

The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

CROSSROADS

921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md. 21108

April May 2017

Pastor's Column

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17 N.R.S.V

For the Son of man came to seek out and save the lost.

Luke 19:10 N.R.S.V.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

John Newton 1779

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

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

Many of you know a mix breed dog we named Ziggy moved into our home and hearts on Sunday, March 12, 2017. His journey to a loving family was met with a lot of trials for this little friendly two year old Border Collie mix.

Ziggy had been lost. We do not know if he got lost from his original family or that his original family abandoned him to the wild. All we know was Ziggy had been lost. Ziggy lived on the streets where he had to fight rats and raccoons for food. Then he was captured and taken to a kill shelter where a woman who has a heart for animals saw him and knew he would be a wonderful family member. She knew nothing about him other than he had been on the streets, a stray. Having rescue friends in Maryland she called from Georgia to her friends in Maryland and asked if they had room for this wonderful dog.

He lived in the shelter for two weeks before they would release him to travel to Maryland. He traveled from Georgia to Frederick, Maryland where he spent the night then arrived in Millersville, Maryland on Sunday afternoon. He has already become part of our family and his willingness to please indicates he is a happy little fellow. Debbie teases when Ziggy barks he has a southern drawl.

Ziggy's story is like our stories. Like Ziggy we are looking. Like Ziggy we are lost if we do not know Jesus. But the Good News is God came looking for us. The Good News is God is in the rescue business. The Good News is Jesus Christ saves lost sinners. God takes us at any age, any condition and transforms us to be like Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is sometimes said, "That the Bible is our human search for God." When people tell me that, I know they have not read and studied the bible. The bible is not our search for God but God searching for each of us. God loved us so much that He came to us in His Son Jesus.

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Palm Sunday

April 9

Good Friday

April 14

Easter Sunday

April 16



Judge Julie & the Case of the Holey Roof!

On March 26, "Judge Julie & the Case of the Holey Roof!" by Kim Ingram, Joe Milton and Heather Olson was the morning message presented at both worship services by 44 talented members of our congregation.

This music drama was set in the current day courtroom of Judge Julie Truly (Reggie Ray) and her humorous staff of bailiff (Frank Gruman) and court reporters (Martha Preston and Keira Watts.) Television announcers (Maxine Stanley and Maria Stanley) guided us through events as the judge heard The Case of the Holey Roof from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 5. We met the Homeowner (Tate Medford) who was pressing charges against the Four Friends. (They dug a hole in his roof – on purpose!) He was accompanied by his entourage of assistant, Spin, (Bob Cuthbertson) and mother (Adrianne Medford) as well as his Ceiling Fans (Trevor Fielding, Brenna Gruman, Tony Jaston, Jake Kokosinski.)

The Four Friends were the defendants in this case, each having a unique personality: Cheerleader (Kim Parks), Cowboy (Kent Norris), Genius (MaryKate Stanley), and Athlete (Coral Medford) --- representing loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength. Hula Gins (Holly Moores and the Cheer Team of Logan Gruman, Julia Kokosinski and Lexi Nisewaner) helped set the tone for the defense. A special cheerleader (Lilli Caruso) would later join in the celebration of the verdict.

In a flashback scene we saw The Four Friends go over and above to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. A crowd including Strong Man (Stephen Nisewaner) and others pulled from the congregation that morning descended on the Homeowner's house as the excitement to see Jesus grew. And the friends and a persuasive Star Witness (Kaitlyn Summers as the paralyzed friend) shared some very special testimony about faith, friendship, and "loving our neighbors as ourselves."

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That Jesus Christ lived, suffered, died and rose to bring us back to God, to bring us all back home. Our eternal home we share with God and all God's family.

Like the woman with a heart for animals who rescued Ziggy, God gives us the joy and privilege of sharing God's love with others. All of us are called and empowered by God to be in the rescue business. If you are a believer it is because someone into your life loved you in the kingdom of God. So all of us can share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All believers have a faith story. The story of how God rescued you and brought you back home to Godself. We can share our stories with love and respect. We can also invite people to Worship and/or Sunday school, especially during Holy Week and Easter. We can invite people to United Methodist Women, Men or Youth. We can bring them to bible study, choir, prayer shawl ministry or other ministries of the church.

