCO Blood Drive - Becker Hall 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 11:30 WB Acorns - BV Ctry Club 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 1:30 WB Dreamers - Parlor 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMMI Meeting & Meal - BH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 MOB Single Men's Lunch - Parlor 11:00 WB Amazing Grace - Bella's Table 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed 11:30 BVPS Board Mtg - Parlor</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28</p>
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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11/03 Frances & Gil Temple | 11/22 Bob & Shari Vermett |
| 11/21 Noreen Poor & Tex Foster | 11/23 David & Cherise George |
| 11/25 Ken & Jean Swanson | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11/01 Maryann Johnson | 11/13 Leroy Handel | 11/25 Cathy Luck |
| 11/01 Amy Terry | 11/13 Nancy Veach | 11/26 Rene Bladon (91!) |
| 11/05 Darrell Bottjen | 11/18 Elaine Klein | 11/26 Sharon Lindsey |
| 11/06 Vicki Forrest | 11/22 Paul Hancocks | 11/27 Verna Bottjen |
| 11/07 Jeremy Shafman | 11/22 Pamela Palasty | 11/30 Drew Beisswenger |
| 11/08 Paul Healy | 11/22 Dick Schupp | 11/30 Charles Crider |

November 2025 Newsletter Financial Data information as of September 30, 2025

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Month of September Contributions (Income*)	\$ 37,386.16	\$ 48,333.34
Month of September Expenses	\$ 36,891.57	\$ 48,368.34
Difference	\$ 494.59	\$ (35.00)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 116,960.88	\$ 145,000.02
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 74,362.61	\$ 96,736.68
Difference	\$ 42,598.27	\$ 48,263.34

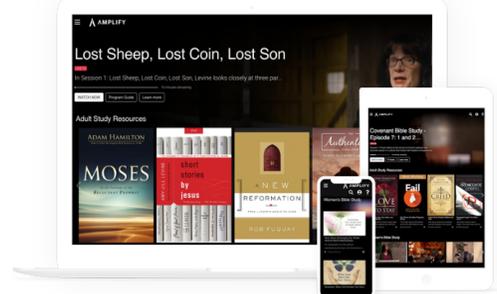
**Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest (Fiscal Year started July 1.)*



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CARING friends

At their October meeting, the attendees made the cutest pumpkins as part of their Pumpkin Contest!



As always, we need proteins, cereal, and milk right now. **CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER, PROTEIN (like canned meats), MAIN DISHES (like Hormel Compleats), MAC & CHEESE IN A CUP, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT OR FRUIT COCKTAIL, POP TARTS, CEREAL, AND SHELF-STABLE MILK (like Parmalat)** are all welcome for the **BLESSING BOX**. Medium-sized jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal are best so they fit in the Blessing Box. We're also giving out **SMALL BOTTLES OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT & BODY WASH OR SOAP, TOILET TISSUE, & PAPER TOWELS**. Please drop off your donations in Room 5, the Blessing Box Room, or the office. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED/DENTED/OPENED/UNLABELED CANS AS ALWAYS.**



Boys & Girls Club Bella Vista

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for *Pumpkin Painting *Games *Photo Booth *Hot Chocolate Bar *Concessions
Friday, November 14th, 5:00-6:30 pm





TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2025





United Women in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

It was a busy fall for everyone at First United Methodist Church. I am just amazed at how many functions we held in September and October thanks to the UWF and UMM members who work so well together. The community of Bella Vista certainly knows about our church and its activities.

Maybe November will be a little less hectic and we can just relax and focus on being very thankful for all the things the Lord provides for us. Remember to thank Him for all your BLESSINGS. And, enjoy the fall weather, the cooler temperatures, and beautiful fall foliage.

