



The Good News

FEBRUARY 2022

Looking back at 2021. . . Where did it go???





Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

I love the promise of a new year. The blank pages of a calendar just waiting to be filled with plans, hopes, and dreams. There's even a planner where you can write goals for the year, month, week, and day; or one where you can journal every day. There's just something about the beginning of a new year when you can push a "reset" button on much of life.

However, in talking with many of my friends this year, most of us have given up on the notion of New Year resolutions. Why even bother when all of life changes in less than 24 hours anymore? I regularly recommit to being healthier, so that's not a resolution for me like it is for many. Did you make a resolution? Are you making plans for a different kind of year? A year that leaves you filled with joy, contentment, and peace?

We're also in the season of Epiphany. The season of light. Jesus is the light shining in the darkness. And it's not lost on me that we're in the season of light in the darkest time of the year. Where the nights are long and the days are short. Matthew 5:16 (CEB) says, "In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." How are you letting Jesus's light shine through you this year? What plans can you make to incorporate shining Jesus's light into your life every day?

We are called as followers of Jesus to make him known in all ways; to live our life in such a way that it always points back to him. So that our light is really Light with a capital "L". Beloveds, I wish you the most wonderful year ahead. A year filled with love, joy, contentment, peace, and Light! May God richly bless you this year!

Rev. Jeanne

February 2022 Newsletter Financial Data

Information as of December 31, 2021	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of December Contributions (Income*)	\$ 45,938.13	\$ 36,709.76
Month of December Expenses	\$ 40,429.43	\$ 47,059.74
Difference	\$ 5,508.70	\$ (10,349.98)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 426,768.14	\$ 440,518.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 491,796.75	\$ 564,716.00
Difference	\$ (65,028.61)	\$ (124,198.00)
Special/Extra Gifts to date	\$ 3,900.00	
Transferred from Restricted Fund to date	\$ 24,041.68	
Total	\$ (37,086.93)	

*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Rev. Brenda Wideman at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your name tag at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and welcome them to FUMCBV!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Growing the Light

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.*

(John 1:1,4-5 CEB)

Well, here we are, at the beginning of a brand new year, 2022. As I have searched for thoughts to share with you, I keep coming back to 'Light.' It can be so easy in these COVID-difficult times to let the darkness overtake our lives. And yet, the gospel of John tells us "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.*" How have we let the darkness into our lives?

I bought an amaryllis this Advent season. This one claimed I did not need to water it; I only needed to give it light. It has a little sock covering the bulb with a cute reindeer face and nose on it. There were only a few small shoots when I bought it in early December. So, I followed the instructions; and it has been sitting on my kitchen table next to the big outside window, no water, only light. One of the shoots has already produced beautiful flowers and a second one is waiting to do the same.



If I had left it in a dark closet, the beauty of those flowers would never have developed. Christ came into our world to bring and to be the Light of Life. I wonder if I did not believe that, if I did not live that, would the flowers of my life ever develop? Would the flowers of the lives of others ever develop, if we did not share the reflection of that Light with them? Would beautiful blossoms ever grace the faces of others without the Light which Christ came to bring? Oh, they might develop somewhat, but they will become amazingly beautiful with the True Light. I believe the Light will shine through the darkness, regardless of how dark it might get. We are called to share the Light, just as we shared the light of our candles on Christmas Eve. As we share, the Light grows brighter and fuller and spreads even farther.

As we begin this new year, we all need to examine our lives to see if we are letting too much darkness overtake us. Where is there darkness in our lives? Is it anger, hopelessness, selfishness, being too judgmental and critical? Is it isolation, vengefulness, grief, shame...? Are there relationships that need to be healed with new Light and Life? Where can we let the Light in to bring out the beautiful flowers of Life? Where can we share it with others so that the Light of Christ becomes even brighter? Join in the journey together! Make it your resolution to find at least one place where you can let the Light bring new growth to you and to others in this new year. Then take steps each day to walk in that Light.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



OUR AUTO ANGEL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

The new and exciting 2022 edition of the Auto Angels' Ministry will hold an organizational meeting on Sunday, February 6th at 2:00pm in the Chapel/Parlor. If you have expressed an interest in this ministry, we hope that you can attend this meeting. If you have not yet had a chance to talk to Pastor Brenda about your interest in this ministry, give her a call at the church or just show up at the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there



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

RELOCATIONS



Wanda Williams recently relocated from Concordia to The Gardens at Osage Terrace. Her new address is: 3317 S.E. "L" St. #21, Bentonville 72712. We wish her well as she meets new friends and has new adventures.

