



# The Good News

APRIL 2022

## *Worship Services and Activities through the Season of Lent*

### *Lenten Sermon Series: "GATHERED UP in JESUS!"*

4/2	Confirmation Class 10:00am ~ 3:00pm
4/3	"Filled with the Fragrance" ~ John 12:1-8
4/5	Community Prayer Vigil for peace in the World ~ 3:00-7:00 ~ Sanctuary (every Tuesday) Grief Support ~ 5:30-7:00 ~ Parlor (every Tuesday through May 10)
4/7	Concordia Worship ~ 11:00-12:00 (held every Thursday at Concordia-FUMCBV Pastors lead) Caregivers Support ~ 12:00-1:30pm ~ Parlor & Becker Hall UMW Webinar "There is No Planet "B" ~ 5:30-7:00 ~ Parlor (Thurs. 4/7,4/21,4/28) open to all
4/9	Helping Hands Workday ~ 9am-4pm ~ sign up in the office "JESUS" ~ 1-3:15pm ~ Becker Hall—for everyone (Movie of Sight & Sound Branson production) Quiet meditative time in the Sanctuary following the movie ~ 3:15-4pm
4/10	Palm/Passion Sunday ~ "The Lord Needs It" ~ Luke 19:28-40, Luke 22:14-23:56 Easter Egg Hunt ~ 12:30 (all ages through 6th grade) Family activities
4/14	Holy Thursday Worship Service ~ 6:30pm ~ Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated in Becker Hall ~ "Do You Know What I Have Done?" ~ John 13:1-17, 31b-35
4/15	Good Friday Service ~ 6:30pm, Sanctuary ~ "Are You the King?" ~ John 18:1-19:42
4/17	Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:30am ~ Becker Hall Upper Deck ~ Donuts & Coffee afterwards Easter Sunday ~ 9:00 & 11:00 services ~ "Where's the Body?" ~ Confirmation 11:00am Fellowship Hour at 10:00 between services

Sight & Sound presents

# JESUS

Join us in Becker Hall  
 Saturday, April 9~  
 Movie shown from 1-3pm  
 Quiet time in the Sanctuary  
 following the movie  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Weekly Community Prayer Vigil for peace in the World

Please come at your convenience,  
 to pray in your own way, for strife in  
 the whole world, and in your personal  
 world. Open for ALL ages and beliefs  
 Every Tuesday ~ in our Sanctuary  
 drop in any time between 3:00 & 7:00





## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

### **Update on The United Methodist Church**

In early March, it was announced that General Conference 2020 is now postponed to 2024. This decision is based on the fact that our international brothers and sisters cannot obtain visas due to the pandemic. Shortly after that announcement, the Global Methodist Church announced it would launch on May 1, 2022. The Global Methodist Church is constructed of the more conservative entities of The United Methodist Church. There are a lot of questions surrounding how this will work and what it will look like, but at the moment, clergy, local churches, and even some annual conferences are considering disaffiliating from The United Methodist Church to join the Global Methodist Church. To do so, they must disaffiliate using the current Book of Discipline as it was amended in 2019 at the Called General Conference. At this time, based on the conversations our congregation has had over the past several years, we will not be considering disaffiliation. If you have more questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rev. Jeanne.

I recently discovered something about myself, and I'm not too sure I like it. I have a "new" accessory. It's as important to me as putting my wedding ring on in the morning. It's always with me. And I daresay, many of you have this accessory, too. It's my cell phone. But I think it's misnamed. It's not just a phone anymore. I hardly use it to actually talk to people! It's a watch, a dictionary, a map, a weather forecast, entertainment for the kiddos (and mommy), a time waster, a lifestyle, a ..... I'm sure I'm forgetting something that my phone can do. Bottom line, if I don't have it within an arm's reach, I'm lost. Really lost.

