

# The Good News

MARCH 2023

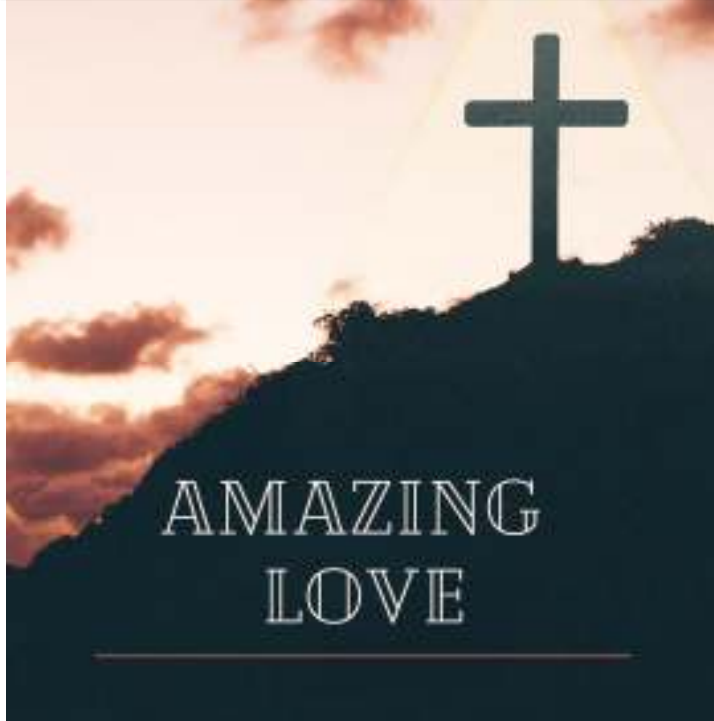


## Blessing Box Food Collection

Thank You, Sue Nebrig for your tireless efforts in taking care of the **Blessing Box** for over a year now! And a big **Welcome** to **John & Mary Hixson** to whom Sue has handed over the reins. For those unaware, the **Blessing Box** is there to help those facing food insecurities in our community. If you'd like to contribute, John & Mary suggest bringing non-perishable proteins

like peanut butter, tuna, chicken, etc. Other items like cereal are welcome too. *Please make sure any items you wish to donate are not opened or expired.* You may drop off your donation to the church or directly in the **Blessing Box** in the parking lot nearest the offices.

### SERMON SERIES:



## Lent



**FYI: Weekly Lenten Devotionals are available each Sunday in the narthex. Pick yours up today!**



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!



***“The Christian Journey can  
be more than 40 Days in Lent”***

Story time: I was almost four when my sister, fourteen months older than me, and I were adopted by a United Methodist couple. They had longed for children for over a decade and decided adopting was going to be right for them. That was more than sixty years ago and I still tease my mother that I don’t know if it was right for them or not, but it certainly worked out great for me. I can barely remember being baptized about a month after the adoption. There it was - a new beginning. Nice people, really nice people, all around.

A decade later, I worked to earn my “God and Country” Boy Scout honor with the Boy Scout Troop at the same church. Pastor Hall readily gave of his time for our weekly chats. I felt it deep in my bones when he said I had a double-portion of God’s blessings, and I would need to find a way to share God’s blessings with others.

High school found me dating a girl from the UMYF at the same church. We’ve been married a long time now. As my retailing/corporate career moved us from coast to coast, we haven’t always stayed with United Methodist churches. Some cities found us being fed in small Baptist churches. Another move had us worshipping several years in a large Pentecostal church. Living in Broken Arrow, OK, and attending an evening weekly neighborhood Bible Study, I actually accepted Christ. Everyone prayed and prayed as the tears fell. At times, between the long work hours and the inability to find a comfortable/suitable church, there was no church at all. While rare, it did happen in a few of the places we lived: Anaheim, Rapid City, Denton, and Denver.

It was back to a United Methodist Church when we landed in North Carolina. That truly became a church ‘home’. Our boys were essentially raised in that church. I did things: taught Sunday School, SPRC Chair, Admin Chair, etc. I served as a Lay Servant Speaker. There were multiple mission trips as part of UMCOR and VIM. I spent seven years as the ‘interim’ volunteer Youth Director of the church and we were blessed with an average attendance of 25-35 students. I was also a state-level officer of the Gideons in North Carolina. That busy list was my way of saying to God, “Isn’t this answering the Call to serve you?”