Aggie Danenhauer moved to an assisted living center after her husband Bill passed away last year. Many in her family live nearby and she has many friends in the area, but she would love to hear from her Bella Vista friends as well. Her new address is: c/o Hillcrest Mable Rose, 4609 Hilltop St, Bellevue, NE 68133. Please send her a note letting her know she is missed!



Allan & Phyllis Janssen will have a new address as of February 1st, as they relocate to Omaha to be closer to family. They have been faithful members of FUMCBV since 1998 and will be missed by many. Their new address is: c/o Parson House, 14325 Eagle Run Drive. #404, Omaha, NE 68164. We wish them well in their new home.



Ken and Angie Jones have moved to Florida to be closer to family. They have been active members of our congregation since 1997 and were faithful greeters on Sunday mornings. Their new address is: 3778 Cadbury Circle, Venice, FL 34293, phone # (941) 882-4860. We send them our prayers as they settle into their new home.



JOYS in NEW BIRTHS

Lynn Prueitt welcomed the birth of Titus Ellsworth Stratton, her first great-grandchild. He was born to Jacob & Alyssa Stratton on December 19th. Prayers for a wonderful life for this newest member of Lynn's family.

Nancy Spangler has been busy welcoming four new great grandchildren (#14, 15, 16, & 17) in the last month, with one more on the way. Baker Michael Spangler was born in Denver to Nate and Madison Spangler, and Jordan Riley Spangler was born in Virginia to Tyler and Brenna Spangler, both born on December 23rd. Rocky James Lewis was born to Katelyn & David Lewis in Olathe, KS on December 27th. Ford Lewis Spangler was born in Naperville, IL to Chris and Leah Spangler on January 7th. Many prayers for the happy, healthy future of these precious babies.

IN MEMORIUM

Shirley Hofmann passed away on Tuesday, December 7th. She and her husband Jim joined our church in August, 1987. Jim passed away in November, 2000. Shirley was a faithful member, sang in the Chancel Choir, was a part of UMW & Martha Circle, and a member of the Abram Shepherd Group.



Brandt May - husband of Nita May and grandfather of Tiffany and Brittany, passed away on December 7th. Please keep Nita and their family in your prayers. Cards of condolences may be sent to: 30 McKenzie Drive, Bella Vista 72715.

Iona Baxter passed away January 13th. She and her husband had been one of the first families to join FUMC Bella Vista, in 1976. She had been unable to attend in-person services for quite a while because of failing health, but was faithful in watching online. She will be interred with her husband, Dale, at the Fayetteville National Cemetery. We lift prayers for Iona's family, for peace during this time.



Dear Church Family, We wish to thank you all for your extreme generosity in our Love Gift at the end of the year. We deeply appreciate your love and support all the time, not just at the end of the year, so thank you for that constant support! As always, it is our joy to serve with you as we reach new disciples for Jesus!

Your grateful FUMCBV Staff

COMMUNITY LIFE

FAITH FORMATION



Georgiana Green – passed away on Christmas Day at Methodist Manor in Marionville, MO. She and Harvey had moved there during the summer last year. They had been members of FUMCBV since 2012. Condolences may be sent to Harvey and family at: c/o Methodist Manor, 607 Latta Ct., Marionville, MO 65705.



