



# The Good News

MARCH 2022

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

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

3/2	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm, Sanctuary ~ Practice of Piety Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
3/6	An Opportune Time Luke 4:1-13 Holy Communion
3/13	Under the Wings Luke 13:31-35
3/20	If It Bears Fruit Luke 13:1-9
3/27	Lost and Found Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
4/3	Filled with the Fragrance John 12:1-8
4/9	Easter Egg Hunt
4/10	Palm/Passion Sunday ~ The Lord Needs It ~ Luke 19:28-40, Luke 22:14-23:56
4/14	Holy Thursday Worship Service 6:30pm ~ Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated Do You Know What I Have Done? John 13:1-17, 31b-35
4/15	Good Friday Service 6:30pm ~ Are You the King? John 18:1-19:42
4/17	Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:30am ~ Becker Hall Upper Deck ~ Donuts & Coffee afterwards
4/17	Easter Sunday ~ 9:00am & 11:00am services Where's the Body? Confirmation Fellowship Hour at 10:00 between services

## **For Lent . . .**

- . . . Give up temper ~ *Substitute a forgiving spirit.*
- . . . Give up complaining ~ *Substitute thanks for your home, family, job, health.*
- . . . Give up worry ~ *Substitute total trust in the Almighty.*
- . . . Give up gossip ~ *Substitute kind words and understanding action.*
- . . . Give up TV one night a week ~ *Substitute a visit to a shut-in or someone in the hospital.*
- . . . Give up animosity toward a neighbor or fellow worker ~ *Substitute an attitude of love.*
- . . . Give up envy ~ *Substitute a compliment.*
- . . . Give up an extra 15 minutes in bed ~ *Substitute prayer and Bible reading.*
- . . . Give up an hour on Sunday of fun and personal gratification ~ *Substitute that time in church.*
- . . . Give up fear for a loved one ~ *Substitute a visual image of the way God would have them live.*



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Four and a half years ago, Janet handed me a stack of newsletters and said, “Here’s how it’s formatted. You need a one page article each month, and you need to come up with a title for your column.” So I went with *Glimpses of Grace* with the thought that I would share where I have seen God’s grace lately each month. Of course, that idea went out the window quickly as I realized that I had many, many things to say in this space beyond that scope. But this month, I wanted to return to this idea.

2022 just simply has not been my family’s year so far. Between quarantines for exposure, actually catching and living through Covid-19, and winter weather, it’s been tough. However, there have been many glimpses of grace. They come in the form of cards, calls, texts, food, and prayers. They come in the genuine care we have received from you. Do I wish it wasn’t this way? Absolutely. It is next to impossible for me to accept help, let alone we admit we need it? Absolutely. But isn’t that where God’s grace comes in? When we become too independent and too sure of ourselves?

There are many glimpses of God’s grace all around us every day. Do you see them? Do you acknowledge them as God? Where do you see God’s grace? As we begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, I invite you to join me in being more intentional about recognizing glimpses of grace in our ordinary lives.

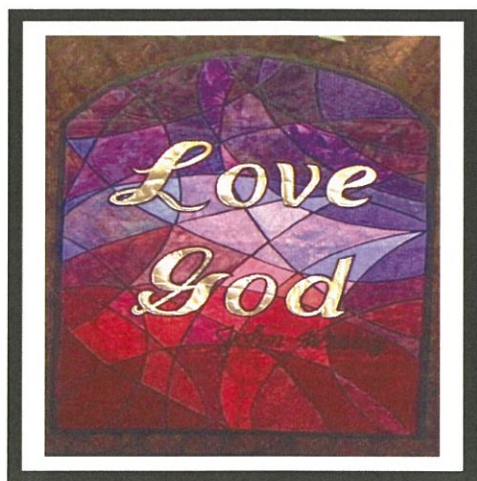
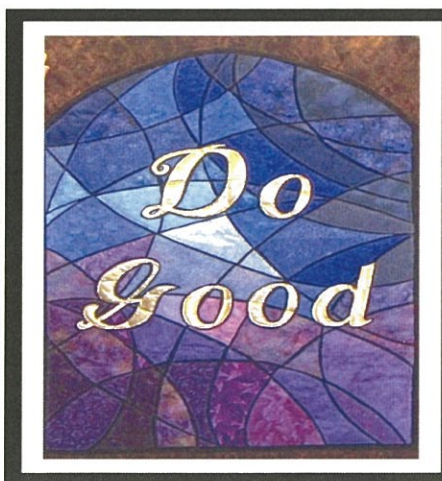
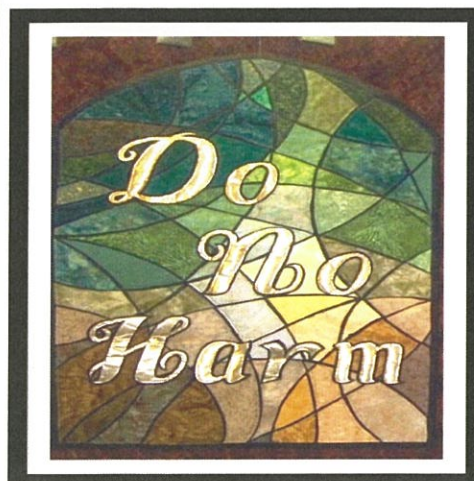
### **Worship for Lent**