My career was making great strides and between the busi-

ness travel, job responsibilities, and the many church obligations, I simply did not see how I could do more. Then... Walmart called – on my birthday of all days. Would I consider coming to work for them in the Home Office and leave Hanes Apparel, the corporation I had been with for seventeen years? The process took five months, but suddenly I was in Arkansas. The first thing my wife said was that, with the boys out of the house and a new “more stressful” position, that I could finally restart and not get so involved in everything at the ‘new’ church.

It took me three weeks of attending three different churches each Sunday to find a ‘church home’. It felt like home the first Sunday I visited. I continued to visit a few other churches, but always went back to one church. It took another whole month to find me deep into several great causes and great groups there. Julie hadn’t even moved from North Carolina yet as she was wrapping up her own career change. By the time she moved four months after I did, I had been promoted again at Walmart and I was knee deep in everything at the church. Our Conference delegate had a health issue and, in spite of being new to the church, I was asked to be the substitute to Annual Conference. Then I was nominated as a Lay person to be on the dCOM, District Committee on Ordained Ministry. And so it goes...

I enjoyed the practice of slipping into that Sanctuary alone, late in the afternoon on Wednesdays, before our Fellowship Meals. During one of those prayer times, the breath of God washed over me and asked, “Why do you work so hard for yourself and others and not for me and my kin-dom?” I went home and told Julie that, while I’m not sure, I think I just got called into ministry. What was her reaction? “Finally!”

I continue to struggle with what my ministry calling is meant to be. The question of why don’t I do EVERYTHING for God rings in my ears and on my heart. I have moved all across the country for my job (for me) and I do lots under the umbrella of doing it for God, but really I haven’t been ‘all in’. Now I am. Whatever, wherever, it is - it is going to be for the Kin-dom. Finally, I grasp Pastor Hall’s vision, “You need to be sharing God’s blessings”. God has blessed me again with the ‘perfect, the best’ appointment in Arkansas. I guess I had better get to sharing as the blessings are stacking up.

Peace and blessings,



## OUR FAMILY

*Please join us as we celebrate  
our 70th Wedding Anniversary!*

*Carmen & Dorothy Phillips*

*When: Friday, March 31st, at 2:00pm*

*Where: Cedar Lodge, 18 Mason Lane, BV, 72715.*

*\*No presents, please.\**

*RSVP to: Carmen Phillips*

*3 Farnham Dr*

*Bella Vista, AR 72714*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**TERI HENNESSY  
& GALEN THIELE**



TERI & GALEN live in Bella Vista. They both enjoy outdoor activities. Pickle ball, hiking, and biking are just a few. Galen also volunteers with the BV Courtesy Van.



ARLYN & LINDA have been attending the Casual service since last fall. They are friends of Rick & Dena Mayes. We look forward to learning more about them soon.



**ARLYN & LINDA  
RICHARDSON**







# Lay Leader's Message

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

## A Lenten Message

Lent started on Wednesday, February 22, which is found by counting back from Easter 40 weekdays plus six Sundays. Sunday is always supposed to be a mini-Easter, while weekdays are ordinary life. Lent was established as a custom of fasting before Easter sometime after the year 500. The fast was to prepare spiritually for Easter. There were many different ways of observing Lent in the beginning. A water-only fast from Good Friday to Easter morning was one way. Another was to eat only fish for meat during the 40 weekdays before Easter. Another was to eat only vegetables before Easter. I guarantee I will not be partaking in that one.

Maybe fasting is a bit overwhelming to you, but denying yourself in some manner is a way to express your desire to be closer to Jesus. There are various ways to fast. Some people will fast all day and have one meal at 3 pm each day of their fast. This allows time to pray at breakfast and lunch time.

Abstaining is very similar to fasting in that we deny ourselves something as a spiritual discipline. Instead of food, we refrain from TV, Movies, shopping, or something else that gets in our way of prayer. Abstaining can help us see how much the world has a grip on us. Then we can repent and go forward in our life with Christ.

