



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

FEBRUARY 2026

## The Season of **LENT 2026**

*Lent Begins*

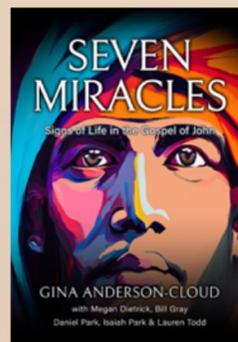
### ASH WEDNESDAY DAY & EVENING SERVICES

*Wednesday, 2/18, at 2:00pm in the Chapel  
& 6:00pm in the Sanctuary*



During Lent, Pastor Allen would like us to read through the entire Gospel of John together as a community of faith. Starting Sunday, Feb. 8, pick up your free copy of the reading plan in the Narthex or outside Becker Hall. See his article on page 2 for more information.

#### PASTOR ALLEN'S LENTEN STUDY: SEVEN MIRACLES BY GINA ANDERSON CLOUD



A Lenten study by the clergy of Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia. *Seven Miracles* invites readers on a transformative Lenten journey through the Gospel of John, guided by the wisdom and pastoral experience of United Methodist clergy. Join Pastor Allen on this Lenten journey Thursdays, 2/19-4/2, at 11:00am in Room 6. Sign up in the office. Books are \$10.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
**APRIL 2, 2025**  
**6:00 PM SANCTUARY**



*Good Friday*  
**SERVICE**

**APRIL 3, 2025**  
**6:00 PM IN THE**  
**SANCTUARY**





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

It's safe to say that 2026 is off to a wild start. I think we have run the complete gamut of weather in less than a month—from mild, spring-like days to a full blast of harsh winter weather, complete with snow. I knew moving north that the weather would be different, but this has been quite the adjustment to say the least. It's days like these that make one thankful for the little things like heat, the warmth of a home, and food in the pantry. It's also given me an opportunity to look ahead at all that is coming up in the life of our church.

For me personally, one of the most exciting events will be the first meeting of my Compelling Preaching Initiative Cohort. I will be headed up to Winrock Institute on February 13th through the 16th for a time of learning. Don't worry—you will be in good hands while I am away. Rev. Michael Mattox will be bringing the message on Sunday, February 15th, and our congregational care ministers will be available as well.

Something else on the horizon is the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be here before we know it on February 18th, as we enter into a 40-day season of preparation. We have a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect on our own lives and turn our hearts toward the grace of God as we ready ourselves to fully experience the hope and joy of the resurrection.

During Lent this year, we will be taking a journey together through the Gospel of John, primarily focusing on the miracle stories. Both our sermon series and discipleship opportunity will follow along with a book entitled, *Seven Miracles*, by Gina Anderson-Cloud. More information on our study will be coming very soon. The primary focus of this series and study will be to see how these miracles can connect to a deeper

meaning in our own daily lives and journey with Christ.

I am really looking forward to exploring these amazing stories with you all. Another thing we will be doing as a congregation during Lent will be to read through the entire Gospel of John as a community of faith. I have already broken down the readings into groups of 6 readings per week to give you one free or catch-up day. My hope is that everybody will join in this exercise. Because when we read a book of the Bible together, it unites us all around a shared story. It deepens our spiritual understanding and helps us listen for God's voice as a community of faith.

The Gospel of John reading guides will be available starting on February 8th in the narthex and outside of Becker Hall. We will have the sign-up sheet for our *Seven Miracles* study in the office. Books will be \$10.00 each. I look forward to this journey with you all, but until then let us continue that spirit of hope and expectation to what God might do in our midst.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Allen*

### *All About Love*

*Andante Music Club invites the public to a free program of music, poetry, and prose that expresses love*

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

2:00 PM |

*First United Methodist Church*

*20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista Arkansas*

Andante Music Club of Bella Vista is associated with the  
National Federation of Music Clubs and Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs





# WB CHATTER BOX February Meetings



**WB SHEPHERD GROUP 1**  
 RESCHEDULED THEIR 1/28  
 DINNER AT BV BAR & GRILL FOR  
 WEDNESDAY, 2/4, AT 5:00 PM.  
 THEY ALSO MEET FOR BREAKFAST AT HIWASSE  
 HILTON ON WEDNESDAY, 2/25, AT 8:30 AM.



