



The Good News

AUGUST 2021

MISSIONS

We have a new Missions Coordinator, Patti Foss, and she is asking us to step back and evaluate the missions we have supported to determine if we're still meeting the original goals set forth. Not only do the members of the congregation change, but the needs of the community and humanity evolve as well. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about mission work at FUMCBV.

If you'd like to participate in a group conversation about missions in addition to completing the survey which is on our website and will be emailed or you can pick up a copy in the office, or in place of completing the survey, please email patti.foss@gmail.com.

WORSHIP

GOSPEL DISCIPLESHIP

Gospel Discipleship is a study we embarked upon in the fall of 2019 with Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris. She since published the work we helped her with and now we are coming back around to it. In early 2020 and then again in 2021, we had publicized we would be implementing a Discipleship Pathway System. We've since discerned that a system is not what we need at this time. What we need is to have dialogue with each other to discover what our passions are for ministry. So for the next 4 weeks, we will look at each gospel pathway and identify how each gospel addresses discipleship in a unique way. There is an online survey at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/gospeldiscipleship>. Your results will be emailed to you. There are some accompanying articles to explain each type, and you can also purchase the books through Cokesbury or Amazon. If you wish to do the survey but don't have internet access, let the office know and we can get a copy for you.

Week 1 ~ Matthew

Matthew 28:16-20

If you identify as Matthan, your discipleship will look more linear in nature. You'll pick up a guide and make your list and check items off. As you do, you grow your spiritual life through the interactions and actions you take along the journey.

Week 2 ~ Luke

Acts 1:1-8

If you identify as Lukan, your discipleship will look a lot like relationships. You'll be sure that you have a few companions on your journey with you and everyone will need to agree in the next steps to take. You grow spiritually as you make relationships with other believers.

Week 3 ~ John

John 21:15-18

If you identify as Johanine, your discipleship will be contingent on a mentor or coach. You crave that one-on-one relationship with someone who can guide you on your journey, or at least inspire you. You grow spiritually as your personal understanding grows.

Week 4 ~ Mark

Mark 16:12-20

If you identify as Markan, your discipleship will look a little random. You'll listen and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and when that strikes, you move. There may be no rhyme or reason to an outsider as to how and why and where you go on your journey.



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.”

1 Corinthians 9:24

As I write this, we are preparing for the Tokyo Summer Olympics to begin. When this is published, the Olympics will be about half over. Or so we hope. The Planning Committee also came out today and said they still might cancel the whole thing if there's a spike in covid cases. They've already banned spectators. So we're having the delayed Olympics, maybe, sort of, kind of..... Seems about par for the course anymore.

I love the Olympics. I'm a much bigger fan of the summer Olympics than the Winter Olympics. When they were in Atlanta in 1996, my family drove down from TN for one day to experience them. We had tickets to a time block for track and field. My dad figured that having a couple hours there was the best deal for our money. We got to see a few qualifying sprints that had some of the superstars and lots of field events, too. We toured Olympic Village and went through downtown and several other places that were all associated with the Olympics. I was in high school and I remember that it was one of the coolest things I'd ever done. I remember walking away feeling really special that I had been able to experience that atmosphere.

So whenever I read the scripture above, I think back to that blistering hot summer day in Atlanta. Lately, as I read this verse, it makes me wonder what race am I running, and what races should I be running? (And let's be honest, if I'm actually running, you might want to run, too, because something is chasing me!) Whatever "race" I'm running, I know I'm not in first place. I feel like I'm in last place, always trying to catch up. And the finish line is nowhere in sight. But then I begin to think that maybe I'm running the wrong race. Maybe I need to think about what race God wants me to be running.

What race are you running? Do you need to run a different one? And what happens if we all run the same race for God?

Enjoy the Olympics! Blessings as we run life's races!

Rev. Jeanne



WORSHIP for AUGUST

For most of the month of August, we will focus on Gospel Discipleship and how we each grow individually in our discipleship and as a church. There is an online survey at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/gospeldiscipleship>. Your results will be emailed to you. If you don't have access to the online version or email, please let the office know and we can provide a paper copy for you.