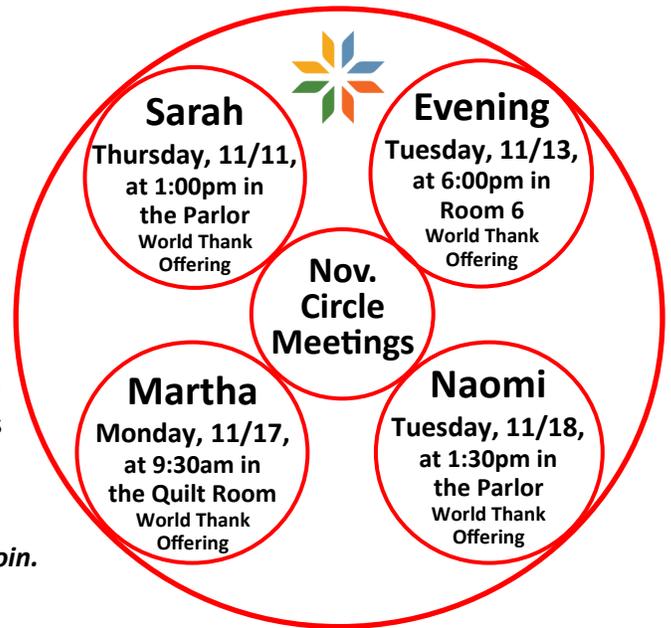
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- November 1st** Arkansas Conference Annual meeting
- November 2nd** Cakes baked for Rogers FUMC Food Ministry
- November 5th** UWF Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. in Parlor

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

Our UWF is committed to helping local non-profits. You too can become a member of UWF and make a difference in someone's life.

All Are Welcome! You do not have to be a church member to join.



Each of these ladies has been a UWF member for 50+ years. In total, the entire Unit's active membership spans 1,564 years which is completely amazing! In the photo, from left to right, at top: Vicki Forrest, Judy Bilyeu, Jan Kolbe, Cathy Luck, Jean Justice, Diane Verville, & Karen Roenfeld. On the bottom row are: Carol Tomlinson, Barbara Brooks, and Florence Hill.

JOIN US FOR THE UWF Luncheon
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3
11:30 a.m. in Becker Hall

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 3, at 11:30 am in Becker Hall. The Highlands Winds Woodwind Quartet will present a musical program. The menu will be hot turkey salad pie, fruit, and peppermint ice cream for \$7.50. Reservations and cancellations need to be made by Sunday, November 30, through your circle or call the church office at 855-1158. Childcare will be available with prior notification.



UWF 47th Annual Holiday Bazaar Thank You

A grateful "Thank You" to all who helped make the UWF 2025 Holiday Bazaar successful. I especially want to thank Judy Bilyeu, UWF President; Dr. Jim Bilyeu and the United Methodist Men for set up and tear down; and both Andrea Fobes and Amy Gilmore, our office staff. Also, I want to thank all the ladies who chaired an area and their helpers; everyone who made or donated crafts, food and plants, and all church members who came and supported this year's bazaar, because of you, many charities will benefit from our work together. Thank You!

Blessings, Lois McMahon, 2025 Bazaar Chair

Thank You

Thank you for every prayer, card, phone call, and all the delicious food you shared with me. I felt the prayers daily and knew I was cared for by a caring family. I want to also thank the ones that gave me rides to keep appointments.

*From your loving sister in Christ,
Barbara Brooks*

Thank You

Thanks to my church family so much for all your prayers, calls, cards and visits. Healing wasn't fast enough, but where would I have been without them? My goal was to be healed for the Bazaar, my annual event, but I wasn't able to get out of the house to attend. God kept saying "patience" to me. Thankfully, I'm much better now.

*Love & Blessings to All,
Jane Potts*

Thank You

Arlene and Rod Alford's families wish to thank all of you for your support with her recent passing.

The love that you showed for Arlene was outstanding and we really appreciate it. Our church congregation has always been very supportive of the needs of others. We have an amazing team with Pastor Allen, Amy, Lamar, and Andrea who did a great job in helping us plan the service. Special thanks to all who helped at the reception and luncheon. We will all remember sweet Arlene.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall not want."*



This month's **UMM meeting** is **Wednesday, 11/19**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.
***This month's topic is Medicare changes for 2026.**



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
MONDAY, 11/17

Look Who Was in The Weekly Vista!

Art al Fresco



Gerald Hatley works on a watercolor painting Wednesday during a Plein Air Painters of the Ozarks paint session at Tanyard Creek Park in Bella Vista. The Plein Air Painters of the Ozarks, founded in 2003, is a group of painters from around Northwest Arkansas that paint together outdoors. The group meets weekly at various locations around Northwest Arkansas before enjoying lunch together nearby.

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

MEET THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 11/6, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
***NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK**

CARING friends
 meets this month on **Wednesday, 11/12,** from 10:00am-2:00pm in Becker Hall.



BRING A FRIEND!

COME JOIN OUR SINGLE MEN'S GROUP (WIDOWED/DIVORCED/ETC.) FOR LUNCH IN THE PARLOR THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 11/20, AT 11:00AM.

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 Allen at his email: allen.crum@arumc.org or call him: **(479) 445-0968.**

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.