**WB Acorns**  
 will host Pizza with the  
 Pastor on Sunday, 2/8, at  
12:00 pm in the Parlor.  
 They will also meet at Little  
Sugar Bistro on Monday,  
2/23, at 11:30 am.



**WB AGAPE**  
 will meet at Rosita's  
 on Saturday, 2/14,  
 at 10:00 am.



**WB K.I.M.**  
 (Keepers in Mission)  
 will meet at Louise  
 Cafe in Bentonville  
 for breakfast on  
 Thursday, 2/19,  
 at 9:00 am.



**WB Dreamers**  
 will provide lunch  
 for MOB Thursday,  
 2/19, at 11:00 am  
 in the Parlor.



**WB GRAND CENTRAL**  
 meets Thursday,  
 2/26, at 8:30am  
 at First Watch in  
 Bentonville.



## 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.



**Blessing Box Food Collection**

In February, we have PLENTY OF VEGETABLES. We need more PROTEIN (like canned meats), SOUPS, STEWS, CHILI, MAIN DISHES (like Hormel Compleats), PEANUT BUTTER, also CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK (like Parmalat), & CANNED FRUIT OR FRUIT COCKTAIL. We could use more SMALL BOTTLES OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT & PACKS OF TOILET PAPER. Please drop off your donations in Room 5 (the Blessing Box Room) or the office. AND, AS ALWAYS, PLEASE NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, OR UNLABELED CANS.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH	2	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	3	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Missions Team Saving Grace Tour 12:30 Andante Board Meeting - Parlor 2:00 Andante Concert - Sanctuary 3:00 MAPS Officers Meeting - Rm 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	4	8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 UWF Board Meeting - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:15 <b>Shepherd Grp 1 - BV Ctry Club</b>	5	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 1:00 50th Anniversary Mtg - Rm 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	6	Office Closed 11:30 BVPS Preschool Board Mtg	7	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:30 MAPS Meeting - Becker Hall 12:00 Scouts Pinewood Derby 5:00 Scouts Lock-in (Overnight)
8	<b>SCOUTS SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Mabel/Ashline's 90th - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:00 <b>Pizza With Pastor - Parlor</b> 12:00 <b>WB Acorns - Pizza w/Pastor</b>	9	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	10	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 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 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	11	8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends Respite Care - BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	12	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle - Room 6	13	Office Closed	14	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 <b>Agape Shepherd - Rosita's</b>
15	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH	16	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> <b>OFFICE &amp; BVPS CLOSED</b> 8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:30 Martha Circle - QR 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	17	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	18	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 2:00 Ash Wednesday Service-Chapel 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service-Chapel	19	9:00 <b>WB KIM - Louise Café, Bentonville</b> 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 MOB Lunch - Parlor 11:00 <b>WB Dreamers - BH (MOB Lunch)</b> 11:00 Lenten Bible Study - Room 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	20	Office Closed	21	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 12:00 Scouts Blue/Gold Banquet-BH
22	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child Sunday School - LL 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 CCM Meeting - Parlor	23	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 11:30 <b>WB Acorns - Little Sugar Bistro</b> 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	24	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	25	8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 8:30 <b>Shepherd Grp 1-Hiwassee Hilton</b> 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	26	8:30 <b>WB Grand Central - First Watch</b> 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 Lenten Bible Study - Room 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	27	Office Closed	28	8:00 Andante - Sanctuary 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28





**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

2/02 Dick & Genie Schupp    2/17 Gary & Delores Grosnickle

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2/01 Jane Potts             | 2/08 Dee Wresche      | 2/23 Phoebe Bader (92!) 🎉 |
| 2/02 Bette Cummings         | 2/11 Judy Kaufmann    | 2/25 Kathy Eckard         |
| 2/02 Dale Morrisett (94!) 🎉 | 2/11 Charlene Rayburn | 2/26 Nancy Noyes          |
| 2/03 Lynn Dove              | 2/13 Amy Gilmore      | 2/26 Rex Waller           |
| 2/03 Tex Foster             | 2/13 Jill Hale        | 2/27 Rod Alford (93!) 🎉   |
| 2/04 Rose Taylor            | 2/14 Marilyn Frisby   | 2/28 Sean Crider          |
| 2/05 Mabel Ashline (90!) 🎉  | 2/16 Mike Meyers      |                           |
| 2/08 Juanita May            | 2/21 Kay Aclin        |                           |

