

The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

CROSSROADS

Pastor's Column

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving! Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Psalm 95:2

N.R.S.V.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

N.R.S.V.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

N.R.S.V.

Grace and Peace to all God's people of Baldwin Memorial United Church.

God is Good – All the time!

All the time – God is Good!

Are you a grateful and thankful person? Are we a grateful and thankful church family? Does adoration and praise, rejoicing and thanksgiving just flow out of our hearts? Like the birds who greet the morning with singing we are created by God to give thanks and praise.

The world and that includes those who call themselves Christians seems so sadly lacking in gratitude. I wonder why this is so true. This was true in the days when Jesus walked on our earthly home. One time while Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem He was approached by ten lepers begging Him to heal them. He told them, "go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were made clean. (Luke 17:14 N.R.S.V.) But only one came back to Jesus to thank Him. "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated Himself at Jesus feet and thanked Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'" (Luke 17:15-18 N.R.S.V.) Are we part of the nine or are we one who stops and gives praise and thanks? Are we willing to humble ourselves to express our gratitude? Are we reluctant to give pleasure by such expression?

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Susan Petty's farewell

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise Him in his mighty heavens. Praise Him for his acts of power; praise Him for his surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150 N.I.V

A new chapter in my life is about to begin. I am retiring as Director of Music/Organist. What began as "a couple of years to play the organ and direct a couple of choirs" at Baldwin Memorial in 1995 became so much more than that! Pastor Phil often reminds us that nowhere in the Bible do you find the word "retire" and then draws our attention to Abraham. Now there is a man with amazing credentials from long, long ago!! But now I am called to spend more time in New Hampshire to attend to my parents' place and spend more time with my family.

It has been a privilege to lead music for worship on Sundays and special days, at funerals and at weddings at this crossroads and in our community. I am grateful to Pastors Warner, Schwarzmann and Tocknell and their families for their encouragement to me and my family and to the amazing and excellent Baldwin Memorial professional staff for their support. I have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people and families and had many new professional experiences here over the last 22 years. We have shared the highs and the lows.

Thank you all for welcoming me to your church family. You let me know how glad you were to hear a favorite song, or if you had not heard a favorite song enough. You let me know if the volume was too loud or the volume too soft. You volunteered to learn to play an instrument, or sing, or dance on a stage, or make costumes, or shuttled a child back and forth to children's choir, or volunteered at vacation bible school or caroled to a shut-in...and more

With all these activities the goal and the prayer is that someone has come closer to the Lord, has renewed their faith, has been touched by the presence of God. With worship in many forms the light for the Lord that shines within each of us will be stronger to those we meet in our community, in our country and around the world.

I will miss you all.

Yours in Christ,

Susan Walsh Petty

Soli Deo Gloria - *Glory to God Alone*

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There are some who have honest questions and doubts about God who expects praise, adoration and thanks. What kind of God demands the praise of his people? Does our God constantly need to be told how wonderful He is and be given thanks for all He is and does? We all know people like that - people who have to be reassured repeatedly how beautiful or how smart or how clever they are. Is God like the wicked queen in "Snow White" who stands before the magical mirror and chants, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" Is God like that?

The problem is we confuse praise and thanks with flattery. They are not the same thing. We are commanded by God in the bible over and over again to give thanks and praise (example just read the book of Psalms). We express gratitude and thanks because God has blessed us so much. We praise and admire God because God is worthy of all praise, honor and glory.

To give praise is kind of like this: have you noticed, when you have something that filled you with intense joy and delight, how you cannot help telling someone about it in glowing, enthusiastic terms. I am a book lover and when I read a really wonderful book I cannot help but say "you need to read this book it is totally awesome." Or I love football and especially the Washington Redskins, you know how I enjoy talking about them (perhaps too much).

We human beings naturally praise what we enjoy. Have you noticed that enjoyment that is shared is enhanced and multiplied? We praise and admire God because we love God and enjoy God intensely. We love God because God loves us first, God is good, holy, awesome and amazing. God is worthy of all honor, glory and praise.

The Bible tells us in numerous places that God delights Himself in us. The Word of God invites us to delight ourselves in God. The Presbyterians have a wonderful catechism. The first question is, "What is the chief end of man?" And the answer is, "Man's chief purpose is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever." Amen! We are to glorify, praise and adore, to rejoice and give thanks, and to enjoy God forever!

May God empower us to be people of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. May we praise God every day and every moment. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24 N.I.V.) May we give thanks in all circumstances.

God bless you all!

Your Pastor and friend,

Phil Tocknell

RECYCLING

Recently I was approached concerning the use of plastic liners in our recycle cans. The decision to use plastic liners was to protect the new floors in the educational hall. The recycle cans we use have holes in the bottom.

I contacted the Anne Arundel Recycle Department and was told that bagging of recycle collections has proved to be a problem. The mechanical processor which sorts and separates hundreds of tons of recyclable materials daily needs to be supported by workers who manually attempt to remove all plastic bags from the collections.

All plastic in the form of grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags and other similar items cause problems. They get caught in the conveyor belt pulleys, cover apertures in mechanical screens, and cause other disruptions.

