



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

The Good News

AUGUST 2026



UWF RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00AM-1:00PM

***Cash and checks accepted. Credit cards accepted thru PayPal (you must have a PayPal account).
All proceeds go to UWF mission efforts.**

Tools, home decor, holiday decor, kitchen items, glassware, dishes, linens, yard tools, books, DVD's, CD's, jewelry, scarves, just about anything you could want, but NO clothing or large furniture. YES, WE WILL HAVE OUR FAMOUS ORANGE & CINNAMON ROLLS, as well as sloppy joes for lunch with chips & even brownies.

MEN NEEDED TO TEAR-DOWN TABLES & PUT THE CHURCH BACK TOGETHER AFTER THE SALE AT 1:30.





Pen from the Pulpit

by Rev. Allen Crum

This past Sunday, July 26, I was talking about odd sayings, and another one came to mind: the dog days of summer. You know, those days when it's supposedly hot enough to "fry an egg on the sidewalk." That got me wondering where the phrase came from. Apparently, it dates back to an ancient belief that the rising of Sirius—the "Dog Star"—coincided with the hottest days of summer. Now you know!

While that's a completely random bit of information, there's something that's been on my heart for a while that I'd like to share. It may seem trivial to some, but it can be hurtful to others.

One of the greatest challenges on Sunday mornings is being fully present with each person while also juggling countless details in my mind. I'm thinking about the sermon, remembering visitors' names, checking on someone recovering from a procedure, and making sure everything is ready for worship. Hopefully, you get the picture.

With all of that running through my mind, I sometimes miss saying hello to someone—even if they're standing right beside me. It's never intentional, but it does happen from time to time. If I've ever unintentionally overlooked you, please know it was never deliberate. If you've been that person, I sincerely apologize from the bottom of my

heart. This congregation has found a very special place in my heart, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

I also wanted to share a few upcoming opportunities in the life of the church. Sometime in August, I will begin meeting with the Nominating Committee as we begin the work of identifying people to serve on our various committees. These include Trustees, Finance, Staff-Parish Relations, the Church Council, and several others. We will also be seeking someone to serve as our next Church Historian. Jill Hale has faithfully served in this role for some time and feels it's time to hand the reins to someone else. If serving on one of these committees interests you, please let me know in person or leave me a note on your Connect Card.

That's all for now. I hope everyone stays safe during these dog days of summer. Before long, cooler weather will be on its way.

Blessings for the Journey,
Pastor Allen



FREE Premium, Velour Beach Towel for Donors!
While supplies last.



Give Blood at

First United Methodist Church

Becker Hall

20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista

Monday, August 10, 2026

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

To schedule an appointment, go to www.cbco.org/donate-blood
or call the church office for help scheduling.



Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is the exclusive provider of blood to ALL your area hospitals.



WB CHATTER BOX August Meetings



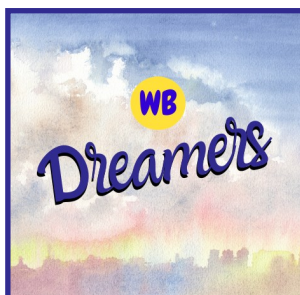
will meet at Rosita's
on Saturday, 8/8,
at 10:00 am.



will meet at BV
Country Club on
Monday, 8/10,
at 11:30 am.



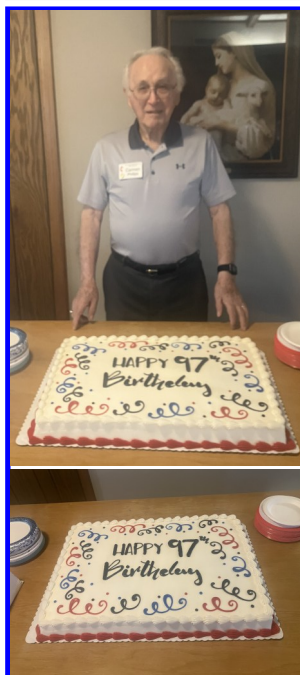
meets Thursday,
8/20, at 12:30 pm
at Little Sugar
Bistro this month.



will meet on
Thursday, 8/20,
at 1:00 pm in
the Parlor.



