



The Good News

OCTOBER 2021

October Mission of the Month



This year our children and youth will be working together to support **INGATHERING 2021**—United Methodist Church of Arkansas. The focus this year is to construct disaster relief kits for our **NW Conference Disaster Response**.

Cleaning kits (also called flood buckets) are especially needed after floods earlier in the year. Hygiene Kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their home because of human conflict or natural disaster. Relief kits will be used to stock the new resource center and make it ready for response.

Perhaps your group, Circle or organization would like to construct a bucket as a team. You may also donate individual items from the lists below that will be combined to assemble kits. We are also collecting new and gently used children's books for distribution in our local community. Donations can be placed on the desk outside the Becker Hall doors or on the table in the Narthex.

Contents for each kit are listed below:

CLEANING KIT SUPPLIES

- One 5-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (May be used, but must be clean)
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent
- One scrub brush
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes (no terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels) (remove from packaging)
- Five Scouring Pads (NO stainless steel pads with soap) (remove from packaging)
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- 24-roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal. size) (remove from packaging)

CLEANING KIT SUPPLIES (continued)

- Five N95 particulate respirator masks (1-3mil Thickness) (NO surgical masks)
- Two pairs kitchen gloves (remove from packaging)
- One pair work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

HYGIENE KITS

- One hand towel (15x25-17x27")
- One wash cloth (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber)
- One comb (sturdy, with at least 6" of teeth – no pocket combs or pics)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or files)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz or larger - no Ivory or Jergen's soap - leave in package)
- One adult toothbrush (do not remove from package, advertising not acceptable)
- Ten Adhesive bandages (3/4 x 3in)
- One 1-gallon size re-sealable bag



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

RECONNECT. That's my word for this month. I heard it used repeatedly in September from various aspects of my life, so I just decided that I would make it my word for October. To reconnect implies that you, or something, was once connected to something else and is not now. I think about all the things that need reconnecting in my life: personal relationships, spiritual relationships, groups that fell apart during the pandemic, commitments I once held dear that fell away during the pandemic, or maybe it's reconnecting a battery or toy part that's disconnected. In my world, all of these things are true!

In my understanding, sin is anything that separates me from God. So anything that comes between me and my connection to God is considered sin. And that includes friends, family, busyness, my own stubbornness.... You get the point! Thank goodness we have a loving and forgiving God who just wants us to be in relationship together. Therefore, when I realize that I've disconnected from God and seek to reconnect, God is always willing and waiting, patiently and lovingly.

This month we are focusing on reconnecting with one another in our church family as we reconnect with God, too. And before you think, "But, Pastor, my relationship with God is just fine," realize that we're all moving to Christian Perfection and still have room to grow closer with God. Reconnecting with our church family may mean calling someone you're used to seeing in worship and always spoke to, but you haven't seen them lately. Or, maybe it's grabbing 3 or 4 other friends and deciding to sit down together for accountability and study. Or maybe it's calling Amy (855-1158) and letting her know that you're ready to greet/usher/acolyte again. I want to invite you to consider one new way of reconnecting with your church family and God this month, and prioritize that action.

Our theme for Stewardship is "God's Work, Our Hands". Stewardship, by definition, is not just about money. We have made it that in the church world, but it's really about being good caretakers of all of God's Creation. We are stewards of this Creation and sometimes we need to remember that means we care for all of the Earth, of animals, of other humans, of... all the things. Stewards means that we don't actually own anything, but we are to care for it and return it to God's care. That's a really hard concept in our current society. So before you decide not to attend worship in October because it's the "money month," I want to encourage you to come and hear how we are caretakers of Creation and how God needs all of us to reconnect and do God's work.

Blessings,

Rev. Jeanne

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY is Sunday, November 7th, when we will remember those members who have passed away this past year. Please carefully look this list over, and let the office know if we have inadvertently missed someone.