The county is recommending all film plastic bags be returned to your local grocery store. The definition of film plastic is: anything that stretches, like grocery/ newspaper/bread bags and bubble/plastic wrap. The county now provides new containers for the collection of film plastic.

So, moving forward we will continue to line the cans with the clear plastic bags BUT when emptying the can please dump contents directly into outside cans. Keep liner in recycle can to later be disposed of properly.

Debra Snowberger

Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church Liturgical Dance Ministry

Dance Ministry is simply the process by which we use our gift of dance to share the gospel or the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost and to encourage, comfort, and edify the saints in the faith.

A Praise Dance is a form of dance that glorifies God by communicating the divine message of the good news of Jesus Christ. A Praise Dance is a unique and God ascribed dance (Psalm 150:3-5).

This means that God has ordained the dance to be a physical expression of our acknowledgement of Him (Psalm 150:2; Colossians 1:16) and our relationship with Him in joy and gladness. (Psalm 22:3; Psalm 30:11; Zephaniah 3:17).

The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church Liturgical Dance Ministry is excited to share their talents during worship.

Everyone is welcome - experience or not, young or old we would love for you to join us. If you are interested in learning more please contact Stephanie or Angelica Caruso 443-994-7272.

Baldwin Early Learning Center

***Please note our new name, phone number, email address, and website address! ***

We are off to a wonderful start of the school year 2017-2018! We currently have 69 children enrolled in our school. We still have a few spaces available in our Little Room (2 year olds) and our Preschool 3 program. If you, a friend or a relative is looking for quality child care, please encourage them to contact us so that we can schedule a visit. We are truly blessed as an Early Learning Center.

On September 15th, we celebrated Grandparent's Day with special activities in each classroom as well as "Goodies for Grandparents" in the foyer. We were happy so many grandparents were able to join us!

Our fall fundraiser, Yankee Candle began September 18th, with the last day to order being October 13th. All the proceeds are used towards the purchase of new playground equipment. The beautiful scented candles which come in a huge variety of warmers, jars, diffusers, room sprays, etc. will be delivered to Baldwin on the morning of November 10th. Yankee Candle also sells gift bags, popcorn, and magazines! They arrive individually packaged for ease of delivery to family and friends. They are perfect for stocking stuffers, family gifts, and home décor. You may pick up a brochure at the church office, the child care office and the church sanctuary.

We begin October with our fall pictures being taken of the children by Great American Photos on October 3rd and 4th. Siblings are welcome and the photographs will be back in time for Holiday gift giving! We'll end October with Halloween parties for the children on October 31st.

The children will have some special activities scheduled during the month of October. We will take a trip to Clarke's Elioak Farm on the morning of Thursday, October 5th and the firefighters will visit us to talk to the children about fire safety on October 9th.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 20-22. Baldwin Early Learning Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We pray everyone has a truly blessed Thanksgiving.

Please feel free to stop by Baldwin Early Learning Center any time. We can be reached at 410-923-2832 or by e-mail at baldwinelc21108@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at www.baldwinelc.org.

Janet Stinson & Mary Ahearn

IN THE WAKE OF DISASTERS BWC HANDS ON MISSION

The people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference are committed to helping our brothers and sisters who have been (or will soon be) impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria.

For those of you who have been asking us about when you can take your team to Houston, the wait is over. The Texas Annual Conference is ready to receive teams, Learn more and sign up here.

<http://www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/diasteer-volunteer-team-registration-9275846>

For individuals and teams who need training, we will be offering Volunteers in Mission (VIM) and Emergency Response Team (ERT) training over the next few months. They will be publicized in the e-connection and through emails to leaders from our VIM ERT lists.

If you would like to get on the "BWC Hands on Mission Email list, please let us know:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWCVIM>

Flood buckets, health Kits and monetary donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are still very much needed. One hundred percent of money given to UMCOR goes directly to help disaster victims.

You can give online to UMCOR'S Domestic Disaster Advance #901670 or send a check to UMCOR, with the Advance number in the notation line, to BWC Conference Treasurer 11711E Market Place, Fulton, Md 20759 or put in Baldwin offering plate.

Putting together Relief Kits can be done by a family or small group or as a larger church effort. For details about specific immediate needs and instructions for Relief Kits and Health Kits, visit

<http://missioncentral.org/how-can-I-help/donate-items/>.

Currently the Baltimore-Washington Conference has three 'mini-hubs' which collect flood buckets and transport them up to the main storage facility called Mission Central in Pennsylvania. These mini-hubs are in Maryland at Bentley Springs UMC in Parkton, Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville, and St. Matthews UMC in Bowie. For more information about these hubs,

Visit <http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/diasterresponse/mission-central-hubs>

Please join us and pray for the people whose lives have been shaken by the hurricanes, Let us be a light of hope and love in their time of need.

Blessings

Rev. Joan Carter-Rimbach, BWC Volunteers in Mission Coordinator

Rev. Stacey Cole-Wilson and Pam Bowen, BWC Staff



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) meets on scheduled Fridays at 7PM. If you are interested please come check us out!