The season of Lent is essential for those who truly seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because a part of what we learn in this time of self-examination is that we are what might be most in need of transformation. We might find that what might need to grow in faith and discipleship is the church and that the transformation of the world begins with building bridges and gathering up rather than with condemnation. We hope you’ll join us and with churches around the world as we seek to be gathered up in Jesus. Please see the front page for a worship schedule during Lent.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, and gifts of food while we were experiencing Covid-19. We certainly felt our community of faith surround us and love us as we recovered.

Blessings, *Rev. Jeanne and Family*





## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### A Culture of Caring

*"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."* John 13:34-35 CEB



Jesus shared many things with his disciples in the days before he was arrested and condemned. He had told them of God's love many times, but in the scripture above, he commanded them to create a culture of love. In our discipleship, we, too, are to create that same culture, a culture of love. Caring is at the very heart of the church and the glue that holds us together as a community. I want to bring three recent and upcoming caring events to your attention.

#### Auto Angels Ministry

On Sunday, February 6, the Auto Angel ministry was given new life. A meeting was held to organize about a dozen volunteers whose ministry is to provide rides to church, doctor's appointments, to pick up medication, and other critical needs for those who are no longer able to drive. This caring team is led by and coordinated by Sue Nebrig. If you have a need such as this, contact Sue at 855-9269, 372-7247, or [fneb@aol.com](mailto:fneb@aol.com) for help. Please contact her at least one day in advance of the need.



#### Congregational Care Ministry Team

On the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, three new CCM team members were trained. They were Jill Hale, Judy Bilyeu (not shown) and Friskey Kennedy. These three have joined the existing team of nine CCMs. Their ministry is to spread care through contacts, friendship, visits, cards, calls, and in any way that shares God's love. This ministry serves the homebound, those struggling with illness, grief, and just struggling in general. If you are in need of this type of caring or you know someone who is, we invite you to contact Pastor Brenda at 855-1158.

(Back) Kandi Mount, Maryann Johnson, Friskey Kennedy, Connie Knauss, Paula Phillips, Jim Phillips, Judy Kaufmann. Dave Broers, Amy Gilmore (Front) Pat Fox, Jan Walton, Jill Hale

#### Grief Support

Many of us have experienced loss during these last several difficult years. Many have lost loved ones, others have lost jobs, relationships, and others have been in different forms of life's struggles. Our fifteenth semi-annual Grief Support Group will begin Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm in the Chapel. This caring ministry meets each Tuesday evening for nine weeks to seek to understand grief, learn of ways to cope with it, and to provide care and support for each other as we take this journey together. This is a video and discussion led group that compares the characteristics of the seasons of the year with our journey toward healing. Many in our congregation and from our community have been a part of this in the past and have found healing. If you find yourself in the midst of grief, we invite you to join us. Please contact Pastor Brenda at 855-1158 to learn more.



Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



## COMMUNITY LIFE

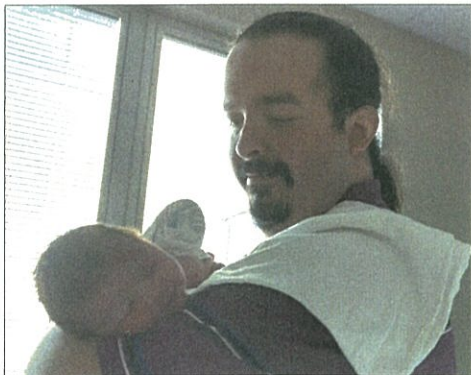
## OUR FAMILY

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

**Nancy Spangler** is overjoyed to announce the birth of her 18<sup>th</sup> great-grandbaby. Emma Lynn Brewer was born in Kansas City on February 4<sup>th</sup> to John & Kim Brewer. We lift prayers for this precious newest member of Nancy's family.