A week ago, I showed up to the church for a meeting, pulled open my purse to get my phone, and realized I'd left it on the kitchen counter. That was the most anxious hour I've felt in some time. Later that evening after a happy reunion, I started thinking. Why am I so attached to my phone? When did I get this way? Eli will even bring our phones to us if they're a room away and he finds them. We're unknowingly training our kids to have the same habits we have. And then came the hard question: what if my Bible was that important to me? What if my need for Jesus was that tangible? Of course, I have a few Bible apps on my phone, but I often don't feel the same sense of loss and desperate need for Jesus that I do for my phone.

This realization has led me to try to depend less on my phone and more on Jesus. Sure, I need it to look things up, and use it as a distraction for the kids, but I want the same craving for Jesus that I have for information found on my phone. I don't think I'm alone in this realization. And maybe it's not your phone that holds this place in your life. It could be the TV, sports, gossip, books. ... You get the idea. My prayer is that we all crave Jesus like he is the most important thing in our daily world.

Blessings,

*Reverend Jeanne*

### **You're Invited!**

*We are baptizing Marcus and Eli on April 30, at 10:30 AM in Becker Hall. We have to have this service on a Saturday so that all of our church families may attend together. Please join us in welcoming them into the community of faith formally, and celebrating with a cookie reception following the service!*

*The Williams Family*





## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.*

*Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.*

(Matthew 6:25-29 CEB)

Spring is my favorite time of year. My husband, Bob, and I wait anxiously through the dead of winter for the daffodils to poke their heads through the brown leaves and begin to bloom. We watch in amazement as the birds take on their spring colors, goldfinches going from drab winter brown to vibrant spring yellow. Most all of us feel our spirits lift as the sun begins to shine brighter and the air to feel warmer and smell fresh and clean again. (Allergies aside 😊 ...)

Our Creator God brings these gifts to us each year. Isn't it amazing? The earth rotates as its axis tilts toward the sun and spring comes in all of its glory. Although some years winter may linger a little longer and spring come a little later, we can always trust spring will indeed arrive. Our faithful God is like that, we do not have to fear, spring will come!

God's loving hand provides for us; God provides our daily bread. God provides physical things like food, and clothes, and shelter. God provides spiritual things like love, and hope, and joy, and beauty. As we look forward to the Easter Resurrection, may our celebration of the gift of our risen Christ include the humility of understanding God's gifts and how they renew us each day. May we give thanks for the generosity of God in all of these gifts, especially the gift of Jesus, who came to teach us and share with us, the awesome wonder of a God who provides.

Easter Blessings to each of you, *Pastor Brenda*



### ***When Mourning Dawns – Living your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief*** **Tuesdays, thru May 10th, 5:30-7:00pm ~ In the Chapel ~ Refreshments Provided**

Have you ever been a part of a support group where your voice is heard, where you are supported in your journey in ways that bring hope and healing, and ultimately in ways that bring the laughter of new life? Please join us. I also invite you to bring a friend, for there are many of us, inside and outside of the church, who are walking silently through grief and need to have our voices heard. Each participant is treated as a unique individual who has a unique walk through their circumstance of grief. Each participant is treated with respect and caring.

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED** for our community Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 10th. All individually wrapped, nut-free, not expired, candy small enough to fit in the plastic eggs is accepted. (we have plenty of eggs! just not enough candy!) There are Easter bins in the Narthex and Becker Hall for your donations. Thank You!







## COMMUNITY LIFE

## OUR FAMILY

Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at 479-855-1158 or [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com)

## JOYS



**Lynn Prueitt** relocated to Iowa this past week to be closer to family. She and her late husband Keith joined FUMCBV in January 1996 and have been active in all facets of the church. We wish Lynn the very best in her transition in this journey called "Life". Her new address is: 2730 "O"

Ave. NW, Unit A, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Many prayers go out to you, Lynn!



**Duane & Marilyn Pommerenke** recently moved to Concordia to lessen the responsibilities that owning a home can bring. Since moving, Marilyn fell and broke her right shoulder, and she is now at Concordia Rehab for a while as she heals. Cards may be sent to them at 214

Concordia Drive, BV 72715.