Sonnie Andersen
J.R. Anderson
Boyce Billingsley
Juanita Clark
Bill Danenhauer

Connie Danielson
Bruce Fleming
Charles Hill
*Joyce Horle

*Mark Krysl
Lloyd Muirhead
William Pranke
*Elizabeth Sterner

Lorraine Swanson
*Lillian Timmons
*Christa Uttecht
Katherine Watts
*indicates former member



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Caring Hearts, Caring Hands

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

(Matthew 28-30 NRSV)

Has the past year and a half made you weary, made your burden hard to carry? The pandemic has brought with it burdens we never expected to have to bear: illness, stress, anxiety, death, isolation, loneliness, loss of jobs and relationships. We read of Jesus in the New Testament. We know Jesus as someone who reached out to others, someone who cast out the demons from the lives of the troubled. We know him as a healer, as a companion, as a friend. As disciples, we are called to care for others in the ways of Jesus.



On August 27 and 28, our church was the host for a two-day seminar for Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs). Our presenter was Rev. Karen Lampe, the developer and implementer of this ministry at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Folks representing eight different churches from all over Arkansas and Texas participated and learned of ways we could help lighten the load of those in our congregations and communities. There were ten folks from our church who were a part of this training, four were new CCMs and six were existing CCMs renewing their skills. The new folks were Jim and Paula Phillips, Jan Walton, and Amy Gilmore. Those current CCMs who renewed and refreshed their skills were

Maryann Johnson, Kandi Mount, Judy Kaufmann, Pat Fox, Connie Knauss, and Dave Broers. All of these ten folks make up our CCM team. As Associate Pastor of Congregational Care, I am the team leader. The CCMs are here to be an extension of and to partner with our pastors in caring for our congregation. There are just not enough hours in the week for our pastors to get to all who need caring hands and caring hearts.

You can always identify the CCMs. Their name tag is distinguishable with the color blue, and with a visible image of caring hands. We hope to be a more visible presence in the congregation with these name tags. But also we hope to be a more visible presence by assisting our pastors in Holy Communion and other special services. We will be present for worship, especially on the first Sunday of each month, and will bring Holy Communion to the homes of those who are unable to come to worship here in the building. Our ministry is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to reach out to you, to listen when you are carrying a heavy load, to be healers for you and friends to you, to pray with you and for you. We invite you to look for us and to contact us. Please let us know how and when we can help you. Or maybe you have a friend who needs a CCM, but would never ask for one. Let us know how we can help them, as well. Remember, we are all on this journey together; we pray you will let us join you on your journey and help to lighten the burden you or others may be carrying.

In Christ's love, *Pastor Brenda*



When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief

We invite you to travel a 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin Tuesday, September 7th and continue through November 2nd. It will be held from 5:30-7:00pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who would also benefit. A donation of \$10 for the materials is welcomed. Please sign up in the church office.





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

JOYS

Maddix Lealynn Mick – was born on August 30th in Colorado Springs, CO. She is the daughter of Jamie and Kyle Mick, and the 12th great-grandchild of Judy Knadle.

Jensen Brook Harlen – was born on September 7th in Carthage, MO and is the son of Hailey and Jeff Harlen. He is the 13th great-grandchild of Judy Knadle. We give praise and blessings for the lives of these two little ones who will continue to enrich Judy's family and the world as they grow older.

Felix Haynie – second great-grandbaby for Jim and Paula Phillips, was born Wednesday, September 22 in the Salt Lake City area. His parents are Vance and Jessica Haynie. We give praise and blessings for the birth of this new life in the Phillips family.

MILESTONES

Midweek Manna (Post-COVID) Has Begun – we are thankful for the success of our gatherings which began on September 1. Dinners have been wonderful; the classes inspiring; and the fellowship fantastic. Spread the word for more folks to be joining us!