Judy Knadle – her daughter, Debbie Trapp passed away on Tuesday, December 7th after a long bout with cancer. Her sister Ruth passed away two days later on December 9th. Please be in prayer for Judy and her entire family as they mourn the passing of these two family members. Condolences may be sent to Judy at: 215 Concordia Dr, Bella Vista 72715

Scott Drindak's aunt, Marcella Sides died Tuesday, December 28th from covid related pneumonia. Scott's mom's family has had numerous losses this year - 3 in the same immediate family. His cousin lost her husband of 30 years in February, her sister in November and now her mother. Please be in prayer for this family and their extended family members for peace. Condolences may be sent to: 2 Bruton Lane, BV 72715

Bob Vermett had two deaths in his family within 24 hours. His step-dad, Everett Doss, passed away Tuesday, January 11th in Williams, IA after a short illness. His aunt, Marlene Vermett from Harvard, IL, also passed away Tuesday. Bob & Shari traveled north to be with the families during this difficult time. Condolences may be sent to Bob and Shari at: 2 Overton Dr., Bella Vista 72714.

Marion Lawless received word that her father Kenneth Benjerges passed away in Manly, IA on Tuesday, January 11th. She and husband Artie traveled north to be with her family. Condolences may be sent to them at: 13 Westbury Dr., Bella Vista 72714

Wade Hanes passed away on January 4 at Circle of Life in Bentonville. Wade and his family are one of our neighbors on Boyce Lane. His wife, Naomi, and his family graciously shared the flowers from his visitation for our sanctuary and for our homebound members. Wade will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Please keep Naomi and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Wade.



Nextgen Newscast

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

Confirmation Class of 2022:

Confirmation is the continuation of one's faith journey that began at baptism. It's the beginning of one's covenant relationship with the church. Confirmation is more than just classes. Confirmands must be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service and involvement in other ministries. At the end of the confirmation experience, confirmands should emerge prepared for a life of Christian discipleship.

Letters of invitation have been sent to families with youth eligible for Confirmation at this time. This year's confirmation journey will look a little different than in the past. Rather than having a series of classes we will attend two retreats. The first is at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs on March 4-6. The second will take place here at the church, date to be determined. Attendance at both retreats will be mandatory.

The Confirmation Service is planned to take place on Easter Sunday, April 17, as part of worship.

Youth and Children's Ministry: All Sunday School classes will continue to meet at this time. Masks are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status. Zoom Sunday School for elementary age students continues to meet at 12:30 on Sundays.

Youth Group: Beginning Wednesday, January 19 the Youth Group will meet every other Wednesday evening in the Youth Room from 6:00-7:30. Meeting dates are on the church calendar. Until Midweek Manna returns, PLEASE eat dinner at home as we will no longer be serving it at youth group.

Veritas is the largest event of the ACCYM year with over 1,500 youth and adults in attendance. The event is hosted in Rogers, AR on February 25-27. Veritas concentrates on offering an incredible worship experience with nationally renowned speakers, bands and specialized artists. There are also opportunities for mission, learning workshops, and prayer room in addition to other activities. In 2021 this event was held virtually. We are hopeful the event will take place in-person this year so our youth can experience this amazing worship environment. Stay tuned.

Blessings to all! *Ms. Renee*

Angel Tree ~ Once again YOU stepped up and helped us provide Christmas gifts to 45 underprivileged children this year. With all the uncertainty, with the church being closed, we did it! YOU came through with abundance. We had a little bit extra, so we were able to send a check directly to Sharing & Caring which they used to finish up some shopping. Thank you to Michelle Forst and her crew for preparing the bags, shopping for those who donated but couldn't shop, and to those who delivered the many, many gifts. THANK YOU ALL!!





COMMUNITY LIFE



LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

Down The Road:
A Poem for the New Year

By Katy Kauffman

I look down the road before me.
Only a few hundred feet are clear.
I don't know what all lies ahead
As I start walking in this new year.

One crunch, two crunches, three.
My steps crack the thin ice.
Will I fall? Will I slip? Is it all
Left to chance, like throwing a pair of dice?
Then I hear a voice behind me,
"I'm with you, My child. Don't you fear."
I look around and see no one.
Yet I know He is here.

"God, You know what I've been through.
You know the pain and suffering.
Will this year be the same?
What good can it possibly bring?"

"I have adventures ahead,"
He says over my shoulder.
"I have new mercies to give
When the days grow colder."