**Ralph & Nita Wallace** have made a donation to FUMCBV in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on February 22. They were married in Winfield, KS in 1952. From there they moved to Ponca City, OK and then to Bella Vista. They have been very faithful and active members since 2008. Blessings to you both for this wonderful milestone!

## In Memoriam



**Lynn Muirhead** passed away Sunday morning, March 6 after several weeks of ill health. Her husband of 40 years, Lloyd, passed away on her birthday last year. They had been active members of FUMCBV since 1993. Pastor Brenda conducted her memorial service at the Fayetteville National Cemetery on Friday, April 1.

**Charles "Chuck" Pittman**—father of Noah Pittman, passed away February 26, after a brief battle with cancer. He and his wife Melody were frequent visitors to our church when Noah and Pam and their children Bennett and Ella were active members before they move to Fayetteville. Condolences can be sent to Noah and the Pittman family at: 3461E Galaxy Circle, Fayetteville 72701.

## THANK YOU

Thank you, Church Family for the prayers and cards I received after my surgery, my time in rehab at Everest Rehab Center and when I was in physical therapy. I really enjoyed reading the cards. Blessings to all, *Phoebe Bader*

Dear Friends and Staff at FUMCBV, especially the Wesley Shepherd Group —Thank you so much for all the Christmas Cards sent to my mother, Carol Bryant. We sat and opened several a day, and the cards brought her a lot of cheer. I appreciate the time and effort it took to undertake this task, but please know how much it meant. Thank you, *Dawn Eldridge*

Dear First United Methodist Church, Thank you for hosting our latest blood drive on Thursday. We received 13 pints that will help those in need of these life-saving donations.

Your RED CROSS FRIENDS,

*Karin, Kendall, & Honing*



## COMMUNITY LIFE

## FAITH FORMATION

***Nextgen Newscast***

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director



Hello Friends! Spring has sprung! This is my favorite time of year, seeing all the leaves budding and flowers coming into bloom. It even smells good with the rains. It's also a very busy time of year in the life of the church. We are in the season of Lent. That means we are preparing our hearts and minds for the events of Holy Week leading into the joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

Mark your calendars for these Lent & Easter NextGen activities:

**Now – April 6:** Candy donations accepted for the Family Easter Egg Hunt. Donation tubs are located in the Narthex, near Becker Hall and outside the church office. Nut-free donations are preferred.

**April 2:** Confirmation youth meet for 10am-3pm at the church. Pizza lunch, beverages and snacks will be provided.

**April 10:** Family Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30PM on the church grounds. Come for Sunday School and Contemporary Worship. Stay for the thrill of the Hunt and other fun activities! This event is open to the community so please invite your friends to join with us. Pizza and beverages will be served at noon to those families who are in attendance at 11:00 worship.

**April 9 – 17:** There are many opportunities to worship throughout Holy Week, some traditional and some with the contemporary flair. Please take the time to look at the schedule and join us at the church as you feel led.

**April 17:** Easter Sunday!! Choose from 3 service times to celebrate our risen Lord! Baptism and confirmation will be celebrated at the 11am Contemporary Service.

In other NextGen news, Maci Echols, our nursery care provider, has accepted another position working with children. We wish her the very best and thank her for tenderly caring for our youngest children. With Maci's departure, our nursery care provider position is available and seeking interested applicants. Hours are Sunday 8-12:30. Extra hours as needed. Rate of pay is \$15/hour. Please speak with Ms. Renee if you are interested or know someone who may be.

Wishing you Grace & Peace through your Lenten journey, *Ms. Renee*

*Retirement Announcement!*

*Please join us in celebrating  
Renee van Dyke's retirement  
from the Next Gen ministry!  
Renee's last Sunday is May 29.*

*Please show her  
your appreciation  
for her ministry  
with our children  
and youth ~  
send her with  
blessings  
in her retirement!  
The SPRC Team*