Think about your life. Do you want to have more love and more power from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? If so, Lent is a good practice. Do you have a pressing challenge that you want God to help you with? Lent is a good practice.

Do you desire to build a personal relationship with God? If so, Lent is a good practice. Come to worship our Lord every Sunday, let us prepare for Easter in some way.

Peace and Blessings,  
Dave Broers, Lay Leader

## AT THE ORGAN



Meet our new organist, Lamar Puckett! Lamar is a native Arkansan born and raised in El Dorado, currently residing in Springdale. He received his Bachelor of Church Music degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR, and his Master of Church Music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX.

Lamar has a daughter, Leslie, who resides in Camarillo, CA, with her husband, Ryan, and their daughter, Maxine.

He is employed as a Sales Associate at Belk Department Store in Rogers, and has served 10 years as organist at a local church. His musical hobby at present is learning to play the lever harp.

Lamar loves music, serving our Lord, and is looking forward to being a part of the Music Ministry at FUMC!



## What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

We are blessed this month to hear another story from our congregation. We thank Verna Bottjen for taking the time to share how she and her husband, Darrell, came to First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.

*Darrell and I have taken a rather interesting route to arriving at FUMCBV. Darrell was baptized in a Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa, but his family did not attend. I was born and raised in a small Dutch denomination, the Christian Reformed Church of North America in Le Mars, Iowa. My parents were very active and dedicated members.*

*When I went off to Central College in Pella, Iowa, I faithfully attended either a Christian Reformed or Reformed Church. After college, I taught school in the Reformed Church Parochial School in Denver, so, of course, continued attending that denomination. Then, I guess my rebellious side kicked in, and I married my first husband, a non-church member, and attended a non-denominational church in the mountains where we lived until our divorce several years later.*

*Now we come to when my nephew's wife introduced me to Darrell. He was also divorced and was the father of two step-children and one biological son. He had served in the Air Force and was attending college during the day and working at night. After he graduated and joined me in Denver, he being the nice guy that he is, consented to quitting smoking as well as to attending church with me before I consented to marry him.*

*Where we lived in Denver, the closest church that we were comfortable in was Presbyterian, so that's where we got married. But shortly after that, we found a small Reformed Church fairly close, and we enjoyed several years with that church family. Then Darrell got a job with Mobil Oil, and they started transferring us about every 3-4 years. Since the Reformed Church denomination is quite small, we had difficulty finding one to attend, but we did find one in*

*Dallas. Then we were Presbyterians again in Houston. That's where I first played in a Handbell Choir, and that kind of became a bigger priority than being close to where we lived when we had to find a church each time we moved.*

*In Liberal, Kansas, we visited several churches, but the only one with a Bell Choir was the Methodist, so guess what? We became Methodists. We have managed to stay Methodist through moves to Kansas City, KS; Berea, Ohio; Hobart, Indiana; and finally, to Bella Vista in 2008 when we retired. I was happy to find that the closest Methodist church to us not only had a Bell Choir but also had Disciple classes which we had started at a previous church. David Fleming was pastor then, but moved soon after which continued the trend that whenever we joined a church, the pastor moved.*



*We try to contribute by participating where we can and have been truly blessed for these past 15 years with all the friends that we have made here at FUMCBV.*

Do you think that this is a great example of following a path that God has prepared? It seems that way to me. I hope you have enjoyed reading this story as much as I have. Thank you again, Verna! More stories, please. I know there are many more out there as fascinating as the Bottjens' story. To share yours, call me at 479-344-6074 or 928-710-3612 or by drop me an email at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net).