"There are too many who suffer alone,"
He whispers like a soothing father.
"Too many who don't know Me yet,
People no one will bother."

I think about my journey,
The long road left behind.
I turn around one look,
Squinting against the snow's glary shine.

I see my crooked footprints,
Where I hobbled steadily along.
As I squint harder, I see something else.
I see the evidence of a throng.

Footprints of seen and unseen travelers.
How can it be?
What are their names
But hope, friendship, and mercy?

I wasn't alone-God, You were there.
So were Your faithful companions.
I know it's true-You're with me,
And this soul You have never abandoned.

Send me where You will,
My feet, my words, my love.
Let my voice be heard across the world,
We have help From God above!"

Speak, Lord, words of hope and strength.
Your Word will see us through.
Guide us on the difficult paths.
Remind us of the good we can do.

Help us to see others who hurt,
Those who need Your grace and truth.
Show us how to love them,
How to point them steadily to You.

I will trust You on this road,
This new chapter of adventure.
I will listen for Your voice to guide me
And to remind me that I'm Your treasure.

Wishing everyone a happy,
healthy and prosperous 2022.

Peace and Blessings, *Dave*

Artie Lawless,
UMM President

Happy New Year First United...

Hello Methodist Men!

As far back as I can remember I have always been a big fan of Peanuts. Not the crunchy roasted kind, but the innocent comic strip child characters, their imaginative dog, Snoopy, and his pal Woodstock.

I always recall the scene of Charlie Brown lining up to kick the football and all the great expectations he was dreaming of, only to have those hopes, and dreams dashed away when Lucy pulls the ball up just as Charlie is about to kick that ball into next Tuesday J.

New years is just around the corner, a time to put the past year in storage and look at the hopes, dreams and expectations of a new year, a new beginning. To use the scene above as a metaphor, The football is life, our hopes, our dreams and our expectations, Charlie Brown is us...getting ready to launch those plans into outer space.

Lucy is reality...She is life's little turns, pitfalls and roadblocks that sometimes prevent us from crossing the finish line with our dreams. But even though Charlie, well let's just say, doesn't land on his feet, he always comes back to try again and again and yes, again.

We will do the same in our new year. Life will get better in time, God's time. The extra step we will take is to pray to God to guide us through our roadblocks, build bridges over our pitfalls and straighten out those pesky turns to put us on a smoother path and let us finally kick that ball right up to heaven.

With Gods guidance and our faith, I know 2022 will be a new beginning for all of us. Imagine great things, our God is a great God.

Many Blessings, *Artie*



UMM President, Artie Lawless, presents a Posthumous Life Achievement Award to Lynn Prueitt honoring her late husband Keith's dedicated service of over 25 years, to FUMCBV, our Community and UMM.

UMM President, Artie Lawless (far Right), presents the UMM 2021 Life Achievement Award to Ed Jenner (far left), along with (from left to right) Chet Campbell and Darrell Bottjen, honoring Ed's dedicated service of over 21 years, to FUMCBV, our Community, and UMM. Congratulations Ed!





OUR FAMILY



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Heath & Jennifer Lehmann
- 1 Joe & Kimberly McGee
- 2 Bob & Brenda Wideman
- 12 Keith & Co Ellen Sterwald
- 16 Rob & Cheryl Whitesides
- 23 Rod & Arlene Alford
- 24 Richard & Jan Abbott
- 27 David & Marilyn Frisby

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Roger Justice
- 4 Molly Harris
- 4 Bill Potts

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont)

- 6 Gladys Jutte
- 6 Chris Murphy
- 7 Judi Shannon
- 7 Jerry Snow
- 8 Stephen Grider
- 8 Dena Mayes
- 8 Keith Sterwald
- 8 Anny Weber
- 10 Terry Augspurger
- 10 Marlene Clapp
- 11 Susann Wresche
- 12 Lynn Muirhead
- 14 Ed Jenner
- 15 Cynthia Augspurger
- 15 Mary J Hammarstrom
- 16 Carlene Jerman
- 17 Doris Selley 101 !!
- 20 Jan Kolbe
- 20 Co Ellen Sterwald
- 22 Billy Beverage
- 22 Duane Pommerenke
- 23 Kevin Hight
- 23 Marion Kornis
- 24 Andrew Smith
- 25 Ivan Lantz
- 25 Nita Wallace
- 27 Troy Kizzire
- 27 Renee Van Dyke
- 30 Tom Walton
- 31 Gary Grosnickle