**THANK YOU** (continued)

There have been several anonymous comments made around the church about how much the Devotional Booklets have meant to the readers. I hope you will take the time to write a note or send a text or email, or stop to tell the authors personally how much they meant to you. Several folks wrote for all seven weeks, and that takes time and a lot of thought away from your normal routine. Many "Thanks" to each and every one. You have added something for all to think about in this season of renewal and reflection.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much the many calls, cards, and thoughtful words of comfort for the passing of my Father, Kenneth Benjegerdes. He was a very loving, caring and generous man. He is in God's hands now. Many blessings to all. With love,

*Marian Lawless*





## COMMUNITY LIFE



### LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

#### Christ is risen. Alleluia. Praise the Lord.

The highlight of our Christian world is Jesus rising from the tomb. This act of God changes everything. Dejection, betrayal, denial, desertion: the disciples were lost and shattered. The one they adored and followed was crucified and publicly ridiculed. But, Jesus rose from the tomb. Everything changes.

Easter is our celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is understood as the defeat of the two worst fears of humanity: death and sin. Jesus defeated death once and for all. Death where is your sting? Where is your victory? Death will not bring fear and dread to our lives anymore. In Jesus, and through Jesus, we have life in full-in this world and in the world to come. Praise and thanks to God.

Sin, which has bound and suppressed humanity since the beginning of creation, you too have lost your grip. You will not terrorize and dominate anymore. God has defeated sin through Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Jesus is the lamb of God, sacrificed on the cross for the sin of humanity. Jesus redeemed us from sin and brought us into a new relationship with God. Sin, we know you are there, still trying to hurt and influence lives, but you are powerless, for our Lord Jesus reigns supreme forever.

Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia. Praise God. Christians, get up and share this glorious news with all who will listen. This is the good news of salvation. It cannot be silenced.

Happy Easter, everyone. Jesus Christ is risen. Yes.

In life and in relationships, we must be Christ-like. Jesus was rejected and deserted before the cross. When He met His disciples after death, Jesus was loving, compassionate and kind. Jesus said over and over again: "Peace be with you, receive the Holy Spirit", and He embraced them.

This Easter, be at peace with all people: be reconciling and be forgiving. Be a new person for your sake. May the Holy Spirit be your constant companion in all your relationships with people, and especially with God.

Happy Easter. Christ is risen. Alleluia.  
Praise the Lord!

Blessings, *Dave*



Artie Lawless,  
UMM President



Hello Methodist Men!

Care for each other...

Spring has finally arrived, we see flowers *rising* from the earth, temperatures *rising* from the cold of winter. The sun *rising* higher and longer in the sky, and we celebrate Jesus and the glory of his *rising* from the abyss of death.

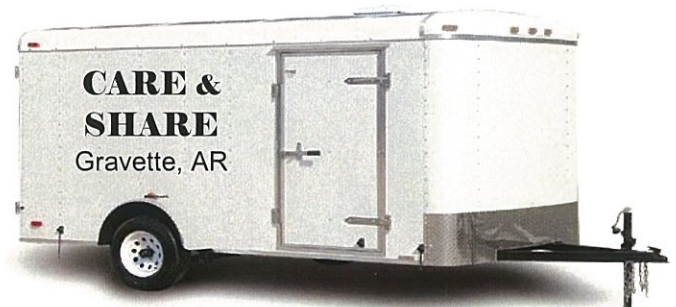
We should feel our souls *rising* in faith knowing that Jesus had conquered the unconquerable. He had faced death, accepted death, and defied death as only the son of God could.

Our faith tells us that we too will *rise* above the darkness. We too will *rise up* to be with our redeemer in heaven. Our God showed us the way, thru his son who made the impossible possible.

During our communion service we decree the mystery of our faith. Feel the power, the promise, and the belief in these words: Christ has died, Christ has *risen*, Christ will come again. Ten words, words that show faith, belief, hope and promise. Christ will come again, and we will *rise up* to greet him.

Happy Easter First United. May Gods love keep you in faith as we celebrate his victory and our salvation.

Many Blessings, *Artie*



Care & Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot Monday, April 18th all day. Anything you donate to them (and they truly take "anything") goes to their Thrift Store in Gravette, and the profits of the store go directly to benefit those less fortunate in western Benton County.



Please be in prayer for, and in support of, our church administrative leaders as they lead us from week to week....



