



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

DECEMBER 2025

'Tis the Season

12/02 - 12/23 (Tuesdays) ~ 10:00am: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Study in Room 6

12/02 ~ 2:00pm: Andante Music Club's "Christmas Around the World" in Sanctuary

12/04 ~ 11:30am: UWF Unit Luncheon with Highlands Winds Woodwind Quartet

12/07 ~ 3:00pm: BV Men's Chorus Christmas Concert at BV Community Church

12/07 ~ 6:00pm: NWA Women's Chorus "Tis a Night of Christmas" Concert in Sanctuary

12/13 ~ 2:00pm: Christmas Caroling for homebound members/Appetizer Potluck after

12/14 ~ 9:00am: Lessons & Carols in the Classic Service

12/14 ~ 3:00pm: BV Community Band Christmas Concert at BV Community Church

12/21 ~ 4:00 & 7:00pm: "A Sacred Christmas" Garth Smith Concert in Sanctuary

12/22 ~ 6:30pm: Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel

12/24 ~ 5:00pm: Carols & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

12/25 ~ 12:00pm: Christmas Day Potluck in Becker Hall

12/28 ~ 10:00am: Missions Sunday Unified Service in Sanctuary





## *Pen from the Pulpit* by Rev. Allen Crum

The season of Advent is one of the most cherished times in the life of the church. It is rich with anticipation, music, light, and story. Yet amid all the beauty, Advent can also become one of the busiest and most overwhelming seasons for many of us. Between shopping, planning, parties, and a host of other obligations, it is often one thing—or one person—who gets left out: *ourselves*.

In the pressure to prepare everything, we can forget to prepare ourselves spiritually. But what if this Advent, we chose to receive a different kind of gift? What if we gave ourselves the gift of pause?

The Duke Clergy & Religion Research Collaborative recently shared a powerful reminder of this in their article *Give the Gift of Pause*, inviting pastors and congregations alike to rediscover the ancient and healing practice of the Daily Examen. Rooted in Scripture and adapted over time by Christian tradition, the Examen offers a way to reflect intentionally on the presence of God throughout the day.

People who practiced the Examen during Advent saw anxiety decrease and spiritual well-being increase. And it's not complicated. It simply involves five small steps:

1. **Become aware of God's presence.**
2. **Review the day with gratitude.**
3. **Pay attention to your emotions.**
4. **Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.**
5. **Look toward tomorrow with hope and openness.**

*(If you would like a more detailed copy of the Examen, you can find them on the cabinet in the narthex.)*

You could even create a special Advent version of this practice focused around the weekly themes of hope,

peace, joy, and love. It can be done alone, with your family, or even as a group.

This is what Advent is truly about—making room. Pausing long enough to notice the Spirit's presence and receive the wonder of the season. When we pause, we are reminded that we are not what we produce or how full our calendar is. We are beloved. We are waiting, not in vain, but in hope.

So, in this holy season, may you find time to breathe. May you give yourself the gift of pause. And in that space, may you be surprised again by the joy of Emmanuel—God with us.

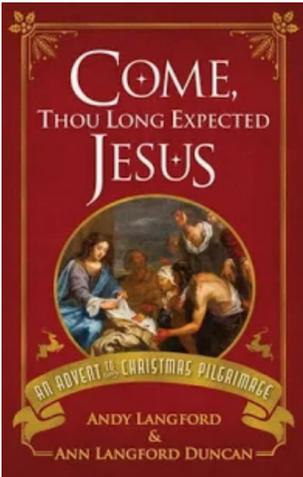
May you all have a blessed Advent season,  
Pastor Allen

## *Staff Love Offering*

During this Holiday Season, please consider giving to our Staff Love Offering. We have an outstanding Staff that frequently perform well beyond their job descriptions and this is a way for us to show our appreciation. Please put "Staff Love Offering" on the memo line of your check and include it with your regular offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Jim Prather,  
SPRC  
Chairman





## Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus 4-Week Advent Study

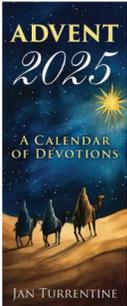
**Open your heart to the good news of Christmas.** The Christian year is fundamentally a roadmap for pilgrims, as biblical witnesses lead spiritually hungry people on a journey to receive the full riches of God's grace. During Advent, we take the first steps.

In **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**, Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan invite you on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus and invite others to join you on this journey. Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God's grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love.