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 ♥♥ Dick & Genie Schupp
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle
- 22 ♥♥ Ralph & Nita Wallace

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ♥ Jane Potts
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 4 ♥ Rose Taylor
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 7 ♥ Chuck Hurl

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 8 ♥ Nita May
- 8 ♥ Ella Pittman
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 9 ♥ Leslie Magee
- 9 ♥ Meichelle Ray
- 10 ♥ Landree Hight
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May
- 11 ♥ Judy Kaufmann
- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 13 ♥ Amy Gilmore
- 13 ♥ Jill Hale
- 13 ♥ Heath Williams
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 17 ♥ Gretchen Magee
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker
- 20 ♥ Jerrie Gallamore
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 25 ♥ David Williams
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 27 ♥ Kathy Ayres
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider



GENEROSITY

Stewardship Corner

Happy New Year!

The new year is full of possibilities, a fresh start, resolutions and new beginnings. I've been thinking a lot about what my resolution should be. Usually it's I need to eat healthy, exercise or become more organized. All these things are good, but somehow by February they have gone by the wayside. This year the thing that keeps coming to mind is stewardship; to be a good steward. The word steward can also be a verb (action word).

We must steward all that God has given us. 1 Peter:4 says *God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.* So whether it's money, time, or talent, the blessings and abundance you experience in life are not yours to claim, but to share. Those blessings are to be shared with those around us. It could be cookies baked for a lonely neighbor, reaching out to someone attending our church for the first time, singing in the choir or singing your heart out in the pews, or bringing a friend to church. It could be serving on a committee that interests you or taking part in a Bible study. Each of us is unique with unique gifts which are all gifts from God. So for me, my resolution is to be a good steward, to remember God's blessings in all things and to share them.

Shari Vermett, Finance Chair



Amy's Anecdotes Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

In *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Matt Rawle uses the author's beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join some of these characters in a four week study considering God's world and what it all means. This is scheduled for Thursday mornings at 10:00 via zoom. If you are interested in an evening time, please let Amy know. Sign up for the class using the following link:



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

has been busy. We received 150 Christmas Boxes from St. Bernard Catholic Church and they have been delivered to the Salvation Army of both Bentonville and Fayetteville. We are so grateful for their support. Also, the Presbyterian Church brought us 50 Men's boxes and they were delivered as needed. Thanks to Martha Circle for helping prepare 120 Hygiene Bags for students at Cooper School, which have been delivered. We are always in need of hygiene products and appreciate any that you can provide. We will find a home for them.

Your Shoebox Team ~Karen, Maryann, Cheryl

THANK YOU

Dear FUMCBV Family, Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time after my accident. I really appreciate your support and for giving my Mom (Renee van Dyke) the time to be with me. Love, *Siri Wagner*

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the outpouring of love and gifts this last December. Your generosity and support continue to humble me. I look forward to what 2022 has in store for our church family! *Rev. Jeanne*

FUMC Church Family, I want to thank all of you so very much for the wonderful cards, gifts, love offerings, encouragement, hugs, and all the uplifting actions you have shared with me this Christmas and all year through. Know that it is a blessing to be one of your pastors and that I wish each of you and all of us a 2022 year filled with the Light and the Love of our Lord. *Pastor Brenda*

I wish to give a GIANT "Thank You" to my church family for the many phone calls, cards, visits, prayers, food items and support during the final time with Shirley and her memorial service. I am grateful for each of you and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers always. Blessings to you and yours, *Darleen O'Brien*

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for the support, prayers, cards, visits and food you provided during our Mom's final days. Also, we really appreciated the memorial service, reception and luncheon provided for our family. We know why she loved this church and living here in Bella Vista. May God be with you always,

The Family of Shirley Hofmann

MISSIONS

Let us welcome February and take every chance to show love to all we meet. -author unknown

For those of you who completed the missions survey a few months ago, thank you. Regretfully though our survey responses were low, so we didn't have any revelations to help us steer a new passion at FUMCBV. The good news is...this congregation is full of kind-hearted people, so we'll be able to continue spreading the love outside of our walls as we look to evolve our missions to meet the needs of our community and/or passions of our congregation.