RELOCATIONS



Deanna Ballinger - has sold her home and moved, along with her daughter Laurie, to South Dakota to be closer to other family in the area. Laurie will have surgery once they are settled there. Their new address is: 2620 Holiday Lane #219, Rapid City, SD 57702. Please keep them in prayers in this time of transition, and please lift prayers for the success of Laurie's surgery.

Dick Andersen – will be relocating to Iowa to be closer to family soon. If you would like to call him or drop by before he leaves, his phone is 855-4231 and address is 3 Southport Lane, BV 72715. His new address in Iowa will be: 2807 Cedar St., Muscatine, IA 52761. Please continue your prayers for Dick and his family as they transition into this new dynamic without Sonnie by his side.



IN MEMORIAM

Sonnie Andersen — passed away Thursday, September 9, at Promenade Health and Rehabilitation Center in Rogers. She was in rehab there after a hospital stay, and took an unexpected turn for the worse. Sonnie and her husband, Dick, have been faithful members with us since March of 2009, were very active in their Shepherd Group, in our Chancel Choir, and Sonnie in Bella Vista Women's Chorus. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, September 17, in our Sanctuary. Please keep Dick and all of their family in your prayers.



Bill Pranke – passed away Wednesday morning, September 15. He had been under hospice care. Bill and his wife, Dee, have been members of FUMCBV since 2000. There are no services planned at this time. Cards of condolence may be sent to Dee and their family at: 6 Breton Lane, Bella Vista 72715. Please be in prayer for peace & comfort as they mourn the loss of Bill.



Juanita Clark – passed away late Sunday, September 19th, at Circle of Life in Bentonville. Juanita and her late husband, Bob, had been faithful members with us since 1987, almost 35 years. Juanita had celebrated her 90th birthday this past June. She had been at Ashley Nursing Center since last April when she was diagnosed with bladder cancer. A service to celebrate the life of Juanita will be held on Friday, October 1, at 2pm in our sanctuary. She will be laid to rest with Bob at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville. Please keep her family in your prayers in this difficult time. Notes of sympathy can be sent to: The Family of Juanita Clark, 1 Falmouth Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72715



Kenneth Koehler – Jill Hale's uncle who was put on in-home hospice on after suffering a stroke a week ago, passed peacefully Friday morning, September 3rd with her Aunt Shirley at his side. Please be in prayer for the family as they mourn the loss of this wonderful man.

Betty Stevenson – sister of Sam Brehm, passed away in Raleigh, NC in early September. With travel concerns and other COVID concerns, specifics of gathering of family for a memorial service are still being discussed. Please keep Sam and his family in prayers as they mourn the loss of Betty.

Doris Willoughby - daughter-in-law of Ruth Ireland, passed away in early September in Colorado after being placed in hospice. Please keep Ruth's son, Curtis, Ruth, and all of their family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Doris. Details of a memorial service are still being determined.

COMMUNITY LIFE

GENEROSITY



Nextgen Newscast

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

What do Pumpkins and Puppies have in Common??



Both will be a part of the Fall Festivities at FUMCBV. We hope you can join us in the fun! If you have questions or to RSVP, please contact Ms. Renee at renee@fumcbellavista.com.

Also check your newsletter for more information.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS ~ VIRTUALLY

Sunday October 3rd at the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

What kind of pet(s) do you have? Send a photo to Ms. Kaitie's email: kaitie@fumcbellavista.com with the name of your pet and your name. Ms. Kaitie will make a special presentation for worship. Rev. Jeanne & Pastor Brenda will offer a special blessing for our furry, or not so furry, friends.