**Pastor Allen leads the class every Tuesday from 12/2 to 12/23 at 10:00 am in Room 6. Sign up in the office today.**



**Church Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, 12/10, at 6:00pm in Becker Hall



**Pick up your copy of the new Advent devotional in the Narthex today. Your donation will go to Methodist Family Health's Share the Light campaign and may be paid in the office.**

Sorry, Cheryl, you intended for this to be in the November newsletter but I mislaid it and didn't get it in. I humbly apologize for my error. ~Andrea

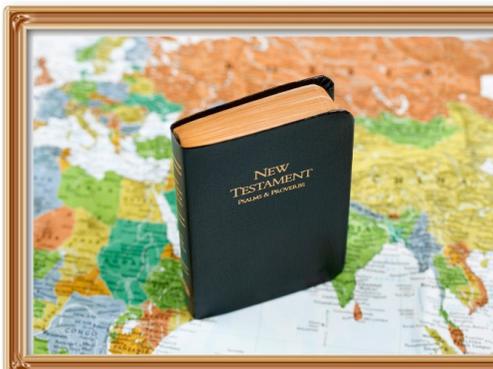
### Thank You

*Thank you, all the people who expressed sympathy with words and cards. My sister, Margaret, will be missed by her family and friends.*

*~ Cheryl Campbell*

*The office will be*  
**CLOSED**  
*From December 24 to January 5*

*Wishing you & your loved ones a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!*

## MISSIONS SUNDAY

**On Sunday, December 28, we will have a Unified Service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. All of the offerings collected during this service will go to the General Missions Fund which we use throughout the year to help worthy causes.**



# WB CHATTER BOX

## December Meetings



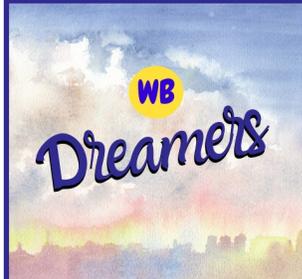
**WB SHEPHERD GROUP 1**  
 WILL CARPOOL FROM THE CHURCH TO JBU'S CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, 12/11, AT 4:00 PM.



**will meet at Rosita's on Saturday, 12/13, at 10:00 am.**



**WB SEARCHERS**  
 meet at the church to go caroling & enjoy a potluck after on Saturday, 12/13, at 2:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share.



**will meet on Wednesday, 12/17, at 11:30 am at Rosita's.**



**WB Acorns**  
**Monday, 12/29, at 11:30am at Little Sugar Bistro**



**10th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT**

The Wesley Shepherd Group will meet Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 am in the Parlor to place signed Christmas cards in holiday bags for our homebound members. Refreshments, fellowship, and Christmas fun will follow. The bags will be delivered the week of December 7. The WSG thanks the congregation, WB and Shepherd groups, and others who signed the cards. As the past 9 years show, this ministry is very much appreciated by the recipients of the cards.

As Jesus said in Luke 6:38 (NRSV), "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Join in the joy of giving received by the Wesley Shepherd Group members.



**SHOEBOX MINISTRY PACKS 60 SHOEBOXES**



A big thank you to WB KIM and others who helped pack 60 Shoeboxes for the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter in Bentonville on 11-11-25. Please keep saving shoeboxes for this mission. The next packing will be December 9th at 1:30 in the quilt room. Contact Marian Lawless on her cell with any questions: 479-212-4996.



**OUR OTHER WB GROUPS WILL RESUME MEETING IN JANUARY.**



**ATTENTION WB & SHEPHERD GROUPS: YOUR ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

**A GROUP IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE AN 11:00AM MEAL ON THE 3RD OR 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH TO THE MEN OF BELLA VISTA (MOB), OUR WIDOWED, DIVORCED, & SINGLE FELLOWS. 5-10 MEN USUALLY ATTEND. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR MEALS. TO HELP, CONTACT STEVE LARSEN @ 479-367-0934.**

**THANK YOU, BLOWHARDS!** 😊

A BIG THANK YOU to Teri & Galen Thiele for organizing the blow-a-thon a few Fridays ago! And THANK YOU to the other blowhards who helped: Bob Vermett, Weldon Hyde, Kathy & Dennis Eckard, Terry Davis, Ted Lasher, Leroy Handel, and John Justice (as seen left to right in the center photo). We sure appreciate all your hard work!



