



The Good News

NOVEMBER 2020



Saturday,
October 31
3:00-5:00pm

2020 can't take away Trunk or Treat! We're hosting a pandemic-safe

Trunk or Treat this year!
*Kids of all ages are invited to drive thru the church parking lot to get treat bags!
*For the safety of those handing out candy, kids and guardians are asked to wear a mask inside their vehicle while driving from trunk to trunk.
* Trunk hosts are invited to park in the church parking lot and distribute candy (while wearing a mask and using a grabber to hand out candy)!
Trunk or Treat is one of our largest outreach events, giving children a safe place to collect candy and to show off their costumes! We're

THE ANGEL TREE will be up in the Narthex soon. There will be cards for 45 needy girls and boys. Let's help these children have a nice Christmas. Shepherd Groups, Circles, and other groups are invited to go together to fulfill the wishes of a child. Watch our website and e-mails for more information!



Daylight Savings Time **ENDS** Sunday, November 1 at 2:00am. On Saturday night, October 31, set your clock **back** one hour before you go to bed. **Change your smoke detector batteries!**

Thanksgiving



Thank you Lord for all the blessings in our life. We give you thanks, today and all the days to come.

This year, since we cannot hold our annual dinner, we are offering a "To Go" dinner to anyone in the community who would like or needs one. In order to do this ministry, we need your help and your donations. Marlene has faithfully fixed our Thanksgiving meals over the last few years and has graciously offered to fix this one, but she can't do it all alone. The staff has volunteered to help, but more help is needed. Preparations for the meal will start on Monday and will end as we hand out meals on Wednesday. If you are able to work in socially distant atmosphere and are available, please let me know. Masks will be worn and since we have a big kitchen, we can stay apart to complete tasks.

If you would like to pick up a meal on Wednesday, let the church office know. We are trying to get reservations so we know how many meals to prepare.

If you are able to make a donation, please mark your check "Thanksgiving."

Please join us now for in-church worship service every Wednesday night in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am **beginning November 8th**. Reservations are required, so go on-line to our website fumcbellavista.com or call the office at (855-1158). Socially-distancing rules will apply and masks will be worn at all times. We look forward to seeing you!!



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

I have really enjoyed my month of Gratitude Journal! Some of the prompts have really made me stop and think! As the month wore on, I realized just how much I needed this mind shift. Our brains are not used to sustaining this kind of “fight or flight” stress that we’ve had since March. Sure, we can say this pandemic is going to go away when this happens or that happens, but the second wave happening around the world is also telling us that we’re not clear yet. And that makes our brains stress. And when we are in this space, daily tasks become harder, long-term projects are harder to envision, our creative energy is devoid, and even the most positive, sunny person begins to become depressed. So, yes, the gratitude journal helped me to re-focus on the positive and helped me come out of some of the daily stress and depression I’m experiencing.

We also began in-person worship this last month and we plan to implement Sunday morning worship on Nov. 8. Of course, as with anything these days, plans can change in a moment if circumstances warrant us closing the doors again. As I write this, I’m hearing from colleagues around the state who have had to shut down for two weeks because of a positive case in the congregation. I say this because we are still planning to open, but know we will likely be faced with the same situation in the coming months. As with Wednesday Night Worship, we will need you to make reservations either through the online link or by calling the church office.

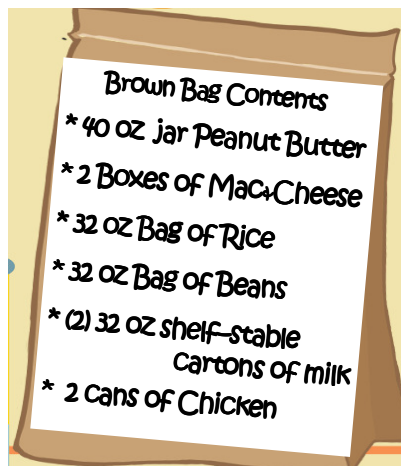
I want to invite you to a special outdoor prayer service on Nov. 1 at 2:00 PM. This service is to celebrate All Saints Sunday. It will be a short service (yes, we know the temperature is dropping!) involving candlelight and naming of our loved ones who have moved to the Church Triumphant this year from our congregation. We will also honor them at our normal Sunday morning service at 9:30 AM. No reservations are needed for the outdoor service, but please bring your mask and a lawn chair. We will have chalk bubbles marked so your family unit may sit in them. We will have a few chairs available for those who need them. The 2:00 PM service will not be live-streamed.