WB KIM visited the Children & Family Advocacy Center in Little Flock for their meeting on June 23. Left to right, Cheryl Campbell, Jan Kolbe, and the Advocacy Center representative.



Carmen Phillips Turned 97!

We celebrated Carmen Phillips' 97th Birthday with him on Sunday, July 13, between services. He shared his birthday cake with us too. Happy 97th!

From Carmen: "I want to thank everyone that helped me celebrate my 97th birthday, those who shared the cake, wrote cards, and shook my hand. Thank you, you are my friends."



Bella Vista Preschool starts back up Monday, August 24.

You will be able to enter through the downstairs door again about an hour before the office opens should the need arise.



Blessing Box Food Collection

We have not been getting much from members lately. We understand prices are up, but there is a great need. For August, we can use: **PROTEINS OF ANY KIND: CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED CHICKEN, VIENNA SAUSAGES, SPAM, MAC & CHEESE IN A CUP, HORMEL COMPLEATS, SHELF-STABLE MILK (like Parmalat), CEREAL, POP TARTS.** (Please get the medium-sized jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal so they fit in the Blessing Box.) Also, folks seem to appreciate the **SMALL BOTTLES OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT** we've been putting out, so keep them coming! We can always use **BODY WASH OR SOAP, PAPER TOWELS, & TOILET PAPER** Please drop off your donations in Room 5 (the Blessing Box Room) or the office. **AND, AS ALWAYS, NO EXPIRED, DENTED, OPENED, OR UN-LABELED CANS, PLEASE.**



MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 3:00PM IN RM 6



AUGUST 1st and 2nd IS TAX-FREE WEEKEND!

Lists are available near the bulletins in the narthex, outside Becker Hall, at Walmart or online.

Drop your donation in the bins in the narthex or outside Becker Hall by Sunday, August 9.

AUGUST

SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY					
AUGUST 														1		UWF Rummage Sale	
7:30 Rummage Sale Setup		8:00 UWF Rummage Sale		8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28		1:30 Rummage Sale Teardown											



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/04 Linda & Weldon Hyde	8/23 Jim & Judy Bilyeu
8/06 Chet & Cheryl Campbell	8/27 Gary & Susan Boyles
8/14 Chris & Elaine Klein	8/30 Paul Hancocks & Mark Thomas

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/02 Artie Lawless	8/11 Lois McMahon	8/15 Alec Gilmore
8/04 Jim Dobey	8/11 Paula Phillips	8/15 Loretta Tidwell
8/06 Barb Jenner	8/11 Joe Jackson	8/18 James Phillips
8/06 Gene Leonard	8/13 Ted Lasher	8/28 Maddie Beiter (6!) 🎉
8/08 Carolyn Roach	8/13 Hope Markley	8/29 Friskey Kennedy

August 2026 Newsletter Financial Data information as of June 30, 2026

	2026 Actual	2026 Budget
Month of June Contributions (Income*)	\$ 35,351.26	\$ 48,333.26
Month of June Expenses	\$ 36,397.07	\$ 48,368.26
Difference	\$ (1,045.81)	\$ (35.00)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 489,913.49	\$ 583,950.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 460,399.33	\$ 580,420.00
Difference	\$ 29,514.16	\$ 3,530.00

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

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, your prayers and your kindness to me and my family since my mom's passing. Even though she (we) had dealt with Parkinson's for the last several years, her death was unexpected and it has been difficult for me to process.

Thank you for your understanding and your grace as I navigate this new normal. I love and appreciate my church family.

~ Amy Gilmore



**United
Women
in Faith**

GREETINGS FROM UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH!

Now that August is here, we hope you are looking forward to our Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1st, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come enjoy shopping and take time to stop by the coffee shop for our famous Orange and Cinnamon rolls and a cup of coffee. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 with Sloppy Joes's, chips, and a drink. We'll have brownies for dessert too.