Aug. 1 - Gospel Discipleship Series: Matthew, Matthew 28:16-20, Holy Communion

Aug. 8 - Gospel Discipleship Series: Luke, Acts 1:1-8

Aug. 15 - Gospel Discipleship Series: John, John 21:15-18, Back to School Blessing

Aug. 22 - Gospel Discipleship Series: Mark, Mark 16:12-20

Aug. 29 - Authentically United Methodist: A People of Healing and Hope, Matthew 25:31-40



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor



The Deep Waters of Grief

*But now thus says the LORD,
the one who created you, O Jacob,
the one who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

(Isaiah 43:1-3 NRSV)

How often do we feel overwhelmed; how often do we feel as if we are drowning in the deep waters of life? We all have struggles, Goliaths that we face. One of those giants is called Grief. Grief can be an emotional roller coaster, a deep abyss where escape seems impossible, a whirlpool of raging water that will not let us go. Scriptures like the Isaiah 43 verses tell us that God is with us. But often we need a physical paddle to get us through the torrent; we need to talk through our feelings with another person; we need a listening ear; we need to hear a human voice; we need to feel a human hug; we need “God with skin on.”

Beginning Tuesday, September 7th, the grief support study, “When Mourning Dawns: Living your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief” will be offered from 5:30-7pm in the Chapel. We will meet each Tuesday for nine weeks, where we will explore the characteristics of grief, what grief is, how our culture views it, how it affects us, and how to journey through it. We will finish the 9-week session before the time changes back to Standard Time for the winter. In that way, no one will have to drive in the dark. By sharing our stories and joining together in this journey, we discover that we are not alone in those rising floods. We discover that God **is** there as we pass through the waters; we find the current becomes easier to navigate; and we feel the healing hand of the God who created us begin to work in your lives.

If you are grieving a loss, whether it be a recent one or one from a long time ago, I invite you to prayerfully consider joining in the journey with us in this grief support group. In our shared story, we will grow closer to God and to each other, and we will all find healing because of the experience, each in our own unique way. I pray you will join us!

Blessings, **Pastor Brenda**

When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief

We invite you to travel a 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin Tuesday, September 7th and continue through November 2nd. It will be held from 5:30-7:00pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who would also benefit from this. A donation of \$10 for the materials is welcomed. Please sign up in the church office.





COMMUNITY LIFE

OUR FAMILY

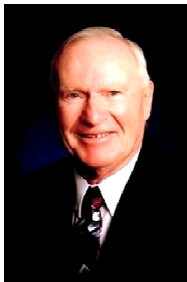
Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these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

IN MEMORIUM



Lorraine Swanson – passed away on Wednesday morning, June 30, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. Lorraine and her late husband, Ed, had been members with us since April of 1990. They faithfully attended our Traditional services and only stopped after Ed's health prevented them from being with us. Ed passed away back in early September of 2020. A private family memorial gathering will be held at a future date. Cards to express sympathy to Lorraine's daughter, Susan, who was Lorraine's caregiver, and to other family members may be sent to the family home: Susan Tillman and Family of Lorraine Swanson, 27 Grier Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715.

Bill Danenhauer – passed away on Thursday morning, July 1st after being placed in hospice care the week before. He and his wife, Aggie, had recently moved to Nebraska to be closer to family there. They had been faithful and active members of FUMCBV since 1991. Aggie indicated that Bill had celebrated his 87th birthday and they had celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on June 3rd where they had a wonderful day with family. A memorial service for Bill was held on Monday, July 5th at 11am at Gretna First United Methodist Church in Gretna, Nebraska. Please keep Aggie and their family in your prayers in this difficult time. Cards of support can be sent to: Aggie Danenhauer and Family, c/o Ox Bow Living Center, 1617 Bills Dr. #215, Ashland, NE 68003.



Bruce Fleming – We have been informed that Bruce Fleming passed away in January from pancreatic cancer. A co-worker of Bruce's shared that Bruce retired shortly before Thanksgiving 2020, was diagnosed with cancer shortly after that and passed away in January 2021. We had been unable to contact him and had tried unsuccessfully to reach family members for assistance. We were also told the family gathered and planted a tree on the golf course in his memory. Please remember Bruce and his family in your prayers.