The Good Book instructs us clearly to *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and to Love your neighbor as yourself."* Matthew 22 If we keep reading (which I highly recommend) we learn how to love our neighbor. *"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25

Our short term goal is to create a designated Missions Center in our building to maintain a dedicated space. We will always collect food and items for emergency response. As a congregation we will ensure we continue our collections to help children and support the missions of United Methodist Women (UMW) and United Methodist Men (UMM). Helping others should be seen and felt any time we walk into the building.

For February and March our mission is to collect non-perishable groceries for both the Blessings Box and to share with various food pantries. Additionally we want to maintain an ongoing collection of books to support the Methodist mission of addressing literacy (who will be sharing their goals in the next couple months).

We're looking for people interested in being part of a Missions Team. Please contact Patti at 630-380-4113 or via email patti.foss@gmail.com to be part of a team and/or share ideas or concerns regarding missions.

Patti Foss, Mission Steward

WORSHIP



Keys and Pedals

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



I didn't practice the piano between the end of my piano recital on December 12th until January 7th. It wasn't a complete sabbatical from my instrument, as there was a bit of church work to do during that time. However, it felt good to have that break, which allowed me to relax as well as get other things done.

Being a creative person means you get the chance to design your own work, but it also means you can sometimes plan too much as I did in December. I've gotten better at figuring out what must be done and what can be changed, trimmed, or even cut.

My planning for 2022 looks back to the past year for insights. I've decided to continue specializing in Spanish piano music with a suite of eight pieces by Albéniz that I'll play as Piano Postludes during the months of May and August.

However, to start the sixth year of Piano Postludes in February, I play a set of Ballades composed by Brahms when he was just 21 years old. They are amazing pieces that have somehow escaped my learning, even though I've admired them back to my early days in music school.

If you enjoy my playing, please consider joining me online.

Broc

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

On Facebook: [facebook.com/BrocKeysPedals](https://www.facebook.com/BrocKeysPedals)

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HELPING HANDS has continued operating throughout 2021 with many volunteers returning and some new ones making a slight return to normal. The food pantry continues to help where needed but some direct monetary support has had to be suspended. Even though we're not sure what the year 2022 is going to bring, they are going ahead and scheduling the volunteer churches to work on Saturdays. They hope to have our help on April 9, July 30 and Dec 3 this year. This is a great "hands on" mission opportunity and you might even find some great deals while you're working! We usually help out back accepting donations and also inside straightening the sales floor etc. Many still wear masks and sanitize. If you have any questions, see Verna Bottjen 876-1392.

Circle & Shepherd Group News

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 1:00pm in the chapel. We will bring Valentines to address and mail to church friends, and watch a UMW video.

Evening Circle will meet Thursday, February 10th at 6:00pm in the Parlor.

Naomi Circle will meet Tuesday, February 15th at 1:00pm in the Parlor.

Martha Circle will meet (date has changed—please check with Karen) in the Quilt Room for their meeting and then will pack Sunshine Paks for Cooper School students.

Young @ Heart Shepherd Group will meet Saturday, February 12th at 8:30am at Papa Mike's for breakfast and fellowship.

COMMUNITY LIFE



What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

Last month we looked at two more of the beautiful side stained-glass windows in our church Sanctuary, one depicting Holy Communion and the other commemorating the Crucifixion.



We move to the middle window on the right side of the Sanctuary as you face the Chancel. Three traditional symbols of life—the pomegranate, the butterfly, and the Easter lily—are used in the fifth window. This window, of course, relates the joy of the Resurrection.

The sixth window reminds us that God continues his ministry in the world today as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through the Trinity. Here one can see the hand representing the Fatherhood of God, the Dove representing the Spirit of God, and the Lamb representing the Son of God.