Help will be needed after the sale at 1:30 to pack up items left over from the sale, to take down tables, and to set up Becker Hall for Sunday services.

Bazaar workshops are still ongoing each Thursday morning from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Just a reminder for anyone making items at home for the Bazaar, they can be dropped off in the Quilt Room downstairs on any Thursday. Please bring them in by mid-September, if possible. The Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held October 3rd. Keep an eye out for more information. Also, start thinking about what kind of baked goods you'd like to contribute to the Bakery booth or what sort of pies you want to make for the lunch.

Proceeds from both the Rummage Sale and the Bazaar go toward the many Mission projects the UWF supports in the Community and beyond. .



NEEDED FOR BAZAAR:

People to make jam or jelly. We have almost 100 quart and pint jars. If you're willing, stop by the Quilt Room on Thursdays and pick your jars up.

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

Dates to Remember:

August 1st 7:30 am Rummage Sale set up

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

August 1st 1:30 pm Rummage Sale teardown & Becker Hall reassemble

Our forever family at FUMCBV,
Thank you so much for your prayers, notes, cards, and words as we celebrated my dad's life. Your love and care spoke volumes to us as we began this new chapter knowing Dad met his Jesus face to face and is resting with him now.
Thanks again, Cherise & Dave George

My very excellent urologist was able to rid me of the stubborn kidney stone the second time around. I had a very good man, John Hixson, deliver me to the hospital and take me home after my recent surgery.

Thanks for the prayers and cards. The church staff as always were very helpful in their everyday routine.

God Bless, Roy Vogel

Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your cares, concerns, call, texts, and prayers after my recent fall. I particularly appreciate all of the wonderful meals so many of you have provided. They were godsend! I can't tell you what it means to have so many wonderful folks who care.

~Paula Phillips



CELEBRATING
50
YEARS

**BELLA VISTA
MEN'S CHORUS**
Harmony in the Ozarks

A CELEBRATION OF
50 YEARS
OF HARMONY,
FRIENDSHIP &
COMMUNITY



SUNDAY
AUGUST 23RD, 2026



3:00 PM



**BELLA VISTA
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
75 E. Lancashire Blvd.
Bella Vista, AR



TICKETS
\$10.00

UNDER 12
Free!

Join us for an afternoon
celebrating 50 years of harmony,
featuring audience favorites,
guest musicians, and the songs
you voted for from five decades
of performances.

**FOLLOW US
ON FACEBOOK!**



Bella Vista Men's Chorus



bellavistamenschorus.org

Celebrate 50 years of harmony with us!



**Look who was in *The Weekly Vista*:
Bella Vista Garden club presents check to
Bella Vista Memorial Garden Cemetery**

July 15, 2026 by Staff Reports



Submitted Photo

The Bella Vista Garden Club presents a check for \$1,000 to the Bella Vista Memorial Garden Cemetery on July 7, 2026. (Marian Lawless is third from the left on front row.)

**Congregational Care
Ministry Meeting**

**Sunday, 8/23, at
12:15 pm in the Parlor**



**SANCTUARY DISCO
NOW CLOSED**

BIG, BIG, HUGE THANKS to all the men who assembled the scaffolding, ascended to the ceiling and got the flashing party lights in the Sanctuary turned off. Sorry, no more strobe light Sunday services! 😊



Missions Team member, Shari Vermett, helped bag up food on July 29 for Cooper Elementary School kids' families in need for the last time this summer. School will resume soon as will the Snack Packs.