Friends of Christ

Do to new COVID-19 concerns, *Friends of Christ* small study group will not meet until further notice.

If you are interested in joining a small covenant study group which normally meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each week from 1:00-3:30, please contact Kandi Mount, hjmkln@sbcglobal.net or (479) 402-5200 for more information.

One of the responsibilities of the SPRC Committee is to work with the staff and congregation to see that everything is running smoothly. As such, we need to let the congregation know that the church staff is not making the reopening decisions. Bishop Mueller has worked consistently with the Bishop's COVID-19 Task Force to develop the latest information from the CDC. Our church has a committee called the Relaunch Committee to keep in touch with the latest guidelines for reopening. Our Bishop has requested that United Methodist Churches follow the guidelines from the CDC. The Relaunch Committee takes the latest directives to the Trustees, which is the committee in our church to make the final decision. The people on our church staff are not included in that decision.

We know there are many who would like to see the church fully opened. There are still many who are not attending church in person. And the latest upturn in COVID cases in NW Arkansas has all of us worried. Please pray and care for our staff and for every member of our church. We are thrilled to see people returning to the church services, but we still need to be cautious. God's many blessings to all of you.

Lynn Prueitt, Chairman, SPRC Committee



OUR FAMILY

V V B S 2021
Virtual Vacation Bible School



Nextgen Newscast

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director



What a summer we've had with NextGen so far. Whew! Let's back up to early June. On June 6, In-classroom Sunday School resumed for Grades K-12. Teachers were busy, the education wing was cleaned and organized, bulletin boards were decorated and lessons were planned. All we had left to do was hope some children were ready to come back. And a few did! The hallway is a little quieter than we had hoped, but the laughter of children and recitation of Bible verses can still be heard. The youth are studying a pretty challenging series. It's awesome to hear their perspectives and polite debates.

Zoom Sunday School continues for families not quite ready to come back to church. This will continue as long as needed.

June 20 found a small group of youth and 2 chaperones watching training videos and pre-recorded worship in preparation for our work with Ozark Mission Project. Our Family Group consisted of Alec Gilmore, Julia Forst, Karyss Bosch, Andrew Smith and myself. In 4 days we completely built a wheelchair ramp to help make life a little easier for our Neighbor. Each day, no matter how tired we were, we'd return to the church for a time of sharing and worship.

June 27 was our target kick-off date for VBS-Knights of the North Castle. In spite of weeks of preparation, pre-registrations were scarce. Just a couple days before it began, VBS was over. This choice was made because we felt it was poor stewardship to expend so many resources for so few participants. We are not so easily defeated however! Over the next week I converted the VBS program into an at-home program. Registrations doubled! Supply and instruction bags were packed for the children, who are now knights. Our day begins with a welcome video from Ms. Renee and Sparky. Children then view a video with music, stories, etc. from Cokesbury. They create art projects, do a science project and maybe even have a snack. We end the day by meeting on Zoom to review the lesson, show our creations and pray. So far it's fun and exciting! VBS has been a success after all, just not in the way we anticipated.

Planning is now underway for Fall activities. As has been the case for many months, our plans will need to be flexible with the uptick in Covid cases. Youth Group will move back to meeting on Wednesday evenings when Midweek Manna resumes. Zoom and In-classroom Sunday School will continue. Trunk or Treat is on the agenda, as are other holiday festivities. Just like VBS, we can work together to make it all successful, perhaps just not in the way we anticipate.

*Ms. Renee will be out of the office temporarily to recover from kidney surgery on July 30.

Blessings, **Ms. Renee**

We wish you a speedy recovery from your surgery, Ms. Renee. We love you!



COMMUNITY LIFE

**LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE**

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

Do you ever get distracted and lose focus from something important? It happens a lot in our lives with the constant barrage of tasks, demands, and changes.