PUMPKIN PATCH PLAY

Sunday October 24th at 2:00 PM

EVERYONE—Let's meet at McGarrah's Farm for an afternoon of fun. See back page for more info

TRUNK or TREAT

Drive-Through Event

Sunday October 31st

2:00-4:00 PM



We are now accepting candy donations for the upcoming Trunk or Treat Drive-thru event on Sunday, October 31st. Look for the cauldrons with a scarecrow perched on the edge to deposit your donation! We are also looking for participants to join the fun between 1:30 and 4 P!! If interested, please contact Ms. Renee at renee@fumcbellavista.com. We need folks who would like to decorate their trunk and hand out candy to the little goblins who visit us (Candy will be provided) We also need a photographer to snap photos of costumes while the goblins are still in their vehicles. We need people to direct traffic and dance in the streets. (Just kidding about the dancing!) You are welcome to come in costume, but it is not necessary. Be sure to wave at our photographer as you drive by so you can be a part of our Virtual Costume Parade. The Parade will be shown on our FUMC Children and Families Facebook page on Monday November 1.

God's Work, Our Hands

...is our annual STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN theme this year. Ephesians 4:4-6 is our guiding scripture. It says, ⁴You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all. You should receive your packet on or about October 1st. If you have not, please notify the church office, and we will happily get one to you.

Inside the packet, is a puzzle piece. You're invited to place the piece on your refrigerator or anywhere else you hang magnets so that every time you see it, you are reminded of your church family and how you are an important piece of the puzzle. Everyone hates to get to the end of a puzzle only to have a piece or two missing! Regardless of how much or how little you are able to commit to the church in your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness (our baptismal vows), you are needed to complete the puzzle.

For every pledge card returned, we will add a piece of the puzzle in worship from now until Oct. 24th. We are asking for pledges to be returned by Oct. 17th so we can complete our puzzle on Oct. 24th. If we meet our goal of 94 pledges returned, we will have a Church-Wide Christmas Open House on December 5th from 5:00 -7:00 PM. It will be a fun evening of celebrating with each other and will include entertainment.





COMMUNITY LIFE

**LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE**

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

*Give a man a fish,
and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish,
and you feed him for a lifetime.*

Matthew 4:19

I will be heading to northern Minnesota on September 21 and not look back to Northwest Arkansas until October 3. It's my semi-annual fishing trip. A time for me to recharge my batteries physically, emotionally and spiritually. A family tradition that started in 1954 with my grandparents, aunts, uncles and my father. Neither one of my parents is alive anymore; however I feel their strong presence when I'm at the lake. I will end with this poem:

A Fisherman's Prayer

Lord, I love the great outdoors,
enjoying this great world of Yours,
a fisherman with countless dreams
of fishing in Your lakes and streams.

I cast my line, then cast my cares,
and know You'll answer all my prayers.
I'll catch a fish and when I do,
I always offer thanks to You.

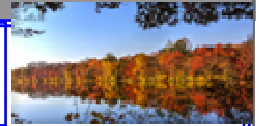
I hope that I can also be
just like a Man from Galilee,
Who shared God's love with everyone,
Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Amen



Gone Fishing!!! May 2013 ~ Dave Broers,
Patsy Broers, Parker Broers, Wayne Broers

Peace and Blessings, *Dave*

Artie Lawless,
UMM President**Friends, Check on Friends!**

Hello Methodist Men!

Welcome to October. It's Fall. Nature displays its awesome colors. Children enjoy the treats of Halloween. This month God gives us joy and wonder.

I'm borrowing some information from the latest UMM *Insights* magazine that you might find fun to know. These are "on screen" characters you may not know were Methodists. Ready...

Because it's Halloween, Fred Gwynne, aka, Herman Munster, was a member of the Sandy Mount UMC and is buried next to it. For you Westerns Fans, James Arness, Marshal Dillon, and his brother Peter Graves (I didn't know that) were raised Methodist in Minneapolis, MN.

King of the Hill's Cartoon family (Hank, Peggy, and Bobby) attend the Arlen First Methodist Church.

For the ladies:

Supergirl, Linda Danvers, minister is named the Rev. Larry Varvel this was based on a real-life Methodist minister of the same name. Finally, Clark Kent, the Man of Steel himself, Superman was raised by Jonathan and Martha Kent who were Methodists.