November was a special month for our Blessing Box ministry. We had a bunch of groups donate a ton of food! **John and Mary Hixson say, "Thank you to the First United Methodist Church members, other community groups, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Chapter CX PEO which meet each month in the Parlor for their generous donations this past month to the Blessing Box."** Check out the Blessing Box room bounty in the first two photos.

The other one shows the Thanksgiving meal bags Mary was able to put together for families in time for Thanksgiving dinner. They contained **1-lb canned hams, green beans, yams, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy mix, pie crust mix, apple pie filling, and even pumpkin rolls.** She plans to do the same for Christmas, so **in December consider donating similar non-perishables for Christmas meals.** Please drop off your donations in Room 5 (the Blessing Box Room) or the office. **PLEASE NO EXPIRED/DENTED/OPENED/UNLABELED CANS AS ALWAYS.**



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:00 Hanging of the Greens 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	2	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Advent Study - Room 6 12:00 Andante Mtg/Lunch - Parlor 2:00 "Christmas Around the World" Andante Concert - Sanctuary 3:00 MAPS Officers Meeting - Rm 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	3	8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 11:30 UWF Luncheon - Becker Hall 1:30 UWF Board Mtg - Room 6 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	4	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:30 Office/Church Angel Lunch - Table at Hickory Inn 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	5	Office Closed	6	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:30 MAPS Meeting - BH 10:00 Wesley Shepherd Group Christmas Card Party - Parlor		
7	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 3:00 Men's Chorus Concert-BVCC 6:00 NWA Women's Chorus - "Tis a Night of Christmas" Concert - Sanctuary	8	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	9	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Advent Study - Room 6 1:00 Sarah Circle - Parlor 1:30 Shoebox Ministry Packing - QR 3:00 Missions Meeting - Room 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:00 SPRC ZOOM Meeting - Rm 6 6:00 Men's Chorus Potluck - Parlor	10	8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends Respite Care - BH 11:00 Martha Circle - Kat's Café 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:00 Council Meeting - Parlor	11	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:00 50th Anniversary Meeting - Rm 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 4:00 Shepherd Grp 1 JBU Candlelight Service - meet at church 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle - Room 6	12	Office Closed	13	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd - Rosita's 2:00 Caroling & Potluck - meet in narthex - Bring app to share 2:00 WB Searchers - going Caroling
14	9:00 Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Trustees Meeting - Parlor 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor 3:00 BV Community Band Christmas Concert - BVCC	15	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 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	16	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Advent Study - Room 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor	17	8:00 BVPS Coffee & Carols - BH 8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 11:30 WB Dreamers - Rosita's 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	18	8:00 BVPS Coffee & Carols - Parlor 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Staff Christmas Party	19	Office Closed 6:00 Scouts Lock-in (overnight)	20	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
21	9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 4:00 "A Sacred Christmas" & 7:00 Concert - Sanctuary	22	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grp-Parlor 6:00 Blue Christmas Service-Chapel 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	23	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Advent Study - Room 6	24	CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 Carols by Candlelight Service - Sanctuary	25	CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Christmas Day Potluck - BH	26	OFFICE CLOSED	27	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28
28	10:00 Unified Service - Sanctuary	29	OFFICE CLOSED 11:30 WB Acorns - Little Sugar Bistro 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	30	OFFICE CLOSED	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA						



## ❄️ DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES ❄️

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

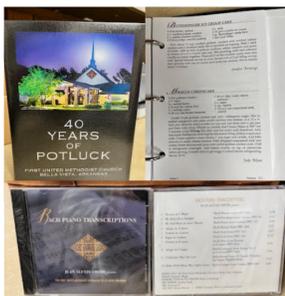
## ❄️ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ❄️

12/01 Joann Handel	12/16 Shari Vermett	12/24 Cherise George
12/03 Curtis Willoughby	12/17 Jon Mendoza	12/24 Betty Starr
12/06 Isabelle Mendoza 🥰	12/17 Marilyn Pommerenke (91!) 🎉	12/27 Ruth Ireland (102!)
12/09 Chris Klein	12/18 Conny Crum	12/28 Ruth Richardson
12/09 Heath Lehmann	12/18 Larry Zehring	
12/12 Frances Holman 🥰	12/22 Gil Temple (92!)	