**February 2026 Newsletter Financial Data**  
*information as of December 31, 2025*

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Month of December Contributions (Income*)	\$ 45,118.85	\$ 48,333.34
Month of December Expenses	\$ 40,385.41	\$ 48,368.34
Difference	\$ 4,733.44	\$ (35.00)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 243,646.06	\$ 290,000.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 228,233.57	\$ 290,210.00
Difference	\$ 15,412.49	\$ (210.00)

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

**LOST & FOUND ITEM**

We have another found item in the office. This **POWCAN MINT GREEN WATER JUG** was left behind. None of the groups we reached out to claimed it. If it belongs to you or you know who its rightful owner is, please inquire in the office. We also have sunglasses, a single black glove found in the parking lot, an Apple cube and charging cable, & a whole collection of single earrings. Come see us if you're missing anything. Thank You!





United Women in Faith

**GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!**

Winter has arrived in Bella Vista and beyond. I hope you all are warm and safe in your homes. We are blessed to have had only snow in Northwest Arkansas.

It seemed January was so slow in passing this year. Our Church Library is a good place to find a book to help make the days go by faster. There is a copy of the *Response Magazine* in the library which gives more information about the missions around the world supported by UWF.

For the 48th year, it is time to prepare for another October Bazaar. We do this by starting Bazaar workshops on Thursday mornings beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm in the Quilt Room downstairs. Bring a lunch if you want to stay the day. It is a great time for fellowship and creativity. We always invite everyone no matter what their skill level and we are definitely in need of more cutters and sewers.

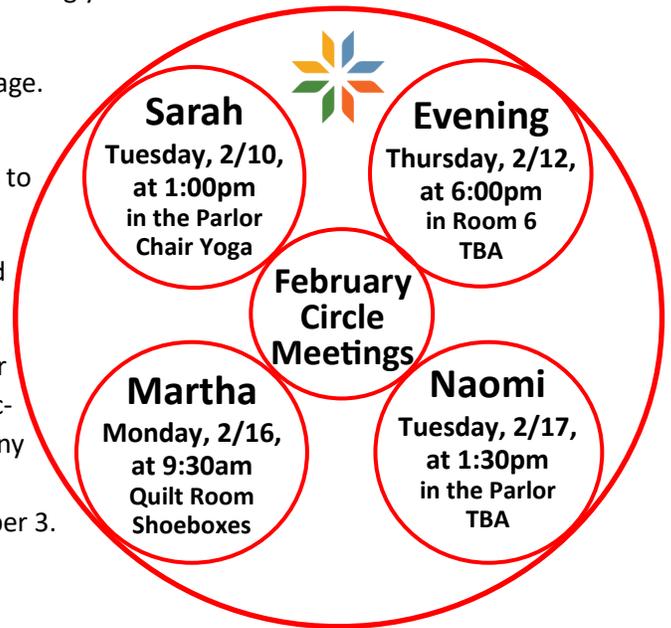
For sewers, there are several options to help us:

1. Attend the workshop on Thursdays and use our machines or bring your own and participate in the chatter and munching of goodies.
2. See Judy Bilyeu for parts of projects that are at the sewing stage. You can pick something up and take it home for sewing.
3. You can also see Judy about getting supplies and instructions to complete projects at home.
4. Or come up with projects of your own to make at home and donate when complete.

If you have a suggestion for a project, call Judy 479-876-2345 or 721-9460. It is really helpful to have an actual sample but pictures can work too. And again, all are encouraged to create any kind of craft at home to be delivered the week before the sale. With your help, we can have another successful Bazaar on October 3.

**Dates to Remember:**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** UWF Board Meeting 9:30 am in Parlor



**Mabel Ashline's 90th Birthday Celebration**

**Sunday, Feb. 8,**  
**10:00 am in**  
**the Parlor**

**Come help her celebrate!**

**SHOEBOX MINISTRY**

**WE NEED PACKERS FOR THE NEXT PACKING DAY: TUESDAY, 2/10, 1:30 PM IN THE QUILT ROOM. KEEP THOSE SHOEBOXES & DONATIONS COMING!**



## Missions Team Update

The end of the calendar year marks the midway point of the Church Fiscal year. So, we are also halfway through the Missions Team's year, and this is what we have accomplished with your support.