It also happens in organizations of all types as leaders become distracted, focus upon daily tasks or a pressing problem, and forget to pay attention to the really critical issues. Patrick Lencioni, in his book *The Advantage*, refers to distractions resulting from lack of clarity on fundamental questions and failure to communicate that clarity, leading to "confusion, disorder, and infighting" and low organizational health. In business, it can cause decline and ultimately failure, financial collapse. In the church, distractions can cause misunderstandings, divisions, long-term decline and, yes, failure. But the real failure isn't financial—it's in people who God cares about and wanted to reach through those who follow Jesus.

So I say we must focus on "the Main Thing." What?

So I'm reminding us that, even with distractions that can pull us in many directions, we as the church have got to keep focused upon the "Main Thing"—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. THAT'S our mission and purpose, given by Jesus himself (Matt 28:19-20). We do a lot of things in and around the church, but if we get distracted and don't create clarity to get "the Main Thing" right, we risk long-term failure.

Our United Methodist Book of Discipline reminds us that making disciples-followers-is our mission. We know it by heart, and hear it stated so often that we almost forget about it. We get distracted and forget to focus upon "the Main Thing".

And the local congregation-OUR congregation-is the "most significant arena which disciple-making occurs". So I continue to encourage our congregation and leaders to seek ways to make disciples and transform lives in our communities.

May God continue to produce fruit as you keep "the Main Thing" and reach out to transform lives by making disciples-followers-of Jesus Christ.

Peace & Blessings, *Dave*

Artie Lawless,
UMM President**Friends, Check on Friends**

Hello Methodist Men!

August, the Dog days of Summer. I thought we might have a little fun with the eighth month of the year. So, let's see what some other Daily Holidays and Observances come up this month. Who knows, you might want to participate and celebrate.

The 2nd is "Ice Cream Sandwich Day" (I'm in for that one), followed by "National Watermelon Day" on the 3rd. The 6th is the best, though, "National Root Beer Float Day". I'm really starting to like this month.

For the kids, the 2nd is also "Dinosaur Day". And although they probably don't exist, "Sea Serpent Day" is the 7th. For The Ladies, "National Women's Day" is the 9th, and the "honey do" list can go on hold on the 10th as it is "National Lazy Day". You can try your hand at comedy on "National Tell a Joke Day" the 16th.

Us lefties have our day on the 13th and for the UMM bowlers "National Bowlers Day" is the 8th this year. More Food, "National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day" is the 4th and "Lemonade Day" is the 20th (Should have put those two together). There's a lot more, like "Spoil your Dog Day" or "Wiggle Your Toes Day" but I'm running out of room.

Let's all have a little fun, stay positive, and thank our God for all the wonderful things we enjoy in this world. Have a glass of lemonade, a chocolate chip cookie, and wiggle your toes... Enjoy your August, First United.

Many blessings, *Artie*

Bedtime Books and Blessings

Join Ms. Renee and her dog, Angel, on Facebook at **FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children** Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM for storytime!

Put on your jammies, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet her on Facebook as she does a live reading from a wonderful book each week. We hope you'll join us!



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dick & Sonnie Andersen
- 4 Weldon & Linda Hyde
- 6 Chet & Cheryl Campbell
- 6 Earl & Mary Ann Kennedy
- 10 Doug & Marilyn Adamson
- 14 Chris & Elaine Klein
- 23 Jim & Judy Bilyeu
- 26 Stan & Phyllis Robinson



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 6 Barbara Jenner
- 6 Kacy Spears
- 8 Carolyn Roach
- 9 Jean Greenlee
- 10 Karen McMillen
- 11 Lois McMahon
- 11 Paula Phillips
- 11 Kolby Williams
- 13 Hope Markley
- 15 Alec Gilmore
- 18 Marisa Nabholz
- 18 Jim Phillips
- 20 Florence Hill
- 26 Julia Forst
- 29 Frisky Kennedy



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Raegan Bowers
- 2 David Duncan
- 2 Artie Lawless
- 2 Marcus Williams
- 3 Peggy Gamble



Dear FUMC Bella Vista,
Your commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on July 22nd truly made a difference! Your team registered 17 total donors, collected 20 pints of blood and recruited 1 first-time donor. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Thank you, *Cassady Watkins*
RC Donor Recruitment Account Manager II