**Pat Fox** has welcomed her third great-grandchild. Gwendillon Aila Tull was born February 15<sup>th</sup> in Weston, WI to Jordan and Bailey Tull. We lift prayers for this little one, that she has a wonderful life.



**Andrew & Rachel & "big brother" Joey Smith** welcomed the birth of Emma Catherine Smith on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:03am. Both mama and baby are doing great, and they all look forward to the joys this precious little one will bring to the entire Smith family.

## 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!

## In Memoriam



**Curtis Brooks** passed away on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Curtis and his wife, Barbara, have been very active members with us since 1995. They have been married 61 years. A small family service is expected to be held in the Spring. Condolences may be sent to Barbara and her family at: PO Box 5098, Bella Vista, AR 72714. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Curtis.

**Aggie Danenhauer** passed away February 14<sup>th</sup> in Nebraska. She and her husband, Bill, had moved there in April of last year to be closer to family. She had been in failing health since the death of Bill on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Aggie and Bill had been faithful members with us since 1991. A memorial service for Aggie was held on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in Gretna, NE. Please keep their four children, Bill, Jr., Bob, Becky, Brenda, and all their family in your prayers in this difficult time. Cards of support can be sent to: Family of Aggie Danenhauer, c/o Brenda Bland, 20702 Cedar Circle, Gretna, NE 68028.



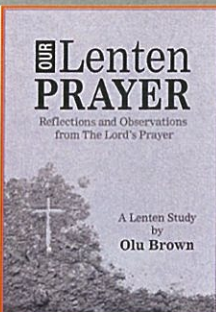
**Mary Lee Snively** passed away Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She and her husband, Jack, have been with our church family since 2012. She was an active member of the Prayer Shawl ministry until her health began to fail a few years ago. She was 92 at the time of her death. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Please keep Jack and all of their family in your prayers. Condolences may be sent to Jack and family at 34 Dunedin Dr., Bella Vista 72715.



**Kenny Campbell** - older brother of Chet Campbell, passed away January 31<sup>st</sup> in Cedar Vale, KS. Please keep Chet and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Kenny. Condolences may be sent to Chet and family to: 10 Pawle Dr., BV 72714

**Betty Madsen** - wife of Ron Madsen, passed away on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ron has been a long-time member of the Caregivers' Support Group which meets monthly in our church. Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Betty.

## FAITH FORMATION



"Our Lenten Prayer: Reflections and Observations from The Lord's Prayer" by Reverend Olu Brown, founding pastor of Impact (UM) Church! In Atlanta ~ will be the next study of *Mystic Hearts* Adult Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, March 6 at 10 am. It will also be available by Zoom

Wednesday evenings at 6:30, beginning March 9.

From his introduction:

"We will spend time focusing on our personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and reflect introspectively on the condition of our souls. We will also focus on our relationships with ourselves and with our brothers and sisters. We will examine how we are showing up in the world and explore whether we live life intentionally with purpose or live on default. Reflecting on these thoughts is challenging because it takes us deep within our being, shows us how we are with ourselves and how we present ourselves to others and God." This class will not be hybrid because of the importance of the small group sharing.

Books in the office are \$10 or available on Kindle through Amazon. Please sign up in the office. If you have any questions about this class, please contact the group facilitator Cathy Luck at 479-619-6063 or [caluck88@gmail.com](mailto:caluck88@gmail.com)



## *Nextgen Newscast*

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

Welcome back to In-person NextGen activities! Thank you to the youth and children who participated in Zoom classes over the past few weeks. I certainly learned something new. In order to successfully share our Youth DVD from home I need to utilize a ladder, a cooling rack and a few bungee cords! Quite the setup, but it worked well.

