



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

50TH

ANNIVERSARY
Celebration

FUMCBV TURNS 50 THIS YEAR!
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE!

UNIFIED SERVICE 10:00 AM
COMPLIMENTARY, CATERED
LUNCH & PROGRAM FOLLOW

YOU MUST SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE
FOR LUNCH BY MONDAY, JUNE 1!



Pen from the Pulpit by Rev. Allen Crum

June marks a season of gratitude and celebration in the life of our church. This month, we give thanks for 50 years of faithful ministry in the Bella Vista community. For half a century, generations have gathered here to worship, serve, pray, learn, and share the love of Christ with neighbors and friends. Countless lives have been touched through the dedication, generosity, and faithfulness of this congregation.

As I have spent time reading through the historical records of our church, I have been amazed to see how God has worked through the people of this congregation across the decades. What began with a dedicated group of approximately 53 people meeting above the historic Hill and Dale Restaurant eventually grew into the church we know today. In just a few short years, the congregation experienced significant growth and, by 1980, membership had expanded to more than 400 people.

Like all of Northwest Arkansas, our church has experienced many seasons of change over the years. Yet through every season, one defining characteristic has remained constant: a commitment to welcoming and caring for others.

In 1980, the church adopted a congregation-wide covenant expressing its desire to be an inclusive church. The covenant stated: "We, the members of the Bella Vista United Methodist Church, in keeping with the historic vision and mission of our Christian faith expressed in our tradition and in the continued affirmations of our church, do hereby declare our intention to become, and be, an inclusive church. We take inclusive to mean a church without ethnic or gender boundaries."

That welcoming spirit continues to shape the life of our congregation today—not only in words, but in

the ways people are cared for, encouraged, and invited into community. In a world that often feels divided and disconnected, the church still has the opportunity to be a place where people encounter grace, belonging, and genuine Christian love.

It is important to remember that fifty years represents far more than buildings or membership numbers. It represents baptisms and funerals, weddings and confirmations, prayers prayed in hospital rooms, meals shared during difficult seasons, mission projects, Bible studies, choir rehearsals, and countless quiet acts of compassion that may never appear in any church history book, yet have shaped lives for generations.

This anniversary month also marks a personal milestone for me as I complete my first year of ministry alongside you. It has been a year filled with new friendships, shared joys, meaningful worship, and moments of growth. I am deeply grateful for the warmth, encouragement, and support you have extended to both Conny and I throughout this first year together.

The story of First United Methodist Church Bella Vista is still being written. My prayer is that future generations will one day look back on this season and see a congregation that continued to love boldly, serve faithfully, welcome generously, and follow Christ with hope and courage into the future.

Celebrating our 50 Years,
Pastor Allen



An Endowment Committee Article from Dave Broers, Endowment Committee Chair

All of us are indebted to the past...to those who pre-
cede us. We drink from wells we have not dug. We
enjoy liberties we have not won. We share faith whose
foundations we have not laid.

And at the same time, all of us are seeds of the fu-
ture...of those who succeed us. We dream dreams.
We see visions. We hold convictions. We make deci-
sions through a glass darkly. Their fruition is one we
know only others who follow us shall behold.

Bella Vista First United Methodist Church started our
endowment in November 1997 by Pastor Wendell
Dorman and Chairman Rod Alford.

The 12/31/25 market value balance of the endowment
fund is \$1,813,327. First United Methodist's, current
income of \$38,386 with disbursements of \$0, account
service charge (\$8,784) and investment performance
\$185,790. The available income is \$113,860.

It is intended that income of the Fund is not used for
ongoing church operating expenses. Rather, the un-
designated income earned by the Fund shall be allocat-
ed to assist in the maintenance, welfare and improve-
ment of the buildings and property of a capital nature.
To assist in the ministries of the Church with consider-
ations towards new and/or exploratory ministries.

Projects supported by income on principal have in-
cluded the following: Painted front and west side of
the church, several HVAC's, grease trap, Congrega-
tion Care Ministries, carpet Sr. pastor's office, and
repaving and stripping of the lower parking lot.

What can you do about the endowment fund? The
laws of the land permit every person to choose how to
dispose of his or her worldly possessions. Law, cus-
tom, and conscience say that it is right and proper for
us to make grateful gifts to those dear to us. Tax laws
make giving to the church both economical and phil-
anthropic. By your giving, you can benefit many oth-
ers while securing happiness and satisfaction for your-
self.