Join us on...Friday October 13th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st, December 22nd, January 5th, January 19th, ROCK is January 26th - 28th, February 16th.

If you have any questions please see Mr. Rick or Ms. Donnell Johnson who are the Youth Leaders and are always happy to talk to you about this ministry!

The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Womens'

Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

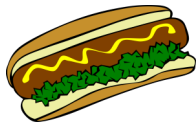
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Address: 911 General's Highway
Millersville, MD 2110

**Craft Tables Galore
UMW (Fabulous) Bake Table
White Elephant Rooms**

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring shrimp or chicken salad on a fresh roll and delicious home made soups.



News Bulletin: Don't miss a special appearance of someone from the North Pole.



Proceeds from the rental of craft space and from all of the sales of baked goods, lunch and the white elephant rooms will support UMW Mission Projects.

For additional information, call the church office
(410)923-1166



NOW Committee Meeting - Tuesday, October 10, 2017 7:00 PM

Praying Our Way Forward: We are One in Christ

Our UMW strive each year to be a "Mission Today Unit". The Baltimore-Washington Conference provides us with a checklist of 18 items for meeting our goal. Completing between 8 to 11 earns a Bronze Certificate, 12-15 a Silver and 16-18 a Gold. One of these criteria is a monthly Response moment taken from an article in our Response magazine of women in mission. September's Response Moment, is Praying Our Way Forward. "As the United Methodist Council of Bishops works toward the church's future with the Commission on the Way Forward, United Methodists are called to pray for God's leadership to guide us effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church. Clergy, laity, conferences and congregations across the denomination will pray for God's guidance as part of Praying Our Way Forward. Each United Methodist annual conference is assigned a week to pray, which can be found at UMCPrays.org. Each week also has a suggested prayer focus on spiritual resources the commission members need." View a video of Bishops explaining the prayer initiative at Praying Our Way Forward: We are One in Christ. We are requested to share this invitation to prayer throughout congregation and at our meetings and events.

Many thanks,

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OUTREACH

Prayers for our sick and shut-ins

Lynn Harrison Wisniewski	6 Tydings Road Severna Park, Md. 21146
Blanche Whittington	929 Generals Highway Millersville, Md. 21108
Naomi Sessions	3515 Greencastle Road Burtonsville, Md. 20866
Harriet Keck	730 Route 3 South Gambrills, Md. 21054
Betty Forney	1557 Severn Chapel Rd. Crownsville Md. 21054
Dorothy Jubb	730 Route 3 South Gambrills, Md. 21054

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS!

Join us at our Group meetings at 1:00pm on the fourth Thursday (unless otherwise noted) of each month in the Education Building. Come share with us and learn from those who experienced healing after loss. Watch the Church Calendar and bulletins for the next meeting date and details. For more information contact Barb Stodghill at 410-721-2898 or bstodghill@marykay.com.

UMW 2017 Calendar

Special Recognition Salad Luncheon
Sunday, October 15th, 2017 after Second Service

Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar
Saturday, November 11, 2017

Thanksgiving Basket Preparation
Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9:00 am

Leadership Team Meeting
Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 11

Christmas Basket Preparation
Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 am

UMW Special Recognition Salad Luncheon & World Thank Offering

On Sunday, October 15th Baldwin Memorial UMW will be presenting the Special Recognition Awards for 2017 at both worship services. The awards are given to church members who have given years of exemplary service to our church. This year, we have three recipients.

A salad luncheon in honor of the award recipients will follow the 2nd service and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM.

The World Thank Offering will be collected at the luncheon. Your gifts are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world. Please give generously to support women, children, and youth through the World Thank Offering.

All members of the church are welcome to attend. Please bring a cold salad to share and come join us!



**UMW RETREAT WEEKEND OF
THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER**



Save the Date



Saturday, December 2nd.

Come help decorate the sanctuary!

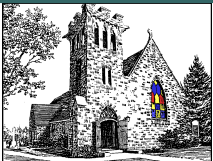


Baptism: Vincent Alexander Festa, son Andrew & Katie Brong Festa, Grandson of Jack & Carol Brong.
Tyler James Hill, son of Eric & Shanae McGrath Hill, grandson of Carole Hill.

Births: Kaysin Nicholas Stephens son of Nicholas Stephens & Bionca Dandridge, grandson of Shawn Stephens and great grandson of Becky Stephens.

Deaths: Dorothy Wilson Rembold
John David Rice
Linda Gleason

9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building
9:00 AM Sunday School in the Fellowship Hal 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;
The nursery is staffed by two paid adult attendants at all times.



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921 Generals Highway
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THANKSGIVING SUPPER

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Dinner will be served from 5 – 6:30 pm.

The N.O.W. Committee* will supply the turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, and rolls.

Contributions of side dishes and desserts are greatly appreciated.

Please also bring non-perishable food contributions.

Please Join Us!

*Nurture Outreach Witness Committee meets monthly; usually every 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm. All are welcome to voice ideas to nurture, outreach, and witness people in our community. Contact Vicky Rosencranz 443-223-8426.



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