In this month of gratitude, I wish to say thank you to our amazing staff. They have continued to work very hard to keep all of us connected and to do ministry in creative ways. This includes our Trunk or Treat, Holy Communion, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, all of the “usual” holiday activities... We continue to adapt, plan, and adapt again! Please continue to show your appreciation to our staff and join us for these activities. Who knows? Maybe we’ll decide we like the way we did it this year instead of how we’ve always done something!

I pray that you are able to gather in some form with family in the next two months, even if that means eating a turkey dinner over facetime or zoom! As always, if your church can help you with anything, please let us know. Even if you just need a voice to chat with for a few moments!

Thanksgiving blessings,

Rev. Jeanne



INGATHERING is an annual conference-wide initiative to collect food items and monetary donations to support feeding ministries., UMCOR, and Arkansas Disaster Response. This year we will focus on feeding ministries around our district by collecting food and monetary donations for those ministries and UMCOR. We will collect donations through November 12th and deliver to an ARUMC collection site on November 14th.

Unlike in years past, they are asking for specific foods to be collected (see the bag to the left) or monetary donations (note “Ingathering” on check)

Brown Bag It for Ingathering!

Bag the items (all items must be in a bag) and drop them off in the bin at the church portico. Thank you for your donations—they will be greatly appreciated!

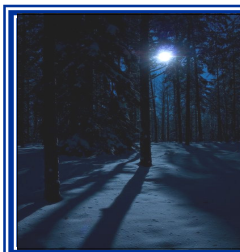


JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Finding Hope during the Holidays, even in the Midst of Isolation and Loss

Are you dreading the holidays this year? Have you had so much loss and loneliness and stress that you cannot even begin to find a glimmer of hope? Maybe you have lost a loved one due to COVID-19 or other tragedy. Maybe you have lost a job due to the economic downturn in our country. Maybe your health has taken a turn for the worse. Maybe you can't put your finger on it; your soul just feels heavy.

In all that we have experienced these past eight months, we may have trouble decking the halls and finding the jolly this holiday season. Thanksgiving is almost here and you are not feeling very thankful. Advent and Christmas will follow quickly after that, and the thought of singing "Joy to the World" only brings sorrow to your heart. Glitter and gifts may seem like more than your spirit can muster. You may feel mostly like Ebenezer Scrooge – Bah-Humbug!! It is a fact that many have trouble finding joy and light in the despair of these times. If this is you, first know that you are not alone, and second, we invite you to search for the healing Christ brings by joining us for two upcoming events. Please visit our website fumbcellavista.com for registration and to view the live-streamed service.



*Getting Through the Holidays
in the Midst of Isolation & Loss*
Tuesday, November 17 ~ 7:00pm
Gathering by Zoom,
Registration required

A Blue Christmas
A Service of Hope,
Healing, and Comfort
Monday, December 21
6:30pm ~ on-line service
Registration requested

We pray that in these difficult times, you may find new traditions and new insights which will begin to heal your weary soul. That Emmanuel, God with Us, will bring new meaning in your life. That God's faithful promises to God's eternal family and the love of your earthly family and friends will shine new light into your life and bring you peace.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...What has come into being in Him is life, and the life is the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it. John 1:1-5 NRSV

May your Journey be Blessed by the Lord's Light this Holiday Season,
Blessings, Pastor Brenda

All-Saints Services 9:30 & 2:00 ~ Sunday, November 1, 2020

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ to whom God has granted rest from their labors.

Shirley Ayre

Jan Shaw

Melba Brown

Barbara Denson

Carolyn Butler

Bergie Dyson

Sandra Mathieu

Charles Danielson

***Helen Farris**

Pat Pershing

Ed Swanson

***Orville Davidson**

Vickee Fleming

***Margaret Phillips**

Eunice Truman

James Dean

J.D. Highfill

***Bob Reynolds**

Paula Walker

Beverly Johnson

Deb Saalfeld

Ron Waiton



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

JOYS

We blessed the Animals which bring joy to our lives at our October 3rd Drive-through



We have re-opened for In-Person Worship

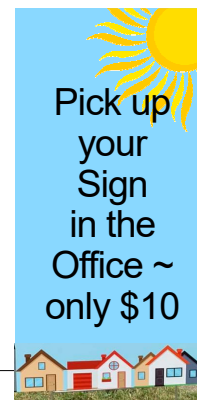
Our first gathering was Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:30pm in our Sanctuary. We hope to be adding more in-person gatherings as we balance our desire to be together in community and our desire to keep folks safe and healthy.