August 2021 Newsletter ~ June 2021 Financial Data

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of June Contributions	*Income	\$35,505.34	\$36,709.76
Month of June	Expenses	\$39,301.21	\$47,059.66
	Difference	(\$3,795.87)	(\$10,349.90)
Year to Date (as of 6/30/21)	*Income	\$205,861.68	\$222,509.04
Year to Date (as of 6/30/21)	Expenses	\$249,405.61	\$282,357.96
	Difference	(\$43,543.93)	(\$59,848.92)

* Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



GENEROSITY

MISSIONS

Stewardship Corner

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship (continued)

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Bill Peel wrote an excellent essay entitled *Leadership is Stewardship*. In it, he suggests that there are four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand. His essay can help us build a framework to begin unpacking this biblical idea of stewardship. Last month we learned about Principle number one:

➤ The Principle of Ownership

This month we study Principle number two:

➤ The Principle of Responsibility.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purpose.

Adapted from *Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship* by Hugh Whelchel.

Ken Swanson, Finance Committee Chair

Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project ! SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS...

When Cooper School first opened a little over 10 years ago, only 40 students were eligible for the "Snack Pack for Back Pack" program. Due to changes in demographics and school boundaries, Cooper School now provides 140+ students with these much needed hunger packs each Friday.

FUMCBV has again been asked to be a part of this very necessary program in the 2021-22 school year. We'll be responsible for 30 students each week (up from 20 the last few years!) Other churches and other entities are picking up the balance of the students in need. You'll notice the "goat banks" are out full time—one in the hallway across from the Library and one in the west hallway by the entrance to Becker Hall. The Mission Team's focus is on raising funds now so that each month after school begins, our goal will be met. We estimate that it will take approximately \$200-\$225 per month to pack 120 healthy food bags. This last year we collected not as many quarters or folding quarters!!! You also may write a check (put "Snack-Pack" in the memo) or pay on Sunday with your credit/debit card. Most months we are close to meeting our goal, but still more is needed and will be, especially after school begins again this month.



We need your help!

Bring your Quarters !

Write a check !

Feed a Child !

Midweek Manna-

New classes are scheduled to begin September 1st

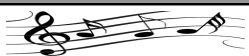
If you are interested in leading a class, please let Amy Gilmore know.

WORSHIP



Musical Chairs

Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

~~Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!~~~~(or more to the point-)~~~~Ring/Sing ye! Ring/Sing~~~~Ring/Sing ye!~~~~That's~~~~year-~~~~TO BE RESCHEDULED~~~~ye!~~~~right! After almost a~~~~and-a-half off,~~~~Handbell & Choir Practices will~~~~resume on~~~~Wednesday, September 1st*~~~~3:00 p.m. – Handbells ~ 4:45 p.m. – Choir~~

As you know from hearing the rumors and reading the previous month's *Good News*, I was hopefully anticipating beginning choir and hand bell practice by September 1st. Reluctantly, this will have to be postponed until further notice, for two reasons.

The first is for you safety and for that of your fellow choir members. Because of the new spikes in Covid numbers, until we can safely gather to sing our hearts out, we will continue to be prudent.

The second reason is that my knee-replacement surgery date was move to the middle of August, and I do not feel I will have recovered well enough by then.

The safety protocols that were printed in the July newsletter will still be followed when we do begin

The Praise Song Countdown (PSC) will begin at the end of July and roll until early September. Didn't I mention this last month? Well, at that point, I was trying to push it along. Now, I am the one holding it up after waiting on some other folks to do their part. It's simple to participate. You'll listen to two praise songs each week and decide which one you like better. These are the best of the best, so you can't go wrong making a selection.

But what if you're not a fan of the genre? That's okay. Perhaps take a stab anyway? There are some styles of music I really don't like. Did anyone say the Blues?! However, I can listen to Bessie Smith or B.B. King for a few minutes and be in awe, even if the music doesn't speak to me like my favorite styles. Stay tuned to the mid-week email newsletter for your chance to vote!

