

# THE CHIMES

*Village United Methodist Church*



**Dr. Bill Lefler** will teach his popular class, the **Omega Course** at Village United Methodist church beginning **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The Omega Course is designed to stimulate and mo-

## THE OMEGA COURSE

tivate Christians and non-Christians alike to seek the Truth and to understand the big picture of life as described in the Bible.

Dr. Lefler will address the following course goals:

*To get to know God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.*

*To understand God's plan for humanity.*

*To articulate our faith so that we can "feed the lambs, feed the sheep."*

*To know and understand the truth and our responsibilities as Christians.*

*To know and understand the Bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth). To recognize it as our guide and road map on life's journey.*

The Omega Course will help the class members to become better Christians by clearing the way and keeping it clear, to stimulate and motivate class members to study the Bible throughout the year and stay in fellowship with

God; and to prepare to die without fear.

This will be the 16<sup>th</sup> year that Dr. Lefler has taught this course. The course is open all. You do not have to be a member of any church to participate. There are no fees. Those who wish to be a part of the class should call the church office at 922-1030 prior to January 11<sup>th</sup> so that accommodations can be made.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Phyllis Fair  
121 Cortez Road #450  
984-3071

Phyllis was born in Danville, Arkansas but comes to us from Carlsbad, New Mexico. She was a Women's Specialty shop owner. Phyllis enjoys swimming, so maybe we'll see her at the natatorium or one of our beaches. She is the mother of our member, Kay Crews and Susan Merchant of Melissa TX. Her birthday is September 12th.

## A New Year . . . A New You

**Christian Women's Luncheon Connection**

(Sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries)

**NOW meeting monthly at VUMC!**

Please join us

**Wednesday, January 18**

Noon — 1:30 p.m.

**"Extreme Makeover"**

with **Paula Abbott**

**Lunch \$12 inclusive**

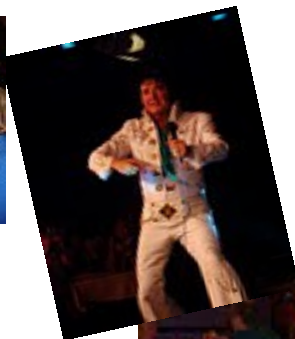
Reservations required by Jan. 13 and may be made by emailing:

[TheLuncheonConnection@suddenlink.net](mailto:TheLuncheonConnection@suddenlink.net)

or calling Johnnie (922-0027) or Mitzi (915-9918)

## See You There!

## SHEPHERD GROUP 36



On November 8th, fifteen members of Shepherd Group 36 donned rain gear and braved the bad weather to attend Murray Dinner Theater in Little Rock. We enjoyed a delightful show by Eddie Miles and his "Salute to Elvis".

On December 2nd, thirty-three members of the group were welcomed to the home of **Bill & Judy Nutter** for appetizers. After a time of fellowship everyone jour-

neyed to the front of the Village for their Christmas Shepherd Dinner at La Petite Bistrot. **Therral Wilson** gave the invocation. **Jerry Parker** was scheduled to sing, but as usual his throat was bothering him. (This group does know how to have fun!)

**Al Bowles** is busy planning our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off in 2012, this is a good time to get the guys involved!

Our group sends wishes for a Blessed Christmas season and a Happy New

*Murray Dinner Theater*

Year to all of Village United Methodist Church.

**Shepherd Group #22** met on December 4th for our annual Christmas get-together. A pot-luck brunch was enjoyed by 19 hungry members. We discussed holiday plans and trips to many places. Our thoughts were with those who were unable to attend because of illness. Many thanks to our gracious host and hostess, Bill & Dwinelle Swanson, and the cooks who prepared the wonderful food. A joyful afternoon was had by all. We look forward to our next get-together.

Gordon & Dorothy Bard

**Shepherd Group #16** met at the La Petite Bistro on Saturday, December 3rd for their Christmas event. A "Bistro" lunch was served to all. Everyone participated in the "Christmas Word" game presented by Betty Gress and won by Terry Mussman. It was decided to meet on the 3rd Saturday, January 21st, 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at Home Plate.

