

# The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

## CROSSROADS

921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md. 21108

June July 2016

### PASTOR'S COLUMN

For in Christ Jesus you are children of God through faith. As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-28 N.R.S.V.

After this I (John) looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... They cried out in a loud voice saying:

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelations 7:9-10 N.R.S.V.

May God's blessing, grace and peace - the Shalom of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior be with you all!

God is Good – All the time! All the time – God is Good!

What a joy and privilege it is to be the church, the people of God, the body of Christ. As I write this article Debbie and I have just returned from General Conference in Portland, Oregon. General Conference is the meeting of elected delegates of the global United Methodist Church which meets every four years. It is at General Conference that this gathering of people who call themselves Methodist seek God's will and purpose for this branch of the universal Christian church. This gathering composed of equal number of clergy and lay people is the only group that can speak officially for the denomination. United Methodist Christians have no pope and our bishops, district superintendents, pastors, boards, agencies and commissions, annual conferences, local churches speak only for the church in the authority from our General Conference.

Debbie and I had the joy and privilege of being there because Debbie is president of the National Association of Commissions on Equitable Compensation; which is affiliated with the General Council on Finance and Administration. Debbie's national commission serves, guides and supports the work of commissions on equitable compensation in each conference of the United Methodist Church. Her commission was at General Conference to "lobby" for legislation related to equitable compensation; which all passed. Also to run an information booth for the delegates about the resources available from the commission.

This is Debbie's commission. I tease I was there to "carry luggage and freshen drinks." General Conference for us is a wonderful, God-filled experience. For both of us the most meaningful part of General Conference is the awesome worship. The worship glorifies God and is truly beautiful and inspiring. This was our second time to attend General Conference. We were at General Conference in Tampa, Florida in 2012.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us July 11th-15th as we "Catch the wave of God's amazing love!" We will have many adventures as we surf through the week and learn all about how God loves, God creates, God helps, God sends and God calms.

Registration is now open. You may pre-register your child for Surf Shack VBS from now until Friday, July 15th however, it is highly recommended that you register your child early. Each day, we will wear a different color. This year's colors are as follows: Monday: Yellow, Tuesday: Green, Wednesday: Blue, Thursday: Purple, Friday: Red. You may turn your registration forms with payment into the church office Mon-Fri, or into Ashley Harris.

There are many volunteers still needed. We are in need of group leaders as well as volunteers to help organize and decorate the week prior. All volunteers who volunteer the week OF VBS must be safe sanctuary certified. All youth volunteers must be registered as a volunteer via the youth registration form. If you wish to volunteer in any way, please sign your name on the sign up sheet placed at the entrance of each service.

There are many supplies needed to make our 2016 VBS a success! Please take a minute to view the donation board outside the church office to see how you can help us. All donations can be placed across the hall outside the church office.

If you have any questions about items needed or how you can get involved, please contact Ashley Harris at 740-278-5750 or Renee Norris at [renkelnorris@comcast.net](mailto:renkelnorris@comcast.net). Thank you for all of your support as we make VBS 2016 Surf Shack a success

### Singers and Instrumentalists

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to participate in our June, July and August worship services.

Would a men's or women's chorus interest you? Duet? Solo? Handbells? So "test the waters" with our music program this summer – we welcome all. To share your talents this summer, please contact Susan Petty, Director of Music, at 410-987-4273.



Children's Choir rehearsing for Memorial Day

The worship is always amazing! In particular, in worship we are always moved by the fact that we are a global church. To worship at General Conference is to get a glimpse of what worship in the new heaven and new earth will be like. This was a gathering from multiple nations, tribes, peoples, languages from all over the world praising God. There were delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, United States all praising God. It reminds me of the words of John Wesley: "The world is my parish."

You might have heard in the news that there were some strong disagreements and arguments at this global meeting. We are a large family of sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus. Like all families we do not agree on everything. You have probably heard me say often, "All families are dysfunctional it is just a matter of degrees." Our church is not of the same mind on some issues. Issues we feel strongly, emotionally and passionately about. Whether it is the global church or the local church we need to remember we are family. It was our Lord Jesus' prayer that His people would be one. (John 17:11, 21)

Our world which is broken, hurting and sinful needs to see God's people modeling the way of Jesus. May we be different from the world and still disagree and argue, but still love one another and be in communion together.