Now that we're over the spike again, what's next? The confirmation class will be meeting soon. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend Camp Tanako. Rev. Jeanne will be leading 2 mini-retreats instead. The Confirmation Service is planned to take place Easter Sunday, April 17, as part of morning worship. Veritas, the largest event of the ACCYM year, has been rescheduled for March 25-27. We're making plans to attend the weekend-long worship experience. I'm also in the process of creating a unique VBS program for this summer with the theme "Spend Your Summer With God". We don't have dates yet; however I'm hoping it will take place in June. Watch for more information as the program develops.

As always, my door is open to you. Please be patient for a short time as I recover from yet another cancer surgery. You may contact me by email or text if you have questions or concerns before I'm back in the office.

Grace & Peace, *Ms. Renee*

## THANK YOU

My family and I want to thank you for all the cards and prayers I have received for Curtis's passing. This is the warmest and most loving church I have ever been a part of. Thank you to all my sisters and brothers in Christ,

*Barbara Brooks*

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, calls, and cards after my recent cancer surgery. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming and much appreciated. I can't wait to join you in church and on the golf course soon!

*Dennis Reed*

Dear Friends, thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and valentines. Martha Circle means so much to me. I hope to get back soon.

*Layne Anderson*

Thank you to all who were generous in donating food for our Blessing Box during the "Souper Bowl" food drive last month. We collected approximately 125 food items, which will go a long way in keeping our Blessing Box stocked. Again, our church family has come through!!!





## COMMUNITY LIFE



## LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

### Confidently Trusting God

The Disciples IV class that I'm in just finished up Psalms. Next, we will proceed to John and Revelation, the final half of our four-year program. The conversations were thought provoking, reflecting on the stories behind Psalms and imagining both what the author was experiencing and how Jesus and the disciples might have understood these poems and songs. Today I want to talk about Psalm 3.

The heading at the top of the poem tells us that this Psalm was written when King David was fleeing from his son Absalom. In the story, Absalom works to gain the Israelites' favor in an attempt to overthrow his father and become king. David flees Jerusalem with those who are still loyal to him. When the time for the battle becomes imminent, David is advised to stay back and to allow his troops to go to war without him. It says that he stands by the city gate while all his men marched out in units of hundreds and thousands. And then he waits. And this is the Psalm written during that time. *Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me "God will not deliver him." But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my*

*enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked' From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. (Psalm 3 ~ Life Application Study Bible)*

David is looking for deliverance, for sustenance, and what does he do? He prays for God's help and then he takes a nap. He expects that when he wakes up, all will be well.

Admittedly, this is not how I usually pray. I usually ask God to give me strength, wisdom and ability to solve the problem on my own. I expect that I will step into the battle and I will win, with God's help. Sometimes this is true. But, what if sometimes God is perfectly prepared to win the battle on my behalf, without any efforts on my part? Maybe all I need to do is ask and rest. Wesley prays, "...may I be used by you, may I be laid aside for you..."

Perhaps these last couple of years has been a chance to rest in preparation for something we can't see. Perhaps this Lent will be a chance to remember to whom the battle belongs. We need to ask the Lord, "Is this my battle or yours?" and if it's not for me to fight, to practice trusting God enough to rest while we wait.

Blessings, *Dave*



## Artie Lawless, UMM President

### Care for each other...

Hello Methodist Men!

March, named after Mars, God of war. But Mars, symbolically, stood for many other meanings, not just battle and conflict. March was so important to the Romans it was the first month of their calendar year. To the Romans, Mars stood for standing resolute to a way of life, pride, patriotism, and heroism. Mars stood for a new season of life. Mars also had meaning in both agriculture and fertility.

Our month of March commemorates, new life, forward momentum, new conquests, reigniting our hearts, ideas, and goals.

In agriculture, March trees include the Ash, known for its resilience, strength, and endurance. Another tree is the Alder, a tree for protection and flexibility in transitions.

Two March flowers we appreciate this month are the Daffodil, whispering its promise of spring, honesty, love, and trust. And the Shamrock, a survivor, a flower with enormous endurance.

Our God wants us to look at this coming month, not as a time of conflict and distain, but see, really see, the strength, the power, and the beauty of his kingdom, our world, full of hope.

Our God has given us the strength of the trees, the endurance of the flowers and his never-ending love. We need to keep moving forward and be like Mars, steadfast and resolute in caring and nurturing these gifts.

