



The Good News

September 2010

**JOIN US FOR
ONE SERVICE**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 5
10:00 A.M.
LABOR DAY
CELEBRATION**

**Potluck following
the service
Hot dogs and
hamburgers
provided.
Bring a dish to
share and table
service.**

**Methodist Men will
host a
Watermelon Feed!**

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Every Member In Ministry Campaign

You have only a couple weeks to collect your Every Member in Ministry Catalog for 2011 to select the ministries you want to be a part of for the new year. Your Ministry Checklist on Every Member in Ministry will be turned in on Sunday September 12, which is also Laity Sunday.

Each Laity Sunday service has been planned and will be led by lay members of our church. The program will be an inspiring one as members, both young and old, step up and talk about the ministries in which they are involved and what their service means to them.

Members will continue to serve in their 2010 ministries until the end of this year. During the last three months of this year, Ministry Stewards will work with Team Leaders to conduct important training for anyone new to a ministry or for those in ministries where there has been change.

The catalog shows a few new ministries added, mostly in the Youth area. Several others have been re-written to provide clarification where it was needed. The Children and Youth areas are the fastest growing and changing ministries in our church. This year we began offering “bell” or “chime” classes for Youth and Children. That will continue in 2011. We enhanced the Health & Wellness ministry by adding a Recreation component for walking, running, biking, and casual sports activities. Dave Hanson is heading that new ministry. We’ve had the “Green Church” as a ministry opportunity for the past couple years. This year, our hope is that we will see more involvement in this area that will lead to changes in our church that will help us to become more environmentally friendly.

If you have been happily serving as a “soldier” in a ministry, listen for God’s voice to see if maybe you are ready to step up to additional responsibilities in leadership. Perhaps you will be moved to add another ministry to what you already do.

Please be in prayer between now and September 12 when you register your Service commitments for 2011.

Jan Lowe



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we finish up learning about the Lord's Prayer, we will be visited by Marilyn Hertel, Prayer Steward. She will be talking to the children about how important it is to pray for each other and for those in need. My hope is that the children start to pray for each other and for others' prayer needs.

Going along with that, I have been talking to two other local UM Churches that have been doing mini-missions the last few years with the children (grades three thru six). I thought that it would be a great learning experience for our children to "tag along". There might be a local mission trip set in tandem with the other two churches (Siloam and Elm Springs) over Spring Break. I would love to know who is interested in sending their children. I know that this is a long way off, but time will fly. We will be able to do some fundraisers to help keep your (the parents) costs to a minimum.

The Back 2 School BBQ was a so much fun! We played fun games: the three legged race, water balloon toss and egg race. We ate watermelon, ran around the playground and enjoyed each other's company. Thank you so much to everyone that helped with this event! I could not have done it without you! Congratulations to Carly Engle who won the iPod Shuffle!

Have a great month!
In God
Carrie Drish





CROSSWORDS YOUTH MISSION TRIP





EDUCATION

WOW WEDNESDAY!

The Fall WOW! Wednesday Program is scheduled to begin on September 15 and may last until November 24. The curriculum is still being developed, but we anticipate having classes that will cover a wide and diverse range of interests. Due to budget constraints, participants will be expected to pay for class materials and books prior to beginning studies. Inserts to Sunday bulletins over the next few weeks will contain more information with class signups occurring on September 5 - 8.

THE HEALING POWER OF LAUGHTER

God wants us to laugh. Laughter is good for us. It is good for the body, mind and soul. I invite you to come to my laughter class on WOW Wednesday beginning in September.

I will be using the following resources for this laughter class: two videos, "Thou Shalt Laugh" and "Apostles Comedy", The Joyful Noise letter (Fellowship of Merry Christians, Inc.) and Charles R. Swindoll's book "Laugh Again"; and last, but not least, The Holy Bible.

Come and rediscover the importance of laughter – and bring your Bible!

Rev. Verle Shoemaker

COMING SOON - T.G.I.F.

Pastor Lee Myane is in the planning stages for a young family group study which will meet on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It will be a great time of learning, sharing and fellowship. Activities will be available for the children (and no worries about school the next day!) Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins for more information.



BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES

Alan Packard is offering several options for Disciple Bible Study this year. Disciple I, the beginning course, is a 34 week overview of both the Old and New Testaments. An organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday September 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Disciple II is a thirty-two-week study which selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts (eight lessons on each book). Two offerings of this class are available; one starting in September and the next rotation starting in November. An informational meeting will be held on Friday September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 23.

If there is enough interest, (at least six people) evening classes will be offered.



A big thank you to Nelson Hamrick for his years of service as our Worship Steward.

Worship
MINISTRY

Nelson is soon relocating to the St. Louis area to be closer to his family. We will miss his leadership and service in all areas of the church.

After much prayer, Sandy Fitch has agreed to take over as Worship Steward. Please support her as she takes on this leadership role.

Upcoming Worship Events

Sunday September 5 Labor Day Service

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Lee Myane will be preaching this Sunday. Communion will be served. After the service there will be a church wide potluck. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your table service. The United Methodist Men will also be serving watermelon!

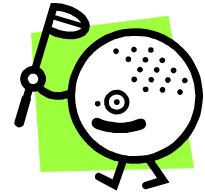
Sunday September 12 Laity Sunday

Each worship service will be led by lay members of our congregation and promises to be a celebration of the ministries of our church. This will also be the time to turn in your Every Member in Ministry pledges for 2011.

Sunday September 19 Music Appreciation Sunday

Special music and commissioning of our choirs and musicians will be the special highlight of all three worship services this Sunday. Come out and celebrate our music ministry on this special day.

UNITED METHODIST GOLF & PICNIC



First United Methodist and Highlands Church Fellowship Golf Outing will be held on **Sunday September 19 at 1:30 p.m.** at Kingswood Golf Course. Fellowship picnic will be in Kingsdale Pavilion.

We will play a two person scramble made up of couples, men or women teams. Pairings will be one team from each church. We will try to pair couples with couples, men with men and women with women. Green fees and cart rentals are payable to the golf course.

Team scores will be totaled separately by church and divided by the number of teams to obtain an average score. The church with the lowest average score will receive the traveling trophy.

Following golf, there will be a catered meal starting 6 p.m. at the Kingsdale Pavilion. All members and guests are invited. Cost is expected to be \$10 per person, but has not been determined yet.

Signup for golf and/or picnic by September 12 on sheets provided in Becker Hall. Make checks payable to United Methodist Men's Club. Turn in fees to the Church Office or mail to Jim Prather, United Methodist Golf and Picnic, 33 Cambria Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715-1503.

Join us in this Eighth Annual Methodist Golf and Fellowship Outing.





UMW

The United Methodist Women will hold their luncheon on Wednesday September 22. The program will be presented by Kim Witte, Administrative Assistant for Mackey Yokem, our District Superintendent. Her topic will be "The Voice of Thomas".

The menu will be a chicken salad and dessert. Price for the lunch is \$7.00. Reservations need to be turned in to Lynn Prueitt (876-5753) by Friday September 17. Name tags will be available in the Narthex beginning at 11:00 a.m. where you can make your payment for the luncheon. There will be quiet time and devotions in the sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. prior to the luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Circle chairs are reminded to send a list of people who will attend the luncheon to Elaine Detlefsen by Friday, September 17, either by e-mail (be2detlefsen@cox.net) or by leaving the list in the UMW box in the office.

BAZAAR UPDATE

Please note a special workday is scheduled on **Thursday September 16** for putting the food baskets together. We will need to have many willing hands to prepare the mixes and decorate the gift baskets. Come join in the great fellowship and laughter while creating beautiful baskets that will be sold at our Bazaar! The Bazaar Workshop for Gift Baskets will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come join in the fun! Sue Nebrig / Pat Jenkins

An organizational meeting for the October Bazaar will be held on Saturday September 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

If you said you would donate some of your talent for the **Silent Auction** please contact Pat at 254-6805. We need to get a sign made for you.

Any help you can give us on Thursdays will be appreciated. Thank you again for all you have done to help this year.

BAKERS needed: People willing to bake bread or other goodies, please sign-up in the library. Bread wrappers are also there.