One more window for us to view is at the back of the Sanctuary (see above). This is an intricate design in a rose window. It has incorporated in the middle a Cross, the very heart of our Christian faith. Behind the cross, there is a circle that stands for eternity. For the Christian, it is through the Cross that our eternity will be spent with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The next time you are in the sanctuary, please take some time to look at all of the beautiful stained-glass windows. Let me know if you have any information or

memories about the selection and installation of the windows by leaving items in the historian box in the church office, or by contacting me at rijhale68@cox.net or 479-344-6074.

Happy
New Year!!

Jill



BOOK HOOK



UMW 2022 READING PROGRAM BOOKS

EDUCATION FOR MISSION CATEGORY 1:

FINDING JESUS at the BORDER by Julia Lambert Fogg (261.8) Opening our hearts to our immigrant neighbors.
ONE DRESS. ONE YEAR. by Bethany Winz (306.3)
 One girl's stand against human trafficking.
SHAKING the GATES of HELL by John Archibald (976.1)
 A moving and powerful book about growing up in the American South in the 1960's.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY CATEGORY II

BEFORE WE WERE YOURS by Lisa Wingate (FIC)
 12 year old Rill and her 4 siblings are home alone until strangers arrive in force.
THE BOY WHO DELIVERED JOY by Marvin Bartlett (BIO)
 The true story of a little boy's legacy.
REWired by Dr Ajay K Seth (362.4)
 A raccoon bite turns into a life or death crisis
A BRAVE FACE by Barbara Marlowe (362.4)

SOCIAL ACTION CATEGORY III

THE LEAVERS by Lisa Ko (FIC)
 Polly goes to work and never comes home.
THE GIRL with SEVEN NAMES by Hyeonseo Lee (BIO)
 Against all odds she had escaped, survived, and had the courage to speak out.
SEPARATED by the BORDER by Gena Thomas (BIO)
 A foster mother's account of 5 year-old girl's encounter of coming to the United States from Honduras.
SMALL GREAT THINGS by Jodi Picoult (FIC)
 White supremacist parents won't allow an African-American nurse to treat their child.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CATEGORY IV

GLIMPSES of HEAVEN by Roela Victoria Rivera (240)
 Written by a legally blind woman of faith.
WHEN GOD MADE the WORLD by Matthew Paul Turner (FIC)

LEADERSHIP CATEGORY V



THE MOMENT of LIFT by Melinda Gates (305.42)
 In order to lift a society up, you need to stop keeping women down.
HIDDEN FIGURES by Margot Lee Shetterly (BIO)
 The true story of 4 African American women who helped launch our nation into space.
WE ARE CALLED to be a MOVEMENT by Rev William J Barber (252) It's time for change and the time needs you.
MY LITTLE GOLDEN BOOK ABOUT RUTH BADER GINSBURG by Shana Corey (BIO)

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 name-tag, or contact Pastor Brenda for more information.

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
6	9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School 2:00 Auto Angel org.	7	10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 By the Book AA	8	9:00 Yoga - BH 1:00 Sarah Circle-Parlor 6:00 Scouts	9	9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:00 Chancel Bells	10	9:00 Yoga - BH 1:00 UMW Nominating 6:00 Evning Circle-Parlor	11	Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse 11:30 PreSchool Brd	12	8:30 Amp Big Book 8:30 Young@Heart ShpGp 1:00 Echols Party-BH
13	9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School 2:30 Finance Team	14	 9:30 DAR-BH 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 By the Book AA	15	9:00 Yoga - BH 1:00 Naomi Circle-Parlor 6:00 Scouts	16	9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 YouthLife 6:30 UMM	17	9:00 Yoga - BH 2:30 Emmaus Btiff Clrs	18	Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse	19	8:30 Amp Big Book
20	9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School 1:30 CCM Meeting	21	PRESIDENT'S DAY Church Closed 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 By the Book AA 	22	9:00 Yoga - BH 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 6:00 Scouts	23	9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:15 Chancel Bells	24	9:00 Yoga - BH	25	Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse	26	8:30 Amp Big Book
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