The endowment fund is a unique vessel of Christianity
stewardship beyond one's lifetime toward the mis-
sion and ministry of Bella Vista First United Method-
ist Church by generations beyond our own. We hope
you consider a gift at the right time and way for you...
informed, of course, by appropriate legal and financial
counsel.

Blessings,
Dave Broers, Chairman
Endowment Committee

**ANDANTE MUSIC CLUB'S
OPERA OF THE OZARKS**

June 2, 2026

Come join us in the Sanctuary
at 2:00 PM for some
wonderful music!

Reminder:

Choir and Bells are out for the
summer starting June 3rd.

Rehearsal will resume August 19th.
Enjoy June and July off!




WB CHATTER BOX June Meetings



WB *meets Tuesday, 6/2, at 10:00 am to wash church windows & have pizza at Gusano's.*



WB **Acorns** **will meet at BV Country Club on Monday, 6/8, at 11:30 am.**



WB *will meet in the Parlor on Wednesday, 6/10, at 2:00 pm.*



WB **AMAZING GRACE** *meets at El Pueblito on Friday, 6/19, at 11:00 am. Call Loretta to RSVP: 586-9418.*



WB **AGAPE** **will meet at Rosita's on Saturday, 6/13, at 10:00 am.**



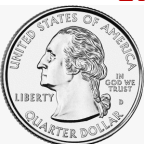
WB **SEARCHERS** *meet for dinner at Highlands Pub on Thursday, 6/18, at 6:00pm.*

WB Dreamers brought food & other items for the Blessing Box to their May 14 meeting. Pictured left to right in the 2nd photo are Suzanne Miltich, Artie Lawless, Terry Davis, Sue Nebrig, Shari & Bob Vermett, Marian Lawless, Carmen Phillips, Diane Verville, & Linda Davis. The 1st photo is of their Blessing Box haul! Thank you, Dreamers!



SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

Even during the summer, we provide sacks of food for Cooper Elementary School kids in need. Your quarters help us accomplish that goal. Deposit them in the big, clear plastic Snack Packs tube located on the table in the Becker Hall hallway or the one in the narthex. The tubes have been empty lately more often than not.





S.O.L.O.S.

SOLOS gives single ladies the opportunity to go out to eat and socialize with one another. This month, SOLOS will meet for lunch at Gusano's on Friday, 6/12, at 11:00am. RSVP by 6/11, to either Layne Anderson at 381-2022 or Nancy Spangler at 876-6751 so they can ensure everyone has a seat. All single (widowed, divorced, etc.) ladies are welcome! You don't have to be a church member to participate.



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

WE NEED PACKERS FOR THE NEXT PACKING DAY: TUESDAY, 6/9, 2:00 PM IN THE QUILT ROOM. KEEP THOSE SHOEBOXES & DONATIONS COMING!

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING





TUESDAY, JUNE 9, AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 6



Senior Sunday

On May 17, we celebrated our three graduates: Charles Crider, Jenna Gilmore, & Max Rankin. Each one was recognized by Pastor Allen & gifted a Bible from the UWF presented by Judy Bilyeu during first service. We were also treated to special music by Charles. We continued the celebration with cake after!