I hope, for just a few minutes, this article took you away from the craziness of the world we live in today and brought a smile to your face and maybe a few childhood memories of comic books and TV laughter. We need that.

As disciples of Christ, we need to look for the good in all things, that's where God is, and there's no better place to be.

Many blessings, *Artie*

UMM News

UMM Member John Justice (right) presents a Check for \$3000.00 to UMM president Artie Lawless at their September 15th meeting. The funds were raised by a golf ball collection, restoration and sales effort led by John all year. The monies will be used as part of the United Methodist Men's Charitable giving program where 100 percent of the donations are distributed to 18 local charities. Many thanks John, and God Bless.

Anyone wishing to contribute their old golf balls to this worthy cause are asked to contact John Justice or Artie Lawless through the Church office.





OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Melanie & Sarah Bowers
- 2 Ivan & Merle Lantz
- 5 Terry & Linda Davis
- 12 Ken & Mary Jane Hammarstrom
- 30 Lynn & Karen Dove



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

- 13 Richard Bacon
- 13 Kristin Crider
- 16 George Ann ("G") Billingsley
- 20 Arlene Alford
- 20 Drew Baker
- 20 Jeanette Horner
- 20 Kyle Murphy
- 20 Carolyn Sutton
- 20 Caleb Sweeney
- 21 Dave Broers
- 21 Bedetta Valentine
- 24 Bobby Billingsley
- 24 Michelle Forst
- 24 Weldon Hyde
- 24 Jocelyn Magee
- 25 Elaine Detlefsen
- 25 Dennis Reed
- 25 Cheryl Whitesides
- 28 Richard Abbott
- 30 Jack Storck



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jean Swanson
- 3 Evelyn Antoine
- 3 Rob Whitesides
- 5 Darleen O'Brien
- 6 Allan Hagan
- 6 Marianne Zotti
- 7 Connie Hinton
- 9 Bob Kennedy
- 11 Jim Prather
- 12 Sandra Beverage
- 12 Tom Harris



October 2021 Newsletter ~ August 2021 Financial Data

Information as of August 31, 2021		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of August Contributions	Income*	\$ 33,351.33	\$ 36,709.76
Month of August	Expenses	\$ 37,401.92	\$ 47,059.66
	Difference	(\$ 4,050.59)	(\$ 10,349.90)
Year to Date Contributions	Income	\$ 268,710.45	\$ 293,678.72
Year to Date	Expenses	\$ 327,358.92	\$ 376,477.28
	Difference	(\$ 58,648.47)	(\$ 82,798.56)
Special/Extra Gifts received to date		\$ 500.00	
Transferred from Restricted Fund		\$ 9,250.84	
	Total	(\$ 48,897.63)	

*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Look for a new element in our worship services! We have added a "Word of the Day". During the welcome of each service (traditional and contemporary) you will be introduced to the Word of the Day and a hand motion to make each time you hear it during the service. Hand motions will be the "WOD" in American Sign Language (ASL).



GENEROSITY

COMMUNITY LIFE

Stewardship Corner

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship (continued from last month)

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Bill Peel wrote an essay entitled Leadership Is Stewardship. His essay can help us build a framework to begin unpacking this biblical idea of stewardship.

- Principle number one we learned, was—The Principle of OWNERSHIP.
- Principle number two we learned, was—The Principle of RESPONSIBILITY.
- Principle number three we learned, was—The Principle of ACCOUNTABILITY.
- Principle number four is—The Principle of REWARD.

In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul writes:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is Lord Christ you are serving.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life but fully in the next.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

As Christians of the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good, and further his Kingdom.

Adapted from Four Principles of Biblical Steward by Hugh Whelchel.