Pat Jenkins and Gladys Jutte

UMW FRIENDSHIP QUILT

We are still accepting names to be machine embroidered in one of the 12 spaces of the 34 blocks for only \$10 per name. If you've purchased a name for yourself, maybe you would like to purchase a name in honor of someone else. The finished quilt will hang in the stairwell leading to the lower level of the church. All proceeds will go to local organizations.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE Chapel	Thursday September 9	1:00 p.m.	Working on Bazaar Projects
CHARTY Chapel	Tuesday September 14	9:00 a.m.	A Preview of Bazaar Items
SARAH Chapel	Tuesday September 14	1:00 p.m.	Filling jars for the Bazaar
NAOMI Chapel	Thursday September 16	1:30 p.m.	Bazaar Preview by Pat Jenkins
EVENING	Thursday September 16	6:30 p.m.	at Lynn Prueitt's home
MARTHA Chapel	Monday September 20	9:00 a.m.	Marion Korn, Angel Food Ministry



UMM

Our Vice-President, Doug Grant, is busy putting together a program for our September 8 meeting. Our caterer, Papa Mike, will provide an entree of stuffed chicken breasts.

A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER ON RESERVATIONS! We cannot guarantee meals to those whose names are not on the reservation list. There were five in August who didn't have reservations. This creates problems for us and the caterer as he should not be expected to provide extra food for those who arrive unexpectedly. Please be sure you have a reservation.

We've scheduled a watermelon feed for September 5 as part of the Labor Day celebration after the worship service. Any additional help would be appreciated in setting up - beginning right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Can YOU Help?

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

- 1) The 10:45 Service needs a Coffee Team Leader. Contact Jan Lowe.
- 2) Troy is still in need of helpers for sound and video areas during services. Are you one of the people needed? Contact Troy.
- 3) Kitchen cleaners are needed for one time a month. Contact Joe & Margie Bowen for details.
- 4) The Church Office is in need of an **Office Angel on Thursday mornings for first, third & fifth Thursdays of the month.** Contact Barb in the Church Office. Training is provided.

CALENDAR

Check this page for non-routine meetings and activities. Check the bulletin and the web-site (www.lovelearnlead.com) for a complete list of meetings and activities.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 UMW Board Meeting in Room 23 at 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Only ONE Worship Service with Communion by intinction at 10:00 a.m. Cook-out/Potluck/Watermelon feed following the service.
- 5 Worship Service and Communion at Concordia Catered Living at 10 a.m.
- 7 Board of Directors' Meeting at 4:15 p.m. in Room 6
- 8 UMM Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall
- 9 Hope Circle in Chapel at 1 p.m.
- 9 Emmaus Gathering at 6:15 p.m. in Becker Hall
- 12 Laity Sunday
- 13 Alzheimer's Support Group at 9:00 a.m. in Room 6
- 14 Charity Circle at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel
- 14 Sarah Circle at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- 14 Steward Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Room 6
- 14 AGAPE Shepherd Group at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel
- 15 S.A.L.T. at 7 p.m. in Room 5
- 16 Evening Circle at 6:30 p.m. at Lynn Prueitt's home
- 18 Bazaar Organizational Meeting at 9 a.m. in the Chapel
- 19 Music Appreciation Sunday; PAK-A-SAK
- 20 Church Council at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel
- 20 Martha Circle at 9 a.m. in the Chapel
- 22 UMW Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. begins in the Sanctuary
- 26 Bella Vista Community Band Concert at 3 p.m. in Becker Hall
- 26 Faith5 Shepherd Group in Chapel at 5 p.m.



MISSIONS

Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Opportunity

Dan and Kathy Dunn of the Highlands Church are organizing a VIM trip to Mena, Arkansas in September. The purpose is to assist residents of Mena recover from catastrophic tornado damage suffered in the spring of 2009. The trip will be from September 19 to September 24, 2010. The work needed consists mostly of light carpentry and other interior construction and repair tasks. Accommodations for workers will be at the Ouachita Baptist Camp near Mena and consist of dorm-type housing with male and female sleeping rooms and bathrooms/showers. Meals will be prepared for workers and served in a dining room near the sleeping quarters. Individual costs will be \$100 per person to cover the costs of food and supplies. For further information call Dan or Kathy at (479) 715-6186 or Ed Jenner at (479) 876-2149.