Jill Hale, Historian



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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
		<b>6</b> 10:30 Staff Mtng - Rm 6 12:30 Womens' Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:00 Book of Acts Study - Rm 6 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28		<b>7</b> 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor		<b>8</b> 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:30 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary		<b>9</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wkshop - Quilt Rm 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Friends of Christ - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice 6:00 Evening Circle - Youth Rm		<b>10</b> Offices closed		<b>11</b> <b>SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR TONIGHT!</b> 8:15 Young@Heart - PM 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28			
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<b>19</b> <b>UMCOR SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Classic Service 10:00 Fellowship Time - Parlor 10:00 Children's S. School 11:00 Casual Service - BH 1:30 CCM Meeting - Parlor		<b>20</b> <b>BENTONVILLE SPRING BREAK WEEK</b> 9:30 Martha Circle - Quilt Rm 12:30 Womens' Chorus - MR 5:00 Potluck/Games - Parlor 6:30 By the Book AA - Rm 28		<b>21</b> 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 1:30 Naomi Circle - Parlor 6:00 Scouts - Quilt Rm & BH 6:30 Men's Chorus - Music Rm 6:30 Scouts (Girls) - Parlor		<b>22</b> 9:00 BV Quilters - Quilt Rm 11:30 UWF Unit Mtg/Lunch - BH 3:00 Chancel Bells - Music Rm 4:30 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary		<b>23</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wkshop - Quilt Rm 9:30 Yoga - Becker Hall 10:30 BVPS Lunch - Parlor 1:30 Friends of Christ - Parlor 2:00 Praise Team Practice		<b>24</b> Offices closed		<b>25</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book AA - Rm 28 12:00 Helping Hands Work Day			
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## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 3/10 Stephen & Sandy Larsen  
 3/13 Don & Lois McMahan  
 3/14 Leroy & Joann Handel  
 3/16 Ted & Julie Lasher  
 3/17 Jeanne & Heath Williams  
 3/28 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti  
 3/29 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 3/01 Gloria Atha    | 3/07 Frank Kostal       | 3/22 Candi Stickney |
| 3/02 Linda Davis    | 3/07 Wanda Williams     | 3/23 Ricky Echols   |
| 3/02 James Gilmore  | 3/10 Linda Hyde         | 3/23 Carmen Heck    |
| 3/02 Trent Humphrey | 3/13 Sheryl FitzPatrick | 3/24 Kimberly McGee |
| 3/03 India Hight    | 3/16 Lora Burch         | 3/25 Lucas Hollan   |
| 3/03 Layton Magee   | 3/17 John Lindsey       | 3/26 Naomi Hagan    |
| 3/03 Preston Magee  | 3/17 Ralph Wallace      | 3/26 Frances Temple |
| 3/03 Evelyn Thuma   | 3/18 Kaitie Bewley      | 3/28 Janelle Engle  |
| 3/05 Tatum Potts    | 3/20 Terry Davis        | 3/28 Judy Knadle    |
| 3/06 Emeree Hight   | 3/22 Dylen Lehmann      | 3/29 Kim Davenport  |

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### PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your name tag at all church events and activities.  
 This will make it easier for our newer members to learn your name,  
 and you theirs. Please let the office know if your name tag is AWOL  
 and you need a new one. If you see someone you do not know,  
 introduce yourself and welcome them to FUMCBV!





United  
Women  
in Faith

It's a new year and UWF members are already planning how to make 2023 as beneficial as previous years. Membership is declining, but with the help of everyone, we are proud to announce that we were able to generously fulfill the UWF purpose of helping women, children, and youth. We would like to share with everyone what we distributed from our projects and individual contributions in 2022.

From the Bakeless Bake Sale, Rummage and Bazaar income:

Local Charities - \$13,200  
UMCBV projects - \$4,238

From the member Pledges & special contributions:  
*Given through the UWF NW Arkansas District for global use:*

Pledge to District	\$4,725
Prayer and Self Denial	\$374
World Thank Offering	\$408
Mile of Pennies	\$134
Ingathering (for Sager Brown)	\$310
Love Gifts	\$200

The *Response* magazine in the library has excellent articles describing the Mission Institutions that UWF supports worldwide. We will be telling you about the local charities that we support in the future months.

## QUOTES FROM CHARITIES

### UWF HAS SUPPORTED:

**Habitat for Humanity:** "On December 23...we placed 2 families in their new Habitat homes. They will be next door neighbors. A single mother of 6 and a single mother of 3...were able to spend Christmas in their homes...The stability the kids get is nothing compared to the mothers knowing they don't have to move their kids again."

**Helping Hands:** "We work hard to be able to help where other organizations are unable. Last year Helping Hands gave out close to 1.8 million dollars in aid to those with a need in our area."

**Hub of Hope:** "...your gift provided help for 40 REAL victims of human trafficking here in Northwest Arkansas with things like safe shelter, food, clothing, education, life skills, support groups, and more."

