



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of BELLA VISTA

# The Good News

JANUARY 2023

## FINDING MY WAY

Grief Support

Every  
Tuesday  
4p.m.-6p.m.  
in the Parlor



## Start the new year Connected!

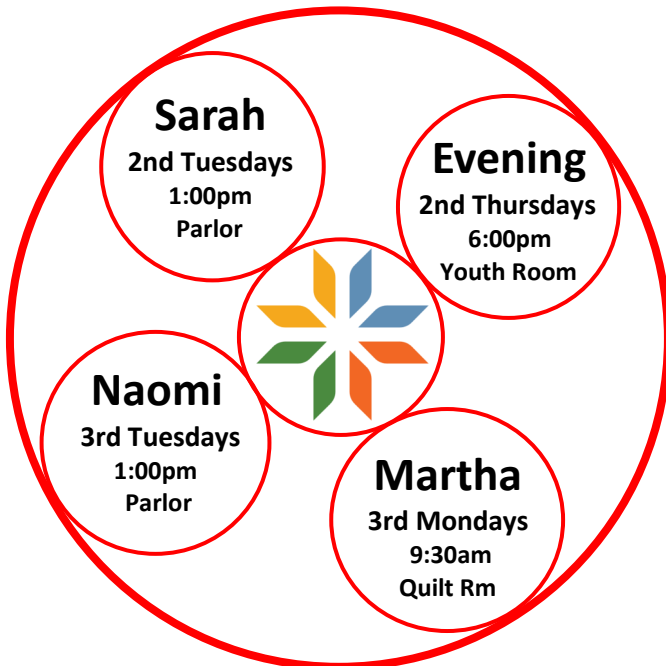
## Sermon Series

# 2023

(TRYING TO)  
SOLVE  
THE  
PUZZLE

### United Women in Faith - Circles

If you do not belong to a Circle, please consider joining any one of the UWF Circles below. The fellowship, fun, and mission give you a sense of belonging with a sisterhood of Christ-centered women in our church family.



## Acts of the Apostles

Join us in  
Room 6

Bible Study:  
Mondays - 6:00pm  
led by  
Pastor Ron Hayes



## *The Discipleship Journey*

### Rev. Ron Hayes

#### ***“2023: Hope and actions in the new year”***

I want to approach the new year in two parts. The first is an inner perspective, an inner drive. One of hope. The second part is an awareness of where we are and where we choose to head in the days ahead.

#### **Part I**

What is your honest hope in the new year of 2023? The question is often repeated each year as we move from one calendar year to the next. The wording of this simple question has captured my imagination. It gives permission for you to genuinely and candidly answer with your heart's dreams. No answer is wrong as long as it's honest.

Is your honest hope to see and move towards true world peace? Then it's not silly or foolish . . . it's the true desire of your heart. Or maybe you want more evenings at home without commitments or obligations? Then it's not shallow or lazy . . . it is your honest hope. Maybe you're lonely and want company, or feel sad and want joy again, or feel overwhelmed and just are ready for it to all be over . . . when it's an honest hope, you are given every permission to express it, hold it, cherish it. The funny thing about hope is that it's not a wish that might come true, it's something deeper and rooted in our spirit. God honors the hopes that we hold.

So, “What is your honest hope in the new year of 2023? I pray your new 2023 is filled with the blessings and promises of God: Hope, Love, Grace, and Peace.

#### **Part II**

For me, it feels like I am on the interstate and flying by another milepost: one with “2023” written on it. At the start of every new year, we typically take stock of our lives and the way we've lived the past 365 days. Often, this look at our lives leads us to proclaim outrageous commitments; exercise more, save more money, be more disciplined, eat healthy more often . . .

All of these things are great, and it's definitely a good thing to want to better ourselves. But these extreme resolutions often get dropped by February, leaving us feeling worse about ourselves instead of better. So, what if this year, we explore the idea that we are enough? Just as we are? Even with those 10 “extra pounds” and small savings accounts and donuts for breakfast?