Pak-a-Sak

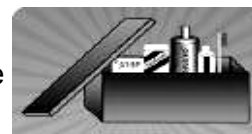
In September we will be collecting food items for Havenwood. All the residents have been hit hard by the economic downturn and need our help to restock their food pantry. They are in need of all types of **"READY TO EAT"** items especially soups, chili, stews, pastas, tuna, Spam, spaghetti and sauce, Mac & Cheese, peanut butter, and fruit. The generosity of all of you touch many lives in our community.



MISSION OF THE MONTH SHOEBOX MINISTRY

BOXES DELIVERED

We have delivered 1,280 shoe boxes the end of July 2010. Bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths contributed by special request were sent to a grateful Restoration Village. Thank you for your help on this project.



BABY BOXES

Thank you to Wanda Abbott, Velda Berning, Millie Davidson, Anna Lemen (Vicki Schroeder's daughter) Vicki Schroeder, and Diane Miller for packing much needed baby boxes. Requests for baby boxes has really increased.

SUNSHINE SACKS

School has begun for the 2010-2011 school year. Thanks to the donation provided by the United Methodist Men last fall we will be able to provide Sunshine Sacks again this school year.

What are Sunshine Sacks? We are working with Cooper Elementary School to provide hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and soap to students who are in need. They will be sent home once a month in the backpacks of need identified students. They will be delivered to Cooper Counselor, Amy Collins. The identity of these students is known only by Ms. Collins.

WISH LIST

Disposable razors, baby wipes (none left), regular size toothpaste, and regular size soap. The regular size items are taken to Youth Bridge-Centerton.

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team



HELPING HANDS

Thanks to the Helping Hands Work Day crew. The men survived a sweltering day receiving donations on the dock while the women managed to stay ahead of the special \$10 bag sale on clothing and shoes. Many of the racks were nearly emptied. Those who helped were Rod and Arlene Alford, Darryl and Verna Bottjen, George Brannon, Ed and Julie Fischer, Jack Hollingsworth, Carmen and Dorothy Phillips, Keith and Lynn Prueitt, and B. J. Raney.



FUMCBV has been called to provide meals for a Habitat build in Pea Ridge. The dates are September 24; October 1; October 26 and October 29. We need to prepare for 8 to 10 people on all dates except October 1. That day we are asked to feed 18 workers. The food should be on site by 11:45 a.m.

We are asked to provide a main dish, a side dish and a dessert. All are to be in disposable dishes if possible and "easy to eat". The beverages and tableware are already provided. An example of a meal might be: hotdogs, chips and cookies or sloppy joes, chips and a brownie or a chicken casserole, a salad and a cookie.

To reserve a date for your Circle, Shepherd Group, Sunday School Class or other group, contact Maryann Johnson at 721-9987.

More dates are available in November.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

We have a wonderful homebound communion ministry! When we have Communion Sunday, usually the first Sunday of the month, the following individuals provide communion to members who are unable to attend church because of health problems: Rev. Verle Shoemaker, Jim and Sue Prather, Gary and Delores Grosnickle, Peggy Gamble, and Bill Bainbridge.

If you would like to be involved in this special ministry, please let Jan Lowe or Rev. Shoemaker know. Also, if you are unable to attend Communion Sunday and would like to receive communion, let us know. You will be contacted and a time will be arranged that is convenient for you.

Rev. Verle Shoemaker

CPR and Defibrillator

Plan now to be a part of this community by learning about life-saving measures. ***CPR and Defibrillator training will be offered in the fall.*** Classes will be taught by the Bella Vista Fire Department. Each class will last between 2 1/2 to 4 hours. Training is free and open to the entire congregation. Space is very limited. Please contact Barb at the church office and let her know if a morning, afternoon or evening session is best for you.

God is like...

SCOTCH TAPE

You can't see Him, but
you know He's there.



OPPORTUNITIES

Bella Vista Preschool Needs You!

Your Bella Vista Preschool will soon be opening for the 2010-2011 school year. We are looking for loving adults who have one morning each month to give as a Preschool Volunteer. BVPS volunteers work with our director, Marjie Lewis, our teacher, Sherry Schaefer and a group of 3 or 4 year-old children in a stimulating, nurturing environment. Please consider this opportunity to support a mission of our church and share in children's lives.