### December 2025 Newsletter Financial Data information as of October 31, 2025

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Month of October Contributions (Income*)	\$ 39,583.59	\$ 48,333.34
Month of October Expenses	\$ 38,031.27	\$ 48,368.34
Difference	\$ 1,552.32	\$ (35.00)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 156,544.47	\$ 193,333.36
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 149,367.11	\$ 188,640.03
Difference	\$ 7,177.36	\$ 4,693.33

*\*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.**



## Look Who Was in The Weekly Vista!

### NWA Women’s Chorus holiday concert slated

Staff Report



Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the Northwest Arkansas Women’s Chorus invites all area residents to their Dec. 7 concert, entitled “’Tis a Night of Christmas.” The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 20 Boyce Drive in Bella Vista.

There is no admission fee, but a Free Will Offering will be available, to support the purchase of new music for the group.

Along with traditional Christmas songs, the group will include “Christmas Calypso,” “Autumn Fire,” “Brightest and Best,” and “Song for a Winter’s Night.” The audience will also enjoy a brief sing-along.

The purpose of the organization is to provide and foster friendships in the Northwest Arkansas area for those who love music, add to the quality of life for community members with choral performances for those in retirement, independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, and to be ambassadors for their community by performing in educational settings and before community organizations and veteran’s groups.

Dr. Larry Zehring has been the director since 1987. Denise Richards is the accompanist.

All choral-loving women of the community are invited to join. No auditions. Weekly rehearsals are 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, who donates the choir room space.

The group has no religious affiliation and performs all genres of music to include Broadway, Jazz, Classical, Folk, Country, Gospel, etc.

Start your Christmas season with this Dec. 7 event and hum your way through the new year.

### Fall holiday fun!

Staff Report



Submitted Photo | Pictured are our own Carol Tomlinson and Linda Davis.

Perfect Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus recently performed for residents of Autumn Place in Pea Ridge and Highlands Rehab in Bella Vista. Dressed in Halloween costumes the chorus sang a variety of their best songs ensuring the audience was left with joy and laughter. The group is currently rehearsing Christmas songs for holiday celebrations and they offer the opportunity to entertain you with their holiday songs and attire. For more information or to schedule the chorus for entertainment, contact Karen Frankenfild, director 479-876-7204 or karenfrankenfeld@att.net. The chorus rehearses each Monday 3-4:30 p.m. at the Highlands Christian Church, 1500 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista. New members are always welcome.



**UMM** meets on **Wednesday, 12/17**, this month. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.

**Thank You, W&J FLOORING!**

Thank you, Weldon & Jim, for replacing the old carpet in the elevator last week! The new version looks amazing! We also appreciate all the floor polishing you’ve been doing lately, Weldon. It has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate all the hard work you two put in. You’re here just about everyday and when we have a problem, we know who we can call. Thanks, guys!



## *Look Who Was in The Weekly Vista!*

# DAR honors service, valor, and sacrifice

by CASSIE TURNER Special to The Weekly Vista



Pictured from left are: Missy Williamson, Chaplain of the Lovely Purchase DAR Chapter; Lynn Wiggers, Regent of the same chapter; K.B. Smith, a WWII Navy veteran; Cassie Turner, Arkansas State Chair of Commemorative Events and Regent of the Texarkana Chapter; and Chuck Hammeke, a Vietnam War veteran and good friend of K.B.'s. Above K.B.'s head is a photo of him from his time in the Navy during World War II.

Recently, I had the chance to sit down with Arkansas Daughters of the American Revolution members Lynn Wiggers, Regent of the Lovely Purchase Chapter, and Missy Williamson, the chapter's Chaplain. With us was the distinguished 100-year-old World War II Navy veteran, Kenneth B. Smith, also known as K.B., along with his buddy, Chuck Hammeke, a Vietnam War veteran. We gathered near their hometown of Bella Vista (at The Jane Store in Jane, Mo.) to listen to K.B. share his firsthand experiences from World War II, providing a window into our history.

K.B. Smith was 17 years old when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He felt compelled to act after Japan's surprise attack in December 1941. K. B. told us, "I came home from high school and told my 'shook up' folks that I wanted to join the Navy," which required their signature for him to enlist at that age. A sense of duty was always on the minds of men of his generation.