Our Children and Youth Participated in Children's Sabbath October 11th



Love Your Neighbor

In this time of divisiveness, we know we are a church family who spreads Christ's love as He has called us to do. Display a sign in your yard and encourage your neighborhood to love each other.



Small Group Meetings (socially distancing) have begun





Family Movie Night October 10th

Saturday Night folks of all ages together watching 'Toy Story' on our 20' screen. What fun, and kind of like going to the drive-in.



RELOCATIONS



Jackie Beahm – relocated to Concordia on Tuesday, October 13. She has moved to an apartment right in the midst of a number of our current members who live there – a really exciting time! Her new address is: 118 Concordia Dr., BV 72715. Send her a 'Thinking of You' card, and keep Jackie in your prayers during this transition.



Lillian Timmons – had returned to NW Arkansas back in early March, but after falling is now back with family. Her new address is: c/o Nettie Timmons, 1801 Valley Creek Dr., Garland, TX 7504

IN MEMORIUM



Mark Hubbert – son of Wayne & Joanne Hubbert, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. The Memorial Service for Mark was held at Mildred B. Cooper Chapel on Friday, November 6, 11:30am. Please keep Wayne, Joanne, and their whole family in your prayers in this difficult time of loss.

Keith Hood - brother-in-law of Donna Gaudet, passed away on Monday, September 21st after suffering from liver disease and lung cancer. Please keep his wife, Barbara, and their family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Keith.

Dennis Schulz – father of Judy Knadle's daughter-in-law, Becky, passed away from complications from COVID-19 on Wednesday, September 30. He was recently airlifted to Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD from Watertown, IA. Please keep Becky and Chuck and the Knadle family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Chris – an 18-year-old college freshman passed away after he was in an automobile accident in Fort Worth, TX. Please keep his parents, Monica and Kyle, long time friends of Lara Sandusky, in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Chris.

WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP

has begun their 5th annual CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT for our homebound members. The cards will be delivered the first week of December.



We are having to do things a little differently this year. They are asking for each family to please sign a box of cards with each of your name(s) on each card and leave them in the labeled Christmas tub in the Portico.

Please do not insert the cards in the envelopes. We will need to see inside each card so they can be divided between all the persons receiving them without them receiving duplicate cards.

If you have extra single cards from last year, you are invited to sign those and drop them on the tub.

Thank you for your participation in this needed mission for our homebound during this time of isolation for many of them.



LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Lou Kaufmann, Lay Leader

ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT. . .

. . . and my time as Lay Leader of our church will be complete. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this position for the last two and a half years, but at times it has been rather daunting. When I was first asked to serve as Lay Leader, I wasn't sure what the job entailed so I requested some time to research the job and ask some questions. When I was satisfied I could do the job, I said yes. Part of the job was to attend most of the committee meetings each month such as Finance, SPRC, Nominations, Board of Trustees, to name a few. I also served as Chairman of the Church Council. I can say that at each meeting the members all did a fine job in representing the church to accomplish our goals. There was good discussion and some disagreement but yet, everything that was discussed was to better the church.

I also made three trips to Kansas City representing our church and two conferences in Hot Springs and a couple of meetings in Fort Smith. It was educational and inspirational.

Everything was going well and then . . . The VIRUS. There was a scheduled annual Conference that certainly would have made some big changes in the Methodist Church. But that has been postponed, as have so many other programs and activities we were concerned with. I was honored to have given a sermon a year ago titled, "How to Move an Elephant", and it has taken me all this time to finally realize that the church is the Elephant and it moves rather slowly.

As Lay Leader, I got to know more of our membership and developed many friends. It has been sad to see some pass away, some move out of state, and some leave our church for other reasons. Growing our church membership always has to be one of our top goals.