Contact Vicki Schroeder at 876-1089 or Diane Verville at 876-1676 for more information or to volunteer.

Bella Vista Community Band Final Concert of the Season

Sunday September 26
3:00 p.m.
Becker Hall



BELLA VISTA MEN'S CHORUS 32nd ANNUAL FALL CONCERT *"FOR THE FALLEN"*

Saturday September 11 — 7:00 p.m.
Sunday September 12 — 3:00 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church
2535 W. New Hope Road
Rogers

All Purple Heart Recipients
Admitted Free of Charge with
Guest Pass

Tickets available from
Bella Vista Arvest Bank
Any Men's Chorus Member
Or Contact

Bob Raines at 876-1017
braines1935@gmail.com

Tickets are \$10 each
Children under 12 are admitted free

Come early for the best seats and enjoy
some beautiful string quartet music and an
inspiring video presentation.

Pre-show starts 20 minutes prior to curtain.

Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group

The Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group will prepare and serve the evening meal at the Salvation Army Shelter in Bentonville on Monday Sept. 13. If you plan to help, you must contact either Cheryl Campbell or Jean Justice.



THANK YOU

Dear Friends

What a nice surprise to have the Davidson's visit us with such a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Thanks so much. It is so nice to have our church family visit us and send cards and make phone calls to us. Hopefully in a few short weeks we will be able to return to Church and Sunday School.

Fondly, Joan Shively

To the First Methodist Church

Thank you Rev. Sara for the wonderful memorial for Frank. And special thanks to our Shepherd Group and Hope Circle for your generous food and snacks that you served. To our Church family, thank you for your cards and expressions of sympathy.

Bless you all, The Frank Baldus Family

A note of thanks — in appreciation for all you do for Bella Vista Meals on Wheels.

Sincerely,
Lois Welnetz, July Coordinator

Thank you, thank you for all your wonderful and loving support in the loss of our mother, Ruth L. Riach. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, and attendance at Mom's Memorial Service on August 4, 2010 were all great support for us and our family.

Love & Blessings,
Jack & Nona Storck & Family

I wish to thank all who called or visited me during my brief stay in the hospital. To Pastor Sara for her call, and to Rev. Verle Shoemaker for his visit and prayer card. Thank you to all who sent cards or called during my recovery at home and for all the prayers that mean so much to us in our church family. With God's blessing to you all!

Bud Henke

I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers during my recovery from hand surgery. God Bless this congregation

Mona Johnson

To United Methodist Bella Vista congregation and friends,

Thank those too many to name for your kind visits and phone calls, cards and blessings during my hospital and rehab confinement. These eased my pain and discomfort. Now I'm on the mend !

Thanks again!

Lawrence "Larry" Timmons

Thank you very much for your cards, memorials and hugs from the many caring members of the First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista in memory of my sister, Mary Margaret Roberts.

During her short illness, Pastor Sara and Jan Lowe visited her at Mercy Hospital. They also worked lovingly with me in the preparation of the wonderful memorial service.

The lovely reception in Becker Hall managed by Shirley Kennedy and Sara Circle was appreciated. The luncheon for out-of-town persons was capably presented by Sue Nebrig, Aggie Danenhauer and the Avalon Shepherd Group.

Rev. Shoemaker reverently performed the committal service at the Bella Vista Cemetery.

Lucile Roberts



Pizza winners for Methodist Men's Golf

Methodist Men's Golf closest
to the pin for July:

Larry Kolbe, Dick Schupp, Ed Jenner,
Steve Larsen, Alan Packard, Pres Williams,
Mark Krysl

Closest to the Hole: United Methodist Men Golf
Sponsored by Papa Murphy's Take N' Bake
Pizza

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FORWARDING ADDRESS REQUESTED

To the Home of ...

8th ANNUAL METHODIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Sunday September 19

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Kingswood Golf Course

Format: 2 person scramble, shotgun start

Fellowship Picnic: Kingsdale Pavilion



Sign-up for golf and/or picnic on sheets provided in Becker Hall by Sept.12. Make checks payable to: United Methodist Men's Club. (more information inside)