Ziggy was rescued not only because a few people believed he was a good dog and would make a wonderful family member, but because they did things to rescue him. Jesus not only spoke life-changing words' He suffered and died on the cross to save us all from our sins. God raised Jesus from the dead so that we would have a new life in Him. We too can share the Good News in our words and our actions. We can demonstrate God's love by loving others and particularly helping the poor, the needy, the hurting.

Like all lost sinners that were found by the grace of God we can sing: "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

Blessed and joyous Easter to All! God bless you all! Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Your Pastor and friend,

Phil Tocknell



PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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The Star Witness testified first hand that "nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ." With special television-like prompts the congregation was able to join in reading the scriptures of the story and shared in the surprising verdict in the case. We all learned how our LOVE IN ACTION can lead people right to the feet of the Savior.

Special effects, lights and sound were created by Frank Gruman, Sam Reinhart and Lee Shaw.

Creative set production and back stage operation was led by Lorrie Parks with the help of Trevor Fielding, Brenna Gruman, Katie Gunter, Janet Kokosinski and Katrina Reinhart. Stage set engineering was done by Stephanie Caruso, Tony Jaston, Rick Johnson, Jack Norris, Annie Medford and Dan Medford.

This year's band featured Garrett Jenkin on drums, Cleve Mohler on keyboard and our Chancel Choir and friends on vocals, Jane McKain, June Medford, Michelle Nisewaner, Amanda Preston, Julia Preston, Carol Rothermel, Sheila Shaw, Becky Stephens and Pastor Phil.

Kim Parks made her debut as choreographer for this year's production. Costume design and creation was led by Darla Watts. Renee Norris held the leadership role of artistic director.

The cast and crew are thankful for the support of this congregation and their families for this annual drama study. A special thanks to the volunteers who provided special rehearsal lunches for the cast and crew. This storytelling not only shared a message with the congregation, but provided participants with an 11-week Bible study from the New Testament. Join us in future productions to share in this special ministry!

Susan Walsh Petty, Director of Music

Special Dedication

This year's music drama was dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Myers and Greg McKain whose commitment over twenty-plus years to the church music drama was an inspirational example of sharing God's love through action.



Church Office

Do you collect metal can pop tops?
If so I have a bag full of them on the credenza in the church office that you are welcome to have.



A NEW STUDY WILL BE OFFERED DURING LENT

"24 Hours That Changed the World"
by Reverend Adam Hamilton.

This 6 week study is to help us better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' life; to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for our lives. The class will be offered Wednesdays at 7:30PM and Thursday at 9:30AM. All are welcome! All are Invited!



100 years of scouting

May 27th Memorial Day Service Flag Placement at Crownsville sponsored by Boy Scouts of The Capitol District.

The ceremony is Saturday, May 27th and starts at 8 am. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ventures as well as participants from other organizations will place flags starting at 8:30am after the memorial service. Guest speakers include a local politician, Daughters of the American Revolution and various Veterans groups.

It is "extremely" important that attendees do not park on Sunrise Beach Road. The county police do not want us parking on the main street. And they may give tickets to those that do.

Safety is our first concern. That is a main road and we do not want anyone to get hurt.

There is plenty of parking inside the cemetery and no one will get blocked in. Placing flags only takes a matter of 15 minutes and scouters will be departing at different times. There will not be any backup leaving the cemetery.

The gates "will not open" before 730 am. That is the cemetery requirement.

The gates for the Cemetery do not open until 0730. We start the Ceremony promptly at 0800 with the invocation. There is plenty of time to park and get to the ceremony before it starts.

At 0830 we will start placing the Flags.

The Cemetery is located on Sunrise Beach Rd. in Crownsville.

A change this year is that there will not be any refreshments. We ask that leaders insure their scouts bring their individual water containers and any snacks they may need.

Please let me know if need further information or assistance.