After completing boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Station, north of Chicago, Ill., Smith was sent to Bremerton, Washington, where he was assigned to the USS Satterlee (DD-626). On July 1, 1943, he boarded the destroyer for his first overseas mission, escorting the British aircraft carrier HMS Victorious through the Panama Canal and into the Atlantic. After that, he participated in additional escort and training missions. In May 1944, the USS Satterlee was stationed near Greenock, Scotland, for advanced training, and subsequently

sailed to Normandy on June 5, 1944. "We were chosen to be the first warship on Omaha Beach on D-Day," Smith said. "We were there to support the 2nd Army Rangers battalion, who scaled the 100-foot cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, France; they were there to take out some German artillery on the cliffs." "Oh, it was dangerous for the Army Rangers, as they faced intense fire while climbing the ropes. That was something I'll always remember, the Rangers going up the cliffs hand over hand, and one would get shot, another one would grab the rope and take his place," said Smith. The Satterlee remained off the Normandy coast for the next forty days.

K.B. was awarded the French Legion of Honor on July 7, 2021, in Bella Vista. The award, France's highest national honor, was presented by French Consul General Alexis Andres during a ceremony at Lakepoint Restaurant in Bella Vista. The French government awarded the medal to Smith in recognition of his military service during World War II, particularly for his role in the liberation of France. The French government awarded the medal to Smith in recognition of his military service during World War II, particularly for his role in the liberation of France. Patrick and Debra Siewert, the son and his wife of John Siewert, a shipmate, invited Smith to return overseas on June 6, 2025, for a reunion celebrating his 100th birthday and the 81st anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. This will be Smith's third trip to France, as he also attended the 75th and 80th anniversary ceremonies of the Normandy invasion.

"I've kept in touch with some of those guys in years past, but now all of them are gone. When you get to be 100, not many of your old buddies are still around." Smith told us he was the last known survivor who served on the 276-man crew of the USS Satterlee.

Very few 100-year-old Navy veterans still live independently and move around as well as K.B., thanks to his good friend Chuck, who attends and drives him to all his events. K.B. says he still plans to go fishing whenever he can. "That's the secret to a long life, making plans," said K.B.

Lynn awarded K.B. and Chuck with Daughters of the American Revolution honors for Service, Valor, and Sacrifice from the Lovely Purchase Chapter.

The mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution centers on three main goals: historic preservation, education, and patriotism. We observed these goals in action during our meeting and while listening to K.B.'s stories.



# United Women in Faith

## GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

As we are getting ready to prepare for the Christmas season, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, 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 so many non-profits in Benton County from the proceeds of the Rummage Sale and Holiday Bazaar.

Most of our circles will be sharing a meal together and fellowshiping this month. If you would like to join them for and meet some new friends, call the circle chair:

- Sarah Circle: 479-721-9460
- Evening Circle: 479-876-1676
- Martha Circle: 870-550-1162
- Naomi Circle: 479-640-7851

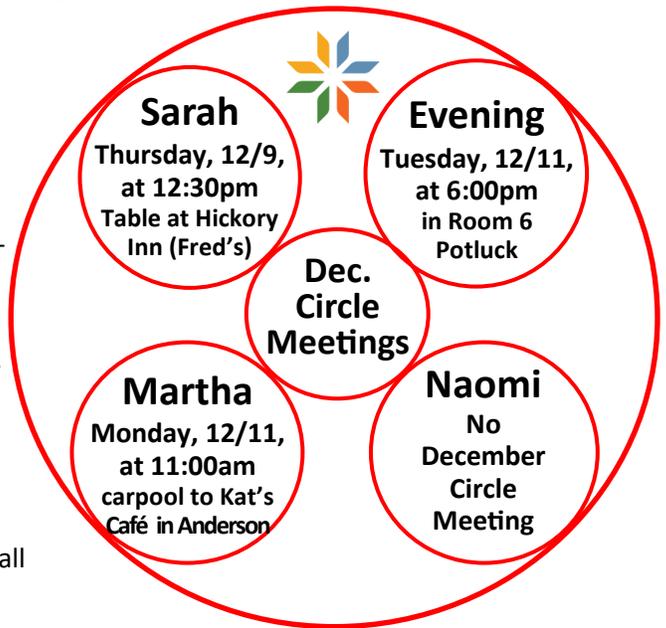
Don't forget to join us for the UWF Unit Luncheon on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 11:30 am in Becker Hall. The Highlands Winds Woodwind Quartet will entertain the group. If you still need a Christmas gift for someone, there will be some items from the Bazaar for sale. Bring some cash and enjoy shopping .

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>** UWF Board Meeting 1:30 pm in Parlor
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>** UWF Unit Meeting & Lunch 11:30 am in Becker Hall
- January 7<sup>th</sup>** UWF Board Meeting 9:30 am in Parlor

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

*Have a joyful time with family and friends this Christmas Season!*



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.