During our new year sermon series “2023: (Trying to) Solve the Puzzle”, I will consider what it would be like to identify the attributes of Christ, and in turn, those attributes for us as Christians trying to be Christ-like. Learning to Love God, Ourselves and Others. What if we looked at self-care in a way that starts from the foundational understanding that you are enough. You are beloved. And that it's only from claiming that worth that real change can unfold in our lives. We will join together in January to consider self-care from the perspective of our creator, and let's experience a gentler inner voice this new year. We will strive to have a deeper understanding of Christ and then our calling to be Christ-like. Along the journey, we will find our hope is in God.

Peace and blessings,

## **JOB BOOK**



Have you seen a burned-out bulb somewhere, or a faucet leaking, or any other “something that needs to be fixed”? There is a JOB BOOK in the office where you can fill out a job request form. The Trustees check this book frequently, and try to fix whatever needs to be fixed - but if they don't know about it, it won't get done! Everyone can be the eyes and ears of the church. Thanks!





## ENJOYING THE ADVENT SEASON

### *Christmas Poinsettia Plants*



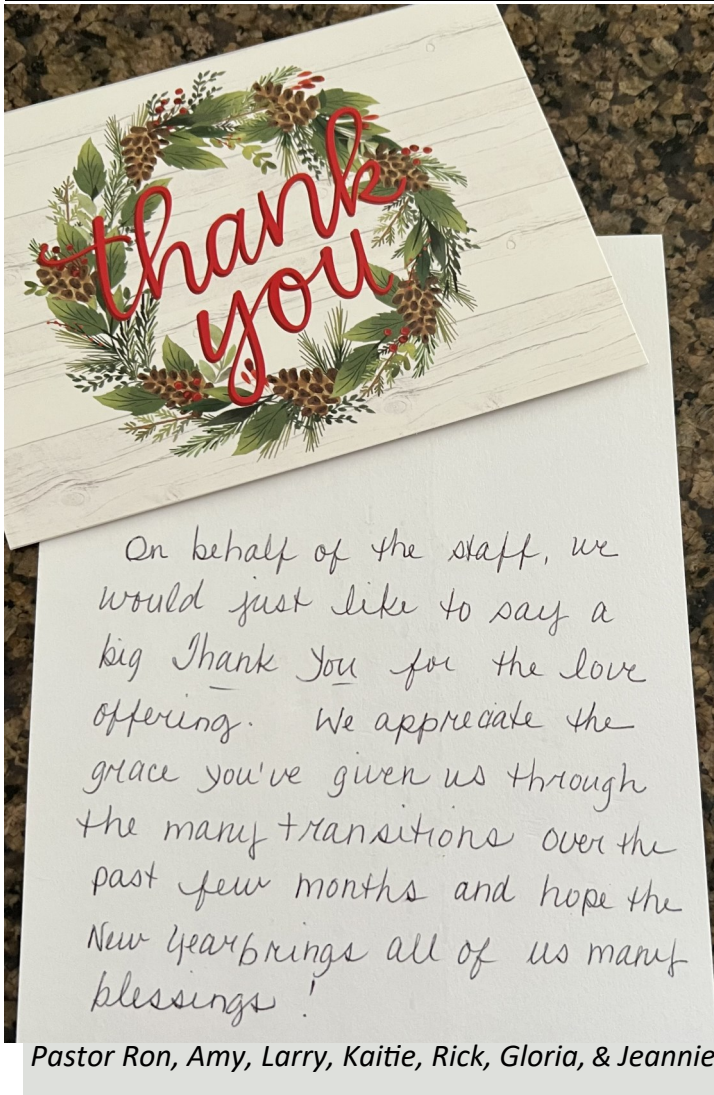
**Thank you to those that shared these gifts.**

### **Sunday Transportation Needed!**

There currently is a need for Sunday drivers to pick up and return home, residents of Concordia who wish to attend church. The list of residents is growing, and the list of drivers is shrinking. If this is something you feel you could comfortably do, please contact the office.

