



The Good News

MARCH 2026

Lenten Spiritual Journey Through the Gospel of John

Lent is often viewed as a somber 40-day countdown to Easter, but through the lens of the Gospel of John, it's more of a "spiritual makeover." John doesn't just call miracles "wonders"; he calls them signs (semeion). In the context of Lent, these seven signs act as a roadmap, moving us from our physical thirsts and hunger toward a deeper, spiritual reality. If you haven't already, start your journey by picking up a free copy of our Gospel of John Reading Plan.

The 7 Signs and Their Lenten Lessons

1. Changing Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Transformation. Lent is about taking the "water" of our ordinary, sometimes bland routines and allowing a spiritual spark to turn them into something rich and celebratory.

2. Healing the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Faith beyond sight. This miracle happens at a distance. Lent challenges us to trust in a healing process we can't always see or feel immediately.

3. Healing the Paralytic at Bethesda (John 5:1-15)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Breaking old patterns. Jesus asks, "Do you want to get well?" Lent is the season to stop lying on our "mats" of old habits and finally stand up.

4. Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-14)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Spiritual nourishment. While many people fast during Lent, this sign reminds us that we aren't just giving up chocolate; we are filling that space with the "Bread of Life."

5. Walking on Water (John 6:16-21)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Peace in the storm. Lent often stirs up our internal "storms"—our anxieties and regrets. This sign highlights that the goal of the season is to find a calm center amidst the chaos.

6. Healing the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-7)

- **Lenten Meaning:** Insight over eyesight. This is the core of Lenten reflection: removing the "scales" from our eyes to see our neighbors and ourselves with more clarity and compassion.

7. The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

- **Lenten Meaning:** The ultimate transition. This sign points directly to Holy Week. It mirrors the Lenten journey from the "death" of our old selves to the "resurrection" of a new life.



Pen from the Pulpit by Rev. Allen Crum

With Lent in full swing, it's worth remembering what this season is truly about — and how we can walk through it well.

Too often we treat Lent like a spiritual self-improvement project — fix what's broken, polish what's dull, give something up to prove we're serious. Discipline has its place, but Lent isn't about becoming a more impressive version of ourselves.

Lent is about honesty.

It invites us to slow down and tell the truth — about our hearts, our habits, our fears, and our need for grace. It is the season when we admit we don't have it all together and remember that we need a faithful Savior.

In many ways, Lent is less about “doing more” and more about noticing more.

Learning to Notice

This Lent, one of the gifts we have as a congregation is our Gospel of John reading plan. Instead of rushing through Scripture looking for answers or trying to extract quick applications, Lent gives us permission to simply notice.

Notice what stands out.

Notice repeated words and themes.

Notice how people respond to Jesus — and what stirs in you: comfort, resistance, curiosity, conviction.

The Gospel of John is especially rich for this kind of attentive reading. John moves slowly. He lingers in conversations. He highlights signs and symbols. He invites us not just to understand Jesus, but to encounter Him.

As you follow the reading plan, you don't have to master the text. You don't need to outline every chapter. Simply ask:

- What catches my attention today?
- What surprises me?
- What reveals something about who Jesus is?

Lent as Space, Not Pressure

If we're not careful, we can turn Lent into spiritual pressure. More reading. More praying. More discipline. More guilt if we miss a day.

But what if instead we saw Lent as sacred space?

Space to breathe.

Space to reflect.

Space to return.

Friends remember, Lent isn't about polishing ourselves into something better. It's about positioning ourselves to receive what God is already giving — and discovering that His grace has been near all along.

*Blessings for the Journey,
Pastor Allen*



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Sunday, February 22, was an EXCITING DAY! Four new members transferred their memberships from other UMC's! Welcome to the FUMCBV family!



**SUSAN BOYLES &
FRANKIE RANKIN**



**CONNY CRUM
(PASTOR ALLEN'S WIFE)**



**BERNIE
(RALPH) LANTZ**

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE WALK TO EMMAUS?

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives.

Through The Walk to Emmaus, as they seek to become healthy and vital congregations, local churches have both a means of growing disciples and a tool for developing leaders for their disciple-making systems. The program begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. It continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's robust offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace.