*Thank You*

Thank you for your cards, calls, and texts as I recuperate from my surgery. Medicine doesn't always come in a bottle, and your encouragement and prayers have helped me so much. I am well and working to get the spring back in my step.

*Denise Waller*

*Dear Forever Family,*

I want to pause and thank you all so much for your kind words of encouragement over the last months. My dad is greatly improved and moving to assisted living. His beloved wife & my stepmom is in the arms of Jesus and no longer suffering. Your prayers, cards, texts, and kind words are appreciated!

*Thanks again, Cherise  
George & family*



Bella Vista Men's Choir & Friends  
Present

## Holiday Favorites

With Special Guest  
**Jeannine Wagar, organist**  
**John Matthews, Music Director**  
**Marilyn Lee, accompanist**

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3:00 pm  
Bella Vista Community Church

NWA WOMEN'S CHORUS

## 'Tis a Night of Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7,  
6:00PM IN THE  
SANCTUARY

## "Lessons & Carols" Cantata

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE



### COME A-CAROLING WITH US!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, AT 2:00PM

HELP SAMAR & CREW SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER TO SOME OF OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. MEET IN THE NARTHEX. APPETIZER POTLUCK AFTER. BRING YOUR FAVORITE APP TO SHARE.

Amid the excitement and joy of the holiday season, feelings of grief and loss can sometimes surface. Join us for a special time of worship, remembrance, and honoring those we have lost while finding comfort in community at our:

Blue Christmas Service  
December 22nd at 6 pm  
in the Chapel



### Christmas Week Services

Dec. 21 ~ 4:00 & 7:00 pm "A Sacred Christmas" Concert in the Sanctuary

Dec. 22 ~ 6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel

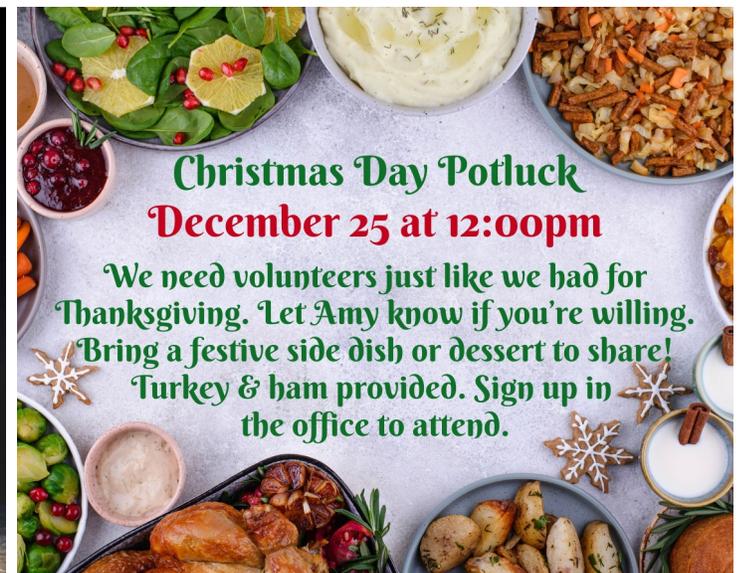
Dec. 24 ~ 5:00 pm Carols & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary



### Christmas Day Potluck

**December 25 at 12:00pm**

We need volunteers just like we had for Thanksgiving. Let Amy know if you're willing. Bring a festive side dish or dessert to share! Turkey & ham provided. Sign up in the office to attend.





**First United Methodist Church**  
 20 Boyce Drive  
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**We're Here to Serve You**

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 Church Administrator - Amy Gilmore  
 Church Secretary - Andrea Fobes  
 Music Ministries Director - Lamar Puckett

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**MONDAY, 12/14\*\*\***

Pianist Garth Smith Presents

# A SACRED CHRISTMAS

★ 2025 ★



*A Choral and Orchestral Celebration of the Savior*

*Dates & Venues*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 FRI DECEMBER 19 | 7:00 PM  
 116 N. 12TH STREET, FORT SMITH, AR 72901

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 SAT DECEMBER 20TH | 7:00 PM  
 695 E. CALVIN STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72703

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 SUN DECEMBER 21ST | 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
 20 BOYCE DRIVE, BELLA VISTA, AR 72715

**A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:**



**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

**MEET THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 12/4, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR**  
**\*NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK**



**CARING friends**

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



**MOB WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH. LUNCH RESUMES IN JANUARY.**

**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](mailto: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](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.