With God's help, I pray that the new leadership will continue positive moves forward and get the church back on solid footing at a time when we are all working on getting back to Normal. God Bless First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista, and God Bless You!

Blessings, **Lou**



Artie Lawless,
UMM President



Friends Check on Friends

Thanksgiving? Really?

Hello Methodist Men.

As we enter into November, we may be echoing the title of this article above. What the heck should we be thankful for this year? We may have lost friends or even family to the worst pandemic since the Black Plague.

We've been cooped up like an Egyptian Pharaoh in a tomb. You need a Hazmat suit to walk into a store. We found out the most valuable commodity on the planet is Toilet Paper.

My arms hurt from shaking elbows with people and I now know I have 3,413,622 small rocks in our back yard. I'm sure you all have discovered little fun facts for yourselves during our 2020 journey.

So, here's what I'm thankful for. I'm thankful that this year is almost over. I'm thankful for the moments when a family member called just to see how we were doing. I'm thankful that, thru all this, we all have been able to keep a little sense of humor. I'm very thankful that Marian is still talking to me after all these months of semi-isolation.

I'm thankful how I've learned how good it feels to be with friends, even for a little while. I'm thankful for all those special people who help all of us "keep it together" during rough times. But the most important thing to be thankful for is knowing God loves us, is with us, and will guide us thru these times.

Yes, I guess there is a lot to be thankful for when you really think about it. So, I'll end this by saying I'm thankful for YOU.

VETERAN'S PHOTOS - If you are a veteran and have not previously turned in a military photo, please bring one to the church office no later than Noon, Wednesday November 4th so we can include you in our video salute to veterans on November 8th. Please make sure we have your name, branch of military, service dates, and which service you attend on the back. Your photo will be returned.



OUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Nona Storck
- 3 Gil & Frances Temple
- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Jim & Ginger Hudson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 22 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 22 Bob & Shari Vermett
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Ken & Jean Swanson



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 7 Jerilyn Gemberling
- 7 Jeremy Shafman
- 8 Paul Healy
- 9 Sue Smith
- 10 Connor Klein
- 13 Jerry Denson
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 16 Eli Williams
- 18 Elaine Klein
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 29 Theresa Bowers
- 30 Charlie Crider



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judie Packard
- 5 Darrell Bottjen
- 6 Vicki Forrest



November 2020 Newsletter ~ September 2020 Financial Data

		2020 Actual	2020 Budget
Month of September	*Income	\$ 33,648.32	\$ 36,709.84
Month of September	Expenses	\$ 38,617.60	\$ 47,114.17
	Difference	\$ (4,969.28)	\$ (10,404.33)
Year to Date (as of 9/30/20)	*Income	\$ 354,605.69	\$ 330,388.56
Year to Date (as of 9/30/20)	Expenses	\$ 378,637.40	\$ 424,094.17
	Difference	\$ (24,031.71)	\$ (93,705.61)
Year to Date Income including PPP loan		\$ 420,705.69	
Year to Date Expenses		\$ 378,637.40	
Difference		\$ 42,068.29	

** Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest or PPP Loan*

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



Stewardship Corner

How Gratitude Can Change Your Life by Marelisa Fabrega

“If the only prayer you say in your life is ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.”

Meister Eckhart

Gratitude means thankfulness, counting your blessings, noticing simple pleasures, and acknowledging everything that you receive. It means learning to live your life as if everything were a miracle, and being aware on a continuous basis of how much you've been given. Gratitude shifts your focus from what your life lacks to the abundance that is already present. In addition, behavioral and psychological research has shown the surprising life improvements that can stem from the practice of gratitude. Giving thanks makes people happier and more resilient, it strengthens relationships, it improves health, and it reduces stress.