METHODIST MEN'S GOLF

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY THRU OCTOBER

MONDAYS:
ARTIE LAWLESS
479-212-4995

TUESDAYS:
JIM DOBEY
402-651-9479

THURSDAYS:
DARRELL BOTTJEN
479-295-0187

AUGUST TEE TIMES

MONDAY, 8/3
7:20 AM DOGWOOD

TUESDAY, 8/11
8:30 AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, 8/20
8:00 AM BV CTRY CLUB

MONDAY, 8/31
9:45 AM KINGSWOOD

TUESDAY, 8/4
9:00 AM HIGHLANDS

THURSDAY, 8/13
8:00 AM KINGSWOOD

MONDAY, 8/24
7:20 AM BERKSDALE

THURSDAY, 8/6
8:00 AM HIGHLANDS

MONDAY, 8/17
9:00 AM KINGSWOOD

TUESDAY, 8/25
10:00 AM BV CTRY CLUB

MONDAY, 8/10
7:20 AM BV CTRY CLUB

TUESDAY, 8/18
9:30 AM KINGSWOOD

THURSDAY, 8/27
8:00 AM SCOTSDALE





Chancel Bells & Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resuming Soon

We hope everyone has enjoyed a season of rest, travel and time with family and friends. We look forward to making music together once again beginning on Wednesday, August 19th.

Whether you are a returning member or have been thinking about joining us, this would be a wonderful time to become a part of these music ministries. No matter your level of experience, you are warmly invited to share your gifts in worship through music.

Chancel Bells rehearses each Wednesday afternoon in the Music Room at 3:00 PM and the Chancel Choir rehearses in the Choir Loft in the Sanctuary at 4:00 PM.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, lifting our bells and voices in praise to our LORD!! See you at rehearsal.



Lamar Puckett
Director of Music Ministries

SHOEBOX MINISTRY



The Shoebox Ministry would like to thank UMM, UWF, and all the wonderful people who donate, pack boxes, and drop off supplies for this mission. Please know that you have helped several organizations, such as 7 Hills Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army of Bentonville, Fayetteville Emergency Shelters, Oasis, Cooper School, Saving Grace, and the Children and Teens of Sharing and Caring of Bentonville.

Please continue to help those who need hygiene products. We see how greatly appreciated they are when delivering the boxes and Sunshine Sacks. Thank you all so much. Please call Marian Lawless with any questions, 479-212-4996. **THE NEXT PACKING IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, AT 1:30 PM IN THE QUILT ROOM.**

Needed items:

Empty Shoeboxes (with lids)	Lip Balm	Combs
Pens/Writing Tablets	Hand Sanitizer (small)	Kleenex (packets)
Bandages	Fingernail Files	Shampoo (travel size)
Shaving Cream Packets/Razors	Feminine Pads	Hand Lotion (small tube)
Deodorant	Wash Cloths	Hand Soap (small Bars)
Mouthwash (travel size)	Shower Caps	Donations\$\$
Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss	Men's & Women's Socks	



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We're Here to Serve You

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 Church Secretary - Andrea Fobes
 Music Ministries Director - Lamar Puckett

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

*****NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**
MONDAY, 8/17***



Book Nook: **in the Church Library**

NEW BOOK ADDITIONS

FICTION:

THE GUEST BOOK by Sarah Blake
BIG SKY by Kate Atkinson
CHILD'S PLAY by Danielle Steel
SANTA CRUISE by Fern Michaels
EDGE OF DANGER by Jack Higgins
THE CHOICE by Nicholas Sparks
EVERY BREATH by Nicholas Sparks
MAY THERE BE A ROAD by Louis L'Amour
THE WALKING DRUM by Louis L'Amour
MRS. LINCOLN'S DRESSMAKER by Jennifer Chiaverini

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

MIXED BLESSINGS by Danielle Steel

NON-FICTION:

THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY by Brad Meltzer

A FEW WAYS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER:



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

**MEET THIS MONTH
 ON THURSDAY, 8/6, AT
 12:30 PM IN THE PARLOR
 *NO RESPITE CARE**



CARING
friends

**meets this month
 on Wednesday, 8/12,
 from 10:00am-2:00pm
 in Becker Hall.**



SNACK PACKS for BACKPACKS **Needs Your Quarters!!!**

**With school still out, we are
 proving bags of food for Cooper
 Elementary kids' families in need.
 When school starts, we will do
 sacks of food for the same kids.
 Your quarters make it possible.
 Deposit them in the big, clear
 Snack Packs tube located on the
 little table in the Becker Hall
 hallway or the stand in the narthex.**

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.