### **Many, many Thanks You's came in!**

Once again the Wesley Shepherd Group blessed so many with their Christmas Card program. As Wanda Williams said, "Bringing the bag 'full of cheer' to me, I say thanks." We received so many TY's.



*Pastor Ron, Amy, Larry, Kaitie, Rick, Gloria, & Jeannie*



**Cancer Support Group: 6:30pm  
Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Parlor**



## LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

### My Dear Friends,

Last month, we recalled how God's "peace on earth" was His gracious overture to mankind, to grant peace and reconciliation, not between man and men, but God and man.

Jesus was sent from heaven as the substitutionary sacrifice for all men. But only those who unconditionally surrender their will, turn from sin (repent) and trust wholly in Christ, will receive benefit of that sacrifice. No amount of good works or religious activity will ever be accepted in the eyes of a Holy God.

God the Father accepted the sacrifice of the Son as satisfactory payment for sin and now with reconciliation comes the believers' adoption as children of God. Only now can we truly call God, "Our Father."

Now we can have the relationship that we were meant to have from the very beginning. Now we can "seek His face," having fellowship and true communion with our Creator.

As we spend these thirty days seeking God, develop the good routines that turn into good habits, that will be with us the rest of our lives. Spend time with God every day, developing a relationship that will carry us through this life, and into eternity.

Happy New Year.

... Dave

## What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian



To ring in 2023, we have a wonderful story from Layne Anderson. Here, in her own words.

Thank you, Layne, for sharing your story with us! We are looking for MORE stories. Let me know if you are willing to write your story. You may contact me by telephone at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by email at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net), Jill Hale, Historian

*My name is Layne Anderson, and I have been calling this church my home since we moved here 20 years ago. I have two wonderful daughters and four dear grandchildren. I am originally from Anderson, Missouri, and have fond memories of coming to Bella Vista in my high school days to swim with friends in the "big pool" and paddle boats. I met and married my high school sweetheart, J.R. Anderson, the great-grandson*



*of Robert Anderson, for whom the town was named. Back then it was a beautiful, thriving little town with a cinema and upscale stores.*

*After JR and I both graduated from Pittsburg State College, we spent 13 years in Kansas City, where I taught home economics. He worked for All-state Insurance. We moved back to Joplin to be closer to family and continue our careers, and lived there until we retired.*

*Early on, my father was a supervisor of the road development of BV. In the early '80s, my relatives, Dr. Dale and Virginia Croddy, moved here from Anderson, inviting us to visit often; work on our golf game, join them in tournaments and enjoy seafood buffets and dances at the country club. Shortly after, we sold my mother's home and moved her to a cute little condo here. In 2002, Bella Vista was calling and we bought our house on Kingswood Golf Course. We traveled extensively, visited our grandchildren often and stayed active in golf, church and the community. JR was pairing chairman for the men's 18-Hole Golf Association, and played with the 18-hole Men's group on Thursdays. I played with the 18-hole Women's group and Happy Hackers, and we both played in Double Dozen and Kings and Queens groups. We bowled with the Thursday Morning Coffee League. In the church, we served as greeters and belonged to a Shepherd group. I've made cinnamon and orange rolls for the bazaar and rummage sale. I've made prayer shawls and J.R. cooked pancakes for many pancake breakfasts. I'll always appreciate Martha Circle as it has been a wonderful support group for us. When we traveled to the Holy Land, Brother Jaimie asked us to bring back some holy water. We collected the water from the River Jordan and brought it back to him. He used it sparingly by sprinkling a tiny bit in as many baptisms as possible, and my grandson Joshua Patterson was the first to be baptized with it. I enjoy painting and love to donate my crafted items for the church sales.*