Yours in Scouting
Tjfurlong2@verizon.net

Camp Tomahawk June 26-30, 2017 – Program designed for younger siblings including girls. Opportunity for youth to earn volunteer credit

Camp Tomahawk is the Cub Scout Day Camp for The Capitol District of the Baltimore Area Council. It is an *all-volunteer run camp*, held for one week each summer, offering a wide range of outdoor activities in Archery, BBs, Fishing, Science & Nature, Crafts, Whittling, Wood Burning, Games, Scout Skills, Sling Shots, Climbing Wall, etc. The dates are June 26 – 30, 2017 (with set up on June 24 & 25, and tear down on July 1) to be held Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville. Camp Tomahawk is designed primarily for Cub Scouts (Incoming 1st Grade through 5th Grade). Special Tiger Tag introduction program! **"Tag-A-Long" programs designed for younger siblings, as well as for Girls (Incoming 1st-5th Grade).** Camp Theme: Bug Hunters! Insects, medical and computer viruses.

Camp Staff: Camp Tomahawk is an *all-volunteer run camp*. Camp Admin staff have over 30 years of volunteering with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts! Boys and Girls looking to satisfy volunteer commitment can by helping during camp, set up or tear down. *Every Cub Scout registered for camp must have an adult registered to volunteer at least one day working at camp. ** Every TAG must have an adult volunteering in camp each day the TAG is in camp. This pertains to ALL age TAGS, including "Tiger TAGS" and "Girl TAGS". If a TAG is registered for all 5 days, the adult volunteer must also be registered and in camp for 5 days. **

Adults who are able to volunteer all week will likely be Summer Den Leaders, Station Leaders and Staff, or Admin. Adults who are able to give just a few days (1-4 days) that week will serve as Assistant Den Leaders and Assistant Station Staff. Please note that Dens may be made up from cubs from their "home" pack, as well as other packs. **Youth Aides: Typically Incoming 7th grade and above. Boy or Girl Scout Experience Preferred, but not required. Youth Aides will be placed with either dens, stations, or with admin.** Young youth aides may be placed with their volunteering adult, or may be needed in other areas. **Registration Information -Visit**

Task Force on Mission

The last several weeks I've been talking with various Volunteers In Missions (VIM) organizations in search of a United Methodist Church that supports Native Americans in Oklahoma. You may remember the migration of Native Americans in the Trail of Tears settling in reservations in Oklahoma. After numerous phone calls, I found Debbie Humphrey, a United Methodist Pastor and Native American who works directly with women and children at Cookson Hills Center, United Methodist Mission in Cookson Hills, Eastern Oklahoma. Cookson Hills, Oklahoma is located in 3 of the 4 poorest counties in OK. They provide service for domestic violence, addiction, incest, gambling, child neglect, hunger, lack of transportation and spiritual depravity. 38% of their children go to bed hungry, and 38% of their elderly go to bed hungry too. It is said that Native Americans are the poorest ethnic group in the United States. Cookson has been in service for 68 years bearing witness to changed lives. As people are taught to cope with the realities of their lives and to trust God to take them through it, their lives change. They see many completed programs and opportunities to serve and help. Numbers are always a way to track success. They keep records on all their programs. *They do so much and we talked about so many programs they support. One I find going on now is their baby chick program. If you send them \$20, 12 chicks will be donated to a Native American family to raise. Cookson Hills gives the chickens to the needy and they track their progress with the families to see how many eggs they produce. The chickens provide eggs for Native Americans throughout the year then when they stop laying, the chickens provide a meal. I've decided, this year instead of giving our granddaughters candy their parents don't want them to eat (in addition to UMW's sees small box of children's Easter candy) I'm going to send \$20 and sponsor 12 baby chicks for each grandchild. Cookson Hills will send a certificate we can place in each grandchild's Easter basket. I'm sure our son's will like that much better than giving baby chicks we used to get as children for Easter. If you would like to participate, you can write a check to the Cookson Hills UMC, make sure to include a note for the Cookson Baby Chicks and mail it to Cookson Hills Center, P.O.Box 130, Cookson, Ok 74427. You can see their web page at <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/582161>. If you would like to know more about Our Baltimore Committee on Native American Ministries, Pastor Daniel Kutrick, Dundalk-Gracelan UMC can be reached at danielkutrick@comcast.net. Also, Olivia Schwartz does work with Native American Women, at olivia-schwartz@comcast.net. If you need any further information or assistance, please contact tjfurlong2@verizon.net or 410-923-2637.*



April/May BMUMC Newsletter

The Child Care Center has enjoyed a wonderful and busy start to 2017. In March, we were busy planning our summer program and sending out registration forms. This summer, we will have fun-filled camps such as Transportation, Beach Bash, The Wild Word of Sports, Our Mind-Blowing Body, and much more. We also look forward to a wonderful week of VBS beginning on July 24th. Please contact us at 410.923.2832 if you would like to receive a registration form for either summer camp or VBS.