Research Shows Gratitude Heightens Quality of Life

Two psychologists, Michael Mccollough of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Robert Emmons of the University of California at Davis wrote an article about an experiment they conducted on gratitude and its impact on well-being. The study split several hundred people into three different groups, and all of the participants were asked to keep daily diaries. The first group kept a diary of the events that occurred during the day without being told specifically to write about either good or bad things; the second group was told to record their unpleasant experiences; the last group was instructed to make a daily list of things for which they were grateful. The results of the study indicated that daily gratitude exercises resulted in higher reported levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism, and energy. In addition, those in the gratitude group experienced less depression and stress, were more likely to help others, exercised more regularly, and made greater progress toward achieving personal goals. Dr. Emmons - who has been studying gratitude for almost ten years and is considered by many to be the world's leading authority on gratitude - is author of the book, *"Thanks!: How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You HaQ.Qier"*. The information in this book is based on research involving thousands of people conducted by a number of different researchers around the world. One of the things these studies show is that practicing gratitude can increase happiness levels by around 25%. This is significant, among other things, because just as there's a certain weight that feels natural to your body and which your body strives to maintain, your basic level of happiness is set at a predetermined point. If something bad happens to you during the day, your happiness can drop momentarily, but then it returns to its natural set-point. Likewise, if something positive happens to you, your level of happiness rises, and then it returns once again to your "happiness set-point." A practice of gratitude raises your "happiness set-point," so you can remain at a higher level of happiness regardless of outside circumstances. In addition, Dr. Emmons' research shows that those who practice gratitude tend to be more creative, bounce back more quickly from adversity, have a stronger immune system, and have stronger social relationships than those who don't practice gratitude. He further points out that "To say we feel grateful is not to say that everything in our lives is necessarily great. It just means we are aware of our blessings."

Notice and Appreciate Each Day's Gifts. People tend to take for granted the good that is already present in their lives. There's a gratitude exercise that instructs that you should imagine losing some of the things that you take for granted, such as your home, your ability to see or hear, your ability to walk, or anything that currently gives you comfort. Then imagine getting each of these things back, one by one, and consider how grateful you would be for everyone. In addition, you need to start finding joy in the small things instead of holding out for big achievements-such as getting the promotion, having a comfortable nest egg saved up, getting married, having the baby, and so on-before allowing yourself to feel gratitude and joy.

Another way to use giving thanks to appreciate life more fully is to use gratitude to help you put things in their proper perspective.

When things don't go your way, remember that every difficulty carries within it the seeds of an equal or greater benefit. In the face of adversity, ask yourself: "What's good about this?", "What can I learn from this?" and "How can I benefit from this?"

There are Many Ways to Practice Gratitude

A common method to develop the practice of gratitude is to keep a gratitude journal, a concept that was made famous by Sarah Ban Breathnach's book *"Simple Abundance Journal of Gratitude."* This exercise basically consists of writing down every day a list of three to ten things for which you are grateful; you can do this first thing in the morning or before going to bed at night. Another exercise you can try is to write a gratitude letter to a person who has exerted a positive influence in your life but whom you have not properly thanked. Some experts suggest that you set up a meeting with this person and read the letter to them face to face. Last year millions of people took the challenge proposed by Will Bowen, a Kansas City minister, to go 21 days without complaining, criticizing, or gossiping. To help condition the participants to stop complaining, they each wore a purple No-Complaint wristband. *(continued on page 9)*



Book Nook



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

BOOKS IN SERIES:

WOMEN OF THE WEST by Janette Oke

1. THE CALLING OF EMILY EVANS
2. JULIA'S LAST HOPE
3. ROSES FOR MAMA
4. A WOMAN NAMED DAMARIS
5. THEY CALLED HER MRS DOC
6. THE MEASURE OF A HEART
7. A BRIDE FOR DONNIGAN
8. HEART OF THE WILDERNESS
9. TOO LONG A STRANGER
10. THE BLUEBIRD AND THE SPARROW
11. A GOWN OF SPANISH LACE
12. DRUMS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

GOD LIVES IN MY HOUSE by Melody Carlson

I CAN COUNT ON GOD by Melody Carlson

GOD GOES WITH ME by Melody Carlson

10 WAYS TO PLEASE GOD by Karen Ann Moore

ARIEL'S WISH by Disney

LION KING'S BEST FRIENDS by Disney

THE LAND BEFORE TIME by Lucas Spielberg

DISOBEYING by Joy Berry

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE, GOD by E. C. Murphy

HERCULES THE HARBER TUG by Michael O'Hearn

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD by D. D. Mackall

PUZZLES:

We have many puzzles in our wonderful library. They are located in the back of the library in the corner cupboard on the right. Open the doors to find our selection of puzzles.

ENJOY!