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 John & Sharon Lindsey
- 12 Allan & Maxine Ward
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker
- 20 Joe & Diane Verville
- 21 Jeremy & Verla Shafman
- 26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sue Prather
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 3 Dave Weber
- 4 Kobus Sparlin
- 10 Marilyn Hertel
- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 12 Jan Boblenz
- 12 Janice Lang
- 16 Emmery Antoine
- 16 John Zurn
- 17 Marilyn Adams
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Marci Moussa
- 23 Melanie Bowers
- 24 Zach Lehmann
- 27 Gerald Hatley
- 27 Rev. Jim Verkest
- 29 Janice Abbott
- 30 Delores Grosnickle



### April 2022 Newsletter Financial Data

Information as of February 28, 2022

	Actual	2022 Budget
Month of February Contributions (Income*)	\$ 23,584.45	\$ 30,639.00
Month of February Expenses	\$ 41,051.82	\$ 45,991.81
Difference	<b>\$ (17,467.37)</b>	<b>\$ (15,352.81)</b>
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 51,331.16	\$ 61,278.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 83,987.99	\$ 91,935.59
Difference	<b>\$ (32,656.83)</b>	<b>\$ (30,657.59)</b>
Transferred from Restricted Fund to date	\$ 19,600.00	
Total	<b>\$ (13,056.83)</b>	

\*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

**Amy Gilmore**, Church Administrator

### Congregational Care Ministry

If you are in need of a little extra TLC, there are those in the church who are trained to assist the pastors with helping you meet your need. Speak to someone with a blue nametag, or contact Pastor Brenda for more information. You may also send a private message through the CCM email address at: [ccm@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:ccm@fumcbellavista.com).

The messages will be answered as soon as possible. Your CCM Team is here for you!





## COMMUNITY LIFE

Hello all, Spring has begun and we can see this in the daffodils and beautiful blooms starting to surround us. Before we know it, the trees will be green again and winter will have disappeared! So, that means everyone will be able to get out and enjoy Gods blessings, even if we just take a walk or sit and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings. Just another reason to be grateful for all HIS blessings.



*United Methodist Women is now  
United Women in Faith*



*We've taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. It's an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact in our mission to support women, children, and youth.*

UWF(UMW) ladies are starting to make items for the bazaar and collecting items for the rummage sale. Our sale dates have not been determined as of this time, but we will need all the help we can get to be able to proceed. If you are interested in helping with either event, making items, donating items and or helping with the sale dates, please feel free to contact Judy Bilyeu, Darleen O'Brien, Verna Bottjen or call the church office and leave a message.

We are beginning our Bazaar workshops Thursdays @ 9:00am in the quilt room this month, we need sewers, crafters, hand sewing/embroidering, etc. Even if you can't sew or craft, we have plenty of other things you can help with and every job is important to make the bazaar a success. We hope we can expect some plants, too. Should you like to work on projects at home, that will work also. If you need materials, just give one of us a call and we will be glad to bring materials to you.

UMW received several boxes of fleece and our ladies have been making blankets for the homeless, so if anyone is interested in helping with this project, please call Judy Bilyeu or Barbara Brooks.

#### Dates to Remember:

Wed, April 6 ~ Board Meeting—Becker Hall

Thurs, April 7,21,28 ~ There is no Planet "B"

6-7:30pm-Parlor Dessert & Coffee

Sat, April 9~Spiritual Growth Study, Russellville 10 to 3

Every Thurs ~ UMW Workshops

April thru Sept 9am-2pm ~ Quilt Room

Wed, June 22 ~ 2nd Quarter Unit Mtng in Becker Hall

Sat, Aug. 6 ~ Rummage Sale

Sat, October 1 ~ Bazaar

Blessings to all, *Darleen*

## GENEROSITY

### SPOTLIGHT on STEWARDSHIP

Church membership is fundamentally about love. It's about being part of something bigger than ourselves. It's about being in fellowship with other believers, supporting one another and those in need. I invite each of you to think about what you can do to contribute to the life of our church. Each and every one of us is an important part of our congregation. We are not here to just be consumers, but to be contributors. In the coming months I will be focusing on what members do to contribute to the life of our church. So many things go into making a church successful. There are many different people whose stewardship contributes to the work of our church. Of course financial contributions are key in making things work. But there is so much more needed. It's adding beauty to the church grounds, upkeep of the church, reaching out to those in need. The list goes on and on. All of this is God's work and all of our hands are needed.