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		1	<p>LAST DAY TO SIGN UP: for 50th ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>8:00 TOPS - Room 28 8:40 Men's Golf - Highlands 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>	2	<p>9:00 Men's Golf - Dogwood 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 WB Chill-washwindows/Gusano's 12:30 Andante Board Mtg - Parlor 2:00 Andante Opera of the Ozarks 3:00 MAPS Officers Mtg - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	3	<p>7:30 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 UWF Board Meeting - Parlor 11:00 50th Anniversary Mtg - Room 6</p>	4	<p>8:00 Men's Golf - Kingswood (Shotgun) 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers Support Grp - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor</p>	5	Office Closed	6	<p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 9:30 MAPS Meeting - Becker Hall</p>
		7	<p>50th ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>10:00 Unified Service - Sanctuary 11:00 50th Anniversary Party - Becker Hall</p>	8	<p>7:30 Men's Golf - Scotsdale 8:00 TOPS - Room 28 9:00 DAR - Parlor 11:30 WB Acorns - BV Country 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>	9	<p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 9:30 Men's Golf - BV Country Club 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 12:30 Sarah Circle - Highland's Pub 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</p>	10	<p>7:30 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 10:00 Caring Friends Respite Care - BH 2:00 WB Dreamers - Parlor 6:00 Church Council Mtg - Parlor</p>	11	<p>8:00 MM Golf - Scotsdale (Shotgun) 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 5:00 Evening Circle - carpool/HoneyPop's</p>	12	Office Closed
14	<p>UWF SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH</p>	15	<p>7:30 Men's Golf - Kingswood 8:00 TOPS - Room 28 11:30 Martha Circle - Little Sugar Bistro 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>	16	<p>9:00 Men's Golf - Berksdale 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 11:00 Naomi Circle - Bella's Table 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	17	<p>7:30 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 9:30 Chapter CX PEO Mtg - Parlor 5:00 UMMI Meal & Meeting - BH</p>	18	<p>8:00 Men's Golf - Dogwood (Shotgun) 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor 6:00 WB Searchers - Highlands Pub</p>	19	Office Closed	20	<p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 11:00 WB Amazing Grace - El Pueblito</p>
21	<p>9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 Finance Meeting - Parlor</p>	22	<p>7:20 Men's Golf - Berksdale 8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Meeting - Room 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>	23	<p>9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:00 Women's Reunion Grp-Hyslops 10:10 Men's Golf - Scotsdale 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>	24	<p>7:30 Men's Emmaus Grp - Café USA 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Room 11:30 UWF Unit Lunch & Mtg - Parlor</p>	25	<p>8:00 Men's Golf - BVCC (Shotgun) 9:00 UWF Bazaar Workshop - QR 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - BH 5:00 Rotary Club Meeting - Parlor</p>	26	Office Closed	27	<p>8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28</p>
28	<p>9:00 Classic Service - Sanctuary 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Child/Adult Sun.School-LU/QR 11:00 Casual Service - BH 12:15 CCM Meeting - Parlor</p>	29	<p>7:30 Men's Golf - Scotsdale 8:00 TOPS - Room 28 10:30 Staff Meeting - Room 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>	30	<p>9:00 Men's Golf - Brittany 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - QR, BH, Rm 28, LL 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm</p>								



United Women in Faith

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

Summer is just around the corner and people are travelling and coming to visit beautiful Northwest Arkansas. Each Circle will meet for lunch this month. They will not meet in July or August.

It is a great time to get caught up on your reading. Our church library has many good books to choose from and many categories. They will also take book or magazine donations. If you drop off either, please put your name on your donation and let us know if you want the items back if they cannot be used.

Bazaar workshops continue to meet every Thursday from 9:00-2:00 downstairs in the quilt room.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR:

Regular and large-mouth quart and pint jars

½-pint jars

Lids and rings for the jars


For questions or comments, call President Judy Bilyeu at 479-876-2345 or 721-9460.

Dates to Remember:

June 14th UWF Sunday

June 24th UWF Unit Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am Program from Ronald McDonald House representative

August 1st Annual Rummage Sale 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



<p>June UWF Circle Meetings</p>	<p>Sarah Tuesday, 6/9, at 12:30pm at Highlands Pub in Bella Vista</p>	<p>Evening Thursday, 6/11, at 5:00pm meet at church to carpool to HoneyPop's in Anderson</p>	<p>Martha Monday, 6/15, at 11:30am at Little Sugar Bistro (call Marian Lawless for a ride)</p>	<p>Naomi Tuesday, 6/16, at 11:00am meet at Bella's Table in Bella Vista</p>
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UWF UNIT MEETING & QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, JUNE 24, at 11:30am in Becker Hall

Savannah Skidmore-Roesler will speak about Ronald McDonald House. **Lunch** will be chicken salad, fruit, orange roll, and strawberry dessert for **\$7.50. Please RSVP by Sunday, June 21, through your circle.** Childcare available with prior notice.



Thank you for all of the cards and prayers while I was recovering from surgery. Each card brightened my day just a little bit more and all of the prayers have helped speed up my recovery. I have felt truly blessed.

~ Amy Gilmore



Thank You

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful cards and well-wishes! I appreciate having such a sweet & supportive congregation in my life.