Ken Swanson, Finance Committee Chair



Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Midweek Manna is off and running. There are four classes being offered and we've had some great meals prepared by Kathy and her small crew. For some members of our congregation, this is the highlight of their week and we are so happy that we are able to provide this ministry for them and for all. We would love to keep it going, but we need HELP! The most immediate need is help cleaning up. This small crew works all afternoon and then stays around to clean up. They are going to get worn out before the year is over. Please, if you have a couple of hours to spare on Wednesday evenings, consider coming in to help with this kitchen ministry. If we have a few that are willing, they can alternate weeks and spread the joy! You may contact Kathy Ayres or amy@fumcbellsvista.com.

THANKSGIVING – yes it is coming! Last year our church was able to prepare over 150 meals and hand them out for free to people in our community the day before Thanksgiving. This was so well received and everyone who helped prepare, serve, donate – all felt truly blessed. We would like to do the same thing this year, but we need donations and help. Help in preparing the meal, help in filling the containers, and help in handing it out. Did I mention donations? The two days that will be the busiest will be Tuesday and Wednesday. It seems like a long ways out, but we need commitments for all of the above so we know if we will be able to make this happen. Please call the office or email amy@fumcbellavista.com and let us know where you are willing to serve.

Blessings to you and yours, **Amy**



Thank you to all who responded to the call and have increased their giving or have given an extra offering. The following have given in memory of or in honor of...

- Keith and Lynn Prueitt - in memory of Joyce Cox and Garland Spurgin
- Cynthia and Terry Augspurger - in honor of daughter Amy's special birthday
- Jill Hale - in memory of Aunt Shelmerdine Folsom, Aunt Virginia Kern, Uncle Kenneth Koehler who all passed away in 2021.



MISSIONS

WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP will begin its 6th annual CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

for our homebound members Monday, October 4.

The cards will be delivered the first week of December.

Again, this year we are having to do things a little differently. Cards WILL NOT BE on card tables in the Narthex and Becker Hall for you to sign.

We ask each family member to please sign every card in a box of Christmas cards you supply. DO NOT put the cards in the envelopes or seal them. Leave the envelopes in the bottom of the box with the signed cards on top. **The Christmas box(es) may be left in the labeled bin in the Portico.** They will be collected every day. Our hope is that our homebound members will enjoy viewing several cards during the holiday season.

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



Shoe Box continues to reach out to agencies, which have been slow for some reason. We do continue each month to send hygiene bags to

Cooper School for the local children. Martha Circle packed 60 of these bags after their September meeting. We are in need of small bottles of shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, and small bars of soap or shower gel. If you do some traveling and have extras of these items, we would appreciate them. We also do some bulk buying for certain shelters in our area. Thank you for your continued support.

The Shoebox team. . . .

Karen, Cheryl & Maryann

CARE
and
SHARE
Gravette, AR



The Care and Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot on **Monday, October 18th** from 7:00am 'til about 5:00pm. What is sold in the Care and Share Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Gravette is all donated items, and the profits go to support those in need in western Benton County. They take donations of all kinds. Please help!

WORSHIP



Keys and Pedals

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



I was looking for a better name for my column since I realized that my role at First UMC has expanded well beyond the organ console. I wasn't happy with "From the Organ Console and Piano Bench". It's too long, and it sounds like all I do is sit. Well, that's sort of true! After just a little bit of thought and while drinking my second cup of coffee for inspiration, I've decided on Keys and Pedals! It's one of the hashtags I use on Instagram for my posts anyway, and is part of @BrocKeysPedals, my professional identifier on both Facebook and Instagram.

Now that I've been with the Praise Team for over a year, and coming up to a year with our current leader, David Williams, I wanted to do something special to commemorate what we do. I organized the Praise Song Countdown, a contest where our top eight praise songs went head to head over a series of weeks until we arrived at the winning song: *How Great Is Your Love*. All along the way, there have been ties and very close votes. The only way we arrived at a clear winner was for me to ask someone who hadn't voted to cast the tie-breaking vote.