Chris Swindle

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The next **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Village United Methodist Church is **Tuesday, January 10th. Hours are 8 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Appointments are encouraged but not required (call

**John Bodensteiner at 915-0339).**

Bring a donor card or picture ID. Eat a good meal and drink plenty of liquids, but avoid caffeinated coffee or tea, before you give blood. Think you can't donate?

Restrictions have changed. Many conditions and medications, for example, diabetes or high blood pressure, will not keep you from donating blood.

**drive.** There is no substitute for human blood. Every 2 seconds someone in America needs blood. More than 38,000 blood donations are needed each day. The need for blood is constant; the gratification of giving is instant!

**You are not just giving blood; you are giving life! Your blood is a gift, a treasure, a lifeline!**

**We welcome and encourage those who have never given blood to call or come in, you'll be glad you gave.**

For specific questions call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. Call **Jo Elliott at 915-9358** or **Dorothy Bard at 922-4494** for additional information about the blood

*Remember the new church office hours starting January 2nd are:  
Monday—Thursday  
8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
The church office will be closed on Fridays.*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Sue Holmes	1/16	Betty Gress
1/1	Jerry Peckenpaugh	1/16	Ed Harder
1/1	Hazel Schmiedeskamp	1/16	Larry Kenney
1/1	Shirley Scully	1/17	Bill Horgan
1/2	Bruce Weetman	1/17	Doug Maltby
1/6	Cal Fulmer	1/17	Jill Seeley
1/8	Pat Bowles	1/18	Richard Jackson
1/8	Leoma Tate	1/18	Joyce Lusk
1/11	Beth Gann	1/19	Eleanor Brooks
1/11	Earl McClure	1/19	Judy Nutter
1/13	Charles Dawson	1/20	Sue Avery
1/14	Willis Alderson	1/20	Sue Tanner
1/16	Nancy Easter	1/21	Peggy Callihan



*Happy Birthday to You!!!*

1/23	Charlotte Akelaitis
1/24	Ann Livingston
1/28	Tom Sackett
1/28	Roger Wigton
1/29	Carol Hassialis
1/29	Jim Swindle

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Akansa Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, I wish to thank everyone who was involved in recognizing and presenting the veterans of our church a flag and ribbon pin on November 13th. We had three special angels helping us—Glynda Cervenka, & Tom and Karen Johnson. They, and the DAR ladies, presented over 80 flag pins. This was a small token of our gratitude and thanks to all the veterans and their families who sacrificed so much for us, our country and her freedoms. May God continue to richly bless each of you and our beloved country.

Susan Veal

To The Most Caring Church: I want to thank all the wonderful people of this church for all the cards, food, phone calls, and visits during my recent hospital event. I especially want to thank our ministers for their calls and visits. I am doing well and hope to thank each of you personally in the near future.

With Love, Carol Huggins



*Praise and Prayer Gathering*

**Time Change**  
*(for winter months)*

**New Hours**

*Praise God with Music & Song*  
10:15 — 11 a.m.

*Prayer Gathering*  
11 a.m. — Noon

Join us for lunch and fellowship afterwards at *Debra's!*

## FAIRTRADED COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE

Our fair-traded coffee, tea and chocolate will be available on Sunday, January 16th in Steel Hall. Several of you tasted 4 teas at our tea tasting in November. The Vanilla Red was very popular. We also now stock a new Chamomile tea as well as Peppermint, Jasmine Green, Red Tea or Earl Grey. We have 3 kinds of organic chocolate bars,

mint, dark with ground almonds and very dark (heart healthy), and milk chocolate can be ordered. There is a variety of coffee flavors, Columbian, Mind, Body & Soul or Breakfast Blend in regular and many flavored coffees to choose from, Hazelnut, French Vanilla & Toffee Carmel. Decaf comes in Columbian, Breakfast Blend & Hazelnut. UMW Fair-traded

Products profits go to Missions. Brooms are also available for \$7.50.



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING



### TRUSTEE REPORT

The landscape committee completed planting new shrubs on the southeast rock slope. The new shrubs will color to the slope during different period of the year. The crew responsible for this hard work on the slippery slope included; Steve Matthews, Scott Luchesi, Jim Tanner, Harold Randol, Jim Faurot, Don McLaurin, and Jim Swindle.

