



CHALLENGES

Sunday, September 29th, 2024

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Chancel Choir

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
Bud Clark, Christy Clark, Lon Cross, Dick Francis, Gail Knudsen, Sharry McGuire,
Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, David Riter, Florence Riter, Gary Harris,
Edie Harris, Nancy Shriner, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

WELCOME DESK

LeRae Bean

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mary Hackleman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

No Coffee this week

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Carillon Toccata”

D.J. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 124:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

Let us worship our Helper!

*HYMN #363

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King” (v1,2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger and the heavy grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God’s beloved children.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to "pass the peace" to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 124

- ¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
² **if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴ **then the flood would have swept us away;
the torrent would have gone over us;**
⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.
⁶ **Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

ANTHEM

“Do Lord, Remember Me”

Mary McDonald

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us, and if our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 6:16

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:

Stand at the crossroads and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.
But they said, “We will not walk in it.”

& Micah 6:8

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON **Week 3** “*Challenges: “On and Off the Field”*”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

**Sporting & Spirituality: Learning from the teams and players we
love about faith, perseverance and empathy.**

This sermon series will reflect on sports as a way to engage different aspects of our faith. The four weeks are divided into: Preparation, Encouragement, Challenges and Being Well. Whether we are engaged in a sport ourselves or enjoy being a fan of a variety of teams or players, we can reflect on those experiences and what it means to be called by God to be a part of a team.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #443 “*There Is A Redeemer*”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Barmen Declaration)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We make our offering before God, not as payment for a grace we could never afford, but as an act of commitment and gratitude for the God who builds a new world in our midst, even now. We do not give out of guilt or pride. We give out of joy, trusting that God will use these gifts for the good of all people.

OFFERTORY *“ My Shepherd will supply My Need ”*
Arr: Matt Limbaugh

***DOXOLOGY #606** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us messy people, for the rebuilding of a world of hope and healing in your name, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 611** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #614** *“Great Are You, Lord”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Echo Alleluia ”*
Henry Purcell Arr. by Lani Smith



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- WEDS:
9 am to 4 pm
THURS: 9am to 2pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons: September
David Rew
Terry Woods

9/22/2024 Attendance:
Members: 93 Guests: 8 Online: 18

Due to the amount of goods we have for the sale, the fellowship hall has been taken over. So unfortunately, there will be no events held there until after Oct. 21. That includes the time of fellowship. Sorry for the inconvenience and you missing out on this wonderful time of fellowship.

Dear members, Pastor Judi has a new cell number. Please update your address books. 479-403-9082.

If you have a special bread you want to share for the World Communion Worship Basket, please bring it Sunday, October 6th! You can either share that bread with someone else to take it home for their meal or take it home for yours.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1 Dan Dovell

Oct. 3 Jeanne Ferguson

Oct. 4 Bud Clark

Oct. 5 Nancy Schriener

Oct. 6 Barry Owen

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, September 30

9am-4pm—Set up Sale

Tuesday, October 1

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
10:30-1:00pm Writing Group (P)
5:30pm-6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, October 2

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
9:30am Deacon's (A)
3:00-4:00pm Congregational Life
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 3

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
No Events

Friday, October 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9am-4pm—Set up Sale
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

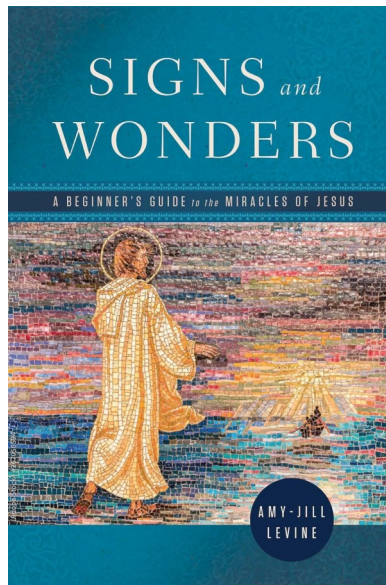
Saturday, October 5

9:30am - 10:30am Presbyterian
Men's Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, October 6

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Sign-up in Connector Hallway for our new book study, Signs and Wonders with Amy Jill-Levine. You have two options, a Monday at 4 pm or a Thursday at 2 pm. Book Study will start week of Nov. 4th.



CRAFTSMAN LAWN MOWER w/BAGGERS

“never cut a blade of grass”
Sealed Bids; Viewing 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Monday thru Thursday
Bids taken until 3:00 p.m. Oct. 19
(must be able to pay and transport mower from sale)



Last Day to bring items for the Big Sale is October 6th.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A HANDMADE QUILT ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW

(see Sharon Warner or
Bev MacDonald)

Welcome Back FOR THE
BIG REUNION

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE
UCM BUILDING ON CAMPUS**

October 11 & 12

Gather with friends, fellow alumni, and former campus ministers to honor 60 years of ministry in the UCM building. Additionally, we are celebrating the 2022 listing of the UCM building on the National Historic Register.

Friday at 8:30 PM
Alumni Hang Out

Saturday
9:30 - 11:30 am Alumni & College Minister Brunch
Campus Tours at Noon & 4pm
1:30 - 3:30 pm Reception for Historic Register Listing
5:30 - 8:30 pm Celebration Dinner


United Campus Ministry

EVENT DETAILS AND RSVP
<https://tinyurl.com/60th-Party>



The Presbytery of Arkansas is working to ensure the full inclusion of under-represented groups in the presbytery. As a part of the current strategic planning process, the Presbytery would love to hear of initiatives or ministries supporting under-represented populations or historically marginalized groups. If you know of a church, committee, program, or person that does a fantastic job of inclusion, or has an incredible ministry for a specific population, please share that with Julie Price at julietannerprice@gmail.com. If you are a member of an under-represented population and you're interested in helping the Presbytery move forward, email Julie! *In addition, if you know of any experts in diversity and inclusion within the bounds of the presbytery, including DEI staff at universities or in the corporate field, please email Julie with their contact info!*



NOVEMBER 7 — 10

2024

ADULT QUAKE '24

COST: FOR NOV. 8, FRIDAY - NOV. 10, SUNDAY
\$275 (DOUBLE) // \$380 (SINGLE)

W/ OPTIONAL ADD-ON -- NOV. 7, THURSDAY
(\$125, DOUBLE // \$175 SINGLE)

NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

COUPON CODES ARE AVAILABLE! EMAIL SARAH@SARAHLEER.COM

Questions? Email Sarah: sarah@sarahleer.com

Register by November 1st for a link to the registration page, please email Ann Davidson at adavidson@pcbv.org or Sarah at the link above.