**Oasis Food Pantry:** "Thank you for your support of our ministry as we endeavor to serve families in need by providing food assistance."

**Restoration Village:** "Last week, our residents had the opportunity to participate in a fitness class to support the healing of their physical bodies. The week before that they participated in a family experience of a bonfire and hayride to support the healing of their relationships with their family..."

These enrichment activities are just as important as attending sessions for advocacy or counseling...we believe in providing our residents opportunities for healing the mind, the body, and the soul."

**Saving Grace:** "YOU helped keep the doors of Saving Grace open for the 17 young women who called it their home and kept them from facing homelessness once again! In total, you helped us meet the needs of over 215 individuals in need in various capacities throughout 2022! 2 young women graduated...both left with life-long relationships, having purchased their own vehicles, full-timed employed, and feeling empowered and equipped to live independently."

**Shoebox Ministry:** "We will be placing another order soon for supplies so this is a blessing"

**Single Parent Scholarship:** "Thank you for helping encourage and inspire the 141 families the year..."

**Quote from one of their recipients:** "Without your





support, going back to school would not be possible. I am eternally grateful for everything you have done and what you have provided to help single parents like myself create better lives for our children.”

**Soul’s Harbor:** “Our Mission: To come alongside men who are seeking freedom from addiction by “providing personalized programs that transform their heart, mind, body and soul.”

**U of A Wesley College Ministry:** “You’ve funded Tuesday night meals, weekly leadership doughnuts, and a month of professional counselors educating students about mental health. You sent students to re-roof the home of a disadvantaged family in inner city Memphis...helped us hire Malley, a senior student who has spent the Fall reaching out to female Freshmen students.”



**UWF Unit Meeting & Luncheon**

The **UWF Unit Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon** will be **Wednesday, March 22, at 11:45 am** in Becker Hall. The speaker will be Sally Carroll, the Public Relations and Events Coordinator of the Bella Vista Public Library. The menu will be vegetable beef soup, French bread, salad, and dessert. The cost will be **\$5.00**. We encourage all members and guests who wish to attend to **make reservations by Sunday, March 19**, either through your circle or call the church office at 855-1158. Childcare will be provided with prior notification.



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Next Executive Board Meetings:**  
**March 1st at 9:30 AM**  
**April 5th at 9:30 AM**

Call President, Barbara Brooks at 876-5353 for questions or comments.

**YOU, TOO, CAN BECOME A MEMBER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE. YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**March 2023 Newsletter Financial Data**  
*information as of January 31, 2023*

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Month of January Contributions (Income*)	\$ 29,434.00	\$ 31,340.33
Month of January Expenses	\$ 34,213.04	\$ 31,649.57
Difference	\$ (4,779.04)	\$ (309.24)
Year to Date Income Contributions Only	\$ 238,010.17	\$ 219,382.31
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 221,167.93	\$ 239,203.69
Difference	\$ 16,842.24	\$ (19,821.38)

*\*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest*



# Book Nook Church Library

## UWF 2023 READING PROGRAM BOOKS

### Social Action: Category III

Cousins by Betty Kilby Baldwin

### Books in Series:

Amish Secrets by Beth Wiseman

Book 1: Her Brother's Keeper

Book 2: Love Bears All Things

Book 3: Home All Along

### Fiction:

The Road Home by Beverly Lewis

### Biography:

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom



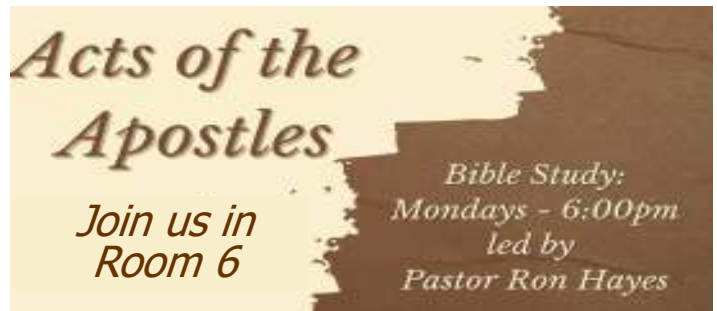
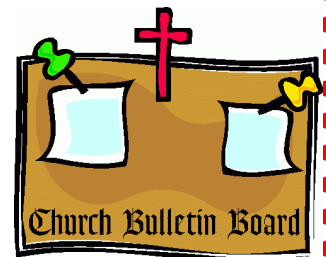
**Cancer Support Group**  
6:30pm  
Thursday, 3/16  
in the Parlor