Many Blessings, *Artie*





# OUR FAMILY



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 🍀 Don & Lois McMahon
- 14 🍀 LeRoy & JoAnn Handel
- 17 🍀 Heath & Jeanne Williams
- 28 🍀 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti
- 29 🍀 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 🍀 Linda Davis
- 2 🍀 James Gilmore
- 3 🍀 India Hight
- 3 🍀 Layton Magee
- 3 🍀 Preston Magee

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 6 🍀 Emeree Hight
- 7 🍀 Frank Kostal
- 7 🍀 Wanda Williams
- 10 🍀 Linda Hyde
- 16 🍀 Lora Burch
- 17 🍀 John Lindsey
- 17 🍀 Ralph Wallace
- 18 🍀 Kaitie Bewley
- 20 🍀 Terry Davis
- 22 🍀 Dylon Lehmann
- 23 🍀 Carmen Heck
- 24 🍀 Kimberly McGee
- 26 🍀 Naomi Hagan
- 26 🍀 Frances Temple
- 28 🍀 Janelle Engle
- 28 🍀 Judy Knadle
- 28 🍀 Cheryl Meyer
- 29 🍀 Sarah Bowers
- 29 🍀 Kim Davenport
- 29 🍀 Brenda Wideman

### March 2022 Newsletter Financial Data

Information as of January 31, 2022

	Actual	2022 Budget
Month of January Contributions (Income*)	\$ 27,746.71	\$ 30,639.00
Month of January Expenses	\$ 42,936.17	\$ 45,943.78
Difference	<b>\$ (15,189.46)</b>	<b>\$ (15,304.78)</b>
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 27,746.71	\$ 30,639.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 42,936.17	\$ 45,943.78
Difference	<b>\$ (15,189.46)</b>	<b>\$ (15,304.78)</b>
Transferred from Restricted Fund to date	\$ 10,100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (5,089.46)</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. Please see page 3 for more information. Your CCM Team is here for you!





COMMUNITY LIFE

GENEROSITY

UMW NEWS

Our Circles are meeting each month and if any woman would like to come for a visit, we have them mornings, afternoons and an evening meeting. So, please do not hesitate to contact Judy Bileyu @ 479-876-2345 or Linda Hyde@1-316-680-0311. You can also call the church office for meeting dates and times.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the After School Scholarship program at the Boys and Girls Club. This help pays for the care of the children of families who cannot afford the fees to have their children enrolled in an after school program while their parent(s) work. The Boys and Girls Club has a grant that helps provide scholarships to needy families, but they require the families to provide half of the tuition. At Christmas, we were able to help a family of 6 with 4 in the program so that they could use that \$200 for Christmas. During the summer, the cost goes up and our help will most assuredly be needed then. Thanks so much for helping with this project.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 2nd - Board Meeting
- March 2nd - Ash Wednesday
- March 23rd - Unit Meeting (The program will be presented by Brandi Schneider, LMSW, Director of Aging Services and Administration at the Schmieding Center. Dessert/lunch will be determined closer to the event due to Covid concerns.

We are planning a Rummage Sale in the late summer or early fall. Church members are encouraged to start saving items for that sale. Contact Verna B. @ 479-876-1392 with any questions.

We are hoping to decide at the March meeting if we will have a bazaar in the fall, to be determined somewhat by interest expressed by members.

We are still asking folks to collect best choice labels, too. The labels can be left in the library on the UMW shelf or even left in the office in the UMW mailbox. These labels can earn us money to help community needs

Darleen O'Brien

Spotlight on Stewardship

Since 2017 our church has been supplying snack packs for back packs for Cooper School.

In the beginning we were doing 80 bags a month and now we are doing 120. The bags contain 10 items for children to take home for the weekend. The items are healthy snacks and quick meals. It makes such a difference for the kids. Even though the poverty level is high in our school it ranks very well academically. It's heartwarming to know in a small way we're making life a little easier for the affected families. Your quarters left at the snack pack table near Becker Hall and in the Narthex help to make this possible. As Proverbs 22:9 says *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.* The evening Circle is graciously helping with the snack packs for back packs project. They are being good stewards in sharing their time for this special act of love for our community. "God's work, our hands