We have two of these follow-up or reunion groups right here at FUMCBV. We are looking for others who have also completed The Walk to Emmaus and would like to participate. If so, let us know by writing "Emmaus" on the back of your attendance card. The **Men's Emmaus Group** meets each **Wednesday at Cafe USA at 8:00 am**. The **Women's Emmaus Reunion Group** meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 am at John & Lani Hyslop's home**.

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 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grip - Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	3	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 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	9:00 UWF Bazaar - Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 Lenten Bible Study - Room 6 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 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
8	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor	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 Grip - Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	10	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 1:00 Sarah Circle - Parlor 2:00 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 6:00 Church Council Mtg - Parlor	12	9:00 UWF Bazaar - Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 Lenten Bible Study - Room 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 Evening Circle - Room 6 6:00 WB Searchers - HoneyPop's	13	Office Closed	14	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:00 Agape Shepherd - Rosita's
15	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Trustees Meeting - Parlor 1:30 GriefShare - Room 6	16	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:30 Martha Circle - QR 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grip - Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	17	 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 11:30 SOLOS Lunch- Little Sugar Bistro 1:00 50th Anniversary Mtg - Room 6 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	18	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 - Library/Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 5:30 UMM Meeting & Meal - BH	19	9:00 UWF Bazaar - Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 MOB Lunch - Parlor 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 5:50 WB KIM - BV Country Club
22	9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 CCM Meeting - Parlor 1:30 GriefShare - Room 6	23	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 11:30 WB Acorns - Little Sugar Bistro 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grip - Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	24	BVPS SPRING BREAK 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 11:00 WB Amazing Grace - Little Sugar Bistro 1:00 Highland Park Villas POA - BH 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL, Parlor 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	25	BVPS SPRING BREAK 8:00 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 11:30 UWF Spring Luncheon - BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Room 4:00 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	26	BVPS SPRING BREAK 9:00 UWF Bazaar - Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 Lenten Bible Study - Room 6 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 2:30 PEO Pastry Delivery/PU - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor	27	BVPS SPRING BREAK Office Closed	28	8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 10:30 Shep. Grp 1 - Rogers Museum
29	 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/OR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 1:30 GriefShare - Room 6	30	8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Mtg - Rm 6 12:30 NWA Women's Chorus - MR 1:00 Frances H Bridge Grip - Parlor 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28	31	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 3:00 MAPS Officers Meeting - Rm 6 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm	 <h1>March</h1>							



 **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES** 

3/10 Steve & Sandy Larsen 3/16 Ted & Julie Lasher
 3/14 Leroy & Joann Handel 3/27 John & Lani Hyslop

 **MARCH BIRTHDAYS** 

3/02 Linda Davis	3/13 Linda Clausen	3/22 Dylen Lehmann
3/02 James Gilmore	3/13 Sheryl FitzPatrick	3/23 Ricky Echols (6!) 🥳
3/07 Frank Kostal (96!) 🥳	3/16 Lora Burch	3/26 Naomi Hagan
3/07 Wanda Williams	3/17 John Lindsey	3/28 Judy Knadle
3/08 Dylan Antoine	3/20 Terry Davis	3/28 Gail Storm
3/10 Linda Hyde	3/20 Judy Jackson	3/29 Kim Davenport

March 2026 Newsletter Financial Data
information as of January 31, 2026

	2026 Actual	2026 Budget
Month of January Contributions (Income*)	\$ 38,326.27	\$ 48,333.34
Month of January Expenses	\$ 40,394.04	\$ 48,368.34
Difference	\$ (2,067.77)	\$ (35.00)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 281,972.33	\$ 338,333.38
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 268,627.61	\$ 338,578.38
Difference	\$ 13,344.72	\$ (245.00)

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

Finance Meeting
Sunday, 3/8,
at 12:15pm
in the Parlor



TRUSTEES MEETING
SUNDAY, 3/15,
12:15PM PARLOR

Congregational Care Ministry Meeting
Sunday, 3/22,
at 12:15 pm
in the Parlor 



United
Women
in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

We all made it through the worst of the cold weather, and it seems we'll have warmer weather going forward. As I drive around Bella Vista, I see a lot of spring flowers already blooming.

With spring comes the season of Lent when Christians prepare their hearts for Easter. I hope you are taking this time to read the scriptures, in particular the gospel of John we are all reading together.

Another thing that happens this time of year is spring cleaning when we all start going through things we don't need anymore. Whilst doing so, please consider donating your unwanted items to the UWF Rummage Sale which is August 1st. If you need storage space for those items until August, call Verna Bottjen.