Jenna Gilmore



Blessing Box Food Collection

School is out, so there is a great need for food: **SHELF-STABLE MILK** (like Parmalat), **CEREAL**, **POP TARTS**, **PROTEINS: PEANUT BUTTER**, **CANNED CHICKEN**, **VIENNA SAUSAGES**, **SPAM**, **HORMEL COMPLEATS**. (Please get the medium-sized jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal so they fit in the Blessing Box.) **PAPER TOWELS**, **TOILET PAPER**, **SMALL BOTTLES OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT & HAND SOAP**. 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. THANK YOU to the WB DREAMERS for their recent donation!**

METHODIST MEN'S GOLF

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY THRU SUMMER

CALL ARTIE LAWLESS
TO PLAY MONDAYS
479-212-4995

CALL JIM DOBEY
TO PLAY TUESDAYS
402-651-9479

CALL DARRELL BOTTJEN
TO PLAY THURSDAYS
479-876-1392

JUNE TEE TIMES

MONDAY, 6/1
8:40 AM HIGHLANDS

THURSDAY, 6/18
8:00 AM DOGWOOD

TUESDAY, 6/2
9:00 AM DOGWOOD

MONDAY, 6/22
7:20 AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, 6/4
8:00 AM KINGSWOOD

TUESDAY, 6/23
10:10 AM SCOTSDALE

MONDAY, 6/8
7:30 AM SCOTSDALE

THURSDAY, 6/25
8:00 AM BV CTRY CLUB

TUESDAY, 6/9
9:30 AM BV CTRY CLUB

MONDAY, 6/29
7:30 AM SCOTSDALE

THURSDAY, 6/11
8:00 AM SCOTSDALE

TUESDAY, 6/30
9:00 AM BRITTANY

MONDAY, 6/15
7:30 AM KINGSWOOD

(ALL THURSDAY TEE TIMES ARE SHOTGUN)

TUESDAY, 6/16
9:00 AM BERKSDALE



United Women in Faith

UWF Mile of Coins

Pennies are hard to come by these days, so we now accept ALL COINS! Your change helps women & children of Benton County.



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

***Topic: UMM Fiscal Year-end Donation Distributions**



NEW MEMBER



GARY BOYLES

On Sunday, May 17, Gary Boyles joined our family. He is Susan Boyles' husband and Frankie Rankin's dad. You may remember Susan and Frankie both joined on February 22. Gary is retired and lives right here in BV in a 3-generation household with Susan and the Rankins. We're so happy to have their whole family be a part of ours!



Ladies Night Out

Thank you to everyone who purchased tables and tickets, to all the men who helped plan, set up for, & clean up after the dinner, & to the BV Strings for the wonderful music. It was a great night out!





This is Bob (Vermett) and Bob does Bob things. One of those things is building. He built us a new Blessing Box, Flag Recycle Box, and Free Library Box after realizing the state the old ones were in. Bob wanted to show the actual blood, sweat, and tears he put into this project, but Shari wasn't keen on that so just know he bled for it. Artie Lawless and John Hyslop pitched in and helped Bob move the boxes from his home to the church and secure them in the ground. Big thanks to Bob, and to Artie and John for their help as well. Be sure to thank Bob or just bring him a Pepsi. He'd appreciate that more.





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We're Here to Serve You

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

*****NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**
MONDAY, 6/15***



Saturday, August 1st
8:00AM-1:00PM

Begin Now To Set Aside Your Usable Discards! If you don't have room to store your donations, we do have limited space available—call Verna Bottjen 876-1392. No Clothes, TV's, or Heavy Furniture & please have your items in clean & working order.

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

MEET THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY, 6/4, AT 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
***NO RESPITE CARE THIS WEEK**



CARING friends
 meets this month
 on Wednesday, 6/10,
 from 10:00am-2:00pm
 in Becker Hall.



HELPING HANDS WORKDAY

SATURDAY, 6/13
12:00-4:00PM

HELPING HANDS HAS BEEN SERVING BENTON COUNTY FOR OVER 45 YEARS. THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO HELP: YOU CAN WORK AT THE BACK DOCK ACCEPTING DONATIONS, BE A CASHIER OR A BAGGER, OR STRAIGHTEN THINGS UP & WORK ON THE SALES FLOOR. CALL VERNA BOTTJEN (479)876-1392 TO HELP OUT.

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.