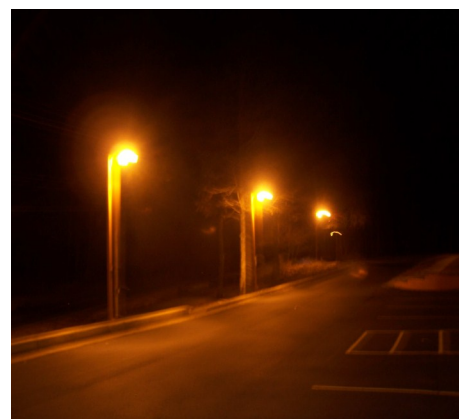
The parking lot lights were in need of repair. The Trustees opted to upgrade the system to the more efficient sodium vapor lights rather than just replace the old mercury vapor lights. Some additional flood lights were added to the upgrade to cover areas

of the parking lot which were not well illuminated.

A new larger video screen was installed in the sanctuary in support the Wednesday night live program. The screen is now a permanent structure under the choir over hang and can be lowered when needed by the push of a button. The crew that helped install this screen were: Steve Matthews, Scott Luchesi, Glenn Wortham, Don McLaurin and Dick Kaiser. Thanks to Ed Pittman, Steve Matthews, Clint Lunsford, Richard Sanders, and Glenn Wortham for volunteering to pull the church trailer to Hot Springs with all the trash gener-

ated during our landscaping clean-up / revitalization program and fall leaf cleaning program.

Peter Hassialis, Trustee Chair



**New lights in the parking lot!**

## REJOICE!

Rejoice” in the New Year! The musical group, **Rejoice**, spread holiday cheer as they sang Christmas carols and other songs-of-the-season at the December Luncheon Connection held at Village UMC. You might know this group under their former name, the Glory Gals. Over the past six-years, the Glory Gals went through many personnel changes. They are grateful to Mary Homan, Terry Mussman, and Jo Morrison, part of the original group that contributed so much to the group but are now moving on to new pursuits. With the loss of these members

and the addition of new ones, the group decided a name change was in order. “Rejoice” seemed to describe not only the way they felt when they sang but also their upbeat music. The group, which is comprised of our own Joyce Barone, Kathy Jones, Pat Barkley, Mary Langston, Carolyn Bowers, and D.J. Wisenhart, all from Hot Springs Village, love to sing in three-part Gospel harmony. They have sung for the Witness pre-show program for several years. They perform at community events and special church services throughout the Village. Their



music is upbeat and so are they! Praising God is their main goal and spreading the good news of God’s promises is their mission. The singers bring their own unique talent to the group but together their voices blend almost effortlessly into pure harmony. For booking engagements, please contact Kathy Jones at 922-4551.

## WHAT’S UP DOC?

I have always liked Bugs Bunny. No matter what happens, he ends up munching a carrot while leaning casually on one elbow and saying “What’s up Doc?” Well, I’m not munching a carrot and leaning on one elbow, I am reporting back to you on WHAT IS UP IN OUR ARKANSAS CONFERENCE that is called IMAGINE MINISTRY and on the Called Annual Conference meeting on October 29, 2011.

A conference study group was created about 2 1/2 years ago to IMAGINE how to do ministry more effectively in our state. Two main goal areas arose: **Making disciples of Jesus Christ and Using resources effectively.** This report is on the second goal area of using our church resources effectively.

### 1. Reduce the number of districts

**from 9 to 5.** During 2012—2013 we will be transitioning from 9 districts & 9 superintendents to 5 districts with 5 superintendents.. We will then be in the new SOUTHWEST DISTRICT, with the office in Arkadelphia. **2. Improve the use of Technology.** Have you noticed the TV screens in our church telling about our activities? These are part of the “improve technology” part of Imagine Ministry. The Conference hopes too move towards meetings by “Skype” which means people could sit in their church and have face to face meetings with other churches, saving time and travel. **3. Reduce the number of Conference Committees.** The number of conference committees will be reduced from 74 to somewhere between 25 and 30. we will keep all the committees required by the Discipline and a few unique to Arkansas.