*JR's illness and COVID-19 kept us away from church for too long. We were able to watch the services and sermons on television from home. I am so grateful for the friendships we made, and support from the pastors and congregation throughout his battle with Alzheimer's and his passing in 2021. With my faith and the support of so many, I look forward to being back in the pews and an active part of this congregation again.*



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/01 LEHMANN, HEATH & JENNIFER
- 01/01 MCGEE, JOE & KIMBERLY
- 01/03 HANSON, DAVID. & ANDREA
- 01/12 STERWALD, KEITH & CO ELLEN
- 01/16 WHITESIDES, ROB & CHERYL
- 01/19 PENNER, DUANE & LYNNE
- 01/23 ALFORD, ROD & ARLENE
- 01/24 ABBOTT, RICHARD & JANICE
- 01/27 FRISBY, DAVID & MARILYN

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS *(continued)*

- 01/10 CLAPP, MARLENE
- 01/14 JENNER, ED
- 01/15 AUGSPURGER, CYNTHIA
- 01/15 HAMMARSTROM, MARY JANE
- 01/17 SELLEY, DORIS B.
- 01/19 GEORGE, DAVID
- 01/20 KOLBE, JAN
- 01/20 STERWALD, CO ELLEN
- 01/22 BEVERAGE, BILLY
- 01/23 FRANKLIN, JUANITA
- 01/23 HIGHT, KEVIN
- 01/23 KORNS, MARION
- 01/23 MEADOWS, JEAN
- 01/24 SMITH, ANDREW
- 01/25 LANTZ, IVAN D.
- 01/25 WALLACE, NITA
- 01/27 KIZZIRE, TROY
- 01/30 WALTON, TOM
- 01/31 GROSNICKLE, GARY
- 01/31 THUMA, ADDISON

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01/01 JUSTICE, ROGER
- 01/04 GURGANUS, TYLER
- 01/04 HARRIS, MOLLY
- 01/04 POTTS, BILL
- 01/06 JUTTE, GLADYS
- 01/06 MURPHY, CHRIS
- 01/07 SHANNON, JUDI
- 01/08 GRIDER, STEPHEN
- 01/08 MAYES, DENA
- 01/08 STERWALD, KEITH
- 01/08 WEBER, ANNY
- 01/10 AUGSPURGER, TERRY



Blessing  
**Food  
Collection**

**THANK YOU  
THANK YOU  
THANK YOU**



~ Karen, Maryann, Cheryl ~  
**Your Shoebox Ministry Team**

# FUMCBV ~ JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	Happy New Year 10:00 Unified Service (Becker Hall)	2	Offices closed	3	8:30 Décor Update 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:30 Staff Mtng - Rm 6	4	9:00 BV Quilters Qlt Rm 9:30 UMF Board - Parlor 3:00 Chancel Bells - MR 4:30 Chancel Choir - Snct	5	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 12:30 Caregivers Suprt 2:00 Praise Team Practice	6	Offices closed	7	8:30 Amp Big Book AA
8	Holy Communion 9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time Prlr 10:00 Children's S. School 11:00 Casual Service - Becker	9	9:30 DAR 10:30 Staff Mtng - Rm 6 5:00 Potlck/Games - Prlr 6:00 Book of Acts Study 6:30 By the Book AA Rm 28	10	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:00 Sarah Circle - Parlor 4:00 Finding My Way Prlr 6:00 Scouts - Qlt Rm & BH	11	9:00 BV Quilters Qlt Rm 3:00 Chancel Bells - MR 4:30 Chancel Choir - Snct	12	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Friends of Christ Prlr 2:00 Praise Team Practice 6:00 Evening Cir. - Yth Rm	13	Offices closed 11:30 PreSchi Bd - Rm 28	14	8:15 Young@Heart PM 8:30 Amp Big Book AA
15	Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time Prlr 10:00 Children's S. School 11:00 Casual Service - Becker 12:15 Finance Mtg - Parlor 1:30 CCM Meeting - Prlr	16	<b>MLK Day</b> 8:00 CARE & SHARE Trlr 9:30 Martha Circle - Qlt R 10:30 Staff Mtng - Rm 6 5:00 Potlck/Games - Prlr 6:00 Book of Acts Study 6:30 By the Book AA Rm 28	17	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 4:00 Finding My Way Prlr 6:00 Scouts - Qlt Rm & BH 6:30 Men's Chorus - MR 6:30 Scouts (Girls) Prlr	18	9:00 BV Quilters Qlt Rm 3:00 Chancel Bells - MR 4:30 Chancel Choir - Snct 5:30 UMM - Papa Mike's	19	9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 2:00 Praise Team Practice 6:30 Cancer Support - Prlr	20	Offices closed	21	8:30 Amp Big Book AA 10:00 Scouts - Becker Hall
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A8 + Wednesday, December 28, 2022