The **Potluck and Games** group meets every **Monday at 5:00 pm** in the parlor. We encourage you to come and join us in games such as *Mexican Train, Pinochle, Sequence, Golf, Canasta, 3 to 13*, and others. We will find a game for you or teach you a new game. Bring a dish to share and table service, and come enjoy the fellowship and fun. **All are welcome!**



## VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITY!

Are you a creative person with a little free time? The **Sunday School department** could use your help. There are two bulletin boards in the lower hallway. These need to be changed according to the church year or season. You could use your own ideas or find something on the web. Construction materials are available. Come downstairs and take a look or call Judy Blyeu with questions. Thanks for considering this opportunity.



## S.O.L.O.S.

**SOLOS** is a fellowship group for single ladies who simply want to go out and eat every so often. If you are a single woman and would like to join this group, please email Lora Burch at [loraburch126@gmail.com](mailto:loraburch126@gmail.com) or call her at 417-770-0719. Lora accepts suggestions for places to go. Anyone is welcome! You don't have to be a church member to participate.





## Helping Hands Work Day Schedule for 2023

Next work day: **Saturday, March 25**

Are you looking for a "hands-on" mission project? Our church is once again scheduled to work at the Helping Hands Resale Shop on the following 3 Saturdays this year: **March 25, July 8, and October 28**. The indoor work is from noon to 4pm and includes cashiering, bagging the customer's purchases, or roaming the sales floor to clean and tidy or perhaps put items out. (It's a great way to do a little shopping at the same time - at half price!) If you're feeling strong, they can always use help out back receiving donations either in the morning or afternoon. For questions, speak to Verna Bottjen, 876-1392. They also need volunteers throughout the week.

## Snack Packs for Backpacks for Cooper School

*Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

As you may know, the "Snack Packs for Backpacks for Cooper School" mission that our church sponsors is very dear to our hearts. We are so grateful for all the support we have received. Recently, we received a very generous donation from the Bella Vista Recycling Foundation. They do a wonderful service for our community and donate their profits to a number of local charities. The support we receive from many of you is so appreciated. We have received donations from United Women in Faith, the Sunshine Shepherd group, and members who give monthly and yearly donations. Every quarter that you put in our bank makes a difference. Your generosity is overwhelming and so helpful in keeping our mission going. We thank you and the precious children we are helping thank you. All of your gifts are gifts of love; as Jesus taught us, "Love each other as I have loved you."

Bob and Shari Vermett



**Help us provide 30 kids with snacks per week!**

**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 weekend. Now that school has started up again for the year,

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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



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20 Boyce Drive  
Bella Vista, AR 72715

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ron.hayes@arumc.org (479) 366-9725  
Church Administrator - Amy Gilmore  
Church Secretary - Andrea Fobes  
Communications Director - Kaitie Bewley  
Music Ministries Director - Dr. Lawrence Zehring  
Praise Band Leaders - Rick & Gloria Atha

**Phone: (479) 855-1158**  
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**facebook.com/fumcbv**

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

### **Friends of Christ Invites You to the Movies!**

The **Friends of Christ** invite the entire congregation to see two movies this month! The first, **Max Lucado's "He Chose the Nails"**, will be shown in two installments beginning **March 23**. Part 2 will be shown **April 6**. Both will be shown during their regular meetings in the **Parlor** from **1:30-3:30 pm**. They are also holding a special screening of **"Sight and Sound of Jesus"** on **Saturday, March 25**, at **2:00 pm** in **Becker Hall**. For questions, please call Kandi Mount at 479-402-5200.



### **PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS**

As a church family, we lift each other up in prayer for both our joys and our concerns. **Send your Praises and Prayer requests to Pastor Ron** at his email: **ron.hayes@arumc.org** or call him: **(479) 366-9725**. You can also call the church office **(479) 855-1158**, email our secretary, Andrea, at: **andrea@fumcbellavista.com** or stop by **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.