I attended the **Called Arkansas Annual Conference** on October 29th and voted to accept the budget presented, though it is a transitional budget with a number of unknown factors. The Bishop requested that we work with this budget so that pastors can be appointed as needed and so that the Conference can function. The keynote speaker urged us to “gitter dun” so we can move on. We passed the budget. We “gotter dun” and this is “what is up” in the Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Lynne Harkleroad  
Alternate Lay Member of VUMC

**CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS**

At the Called Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. the budget for 2012 was voted on and approved by the Council. The Council Workshop will be January 11th, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. all Council members are encouraged to attend this workshop.



**THANK YOU**

How great it is to be part of such a caring community of Christ—Village United Methodist Church. Mary Lynn joins me in thanks for all the support you have given us since my “accident”. The visits, prayers, e-mails, calls, food (where does it end) have meant so much to us. The visits of ministers (George & Tom, you are the best) was deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you for your kindness.

Be careful of those ladders!!

Joe Pollard

THANK YOU—I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year. Thank you so much for all the cards, dinner parties, gifts and love offering. You have blessed and honored me in many ways, and I appreciate all your kindness. There are many, many reasons why this change is needed in my life. I praise the Lord for His guidance and believe things happen in His timing. I will cherish all the good memories that I take with me on my future journey. Thinking of you will always put a smile on my face and happiness in my heart, and I have loved getting to know you. With much love, Diane Reynolds

THANK YOU—We are blessed to be part of a God-filled and caring church such as VUMC. My husband and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for your prayers and, of course, the food during my recent illness. While I gained weight in the hospital, my husband was gaining weight at home with all the food you provided! We also wish to express our appreciation for our Shepherd Group led by Martha Vaughn. Thanks to those who had time to visit me in Fountain Lake Rehab. After being discharged, a blood clot was found so I went back to the hospital, but God is good and my husband and I know that God is working in our lives, and I will continue to heal and we will be back in service before long.

Ruth and Bill Anderson

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

CURRENT MONTH		MONTHLY BUDGET	OVER (UNDER)
Income	\$43,497.16	\$47,776.17	-\$4,279.01
Expenses	42,601.94	47,776.17	-\$5,174.23
Net	\$ 895.22		
YEAR TO DATE		YTD BUDGET	YTD OVER (UNDER)
Income	\$528,688.27	\$525,537.83	\$3,150.44
Expenses	504,309.32	525,537.83	-21,228.51
Net	\$ 24,378.95		

Detailed financial Reports are available in the Library and the Church Office. Contact Treasurer Marilyn Lihs at 922-1030 if you have any questions.

**JANUARY 2012**

1 11:00 AM Worship Service	2 9:30 AM Mothers Club 10:30 AM <b>Trustee Meeting</b>	3 3:00 PM Gabriel's Band 3:30 PM Children's Chapel 3:30 PM <b>Weight Watchers</b> 4:00 PM Chancel Choir 5:30 PM High-erground Rehearsal 7:00 PM Scout Troop #7	4 12:30 PM UMW Program Committee 1:30 PM <b>UMW Executive Committee</b> 4:00 PM Glory Singers 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Live	5 7:00 AM Breakfast Lion Club 10:15 AM Praise & Worship w/Music 11:00 AM Prayer Gathering 2:00 PM SPR Committee Meeting 3:00 PM PEO 3:30 PM Good Vibrations	6	7
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**Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors**



A Nativity Scene was erected in a church yard. During the night the folks came across this scene. An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away so he was there all night.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Come and experience our new Contemporary Worship Service on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each **MONTH**. In **JANUARY** it will be on the **4TH**.

A **DELICIOUS MEAL** is served at 5:15 P.M. (**\$7.00 FOR ADULTS, KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE**).

Around 6:00 P.M. The Band 'HIGHERGROUND', featuring our own **BRUCE PETERSON**, will lead us in **MUSIC**, Then **DR. MCCOY** will **TEACH** and **INSPIRE** us in a **JOYFUL WORSHIP** experience.

Call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at 922-1030 to make your **MEAL RESERVATION**.



*"HIGHERGROUND"*