*Shari Vermett*, Finance Chair

*There are many ways to share your time and talents at FUMCBV*





## MISSIONS



Did you know that FUMCBV has a Shoebox Ministry? This ministry, led by Karen Roenfeld (712-249-2521) collects toiletries and assembles boxes that are then provided to those in need. The following items are always needed to replenish the supplies, and travel-size is best for the individual packages:

Empty Shoeboxes	Shampoo
Conditioner	Large & small soap
Large & small toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Body lotion
Comb or hairbrush	Wash cloths
Feminine Hygiene Products	Socks
Sunscreen	Lip balm
Tissues – pocket size packs	Reader's Digests

If you are not traveling now, so that you are not collecting the smaller size items, please consider donating to this ministry by writing "Shoebox" in the memo of your check.

Are you active and/or passionate about a specific thing that is happening? please send an email to me at [patti.foss@gmail.com](mailto:patti.foss@gmail.com) about that work so we can be sure to capture the essence of the programs we support. I hope to connect with those managing the various projects to ensure the details posted are accurate, so please don't hesitate to reach out via email or by phone at 630-380-4113.

*Patti Foss*, Mission Steward

**SHOEBOX MINISTRY** has received Men's boxes from the Presbyterian Church and will contact the Shelters to see about sharing them. We can always use hygiene products (small sizes) and Reader Digest magazines for our packs. We also prepare (with the help of Martha Circle) over 100 Hygiene Bags for students at Cooper School every month. Thank you for your continued support. *Your Shoebox team*

### Circle & Shepherd Group News

**Sarah Circle**—4/12 1pm in the Parlor - Friskey Kennedy speaks on her medical mission trips—all are welcome

**Evening Circle**—4/14 6pm - Parlor to pack snack-packs

**Young @ Heart Shepherd Group** - met March 12th at Papa Mikes for our monthly breakfast get-together - so happy to have Dennis back with us and looking great after his health issues. We had our offering that is taken each month and will be given to a ministry of the Church at the end of the year. Our next meeting will be April 9th, at 8:30 if anyone is interested in joining us, we would love to have you.

## WORSHIP



### Keys and Pedals

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

You probably know the acronym KISS: Keep It Simple Stupid. I have to be reminded of that from time to time whenever I have one of these ideas that seems great at first, but requires a bit too much effort or doesn't have the expected payoff.

Such was a plan to try to do something as an alternative to a St. Patrick's Day program that never happened, and now is not happening even on its rescheduled date. Sometimes it's just better to focus on your core tasks and make sure they're great. There will be better opportunities for great ideas later on.

I have a really great music lineup for the rest of Lent and Easter. I will also try to record and share some of this so that you can enjoy the music even if you can't be at every worship service.

You may have noticed I have removed Facebook as one of my channels in the footer below. That's another example of keeping it simple. Facebook has drastically reduced the amount of non-advertised content that it will share into your feed, even if you want it there by clicking "Like" on the church's page.

Instead, please consider following me on Instagram or Vimeo. If you like my monthly commentary here but would like to know what I do outside the church, consider subscribing to my free Curious Squirrel Newsletter via the Website link below. It also includes performances by my students as well as me.

Join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com/csn/> |

On Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Music Monday On Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/>

**Please help keep our BLESSING BOX filled with non-perishable food items, so that those in our community who are in need can replenish themselves here. Do you have someone you would like to honor? If so, please consider making a one-time or monthly donation in their name. The Blessing Box really is a blessing to those in need.**





## COMMUNITY LIFE

### What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

Thanks to a great suggestion from Darleen O'Brien, we are going in a little different direction with history for now. Instead of stories of sacred items, we would love to share stories of people—how you came to be involved at FUMCBV. With your kind indulgence, I will start, although I haven't been around long enough to have much history.