That is our hope and prayer for this old ship called Methodism, but also for all of us. May we affirm strong beliefs and convictions. May we hold fast to the truth, but always through God's Spirit in love and unity.

Peace and grace be to you all!

Your Pastor and friend

Phil Tocknel

## OUR MASTER'S TOUCH

Its tiny things that mean so much:  
The way a baby's fingers clutch  
And impish saucy turned-up nose:  
A cricket's chirp—a dew-kissed rose:  
A soft spring rain, a pansy's face  
are really not so commonplace.  
These tiny things, they mean so much  
For each one proves Our Master's Touch.

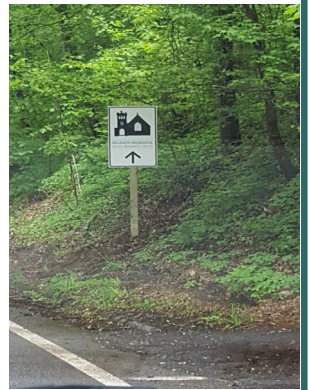
Its tiny things that mean so much:  
A gentle word—a loving touch;  
A warm handclasp—a bit of praise  
Transforms like magic dreary days.  
A kindly deed—a mile—a song  
Can often right a human wrong.  
Its tiny things that mean so much,  
Each thought and deed—Our Master's Touch.

GERTRUDE CRAMER WILLIAMS.

## N.O.W. COMMITTEE

New sign on Generals Highway! Thanks to the Wilson family for allowing it to be placed on their property. Thank you to Bert Hewitt for his hard work placing it on the Wilson property.

All are welcome to the N.O.W. Committee meetings. We discuss current and future projects that reach out to the community. Although our next meeting is not until September, please contact Vicky Rosencranz if you have any great ideas to share. N.O.W. Committee Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7 pm.



## Congratulations to the Class of 201 Old Mill High School

Lillian Caruso	Anne Arundel Community College
Coral Medford	Towson University
Kim Parks	Stevenson University
Ryan Shoemaker	
Caitlyn Summers	Anne Arundel Community College

### Police/Fire

Alex Sietz	Anne Arundel County Fire School Class 54
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### College

Anna Reinhart	Duke University B.S. Biomechanical Engineering Ensign, United States Navy SWO(N), U.S.S. Ross, Rota, Spain
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### Post Graduate

Carmen Graves	Georgetown University Executive Masters Policy Leadership
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## Friends/Family of Baldwin Memorial UMC

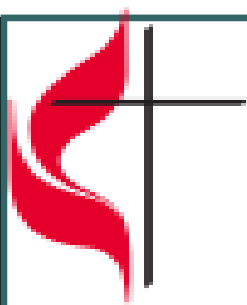
### High School

Courtney Lauren Williams from Century High School will attend Messiah College  
Dillon Christopher Williams from Liberty High School will attend Brentwood, CA Junior College

### College

Lisa Moskowitz	Virginia Tech B.A. (summa cum laude) English Language and Literature and Classical Studies Simmons College seeking Masters in English and Education
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We have tried to include everyone, if we missed your name, please let us know.



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Spring Luncheon was held on April 30th. Our theme this year was "Women of the Bible." Hostesses decorated their tables with the theme of a woman from the Bible. Examples included: Lydia, Mary the Blessed Mother, Eve, Deborah, Naamah, Martha and Mary, just to name a few. And the tablescapes were very creative and absolutely amazing!

Our own Baldwin Memorial Liturgical Dancers performed a beautiful interpretation of the hymn, "Indescribable". We were also entertained by Anita Gutschick, a local actress who truly made the stories of three women of the Bible come to life. There were flowering plants for sale throughout the afternoon and we ended the luncheon with spectacular door prizes.

Special thanks go to the following people who made this year's UMW Spring Luncheon an afternoon to remember:

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon Committee: Janice Crowe, Lisa Funk, Leslie Gruman, Barbara Logan, Debbie Snowberger, Margaret Sommerman, Leigh Reid, and Barb Stodghill.

