

READ WHAT'S
HAPPENING
AT FUMC

Reflections from Rex

Back in August, 2010, we began a journey. You will remember that we began the emphasis of “Imagine Ministry Here” where we convened many focus groups, brought in Mr. John Crawford from the Conference office to engage us in some questions, and convened what is now called Vision 2020. We estimate that over 120 people in the congregation have been involved in the Vision 2020 process over these 18 months—not counting those of you who attended the focus groups and sessions mentioned above. Our goal was to get your input on what it is we need to be about for God through this church and in this community.

After many, many meetings and many more conversations and much prayer, we are ready to share with you the vision that God has given us. Please reserve Sunday, February 19th, as a “must date” on your calendar, for it is a must for you to be in worship on that Sunday! Actually that should happen every Sunday, but that is another topic for another day! Beginning with the reading of this newsletter article, I invite, encourage, and admonish you to be in prayer for the Vision 2020 Council, for the church, for one another and for yourself

to open yourselves totally to God. In this vision **EVERY-ONE** will be challenged to give up a little to gain a lot!

The schedule for Sunday, February 19th, will be a bit different. There will be TWO services—one COMBINED in the Sanctuary at 8:45 AM and the 11 AM Service. This will be an atmosphere of worship beginning with Singing and Praise, presentation of the Vision, and concluding with Holy Communion, Prayer and Song.

Additionally, **if you are a church musician or vocalist, PAST OR PRESENT, we request you also be present for a VERY IMPORTANT Vision 2020 meeting Saturday, February 18th, at 9:00 AM.** Under the leadership of our Vision 2020 Council, pastors and music directors, we will be discussing the future of music at FUMC.

On another note, last Monday evening during our Church Council meeting, Mike Lewis, our Stewardship Chair, analyzed the pledges for the 2012 Stewardship Campaign. The excellent news is that we received 202 pledges totaling \$1,020,056 compared to 193 pledges totaling \$1,000,676 in 2011. We had 30 new pledges (compared to 16 new pledges

last year). The average pledge is \$5,050 compared to \$4,954 last year. While we recognize that overall our average worship attendance has remained steady over the past several years, we are seeing that giving is increasing. Barb Alderson reported our volunteer hours in 2011 were 18,681 (up 12,259 hours over 2010). Also the total 2011 dollars toward the community (not in the budget) totaled \$114,857 (UP +\$71,961!!)

The challenging news is that we are still \$80,000 away from fully funding our budget! If you haven't pledged your tithe, gifts and offerings for the year, please do so as soon as possible in order that some ministries will not have to be cut or cut back!

Thanks be to God for all of you and your commitment to growing God's Kingdom! It takes everyone.

Blessings!
Rev. Rex

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Worship Attendance

January 15—541

January 22—578

January 29—538

**“Make a Joyful Noise”
Join the Chancel Choir.**

**Wednesdays
6:30PM-7:30PM.**

**For more
Information:
miles@fumcbentonville.org**



Congratulations to the Nunnally family. Jeremiah was born on January 21, 2012 to parents Will and Amanda. Proud big brothers are Hunter and Nathan.

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**HELP
WANTED**

Workers to build casita in Rio Bravo Mexico, February 25th-March 3rd. Come join the West district of the United Methodist Church volunteer in Mission team for a week-full of fun. Deadline to sign up is soon. For more information call Velma Clemons at 271-7519.

COMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5, 2012: Preaching the 8:45 AM Contemporary Celebration at Old High Middle School is Reverend Susan Ledbetter. Preaching the 8:45 & 11 AM Sanctuary Celebrations is Reverend Rex Dickey. The Scripture is Mark 1: 29-39 as we celebrate the first anniversary of Second Street Pantry and the Healing Touch of God upon our lives. A personal witness will be shared in each of the services. The information about the ministry of Second Street Pantry will absolutely knock your socks off! You DO NOT want to miss this!

Sunday, February 12, 2012: Preaching the 8:45 AM Contemporary Celebration at Old High Middle School & 11 AM Sanctuary Celebrations is Reverend Susan Ledbetter. Preaching the 8:45 AM Sanctuary Celebration is Reverend Rex Dickey. The scripture is Psalm 30 and our focus for the day is in particular on verse 12, “My soul cannot be silent.”

Easter at Orchards

Easter at Orchards is an annual evangelism and worship opportunity to be held Easter weekend at Orchards Park in Bentonville. First United Methodist Church of Bentonville is the official organizer and sponsor of this event! We will work in conjunction with the City of Bentonville, area businesses and local churches to bring egg hunt, games, inflatables, a Jesus Jam concert featuring local praise bands (including our own!), glow show and, most importantly, *worship* to our community. This year provides the opportunity to tie in with a First Friday on the Square in downtown Bentonville. Please save the following dates: Friday, April 6th, First Friday on the Square sponsored by the Mission team; Saturday, April 7th, Easter egg hunt, games, food and Jesus Jam; and Sunday, April 8th, Easter Worship in the park at sunrise.