Richard and I moved from Prescott, Arizona, to Hiwasse in April of 2010. Richard's Aunt Harriet Hale bought tennis lessons for me in January 2011. One day, I mentioned to Harriet that I was looking for a place to get back into singing. She pointed out another tennis player whom I had seen around the courts. I hadn't played tennis with her, of course, because at that point, I was a lousy player! Harriet introduced me to Shirley Hofmann, who told me she was in a group called Bella Vista Women's Chorus and that I was welcome to visit a rehearsal.

I jumped at the chance and went to rehearsal the very next Monday. It was in the music room at a local United Methodist church. I met the director, Dr. Larry Zehring, loved the music, was impressed by the group of ladies, and joined the Chorus.

One day during break, Shirley told me that she attended that Methodist church, sang in the choir, and taught a Sunday school class. I had already visited a couple of other churches in Bella Vista looking for a church home. The next Sunday, I attended church and Sunday school. I met the dynamic pastor, Brother Jaimie Alexander, and immediately felt at home. One Sunday, Dr. Zehring stopped by the pew in which I was sitting and said, "If you're going to come to church, you may as well sing in the choir." I started singing for first service and later joined the third service choir, also, and attended Shirley's Sunday school class between services.

I felt completely welcomed in the church right away. The second Sunday I was there, a lady named Phoebe Bader asked me to sit with her, and a week or so later another lady named Maryann Johnson asked me to sit with her. Both of those beautiful women are still my friends, and dear Shirley was a precious friend until the day she went to heaven last year.

This story shows so clearly the importance of one-on-one contact. It is worth the effort to personally welcome visitors and newcomers into the congregational community. We create lasting friendships and grow the church at the same time.

Darleen, it was your idea, and now it is your turn to share if you are willing. We would love to hear from any and all of you regarding how you came to FUMCBV. You can contact me by telephone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net). I can hardly wait to hear your stories!

*Jill*



## Book Hook



### FICTION:

- \*HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS by Dr. Seuss
- \*THE WONDER BOY OF WHISTLE STOP by Fannie Flagg A heartwarming novel about secrets of youth rediscovered, hometown memories and magical moments of ordinary lives.
- \*THE PARTNER by John Grisham  
It began when he disappeared. But it didn't really start until they found him.
- \*A COMMON LIFE by Jan Karon  
The wedding between Father Tim Kavanagh & Cynthia Coppersmith.
- \*SANTA CRUISE by Fern Michaels  
Fun, friendship, and romance are on board as four life-long friends embark on a holiday singles cruise.
- \*THE CAST by Danielle Steel  
A talented, creative woman launches her first television series.
- \*FAIRYTALE by Danielle Steel  
After graduating from Stanford, Camille returns to help manage the family business.
- \*TWICE IN A BLUE MOON by Christina Lauren  
A modern love story about a happy ever after written in the stars.
- \*SLEIGH BELLS RING by RaeAnne Thayne  
Now employed as a live-in caretaker of her once owned family ranch, Annie just tries to make it through the holidays.
- \*CALIFORNIA GIRLS by Susan Mallery  
The California sunshine is not so bright for three sisters who get dumped in the same week.
- \*THE CHRISTMAS BOOKSHOP by Jenny Colgan  
An enchanting novel about books, family, and Christmas.
- \*A SEASON FOR SECOND CHANCES by Jenny Bayliss  
A charmingly quirky seaside town offers a recently separated restaurateur a fresh start.
- \*THE LIGHTHOUSE by PD James  
A secure and secluded retreat for the rich and powerful becomes the setting for an unsettling series of murders.

### LARGE PRINT FICTION:

- \*THE NOSY NEIGHBOR by Fern Michaels  
She thought she wanted the man she was engaged to marry—but everything she really needed was right next door.