- ❖ July – September Mission of the Quarter was *Saving Grace*. With the spaghetti dinner proceeds plus existing funds, we were able to donate **\$4,000** to Saving Grace. Then later last year we received additional designated donations for Saving Grace so our donations total through December were **\$5,600**. PLUS, our donations were matched by another Saving Grace benefactor, so the FUMCBV total impact was **\$11,200!**
- ❖ October – December Mission of the Quarter has been *Cooper Elementary School*. Unless specified otherwise, all Missions donations, including Power of One, went to our "Adopt a Classroom" initiative to compensate for unbudgeted and unreimbursed teacher spending of their own money for items to improve the learning experience in their individual classrooms. With donations received over the past 3 months plus some existing funds, we have just made a **\$3,500** donation to Cooper to add to the **\$1,600** donation we made to kick off this initiative. The resulting **\$5,100** equates to **\$150** for each of Cooper's **34** classrooms!
- ❖ January – March Missions of the Quarter will include *Methodist Family Health, Camp Aldersgate* and *Ozark Mission Project*. One quarter a year we focus on organizations other than our 3 primary causes.
  - *Methodist Family Health* manages the Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Behavioral Hospitals in Maumelle and Jonesboro, Methodist Counseling Clinics and Arkansas CARES (Center for Addictions Research, Education and Services). The Missions Committee got a head start on this quarter by making a **\$1,000** donation in December to help with their extra holiday expenses.
  - *Camp Aldersgate* was started 78 years ago by a group of Little Rock Methodist women purchasing 100+ acres for interracial fellowship, church meetings and a variety of programs for youth and senior citizens. Today it is Arkansas' only American Camp Association-accredited camp dedicated to serving children and young adults with special needs including muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, diabetes, cardiac conditions, arthritis, kidney conditions, asthma, cancer, and bleeding disorders by offering spring and fall weekend camps and summer camps.
  - *Ozark Missions Project* transforms lives and communities through worship, fellowship, and hands-on mission. For nearly 40 years, they have assisted and served Arkansans who cannot safely access their homes due to minor construction repairs, yard work or the need for a wheelchair ramp. They meet these needs by bringing youth and adult volunteers together in a Christ-centered summer program designed to impact lives through the projects they complete.
- ❖ April – June Mission of the Quarter will be the Boys and Girls Club – Bella Vista. Donations will focus on their transition from after-school care to full-day care for the summer.
- ❖ Designated Donations through December:
  - (Cooper School) Snack Packs - **\$3,141** for food
  - Blessing Box - **\$757** spent in addition to MANY donated items plus **\$1,220+** spent on construction of a new box (on the corner of the office parking lot).
  - Shoebox Ministry (hygiene items for homeless shelters) - **\$1,411**
  - UMCOR - **\$4,660** collected for Texas flood relief
- ❖ Other Giving:
  - **\$1,365** for Sager Brown "disaster buckets" and half of FUMCBV attendee's costs.
  - **\$1,377** for Church T-shirts (being offset by shirt sales)



**MISSIONS TEAM MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 3:00PM IN RM 6**



**First United Methodist Church**  
 20 Boyce Drive  
 Bella Vista, AR 72715

**We're Here to Serve You**

Senior Pastor - Rev. Allen Crum  
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 Church Administrator - Amy Gilmore  
 Church Secretary - Andrea Fobes  
 Music Ministries Director - Lamar Puckett

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

**\*\*\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**TUESDAY, 2/17\*\*\***

**Congregational Care  
 Ministry Meeting**

**Sunday,  
 2/22,  
 at 12:15 pm  
 in the Parlor**



The next **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 2/25**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**.  
 The meeting will follow at **6:00pm**.  
**\*Speaker: Dale Phillips of  
 Bella Vista Historical Museum**

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

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



**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT  
 GROUP MEETING**

**MEET THIS MONTH  
 ON THURSDAY, 2/5,  
 AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR  
 \*NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK**



**CARING friends**  
 meets this month on  
Wednesday, 2/11,  
 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,  
 2/19, 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](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.