Going back to traditional worship, I'm always happy to think about Halloween music. It's the one time of year that I can play scary music in a minor key. I think most of you will love most of my postludes in this genre. I'm going to front-load the famous Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor on the first Sunday of October, play some famous scary music on the piano in the middle, and finish the month on Halloween with the Fantasia and Toccata in D minor by Charles V. Stanford. He's an Irish/British composer from the turn of the 20th century whose works I champion.

My preludes will be on the theme of harvest and the earth, composed of hymn tunes that you likely know and with contemporary arrangements. If you're looking for sunshine and light to brighten your day, I think you'll find these to your liking!

This may be the last month of soloists performing at the offertory in lieu of the Chancel Choir. I've really enjoyed getting to know the half dozen or so people who routinely offer their time. I hope you will remember to thank them for giving their time. It could be an email, card, or phone call. Either Jan Walton or I can get you that contact information.

Please join me online!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc



COMMUNITY LIFE

What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

Additional information about our beautiful Casavant organ. After the September newsletter went out, I received an email from our church organist, Broc Hite. He was letting me know he actually read the article about the Casavant organ and had some additional information as follows:

"I would estimate closer to 1500 pipes instead of 2000. When I looked at the specs, I counted 4 pedal ranks (32 pipes each) and the rest would be 22 manual ranks (61 pipes each). There probably are some mixture ranks like the Zimbel and the Mixture that don't have pipes for every single note, but let's say they do. I get 1470, which was closer to my guess of 1500 than I thought!

"Just to recall, last year we discovered that the Mixture IV was double-counted; it's shared between great and pedal, so the rank count is 26, not 30.

"And, as of the last memory upgrade, we have 99 levels of solid-state memory, up from 63 in an earlier update."

Now, I realize this all pretty technical and didn't make much sense to me since I don't play the organ. However, this is important historically for our church, so I wanted to set the record straight. It gives me an even great appreciation of the organ and how difficult it must be to play it and make that beautiful music we are blessed to hear every Sunday and on other special occasions. Thanks, Broc! Thank you, also, to all of the fine musicians who provide organ music when Broc is not available. So again, Happy 50th birthday to our beautiful Casavant organ! Take time to listen and treasure every note.

The next time you are in the sanctuary, please take some time to look at the other stained-glass windows. We have already discussed the "dove" window. However, next month, we will start reviewing stories regarding the other windows. Please start now sending me your memories so they can be included. Those can be provided to me by leaving items in the historian box in the church office or by contacting me at rjhale68@cox.net or 479-344-6074

If you have FUMCBV history you would like to share, items can be left in the historian box in the church office or contact me at rjhale68@cox.net or 479-344-6074.

Jill



Book Hook



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UNDER NORTHERN SKIES by Lauraine Snelling

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IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL by John Hagee

(231.7) The Bible's mandate for supporting the Jewish State.

INVISIBLE ACTS OF POWER by Caroline Myss

(205.67) Learn how we become channels for divine grace and a conduit of miracles through kind, compassionate, generous actions.

Please look around your home for any FUMCBV Library books you may have checked out. We have many that were checked out as long as two years ago. If you are through reading, please return them to the Library or the tub under the Portico, so that others may check them out to enjoy .

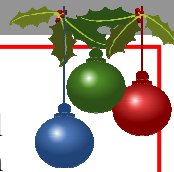
THANK YOU

The family of Sonnie Andersen would like to thank all who brought meals to Dick during this difficult time. Your gifts of food were so helpful during Sonnie's hospital stay and after her death. We are so appreciative and thankful for their wonderful church family and all the many cards and prayers. You all have been a blessing in so many ways!

COMMUNITY LIFE



BAZAAR NEWS



UMW is **HAPPY** to announce we will be having our **Holiday Bazaar** this year on Saturday, October 2nd in the church parking lot (weather permitting) from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Anyone who has been working on Bazaar items at home should bring them to the church as soon as possible. Please leave your name with the item so we know who to thank. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the Bazaar, please call Darleen (281-781-3838), Linda Hyde (316-680-0311) or Judy Bilyeu (479-721-9460) to let us know when you can help.