And a special thank you to UMM for serving and cleaning up; John Fendley for taking photographs; and to Mia Funk and Brenna Gruman for assisting with the door prizes.

## UMW 2016 Calendar

**Strawberry Festival & Flea Market**  
Saturday, June 11, 2016

**Mission u - Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda, MD**  
Friday, July 29 to Sunday, July 31, 2016

**Leadership Team Meeting followed by UMW Picnic at noon**  
Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10 am

**General Membership Meeting & Retreat at Arlington Echo**  
Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 8:30 am

**Special Recognition Salad Luncheon**  
Sunday, October 2, 2016

**Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar**  
Saturday, November 12, 2016

**Thanksgiving Basket Preparation**  
Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 9:00 am

**Leadership Team Meeting**  
Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10 am

**Christmas Basket Preparation**  
Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 9:00 am



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[www.baldwinchildcare.org](http://www.baldwinchildcare.org)

The 2015-2016 schoolyear has definitely been an exciting year thus far for Baldwin Child Care. The week of May 2nd we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Mothers, grandmothers, Aunts, and other special ladies were honored at our annual Mother's Day program on May 6th. The children and teachers did a fantastic job with all the songs, poems and presentations. We had a wonderful time fellowshiping with everyone while enjoying the delicious food, special gifts, cards and flowers from the children. Our school year session is coming to an end and we will be celebrating the following end of year ceremonies and family festivities:

June 10th - Graduation Ceremony & Annual Family  
Carnival- Pot Luck Lunch

June 15th-Last day for students & Donuts for Dads

June 16th and 17th - The center is closed for cleaning and preparing the classrooms for summer camp.

June 22-Summer camp begins. We are planning fun in-house activities and special summer weekly themed camps for the summer, which will include music classes, cooking classes, water days, and Echoes of Nature!

We are so excited about Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for July 11th-July 15th.

We are constantly amazed and thrilled by the growth seen in every child at our center. The staff of BCCC strives to produce future leaders of the children's lives we touch. Please feel free to contact us at 410-987-0580, or [bcckare@yahoo.com](mailto:bcckare@yahoo.com). Please visit our website, [www.baldwinchildcare.org](http://www.baldwinchildcare.org), or just stop by!

Janet & Mary





## **2016 Mission u - Friday, July 29 to Sunday, July 31 at the Bethesda Pooks Hill Marriott**

Come join the Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Women for spiritual growth and to expand your knowledge and concepts of mission. This is a lively and fun annual summer opportunity for life-long learners. At Mission u you will:

- Learn about society,
- Grow spiritually,
- Share meals and fellowship,
- Find books, resources and creative ideas,
- Attend for the day or the weekend,
- Participate in a Bible Study and a Church related concern study.

This year there will be emphasis in two areas of study with guest speakers and workshops. The areas of study are:

Bible Study – This study will involve:

- Learning what Jesus says in the Bible about marriage and honoring marriage
- What the Bible says about sex, starting with Creation,
- Women's roles in the Bible
- What Jesus says about sexuality
- What Paul says about sexuality.

Further discussion will include:

- Sexuality and slavery,
- Children held/used for slavery and sex trade.

Church Related Concern Study:

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

Please consider joining your UMW friends in attending this very informative conference.

Registration begins at 10 AM on Friday, July 29. Opening worship begins at 12:30 PM with the first class to follow. The MISSION u event concludes around 2:30 PM on Sunday, July 31. Please contact Linda Freeman for more details (410-923-6922).

## **HONORED SCOUT**

Patrick Lee was a Troop 768 Eagle Scout here at Baldwin's Church. His Eagle project was building a family picnic area at the Annapolis Police Department for the officers and their families. Patrick passed a year ago and the Annapolis Police department honored him in May by dedicating the park in his name and held a ceremony for scouts and their families to attend. Patrick's father continues to be a leader with Troop 768.

Great is our Lord and of great power: his understanding is infinite..

PSALM 145:5

## **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & FLEA MARKET**

Mark your calendars for June 11<sup>th</sup> – the annual Strawberry Festival & Flea Market. Scrumptious strawberry delights will be available including: Belgian waffles topped with strawberries and whipped cream, strawberry sundaes, and of course those famous fresh strawberry pies. The form to order your pie(s) is included at the end of this edition of Crossroads. Please contact Lisa Funk (410-382-4201) or Margaret Sommerman (443-994-4044) with any questions.