This weekend will be an amazing opportunity for us to share the resurrection story with our neighbors and friends. Team Leaders are currently being recruited for the following: Hospitality, Information, Greeters/Ushers, Parking lot attendants, Games, and Inflatables!!! If you are being called to help out in any of these areas, please contact Brenda Meyer at Brenda@fumcbentonville.org. Watch the web and facebook for organization meeting info coming soon!!!!

**Volunteer
Recognition Event
February 11th**

Don't forget our Volunteer Appreciation Event on Saturday, February 11, at 6:30 PM in Hines Hall! Our volunteers are the stars as they walk the red carpet, pose for paparazzi with our over-sized statuette, and enjoy light refreshments. Formal dress is suggested—just for fun!—but not required.



**Calling all Easter at Orchards 2011
Promotional Materials!!!!**

Some of you have generously stored t-shirts, and yard signs in quantity from our Easter event last year. If you are in possession of any of these materials in quantity, please bring to the church office. If you have a single yard sign you are planning to display, you may keep it for this year, otherwise, we ask also that you return it to the church. Contact Brenda Meyer with any questions.

**Save the
Date!
There's a
family con-
cert on April
12.**



Wee Friends PTO will be sponsoring a "Red Day", featuring Grammy Award Winning Children's singer, Red Grammer. We are very excited about this April 12 event. Red will be spending the day with the children of *Wee Friends* as well as performing two concerts; one in the morning for the children and staff and another in the evening for the children and their families. The evening concert will be a ticketed event with a limited number of tickets, (on sale soon) Please keep watch for more information. More information about Red, his mission and music can be found at www.redgrammer.com.

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FEBRUARY DATES & PLANS

**FEB. 5- H.G. YOUTH 2-4PM.
DODGEBALL AND DEVO @
CHURCH.**

FEB. 12- H.G. WORSHIP 5:30-7:30

FEB. 19- H.G. YOUTH 5:30-7:30

**FEB. 22- ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE IN SANCTUARY TO
BEGIN LENT. NO SYNAGO OR
BREAKAWAY.**

FEB. 24-26- VERITAS

**FEB. 26- MISSIONS NIGHT WITH
METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH @
THE CHURCH 5:30-7:30**

Save these dates:

Sr. High Summer Mission Trip June 24-30

Junior High Summer Mission trip July 8-11

**Jr. High and Sr. High Assemblies (Statewide
Conference United Methodist Youth Event)
July 22-26**

**Veritas- Feb. 24-26 @ Rogers Convention Ctr. For
YOUth in grades 7-12.**

**FORMS ON BULLETIN BOARD IN YOUTH AREA and
YOUTH Facebook page.**

**Cost \$55. We'll cover lunch and supper on Satur-
day. We'll meet at the church and go from here to-
gether. You'll be picked up at the church too.**

Worship leader-Kyle Cantrell Band.

Speaker-Mark Oestreicher

**Plus lots of breakout sessions and fellowship
A great YOUth event that you won't want to miss
out on.**

REFLECTIONS FROM WINTER RETREAT

Being my last winter retreat, as well as the first retreat with a new youth minister, I had mixed emotions going into it, but I was definitely excited. As a part of the Youth Ministry Team that helps plan events like the winter retreat, I had the opportunity to share my thoughts and ideas with Brandon prior to the event. I was pleased that he really listened to the ideas that I and the rest of the YMT members came up with, especially the theme of New Life and that we are made new in Christ. Even though I helped with the theme, I was surprised with how much the message impacted me personally by reminding me how important it is to uphold my responsibilities as a Christian. Probably the best part was Pastor Dickey coming and all the youth serving communion to one another. I also enjoyed playing football with all my guy friends. -Melissa Bakke

WHY I SERVE?

For me it was about discipleship. I came away from my Walk to Emmaus with a calling to serve others, in church, work and play. God has laid on my heart a desire to work with kids in both church and athletics. We can have such an amazing impact on our youth just being a positive role model in all of our actions. I get such joy seeing our youth from this church being Christian leaders in their activities outside this building in academics, sports, music or leisure. We are so blessed to have a great youth program filled with amazing kids.

—Bill Fernandez

Feeling a call to serve? Let me know. From ages 20-still alive.

THANK YOU!!