Shari Vermett, Finance Chair

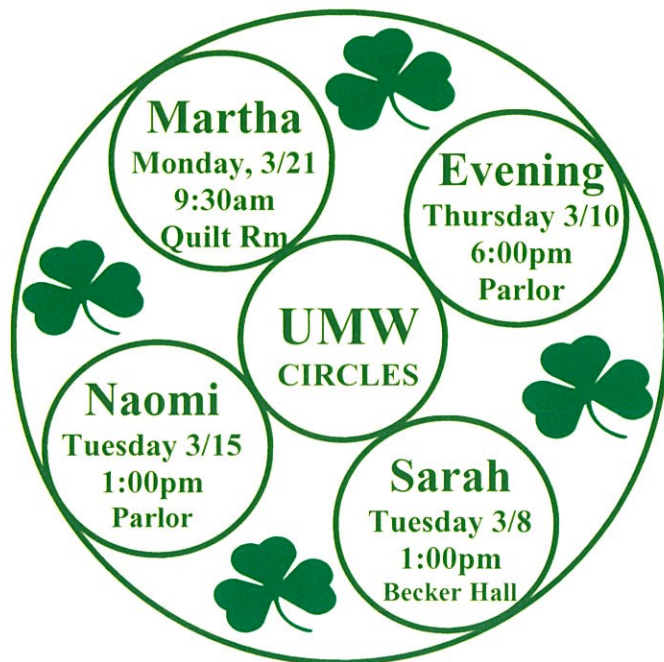


SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

Bring your quarters !  
Fill the Banks !  
Feed a Child !



Blessing Box  
Food Collection





## MISSIONS

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.* Romans 12:4-5

Recently a Comment Box was placed in the Blessing Box to see how we can better serve our community. The few notes we've received include: "you've helped me a lot. Thank you" and "Please pray for my mom's arm". These are good reminders for us to include our community in our daily prayers; there are struggles that many face we can't even begin to imagine. Thank you for your continued support in bringing in food items.

The plan for the updated Mission Board is to include all missions that are supported by our congregation. If you are managing a specific project and/ or are 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*



**HELPING HANDS** has continued operating through the last couple of years with many volunteers returning and some new ones. The food pantry continues to help where needed but some direct monetary support has had to be suspended. They hope to have our volunteer 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. Any questions, contact Verna 876-1392.

## WORSHIP



## Keys and Pedals

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



I hope that you have enjoyed the four Brahms Ballades I presented last month. Piano Postludes returns in May with four pieces by Albéniz, whose work España I presented last February. If you missed that, be sure to go to my Website where you'll find a link to a recording I made in Becker Hall of all 6 pieces. The work I'll present in May and August is derived from a posthumous suite of 8 pieces that you are also sure to enjoy.

At the beginning of March, I will be back in the familiar place of combined choir director/organist for a couple of weeks. My last two church jobs between 1993 and 2010 were combined positions. When Larry returns, I will stay on my side of the chancel, where I have planned a mixture of Lenten organ pieces.

I need to prepare you in advance that my Easter postlude will not be the Toccata from Symphonie No. 5 of Widor this year. Instead, it will be the Carillon Sortie of Henri Mulet, a wonderful piece you might enjoy even more than the Widor. I hope it will strike you the same way it hit me when I heard it for the first time several months ago.

Before I sign off: Don't forget to tighten your screws! Or nuts! Or anything else that is loose. If you'd like to read more, you'll have to go to my blog to learn about my misadventures caused by a car battery replacement gone wrong.

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

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

On Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Curious Squirrel Newsletter: <https://brochite.com/curious-squirrel-newsletter>

*Broc*

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

What do you know about the Congregation Honor and Memory Garden? I had no idea! As you walk to the church from the parking lot toward the front doors under the portico, have you taken time to notice the American flag flying or the beautiful sundial? I have to admit that I haven't really paid much attention, as I seldom use that upper parking lot or enter through the front doors. Below is the original plan for the Garden. It reminds me of God giving Moses instructions for building the tent of meeting or to Noah for building the ark.

"A garden to view and remember loved ones who have passed on...a garden to view and honor those of the present for whom we care very much and a magnificent site from which the U.S. flag can be proudly flown.

"The garden will be located between the upper and lower levels of the parking lot in front of the Narthex. It will, when completed, run the full length of the island.