Our weekly Bazaar Workshops meet every Thursday from 9:00 to 2:00, beginning March 5th. All are welcome and there are jobs for everyone from pressing material, to cutting out items and even sewing. There is a great need for ladies who can sew. Come when you can, stay as long as you can, bring a sandwich and have lunch with the group. It's a great time to meet new friends.

If you have a suggestion for a project, call President Judy Bilyeu at 479-876-2345 or 721-9460. It is really helpful to have an actual sample but pictures can work too.

Dates to Remember:

March 4th UWF Board Meeting 9:30 am in Parlor

March 25th UWF Spring Unit Luncheon 11:30 am in Becker Hall



**March
UWF Circle
Meetings**

Sarah
Thursday, 3/10,
at 1:00pm in
the Parlor
Call to Prayer

Evening
Thursday, 3/12,
at 6:00pm in
Room 6
Call to Prayer

Martha
Monday, 3/16,
at 9:30am in
the Quilt Room
Shoebox
Ministry

Naomi
Tuesday, 3/17,
at 1:30pm in
the Parlor
Call to Prayer



UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon will be **Wednesday, March 25, at 11:30 am in Becker Hall**. Our program will be about the Children and Family Advocacy Center. Lunch is Tuscan chicken soup, salad, roll, and dessert for **\$7.50**. **Please RSVP by Sunday, March 22nd**, in your Circle or the Church Office. Childcare provided with prior notice.





Book Nook: in the Church Library



2026 UWF READING PROGRAM

EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS (CATEGORY I):

1. *THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH* by Eddie Jaku
2. *WHAT WE REMEMBER WILL BE SAVED* by Stephanie Saldana
3. *SO WE & OUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE* by Sarah Augustine

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY (CATEGORY II):

1. *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN* by Marie Benedict
2. *NAMESAKE* by NS Nuseibeh

SOCIAL ACTION (CATEGORY III):

1. *HIGHWAY OF TEARS* by Jessica McDiarmid
2. *SAY HER NAME* by Kimberle Crenshaw
3. *FROM A WHISPER TO A RALLYING CRY* by Paula Yoo
4. *WE ARE STILL HERE* by Traci Sorell

SPIRITUAL GROWTH (CATEGORY IV):

1. *RED WHITE AND WHOLE* by Rajani LaRocca
2. *PENNY PREACHES* by Amy Dixon
3. *GOOD ENOUGH* by Kate Bowler
4. *THE DEEPEST PLACE* by Curt Thompson

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (CATEGORY V):

1. *HEART OF FIRE* by Mazie K Hirono
2. *SOMETHING SOMEDAY* by Amanda Gorman

BOOKS IN SERIES:

THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB SERIES by Richard Osman
Book 4 *THE LAST DEVIL TO DIE*

FICTION:

CIRCLE OF DAYS by Ken Follett

HELP NEEDED!!!

Are there any WB groups available to give me 30 minutes of your time to help in our church library?
This is not a hard job, and we can accomplish so much in just 30 short minutes.
Call Diane Verville at 479-876-1676 with questions. Thank you!

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

SOLOS gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize with each other. This month, SOLOS will meet for lunch at Little Sugar Bistro on Tuesday, 3/17, at 11:30am. RSVP by Sunday, 3/15, to either Loretta Tidwell at 586-9418 or Nancy Spangler at 876-6751 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 church member.



This month's **UMM** meeting is on **Wednesday, 3/18**. Dinner is at **5:30pm** in **Becker Hall**. The meeting follows at **6:00pm**.

***Speaker: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

ALL METHODIST MEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE UMM & ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, BUT NON-METHODISTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND.



Look Who Was in *The Weekly Vista*!

Selley celebrates 105 years at Concordia Retirement

by Rachel Dickerson



Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista Doris Selley is pictured with her cake at a 105th birthday party held in her honor at Concordia Retirement Community on Jan. 16.

Doris Selley celebrated her 105th birthday with friends and family on Jan. 16 at Concordia Retirement Community.

She was born Jan. 17, 1921, one of nine children. She said she grew up in Oklahoma and Kansas and graduated from business college in Kansas. She worked for a short time, but her husband wanted her to quit working. "So that's when I learned to play bridge," she said.