News

The Weekly Vista

### Pearl Harbor remembrance at Concordia

Charles N. Hurl salutes during a playing of the national anthem Monday, Dec. 19, at Concordia of Bella Vista. Bo's Blessings hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance honoring World War II veterans Dewitt J. Carpenter, Robert Troutt Sr., Robert L. Beaty, William H. Armstrong, Charles N. Hurl, Raymond O. Dore, Wendell E. Stephens Sr., Elmer Hoeffler and Bobby Joe Beasley who live at Concordia.

Jannie Layne (left), president of Bo's Blessings, welcomes Charles N. Hurl to speak Monday, Dec. 19, at Concordia of Bella Vista. Bo's Blessings hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance honoring World War II veterans Dewitt J. Carpenter, Robert Troutt Sr., Robert L. Beaty, William H. Armstrong, Charles N. Hurl, Raymond O. Dore, Wendell E. Stephens Sr., Elmer Hoeffler and Bobby Joe Beasley who live at Concordia.

**Our own Chuck Hurl! Thank you for your service.**

### GREETINGS FROM U W F

As we approach the New Year The United Women of Faith are very thankful for a good 2022 and are looking forward to a Great 2023 of helping Women, Children, and Youth. At our unit meeting earlier in the month New officers for 2023-2024 were installed by Judy Maddox a former Arkansas Conference president. It was also announced that our unit had received the Diamond Unit award, Five Star Unit Award, Charter for Racial Justice recognition, U W of FAITH SUNDAY, E T W recognition , Mi Watch Unit, and Miles of Pennies unit. Another area that our unit is helping children in our community is through our After School Scholarship fund. We sent \$400 to the Bella Vista Boys And girls club to cover the fee for a family in need. Again the UWF wish to thank our church members who have given for this on-going project.

In January all the circles will have their Pledge Services that will help the UWF in our missions in the state, country, and the world. January brings officer training at Goddard UMC, Ft. Smith.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Exec. Board mtg (planning of 2023) & Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Local Officers Update/Training (Ft. Smith)  
Jan. is Pledge Month for All Circles. For day, time, and locations of the Circle Meetings see Pg 1.

**You can become a member and make a difference in someone's life.**

**You do not need to be a member of the Methodist church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME: HAVE A VERY HEALTH AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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**Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month**

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

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

is our on-going commitment to provide 30 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. Now that school has started up again for the year, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Bring your quarters ! Write a check ! Feed a Child !**



**PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS**

As a church family, we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns.

Praises and Prayer requests should be sent to Pastor Ron Hayes at his email: ron.hayes@arumc.org or call [(479) 366-9725] or call the church office (479) 855-1158 or stop by at 20 Boyce Dr. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop them in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked during office hours.

**Office Angels Still Needed!**

Remember the expression "many hands make light work?" Proof of that is visible in our church today. Join those who are helping in the office. If you are interested, please call or sign the sheet outside of the main office. For a few hours a week you can answer the phone and perform simple tasks.



**The rewards are "heavenly".**