Clean out your closets, attics, and garages and donate your gently used items to the Flea Market. 100 % of the Flea Market proceeds will go to support UMW missions. For those interested, you can set up a table outside to sell your own stuff - a \$10 donation will be collected during the morning. Please contact Debbie Tocknell with any questions (443-631-2190)

## **STRAWBERRY PIE ORDER FORM**

The UMW will be preparing deep-dish strawberry pies during the week leading up to the Strawberry Festival & Flea Market. Please pre-order your pie(s) at the cost of \$12.00 each.

Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received.

Please be prepared to pick up your pie(s) the day after preparation. Pie pickups will be on Thursday, June 9th and Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, between 5-7 p.m. You will be notified of your pickup date.

If possible, we will have a limited number of pies available for sale the day of the Strawberry Festival.

### **PIE ORDER FORM**

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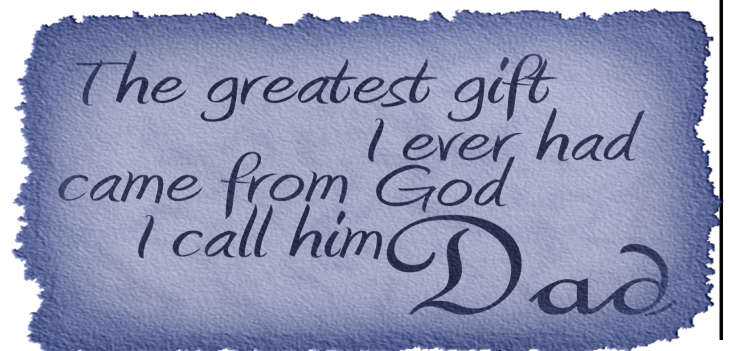
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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ pie(s) @ \$12.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total.

Please include payment with your order and make checks payable to Baldwin Memorial UMW

Pie orders will be accepted in the church office or by Lisa Funk.

Any questions call, Lisa - 410-382-4201.



**Happy  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

**JUNE 19 2016**



## SPRING LUNCHEON PICTURES



Thanks to the UMM for serving at the UMW Luncheon:  
Frank Gruman, Larry Calder, Mike Nichols and Harry Davis



Hope Circle celebrated Eve and the Garden of Eden:  
Anne Steed, Laverne Voyles, Evelyn Pizie, Charlene Fendley  
and Judy German



Renowned artist, Anita Gutschick, portrayed three "Women of  
the Bible" at the UMW annual Spring Luncheon



The Baldwin Memorial Liturgical Dancers entertained at the  
UMW Spring Luncheon: Lexi Nisewanner, Julia Kokosinski,  
Alexandra Verbeek, Angelica Caruso and Jessie Reider



The Stanley Family enjoys the Spring Luncheon



The Williams/Lyons family are on Noah's Ark!

## **BALDWIN HAPPENINGS**

### **Baptisms:**

Jacob Wesley Lyons, son of Seth Lyons and Kara Pinter, grandson of Rev. Ken Lyons and Donnelle Lyons.

### **Deaths:** Audrey Rug

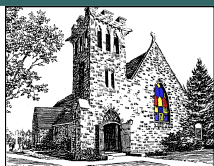
9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building

10:30 AM Worship in our stone chapel.

Children are always welcome at all worship services.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years in our Education Building.

This nursery is staffed by two paid adult attendants at all times.



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## **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

8 AM TO 2 PM

**Come for breakfast. Come for lunch**

**Come to shop for bargains and treasures at the many flea market tables.**

**Waffles with strawberries and whipped cream**

**will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**Hotdogs, chips, sodas  
strawberry shortcakes and  
sundaes will be served starting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Outside Flea Market Spaces** are \$10.00  
Call Debbie Tocknell (410) 697-3520 to reserve a space.

**Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Women and  
Youth Fellowship**  
invite you to attend

**Proceeds to benefit the UMW and the UMYF**  
For more information call

Lisa Funk (410) 382-4201 or Debbie Tocknell (410) 923-2642

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