Thank you for supporting our Fourth of July concert, which included the participation of Jill Hale and the Augspurger family to present a fun program. Let them know that you appreciate their participation, whether by card, call, or email. We need them to keep coming back to participate each Sunday in traditional worship while our choirs stay on extended hiatus.

If it's August, it must be Piano Postludes month again. And yes, there's more Spanish music to come. I continue with the Danzas Españolas (Spanish Dances) of Enrique Granados. The middle four are all based on cities or regions of Spain that Granados knew. If you'd like to get some advanced listening done, you can't go wrong by listening to Alicia de Larrocha on YouTube. You will even find some single dances recorded by the composer himself.

I want to thank those who have taken the opportunity to write to me or make a comment of support on one of our streaming channels, even if I don't always see it! Sunday mornings have been much busier since there is no break between the end of the first service and the rehearsal for the second service. Plus, we're trying to keep contact to a minimum due to our third wave of Covid, which has been difficult for all of us.

Please join me online!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc

BLESSING BOX Fund

A fund to make sure our Blessing Box is never empty has been started by Barbara Ihne, her daughter Karen Davis, and granddaughter, Abbie. They have made a generous donation in memory of Rev. Richard Ihne who was a pastor here at the turn of the century. Barbara's good friend Flo Dickinson has also made a donation in memory of her parents, Douglas and Elsie Story, who were founding members of FUMCBV. Although these folks are not currently members of our congregation, they have historical ties to this church and have seen the tremendous need our Blessing Box is meeting in the community. The box is emptied almost as fast as it is filled. Do you have someone you would like to honor in this way? If so, please consider making a donation in their name.



COMMUNITY LIFE

What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

I did not hear from anyone regarding selection and installation of the Casavant organ, so we will save that for the future while I do more research and conduct some interviews. Instead of the organ, we will return to the Becker Hall cross because I received an email from Bette Cummings with her poignant memories of the cross:

“Well, I remember when Jack Kolbe put that together for us and the minister had us bring all kinds of things. A piece of a broken plate, or a broken piece of jewelry, or whatever, or something that wasn't broken that reminded us of one of our loved ones or a special moment with them, so I found the little saucer. It looks like a teapot right in the middle of that picture that one of my good customers gave to me because she knew I collected teacups and saucers and what have you. Anyway, she is now in an assisted-living, but they have her under hospice so she'll get better care, but she has the front part of the brain, part of the Alzheimer's. And I took a picture, and I was going to send it to her and I never did, and now I think it might be too late, that she might not even know. I did contact her younger daughter. But I also put that piece on, and then we put a piece of Earl's wife's jewelry. There was a broken brooch or something that looked like rhinestones that we put in there. I just wanted to let you know that, and Jack did a beautiful job with, and I just remember how excited everybody was when they saw it [the cross].”



Please do continue to share memories with us of the Becker Hall cross, the organ, the stained-glass windows, or anything else about the history of our church. My contact information is rjhale68@cox.net or 479-344-6074.

Jill

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations, Jill!!

Dear Rev. Williams,

Jill J. Hale has recently completed the United Methodist Church Local Church Historian's School and was presented a Certificate of Completion upon graduation. We are proud to note this, and want to recognize her for the study and work it takes to prepare for this local ministry of memory. We wish to call attention to the accomplishment of completing the course and hope this furthers an ongoing ministry of memory in your church. The General Commission on Archives and History is offering this course without charge in partial fulfillment of our purpose to promote and care for historical interests of the church at every level. We know it is important to local churches.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Christopher Shoemaker,
Local Church Historian's School Director
The United Methodist Church Archives and History

Spiritual Formation Study:***The World Wisdom Bible*****beginning July 25 at 10 am**

Please help me spread the word about this six week study. The book can be purchased from Amazon in paperback or ebook for \$11. We will meet at the church during the Sunday school hour in Room 28. You may come and go from this group week to week if necessary, but will do best to have a syllabus and book to keep up.