Her son, Craig Selley and his wife, Rozanna, of Topeka, Kan., attended the birthday party at Concordia. Doris Selley has two other children and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Craig Selley shared some memories about his mother. First he shared that his mother is very honest, sometimes to the point of being very direct. He said this goes back to a childhood event. When his mother was a little girl, her father had just painted the outhouse and told her not to touch it. After noticing paint on her hand, her father asked her if she touched it, and she said no. In response, her father gave her a spanking. He then told her he did not spank her because she touched the paint but because she lied, and that left an impression on her, Craig Selley said.

"My parents were great parents. Her parents were great parents. We had a great childhood," he said.

He also remembered a story his mother used to tell about when she lived through the Dust Bowl.

"Her mother used to yell at the kids, 'The dust is coming!' and their job was to run inside and wet down sheets and put them over the windows to keep the dust out."

He said his mother has very vivid memories of doing this.

Also, Craig Selley said people often ask his mother which technology that she has seen developed in her lifetime has been the most useful, and she tells them the microwave oven. He said this often surprises people, but the reason is because it allowed her to cook a meal more quickly, and it made her life easier.

He added, "She lives alone and has forever." He and his wife recently got his mother a motorized scooter to help her get around more easily for longer distances, he said.

As friends gathered to sing "Happy Birthday" to Doris Selley, Angie Clark, executive director of Concordia, invited the guest of honor to blow out a candle. Clark asked how she could live to be 105.

"Keep breathing," Doris Selley answered.

She added she is the last of her siblings still living. She said she had a wonderful husband and family and a wonderful life.

Clark said, "She is a fun-loving, spunky lady." She added Doris Selley has not only lived to be 105 but also has plenty of energy.

Asked how she feels about turning 105, the birthday girl said, "I feel fine. I have no health problems at all."

She has lived at Concordia for 20 years.

Janice Swiggart said one funny story about Doris Selley was, "One time I asked who her doctor is, and she said, 'I don't have a doctor, and I don't take any medicine.' I told her don't go to the doctor or you'll be taking medicine."

Phoebe Phillips said, "I call her my miracle friend because she's so old and still has got a brain and walks so good. You'd never dream she was 105."



Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista Doris Selley (center) is pictured at a 105th birthday party held in her honor at Concordia Retirement Community on Jan. 16. She is pictured with (left) son Craig Selley and (right) daughter-in-law Rozanna Selley.



Mabel Ashline and her daughters invited us to celebrate her 90th Birthday with them on Sunday February 8 between services. Her cake was as beautiful as she is! In the photo are Janet Sedgwick (left), Mabel, & Kay Bernard (right). Happy 90th!

From Mabel: "Thank you to everyone who gave cards and birthday wishes and made a special day for me."

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers during my bout of pneumonia. It has taken me a bit to get back on my feet, but I'm feeling much better now.

~Linda Clausen

Thank You

I would like to say "Thank You" to my church family for the outpouring of love during the time of Mom's hospice care, passing and funeral. The cards, hugs, and prayers meant so much to me. I am so privileged to be a part of this kind and caring FUMC family. Love to you all!

*In Christ,
Lamar Puckett*

Thank You

Thank You to all of you who sent up prayers for my mother in the last few weeks. She definitely needed them and might not have made it otherwise. She and I also appreciate all the calls, cards, and hospital visits. In addition, an unbelievable number of you have asked about her since this all started which is also appreciated. I am extremely fortunate to work in a place where the people I'm surrounded with don't just support me but also my family. Thank you so much for that.

Sincerely, Andrea Fobes



A great blessing during these last ten years has been the opportunity to learn about the meaning of God's language revealed in my dreams and the dreams of others. For 2026, I am enrolled in an advanced level of dream-work certification specifically for working one-on-one with individuals who seek understanding of their dreams. Dreams are God's forgotten language. Think of all the Bible stories where someone receives a divine message in a dream. Three facts about dreaming from scientific studies are: everyone dreams, you can learn to remember your dreams upon waking, and you will be surprised to learn that dream figures and symbols always contribute to personal spiritual growth (even the scary ones)! Three to five volunteers are needed to generate data for my final project. Even if you don't actively remember your dreams but are curious and wanting to know more, let me know. Sessions will be scheduled as appointments in a convenient location (church, home, office, coffee shop). I'll be praying for you to hear God's call.