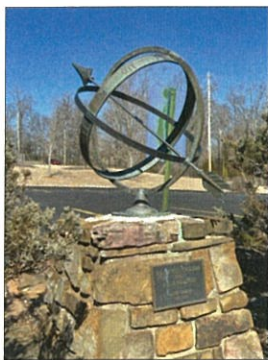
"The focal point of the garden will be the U.S. flag on the right of the steps, and a large bronze sundial on the left of the steps. The flag pole will be 50' high and will accept a flag up to 10 x 15'. The aluminum flag pole will have a permanent anodized dark bronze finish. The flag, made of nylon, will be light and will float gently, even in the modest breezes.

"Arkansas natural quarry stone will be used to build the surrounds and the raised bases for the pole and sundial. Space will be provided to plant such shrubs as holly, pieres, juniper, heather, etc., as well as small beds for seasonal flowers.

"Recessed lighting at the base of the flag pole will enable night time viewing of the flag. The recessed lights will be shielded to protect from glare. Small safety walk lights will be located at the top and bottom of the steps on both sides.

"The flag pole will be near the same height as the church steeple, thus the flag will be visible from every vantage point where the steeple is visible today. The location of the flag pole will provide approximately 145' between the church steeple and the flag.

"The flag pole will be equipped to fly a separate church flag along with the U.S. flag when desired. It is suggested the church flag be flown on special occasions. One suggestion is to fly the church flag only upon the death of a church family member, as a symbol of love and respect.



"The proposed sundial will consist of several hoops and rings, marked by various symbols and pierced by an arrow. The sundial will be made of cast bronze and will measure 30" high and 24" wide. The rings and hoops will be supported by a flat bronze base with zodiac symbols. The flat bronze base will anchor to the stone.

"A poem engraved bronze plaque [sic] will be attached to both the flag and sundial stone base or stone surround.

"A record of those being honored will be provided in the Narthex, with inclusion of the donors name if desired. A gold star will be used to signify those honored who are deceased. [See Books of Remembrance in the glass-covered case in the Narthex.]

"The flag and sundial will be the first elements built. Additional elements will be designed and built as funds become available. Each new element will be designed to coordinate with existing elements, so as the garden grows, continuity of design will be achieved."

Do you have information or memories regarding the planning or construction of the Congregation Honor and Memory Garden? If so, please do take a moment to contact me at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net) or 479-344-6074.

*Jill*

## GENEROSITY

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUSINESS REFERRAL PROGRAM



There are various businesses and individuals who are members of our church who would like to offer their services to our congregation. For referrals to them, and completed business from church members, they will contribute up to 25% of their profits back to the church. In some cases, this can be quite significant.

Dr. Gretchen Magee, audiologist from Better Hearing and Balance has joined the cause. We also have some Realtors who are members: Doug Grant ~ Lou Kaufmann. They will donate 25% back to the church, on any commission earned.

Any business member or individual of the church who would like to participate, please let Jan Walton, church Secretary, know to get on the list.



# MARCH 2022

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
6	9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 10:00 Our Lenten Prayer 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School	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 6:30 Our Lenten Prayer	10	9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 1:30 Audit - Room 6 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
13	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b> 9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 10:00 Our Lenten Prayer 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School 1:00 BSA Court of Honor 2:30 Finance	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 5:30 Grief Support 6:00 Scouts	16	9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 YouthLife 6:30 UMM 6:30 Our Lenten Prayer	17	9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 1:30 Audit - Room 6 2:30 Emmaus Btiff Colors	18	Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse	19	8:30 Amp Big Book
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<b>SPRING BREAK ALL WEEK</b>													
20	9:00 Traditional Service 10:00 All SS classes 10:00 Our Lenten Prayer 11:00 Well Wrshp-cntmp 12:00 Broc Organ Rehersl 12:30 Zoom Snday School 1:30 CCM Meeting 3:00 Church Council	21	9:00 Martha Circle 10:30 Staff Mtng-Parlor 6:00 Disciple IV-zoom 6:30 By the Book AA	22	9:00 Yoga - BH 5:30 Grief Support 6:00 Scouts	23	9:00 BV Quilters 1:45 Chancel Choir 3:15 Chancel Bells 6:30 Our Lenten Prayer	24	9:00 Yoga - BH 11:00 Concordia Worship 12:00 <b>RED CROSS</b> Bld Drv 1:30 Audit - Room 6	25	Offices closed 10:00 The Well - rehearse 5:30 Veritas Youth	26	Veritas Youth Gathering 8:30 Amp Big Book
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 12:00pm to 4:00pm

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