“A brief comparative study of 8 religious traditions that emerged in the classical era of history (500 BCE to 500 CE) including Christianity. Be amazed by The Wisdom Tradition that they share in common. Learn the main difference in emphasis between them. Be warned about the dark sides found in each. Unfortunately, neither the religious traditions of Native Americans or Native Africans are included, although we will touch on how they compare.”

Loving our neighbor by understanding!

If you have any questions regarding the class or material, please contact Cathy Luck at caluck@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNITY LIFE



Book Nook



THANK YOU

BOOKS IN SERIES:

MYSTERIES OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD SERIES

BOOK 1: *A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS* by Ruth Logan Herne

BOOK 2: *LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER* by Janice Thompson

BOOK 3: *ADRIFT* by Beth Adams

BOOK 4: *MAIDEN OF THE MIST* by Nancy Mehl

BOOK 5: *MAKING WAVES* by Tricia Goyer

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

LIGHTNING by Danielle Steel

THE LONG ROAD HOME by Danielle Steel

THE GHOST by Danielle Steel

NOTHING LASTS FOREVER by Sidney Sheldon

MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT by Sidney Sheldon

A LONG FATAL LOVE CHASE by Louisa May Alcott

HOLIDAY IN YOUR HEART by LeeAnn Rimes

NON-FICTION:

GOOD MORNING, ABBA by D. Ann Luzader (242)

BIOGRAPHY:

ELEANOR by David Michaels

Please look around your home for any FUMCBV Library books you may have checked out. We have many that were checked out as long as two years ago. If you are through reading, please return them to the Library or the tub under the Portico, so that others may check them out to enjoy.

Attention all UMW Reading Program participants: August 11th is the last day I can accept the information as to what program you completed (I, II, III, or IV). You can leave this information in the shoebox in the church library, email me jdvbellavista@yahoo.com or call me at 479-876-1676. Thank you. *Diane Verville*



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

To my friends and Prayer Warriors at FUMCBV, Recently I was released from the hospital after having cancerous polyps removed. Through my ordeal you prayed for me and your prayers were answered. I am now healing at home and wish to thank you for standing with me through it all. May God bless you all and keep you well and strong as you labor in His good work. *Norvil Lantz*



Here we are in August, already...it seems like we just started July. I do hope everyone has an AMAZING AUGUST with family and friends.

We will start back with our meetings/gatherings in September, looking forward to seeing what the Circles have planned for the Fall season. So, be sure to let me know what, when and where your Circle has planned each month and I can share it in the church monthly newsletter.

Here are a few reminders:

- Committee members are to get their reports finished and ready to send to district. The last date is August 15 for most of the reports.
- Reading Program participants need to have your information in to Diane Verville no later than August 11th. See "Book Nook" for more information.
- Thursdays @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - someone is available in the quilt room to accept completed projects, help with materials for completing projects, sharing ideas of projects and a bit of fellowship. We have some projects ready to be worked on, so if you are bored and want to help make something for the Bazaar, show up on Thursdays or call Darleen @ 281-781-3838 or Judy B. @ 479-876-2345.
- Don't forget to send in your donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale!

We are praying for a successful Rummage Sale and Bazaar so we may continue to help the multiple organizations that help those in need in our community.

May you and yours have many wonderful blessings during this summer and be safe and healthy!!!

Darleen



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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

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Please help keep our Blessing Box (in the East Parking Lot) stocked with non-perishable food items, so that those in our community who are in need can replenish themselves here. The Blessing Box really is a blessing to those in need.

JULY/AUGUST Mission of the Month School Supplies for Cooper Elementary School

It seems as if schools were just dismissed; however, the first day of school is fast approaching and in no time at all a new school year will begin. Our **July/August Mission of the Month** is to collect much needed supplies for classrooms at Cooper Elementary School. The supplies may be brought to the office or put in the labeled bin under the portico at the front door. They will be delivered before the first day of school, August 16th. Or, you can write a check and designate Cooper School on the memo line. The teachers and students will greatly appreciate your generosity.

The following are needed school supplies for Cooper School classrooms:

Crayons
#2 leaded Pencils
Spiral or composition notebooks
School Scissors
Markers
Pencil boxes
Glue sticks or white school glue
Colored pencils
Folders with pockets