The staff will attend the annual Month of the Young Child Conference in Annapolis on Saturday, April 12th, while the directors will attend the Maryland State Child Care Association conference in Ocean City the weekend of May 5th-7th.

In May, we are looking forward to a school wide trip to The Ultimate PlayZone in Millersville where we will work those muscles as we climb, slide, crawl and swing on their equipment. We will end our trip by eating lunch there before returning to Baldwin Child Care Center.

We have scheduled our annual Mother's Day Muffins for Moms Celebration for Friday, May 12th. The children and staff look forward to spending a special morning with their Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers, and other special ladies. We also look forward to celebrating Easter with fun, food and crafts.

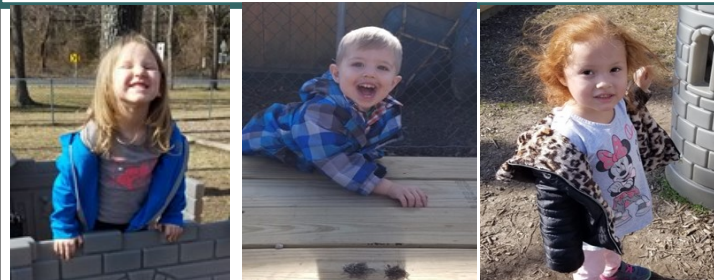
Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please stop by to visit any time or visit us on our website at www.baldwinchildcare.org.

Janet Stinson

Director

Mary Ahearn

Assistant Director



ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL SNACK PACKS

Oatmeal	Breakfast Bars
Applesauce	Granola Bars
Fruit Cups	Crackers
Mac n Cheese	Cookies
Ramon Noodles	

Donations can be left outside the church office.



UMW NEWS

Can you sew? UMW is in need of anyone who can make a stitch and help make ladies hygiene supplies. A simple pattern that Carole Hill will provide and instructions. We're also looking for material. Piece goods. Please contact Carole at 'carolehill@comcast.net' or call TJ at 410-923-2637.

1. Each Circle should turn in their 3 suggestions recommendation for the Special Recognition Award selection to Mary Jane Knode by April 1st. - (Voting to take place at our April Mission Leadership meeting.
2. UMW Members Pledges being due to Debrah Snowberger by May 1st. from the Circle leaders.
3. Annual UMW Spring Luncheon - May 20th - Theme: *"It's A Small, Small World"*. Contact Janice Crowe for information and to lend a helping hand.
4. Strawberry Festival & Flea Market in June. Help needed to cut strawberries and make "40" pies and help with pricing items for the Flea Market.

UMW 2017 Calendar

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30 am

General Membership & Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2017 10:00 am

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at noon

Strawberry Festival & Flea Market

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Mission U - Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda, MD

Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2017

Leadership Team Meeting followed by UMW Picnic at noon

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting & Retreat at Arlington Echo

Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9:00 am

Special Recognition Salad Luncheon

Sunday, October 1, 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 11:00 am

Christmas Basket Preparation

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 am

SPRING DRAMA
Sunday March 26 2017
Judge Julie Truly & the Case
of the Holey Roof

Girl Scout Sunday was celebrated on March 12, 2017. Girls from local troops participated in the Presentation of the Colors at both 9am and 10:30 services.



Girl Scouts®



The Four Famously, Faithful, Friends and The Homeowner and entourage.

Baptism:

“Theo McCulloh Sheils”

son of Ted Jarvis Sheils and Jill Elise Hersherger-Sheils

Deaths: *Thelma Anderson Cole*

9:00 AM Sunday School and 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.

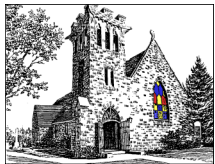
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**BALDWIN MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Generals Highway

Millersville, MD

CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, April 22, 2017

10 AM TO 3 PM



Car & Truck Registration 9 to 11 AM

\$20 ENTRY FEE IN ADVANCE

\$25 ENTRY FEE DAY OF EVENT

**ONE TROPHY FOR EACH DECADE
& PASTOR'S PICK FOR BEST IN SHOW**

GUEST ADMISSION:

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