Peace & blessings, Rev. Cathy Luck
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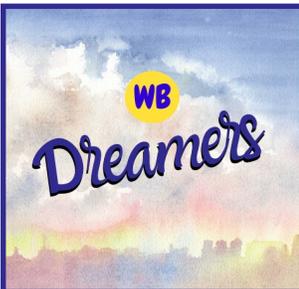
WB CHATTER BOX March Meetings



meet for dinner at HoneyPop's on Thursday, 3/12, at 6:00 pm.



will meet at Rosita's on Saturday, 3/14, at 10:00 am.



will meet in the Parlor & help in the library on Wednesday, 3/18, at 1:30 pm.



meet for dinner at BV Country Club on Saturday, 3/21, at 5:30 pm. Bring towels/blankets for the BV Animal Shelter.



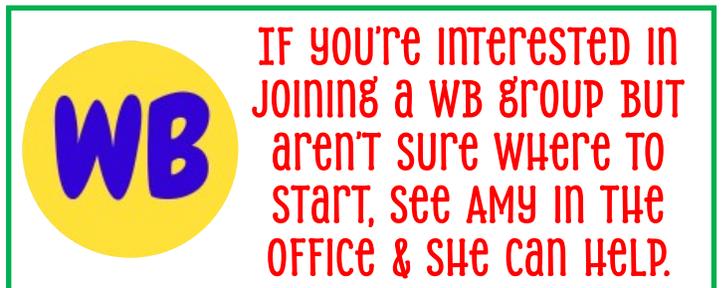
will meet at Little Sugar Bistro on Monday, 3/23, at 11:30 am



meets at Little Sugar Bistro on Tuesday, 3/24, at 11:00 am. Call Loretta to RSVP: 586-9418.



WILL TOUR ROGERS MUSEUM & HAVE LUNCH AFTER ON SATURDAY, 3/28, AT 10:30 AM.



Blessing Box Food Collection

The Blessing Box runneth over with VEGETABLES, CHICKEN MILK, & PEANUT BUTTER. **We do need more HORMEL COM-PLEATS, CHEF BOYARDEE, VIENNA SAUSAGES (that's VY-EENIE WEENIES for you Arkansans 😊), CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT OR FRUIT COCKTAIL.** We could also 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.**



MISSIONS



Thank You from the Missions Team

Our second Mission of the Quarter for the year was Adopt-a-Classroom for Cooper Elementary through which we raised money to help teachers cover classroom expenses that usually come out of their own pockets. Thanks to your generous support and contributions, we were able to present Cooper Elementary with a check for \$3,500 which was to be divided equally amongst the teachers. See Shari Vermett in the center delivering the check to Cooper Principal, Ms. Childress, & Counselor, Ms. Dumes. They were so grateful to receive it!



MISSIONS TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 6



50TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration
WE NEED MORE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!
PLANNING MEETING THURSDAY, 3/17, AT 1:00PM IN ROOM 6



If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you may realize that grief is a journey, and you may not feel closure even after the memorial service. *But you don't have to go it alone.*

FUMCBV will be offering a 13-week GriefShare Program on Sunday afternoons beginning March 15 through June 14, 2026, at 1:30 PM in Room 6 (the conference room). (No class on Easter Sunday, April 5.)

GriefShare is the #1 grief support group program in the world. For 25 years, it has helped over 1 million people find comfort after the loss of a loved one.

Here at 1st UMC, you will find a safe place to express your grief with people who understand and can support you with valuable guidance and tips leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

You will also explore video content and have access to an outstanding website filled with many other resources.

This class will be facilitated by Nancy Noyes. Please register for this helpful and informative class by contacting me at 972-896-3909 (talk or text) or email me at nnoyes48@icloud.com.



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 Monday-Thursday
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*****NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**
MONDAY, 3/23***

Church Council Meeting



Wednesday, 3/11,
 at 6:00pm
 in the Parlor

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

MEET THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 3/5, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
 *NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK

CARING friends

meets this month on Wednesday, 3/11, from 10:00am-2:00pm in Becker Hall.



COME JOIN OUR SINGLE MEN'S GROUP (WIDOWED/DIVORCED/ETC.) FOR LUNCH IN THE PARLOR THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 3/19, 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 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.