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Several authors in the self-improvement genre have suggested that people do something similar to help condition themselves to be constantly aware of the things in life that they're grateful for. A variation of the wristband concept is to create a gratitude charm bracelet, with either one meaningful charm or different charms representing the things you're most grateful for. For example, you could have a charm shaped like a heart to symbolize your significant other, figurines to represent different family members,

an apple to represent health, a dollar sign to symbolize abundance, a charm that represents your current profession or a future career, and maybe a charm that makes you laugh to represent humor and joy.

Conclusion

Once you become oriented toward looking for things to be grateful for, you will find that you begin to appreciate simple pleasures and things that you previously took for granted. Gratitude should not be just a reaction to getting what you want, but an all-the-time gratitude, the kind where you notice the little things and where you constantly look for the good even in unpleasant situations. Today, start bringing gratitude to your experiences, instead of waiting for a positive experience in order to feel grateful; in this way, you'll be on your way toward becoming a master of gratitude

I had an idea back in September that I'd like to fully explore the two sides of death that are part of the pair of holidays known as All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Day. In researching this subject, I found that our traditions today are a big mixture of both secular and sacred traditions, to the point that we may not realize or care about which is witch! Pun intended.

I've always thought it to be curious that we have a pass for bad taste and lack of respect for death with Halloween, but then we become serious and make no more jokes when it comes to All Saints' Day. Music written for the occasions seems to follow those same guidelines. I'm really happy to present several spooky and scary pieces, which I've featured as postludes throughout October, on a Curious Squirrel Online recital on Friday, October 30th.

For November, we're going to start with a beautiful Strauss song called *Allerseelen* (All Souls), which speaks about death in a loving and longing way. It will be sung by Mezzo-Soprano Esther Atkinson, who made her debut on October 4th. All of my November preludes will equally reflect respect towards the dead and our hopes for reconciliation with Christ.

I will also be playing a few more Chopin Waltzes as postludes, completing my year-long project to play through all of those pieces. Over half of Chopin's waltzes were published after his death, and many of those remaining in my project are highly suspect for not being written by the Polish master. I'm awaiting delivery of a newly-edited score to let me know which ones I should play, and which ones I should skip, based on the most recent scholarship! Larry and I are already preparing for what we are going to do for Advent and Christmas; I can't wait to share those details next month!

Broc

Please join me online!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals



UMW CIRCLE NEWS

HOPE CIRCLE HOPE Circle will not be meeting in November or December and the members will be joining another circle of their choice. I want to thank all of the members of Hope Circle for the support and fun we have had over the years. I wish we could continue, but circumstances make this impossible. Please support the circle you will be attending with your time and attendance when it is comfortable.

Barbara Brooks

MARTHA CIRCLE held their October 20th meeting in the Quilt Room with 9 members present- they finished their business meeting and collected their donations for Ingathering. then continued their meeting in the Shoe Box Room where they packed 50 Sunshine Bags for Cooper School, which were delivered by Becky Collier later that day. Our next meeting will be November 16th at 9:30 - location ??

Karen Roenfeld

SARAH CIRCLE will meet November 10th at 1:00 PM in Jill and Richard Hale's large garage. We will have the World Thank Offering program. Please bring your donations for Returning Home NWA.

I hope to see you there!