We had a great winter retreat 2 weekends ago, and it couldn't have been done without the help of our YOUTH Ministry Team in the planning, and all of our adults that went and served. Thank you to Neil and Teresa Tucker, Mark Whitehead, Annette Ford, Tricia Hogue, Heather Conklin, Stu Ransoneffe, Hugh Zengerle, Susan Correll, and Alisha Bakke. Also, thank you to Rex for coming and leading communion for us.

**Breakaway (7 & 8 grade meeting @ new
time 5:30-7:15) and Synago
(9-12 grade meeting 5:30-7:30).
Off Feb. 22 for Ash Wednesday service.**

Thursday, February 2

3:00PM Club 56 Th

Saturday, February 4

4:00PM K-2 Zone BLAST

Sunday, February 5

10:00AM Sunday School

3:30PM Kidz Praise

5:30PM CLUB 56

Monday, February 6

3:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday, February 7

3:00PM K-2 Zone, 34 R.O.C.K.

Wednesday, February 8

3:00PM First Praise

Thursday, February 9

3:00PM Club 56 Th

Sunday, February 12

10:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Confirmation

3:30PM Kidz Praise

5:30PM CLUB 56

Monday, February 13

3:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday, February 14

3:00PM K-2 Zone, 34 R.O.C.K.

Wednesday, February 15

3:00PM First Praise

Thursday, February 16

3:00PM Club 56 Th

Sunday, February 19

10:00AM Sunday School

3:30PM Kidz Praise

5:30PM CLUB 56

Monday, February 20

NO Confirmation

Tuesday, February 21

3:00PM K-2 Zone, 34 R.O.C.K.

Wednesday, February 22

3:00PM First Praise

Thursday, February 23

3:00PM Club 56 Th

Sunday, February 26

10:00AM Sunday School

3:30PM Kidz Praise

5:30PM CLUB 56



Safe Sanctuaries Training

Attention parents and anyone interested in working with children: Please sign up for Safe Sanctuaries Training! This two hour training will cover FUMC Bentonville’s Safe Sanctuaries Policy, and our role as a congregation and servant ministers. All ministry servants (volunteers) who work with or around children, youth, and vulnerable adults will be required to attend a Safe Sanctuaries Training in order to be certified in Safe Sanctuaries. Below are dates for this training.

For more information, please contact Mary Calcote, Associate Director of Children’s Ministries at mary@fumcbentonville.org. Visit our website at www.fumcbentonville.org or call Brenda Meyer at 273-2712 to register for one of these dates.

Sunday, Feb 5th 8:30am-9:30am or 11:00am-12:00pm *Session 1

Sunday, Feb 12th 8:30am-9:30am or 11:00am-12:00pm *Session 2

Location: Hines Hall

*both sessions are required

Wednesday, February 8th

12:30pm-2:30pm

Location: Gathering Room

Sunday, February 12th

3:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Sanctuary

Kids Fest

Kids Fest is for children in k-4th grades and will meet Saturday, March 3, from 4:00PM-7:00PM. At Kids Fest, kids will play games, make crafts, do mission projects, and other activities that are based on a Bible theme. The theme for March will be Lent. Pizza and drinks will be provided – kids are asked to bring their favorite dessert to share. Pick up will be 6:45pm-7:00PM. There is no cost and guests are welcome. You can sign up by [clicking here](#) or go to our website www.fumcbentonville.org. Reservations are due by Wednesday, February 29.



NEED MORE INFO?

Contact Sara Harris at 479-273-2712x222 or sara@fumcbentonville.org, or

Mary Calcote at 479-273-2712x206 or mary@fumcbentonville.org.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 5th

8:00AM & 11:00AM Safe Sanctuaries Training-HH
 8:45AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship-S
 8:45AM Contemporary Service-OHMS
 10:00AM Sunday School
 2:00PM Dodgeball & Devo for YOUth
 3:30PM Kidz Praise-Choir Rm.
 5:30PM Club 56

Monday, February 6th

11:30AM XYZ Luncheon HH
 3:00PM Confirmation-YR
 7:00PM Koinonia Circle Mtg.