Darleen

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS



What an interesting sale year this has been! Because of Covid, we were not able to have our usual UMW Rummage Sale last year but we did continue to accept and store items, a bunch in Sue Nebrig's garage and more in other garages and various areas of the church including the Bus Barn. Then it appeared that we weren't going to be able to have a sale inside church again this year, but it was time to get rid of all that stuff! So, the first of August a determined group of ladies started sorting and pricing the items in Sue's garage and held two weekend sales there. We were hoping that all that bending and lifting and sweating would knock off a few pounds but no such luck. Thankfully, starting in September we were able to use an extra Sunday School room to sort in the air conditioning, but still held 3 more sales outside (again in 90 degrees!) in the back of the church under the deck. I apologize to any members who were holding items for us, but we had so much to get rid of, we just couldn't accept any more.

We are thrilled with the total receipts of over \$5,000, but what is most impressive was the willingness of the women to work under exhausting conditions, the generosity of people who donated, and the kindness that the workers showed to the customers and each other. I'm personally not sure if I can physically handle another sale but consider myself blessed having had this and past experiences.

A big Thank You to all who helped! *Verna Bottjen*

YOUNG AT HEART Shepherd Group met September 11th at Papa Mike's for breakfast and fellowship. We were so happy to have Rene Bladon join us as a new member. We discussed where to use our Mission Offering we have been collecting each month. Our next meeting will be October 9th, 8:30 at Papa Mike's. If anyone would like to join us, please let Karen Roenfeld know.

MARTHA CIRCLE met September 20th in the Quilt Room for their monthly meeting. We were happy to have Linda Hyde and Jerilyn Gemberling join us to discuss the new program called the 3-C Program - we are happy to join them in this new outreach mission. Mable received our Ingathering Offering and spoke to us about the mission of this program. Cards were sent around for signing. Shari Vermett had sent out a call to see if our members could bring some underpants for the girls and boys of Cooper School. The School Counselor had mentioned to her that the little ones sometimes had accidents and it would be greatly appreciated if they could have a supply on hand. Our Circle was very generous in answering this call. Thank you ladies, you are special Angels. Went over the highlights of the last UMW Board Meeting and a request of a special donation was discussed. Meeting was adjourned and the group proceeded to Shoe Box Room to pack 60 hygiene bags for Cooper School. Next meeting will be October 18th - 9:00 a.m. in Quilt Room.

EVENING CIRCLE will be meeting on Thursday, October 14th at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

UMW CIRCLES

- Sarah**
Tuesday 10/12
1pm
- Evening**
Thursday 10/14
6:00pm
- Naomi**
Tuesday 10/19
1:00pm
- Martha**
Monday 10/18
9:00am

Midweek Manna - Wednesdays
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:30 Classes
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**HOLIDAY
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Autumn & Holiday Decorations
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**LET'S PLAY AT THE
 PUMPKIN PATCH**
 McGarrah's Pumpkin
 Patch, that is. . .

All are welcome to meet for an afternoon of fun.
 Admission is \$10 per person, payable at the farm.

NextGen will pay the admission fee
 for children & youth of the church.

RSVP to Ms. Renee before October 17th
renee@fumcbellavista.com

What: Admission includes entry to the farm,
 hayride, bounce pads, barrel train ride,
 ball zone, tall grass maze, play area and more!
 Pumpkins will be available for purchase.

When: Sunday October 24th at 2:00PM

Where: **McGARRAH FARMS**
 14804 Miser Road
 Pea Ridge, AR 72751

From the 4-way stop in Pea Ridge (intersection of
 Hwys. 94 & 72), go east on Leetown Rd. for 3 miles.
 Turn left on Miser Road. Follow that road for about
 half a mile and then turn right. Follow that road to
 the end, and the pumpkin patch will be on your left.