Judy Bilyeu

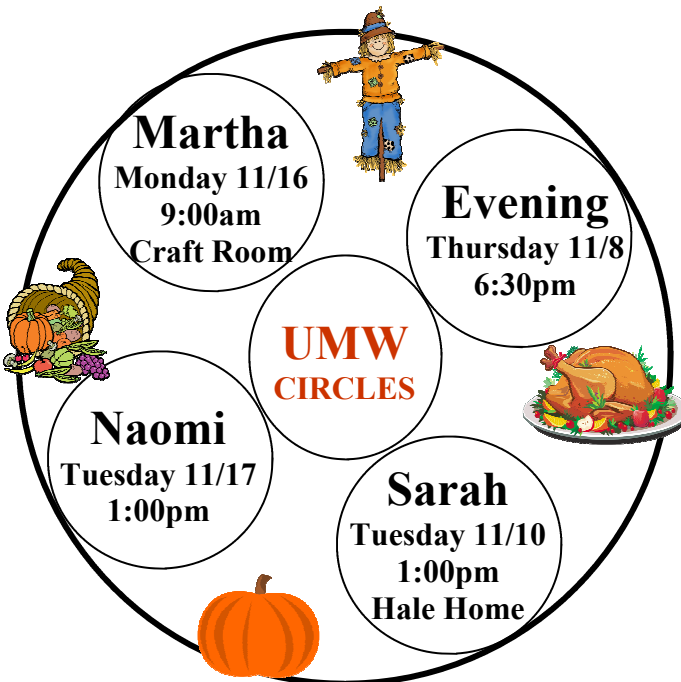


Thank you to everyone who came out to support the UMW mini bazaar. If you were unable to make it, you can still shop! Scrubbies, fall masks, and a few other items are available in the office. If you forgot you wanted embroidered tea towels or an apron for a Christmas gift, give Darleen O'Brien, Linda Hyde, or Judy Bilyeu a call. There are also some precious baby gifts and those Christmas money-holder ornaments available.

Returning Home NWA presented an enlightening program at our unit meeting in September. As a follow up, we are collecting items for their ministry in November. Toilet paper, toothpaste, and dish soap will be collected at circle meetings. There will also be a tub outside the front door at the church for donations. If you prefer to mail Verna Bottjen a check or donate a few dollars at your circle meeting, we will do the shopping.

I hope you are all staying well and safely keeping in

**2020
UMW BAZAAR
October 3rd**





Thank you to my wonderful church family for your kind thoughts, prayers, and cards during this difficult time of Ed's illness and passing. You are a blessing to our family.



Shoe Box is trying hard to continue with deliveries to the Shelters. Salvation Army of both Fayetteville and Bentonville picked up over 100 boxes this month. Cheryl went shopping at Sam's Club and did some bulk buying of over \$200 to deliver to Restoration Village with much needed paper products and cleaning supplies. She is planning to do some more for other agencies in our area. Martha Circle continues to do monthly packs of Sunshine Sacks for Cooper School containing hygiene supplies. Thank you for your donations to this ministry. Your support is much appreciated. Karen, Cheryl, & Maryann

If you have not returned your "Estimate of Giving" card in the postage pre-paid envelope that was sent with it, we would appreciate having those as soon as possible. It is hard to plan a budget for next year if we do not have a ball-park figure of income. The cards do not have to be signed, but it will give us an idea of what to expect. Your generosity in these difficult times has been greatly appreciated. We hope to continue with, and build upon, the many different programs, classes, and services we have been able to offer and deliver here at FUMCBV.



I know this has been a year unlike any other. We have missed church, our pastors, staff, and our friends. But just because we are not at church does not mean that the staff is not at church. They have been working overtime to bring a new and interesting experience to all of us through the media, both printed and on-line. This has not been easy on any of them. They have had to put in extra hours in order to be innovative in unique ways. The SPRC Committee is hoping that our congregation appreciates what they have been doing for us. We can show that appreciation by remembering them with our annual Love Offering. I know it is a little early to be thinking about Christmas but wouldn't it be nice to get a head start on our giving. Please prayerfully be considering what you would like to give to our dedicated staff this year. You may include your gift with your pledge or do it separately from your pledge. Make your check payable to the church and mark it as "Love Offering." Thank you so very much. God is at work in our church and in our lives.

Blessings to all of you from the SPRC Committee,

Lynn Prueitt, Chair

EMERGENCY VITAL INFORMATION FORMS are available in the office. There have been several instances where it was necessary for the church to contact family members and we had no contact information. **PLEASE** fill out one of these forms and return it to the office. If you need a new form, please call the office any day in the morning, and a form will be mailed to you. The information will be kept on file for the use of the pastors only. If we already have your information but it has not been updated lately, please fill out a new form to make sure what we have is current. Thank you to those who have taken the time to do this and have sent them in.

For pastoral emergencies, please call and leave a message at the office (479-855-1158). The messages are checked often during the day and are forwarded to the pastors.



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&
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several times a day,
drink plenty of fluids,
and disinfect
frequently-used surfaces.

STAY HOME
if at all possible.

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with family and friends
and others who may be alone,
with a quick phone call,
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STAY SAFE!
Remember, You are loved!

PLEASE DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT
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WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!