Tuesday, February 7th

7:00AM UMM's Breakfast-HH
 1:30PM Susanna Wesley Circle-GR
 3:00PM 34 R.O.C.K & K-2 Zone—YR
 4:00PM Blood Drive—parking lot
 5:00PM Tuesday Night Dinner
 5:30PM Grief Share
 6:00PM History of Christian Music-Choir Rm.
 6:00PM Training for Pantry-CR
 6:00PM Disciple I-Rm. 246
 6:00PM Disciple II-Rm. 244
 6:00PM Disciple III-Rm. 230
 6:00PM James-Beth Moore Study-GR
 6:00PM The Truth Project-Rm. 236

Wednesday, February 8th

10:00AM Dorcas-HH
 12:00PM Training for Pantry-CR
 12:30PM Safe Sanctuaries Training-GR
 3:00PM First Praise-Choir Rm.
 4:30PM Youth Choir-Sanctuary
 5:30PM Synago and Breakaway

Thursday, February 9th

9:00AM Women's Bible Study-P
 3:00PM Wee Friends-C
 3:00PM Club 56 Th-Youth Area
 6:30PM Handbells-S

Friday, February 10th

10:30AM Titus II, Knitting-CR

Saturday, February 11th

6:30PM Volunteer Recognition Event—HH

Sunday, February 12th

8:30AM & 11:00AM Safe Sanctuaries Training-HH
 8:45AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship-S
 8:45AM Contemporary Service-OHMS
 10:00AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Confirmation to St. James, Fayetteville
 3:00PM Safe Sanctuaries Training-S
 3:30PM Kidz Praise-Choir Rm.
 5:30PM Club 56
 5:30PM Higher Ground-Youth Rm.
 5:30PM Connections Course-GR

Monday, February 13th

3:00PM Confirmation-YR

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Tuesday, February 14th

7:00AM UMM's Breakfast-HH
 3:00PM 34 R.O.C.K & K-2 Zone—YR
 5:00PM Tuesday Night Dinner
 5:30PM Grief Share
 6:00PM Disciple I-Rm. 246
 6:00PM Disciple II-Rm. 244
 6:00PM Disciple III-Rm. 230
 6:00PM James-Beth Moore Study-GR
 6:00PM The Truth Project-Rm. 236

Wednesday, February 15th

8:30AM XYZ Breakfast-Acropolis
 3:00PM First Praise-Choir Rm.
 4:30PM Youth Choir-Sanctuary
 5:30PM Synago and Breakaway
 5:30PM ZAHCM-CR

Thursday, February 16th

5:30AM Trustees' Meeting-CR
 9:00AM Women's Bible Study-P
 3:00PM Wee Friends-C
 3:00PM Club 56 Th-Youth Area
 6:30PM Handbells-S

Friday, February 17th

10:30AM Titus II, Knitting-CR

Sunday, February 19th

8:00AM & 11:00AM Safe Sanctuaries Training-HH
 8:45AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship-S
 8:45AM Contemporary Service-OHMS
 10:00AM Sunday School
 3:30PM Kidz Praise-Choir Rm.
 5:30PM Club 56
 5:30PM Higher Ground-Youth Rm.
 5:30PM Connections Course-GR

Happy Birthday To...

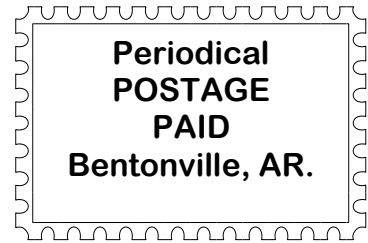
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2/2	Dallas Hardison Tim Robinson Vergie Shemwell Ann Porter	2/11	Anna Korin Mousel Brooke Burckart Kenneth Lewis Sadie Joy Ledbetter
2/3	Don Martens Noah Dereszynski Gregory Wood Wally Venters Prissy Etheredge	2/12	Lee Culpepper Anna Delle Fish Rebecca Tolbert Alta Byrd Janie Dickinson
2/4	Andrew Wagner	2/13	Kay Roark
2/5	Abram Parks Jeff Underwood	2/15	Ben Hines Virginia Rowland
2/6	Wylene Cohagan Jerry Ferguson Steve St. John Hayden Redfield John Eamey	2/16	Tadd Thomas Matthew Garza Keith Davidson Lisa Tedder

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Sympathy:

Ted Talley and family on the loss of his father

Church family & friends undergoing cancer treatment:

George Carlstrom
Peter Dereszynski
Koss Pride
Ronnie Simpson
Carolyn Ford
Vicki Jones
Melissa Shook
Steve Bertschy
Beth Gitlin
Jane Sutherland
Barbara Engler

Preparing for surgery, or recovering from hospital stay:

Don Cohagan
Marie Buell
Sean Safreed
Elna Porter

Other Concerns:

Those serving in the military
Sarah Haney
Carrie Roath
Velma Clemons' grandkids
Charlini
Jadon Cooper
Fred Jones
Kay Brown
Michael Sanderson

Thank you...

Dear P.U.R.L.S. of FUMC Bentonville
Thank you so much for the gorgeous hand-knitted baby blanket! What an incredible treasure and piece of art. This lovely blanket will help keep our little one snuggled up in warmth and love. Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts!

Carey & Jessica Janes
and baby Morgan