### NON-FICTION:

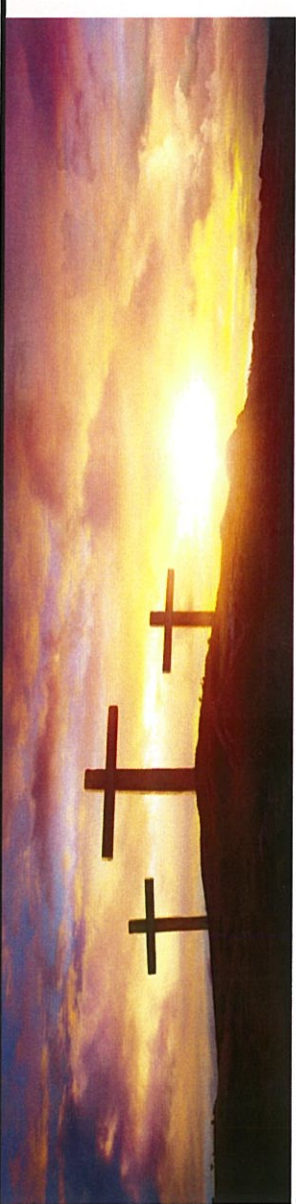
- \*MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE by Adam Hamilton  
Rediscovering the power of Scripture today.

### UMW 2022 READING PROGRAM:

- \*SHE CAME TO SLAY by Erica Armstrong Dunbar (BIO)  
The life and times of Harriet Tubman



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
<b>3</b> 9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 Meet the Pastors 10:00 All SS classes 11:00 Well Wrshp- cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl	<b>4</b> 8:30 Move Sanct piano 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	<b>5</b> 9:00 Yoga - BH 3:00 Prayer Vigil4Peace 5:30 Grief Support-Parlr 6:00 Scouts	<b>6</b> 9:00 BV Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Youth Group	<b>7</b> 9:00 UWF Workshop 9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 12:00 Caregivers Supprt 5:30 UWF Webinar	<b>1</b> Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse 12:30 Muirhead Mem Servc	<b>2</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 Confirmation class
<b>10</b> <span style="background-color: #90EE90;">Palm Sunday</span> 9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 11:00 Well Wrshp- cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Easter Egg Hnt 2:30 Finance Team	<b>11</b> 9:30 DAR-BH 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	<b>12</b> 9:00 Yoga - BH 1:00 Sarah Circle-Parlor 3:00 Prayer Vigil4Peace 5:30 Grief Support-Parlr 6:00 Scouts	<b>13</b> 9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 YouthLife	<span style="background-color: #66B3FF;">Holy Thursday</span> <b>14</b> 9:00 UWF Workshop 9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 Worship Srvc-BH	<span style="background-color: #FFC0CB;">Good Friday</span> <b>15</b> Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse 6:30 Good Fri Service	<b>16</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book
<b>17</b> <span style="background-color: #D8BFD8;">Easter</span> 7:30 Easter Sunrise 9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 Fellowship time 11:00 Well Wrshp- cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl	<b>18</b> 8:00 Care & Share trlr <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Yoga - BH 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 1:00 Naomi Circle-Parlor 3:00 Prayer Vigil4Peace 5:30 Grief Support-Parlr 6:00 Scouts	<b>20</b> 9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:30 UMM - Papa Mikes	<b>21</b> 9:00 UWF Workshop 9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 2:30 Emmaus Btfl Clrs 5:30 UWF Webinar	<b>22</b> Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse	<b>23</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book
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**Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month**

### ***To the Home of ...***

#### ***ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY***

through April 10th.

You may purchase an Easter Lily plant in honor or memory of a loved one.

The plants will be displayed during Easter morning.

There will be a special recognition insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You may take your plant home after the last service Easter Sunday.

Cost is \$15.00 each.

Orders may be placed in the Church Office by April 10th.



## ***Easter Egg Hunt!***

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

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**12:30am ~ 2:30pm**

**All children through 6th Grade are welcome to hunt eggs**

- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Games ~ Bounce House**
- **Family Activities**

*Easter Bunny will be attending!  
You are welcome to take selfies!*