

# The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

## CROSSROADS

921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md. 21108

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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the beloved; listen to Him!"

Mark 9: 7 N.R.S.V.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 1-2 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!

Jesus is Lord! What an amazing Lord and Savior is King Jesus. We are to listen to Him, to keep our eyes on Him, to follow and serve Him. He alone is our Lord, the Lord of all creation!

At the parsonage in front of the kitchen window we have several bird feeders. Debbie and I love to feed the birds and usually the squirrels. Of course the hungry and acrobatic squirrels drive our two dogs "crazy." Often some of the sunflower seeds get scattered on the ground in front of the bird feeders. This time of year, in summer, we now have a small garden of sunflower plants. I am always fascinated these beautiful flowers will turn to face the sun. They need sunlight to grow and to thrive. Debbie and I were sharing together isn't that like us as Christians? We need to face the Son of God. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus our Lord, our Savior, brother and friend. We need to listen to Him, to keep our eyes on Him, to follow and serve Him in order to grow and to thrive.

I want to offer a few suggestions to you as fellow pilgrims that help me to be like a sunflower, to keep my face toward the Son of God. The first one is to spend some time each day intentionally before the Lord.

### Here's Your Chance: Be a Part of our Church's Music Program

The 2016-2017 season for Baldwin Memorial's music ministry is beginning in September. The music program is organized to match your talents. New members of all ages and experience are welcomed and needed in both vocal and instrumental programs. Where can you participate? Here's our schedule for rehearsals:

**Praise Team** - Adult and experienced senior high singers and instrumentalists, 8:30 AM Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall before 9 AM worship

#### Starting Thursday, September 8

**Baldwin Ringers** – Experienced and new ringers, 6:45- 8 PM

**Chancel Choir** – Adults and experienced senior high singers, 8-9:30 PM

#### Starting week of September 12

**Children's Choir** – 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, day and time to be determined

**Sign up by calling the church office or at the September 11 Rally Day services.**

**Teen Troupe** – Junior and senior high youth sharing in the worship arts (drama, music, art.) Sign up by calling the church office.

#### Starting Sunday, September 18

**Cherub Choir** – Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 9-10 AM during Sunday School in the Education Building

Join us at one of these rehearsals or call Susan Petty, director of music, at the church office to become a member of a group. Also call if you have another worship arts talent to share. A member recently said, "We probably seem so serious during worship, but we really have lots of laughs and fun together!! How would people guess?" Grow in your faith by your participation!

We call this a devotion time, but that makes it sound so hard and difficult. The sunflower naturally and freely turns toward the sun. What a joy and privilege it is for us to be able to spend time each day with God. What do you do with that time? It is up to you and the Lord. But some of us spend time talking or listening or just being silent. Some of us read God's love letters to us the Holy Bible. Some of us sing or dance. In the month of August I am going to try to read through the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John again. I am going to listen to the stories of Jesus and ask God to speak to my soul through these stories. Our little sunflower garden has several sunflowers.

One of the ways that helps me to keep my eyes on Jesus is be with other Christians. I need my sisters and brothers in order to follow Jesus. Of course I can worship and study the Bible alone that is a blessing, but God really touches my heart, mind and soul when I do those activities with other brothers and sisters. I am nurtured and grow best when I worship and learn with other Christians. Together we provide many opportunities to grow and blossom. We have worship every Sunday at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. We have an adult Bible study on Wednesday at 7:30 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM every week. In September we will resume our Sunday School classes. Our United Methodist Women, Men, Youth all provide opportunities for learning and fellowship. Our music, dance, drama programs offer ways to grow together and develop and share our gifts for the glory of God.

The third suggestion I want to offer that helps me to keep my eyes on Jesus is to daily find some way to help someone else. Our little sunflower garden provides more seeds for the birds and squirrels and beauty for us. When you reach out to help someone else does not God bless us even more? "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave me something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You? And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25: 37-40 N.R.S.V.)" We meet Jesus and experience Him in the service of love and care to others.

So in the words of Helen Lemmel's beautiful hymn: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." Just as the sunflower looks to the sun may we my friends always focus our eyes on the Son of God. God bless you all!

Your pastor and fellow pilgrim,

Phil Tocknell

## BALDWIN CHILD CARE CENTER

Our end of school carnival was so exciting; it was the best ever! We thank God for the perfect weather because it was such a beautiful day. We had pony rides, moon toss, cotton candy, games and a family pot luck lunch. The summer has really flown by and we've had so much fun at Baldwin Child Care Center. There were approximately 60 children registered for the summer program.

Our children were especially thrilled when we had special events such as music classes, Kona Ice days and water day on Fridays. We all enjoyed our special visitor Echoes of Nature who brought learning exhibits with real animals. Popcorn & movie day, bike day, and our all-camp picnic were also so much fun! We had a great time during a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. Our children and teachers are always happy to learn so much about the Bible.

We know that our fall program will be just as exciting as the summer and we look forward to welcoming many returning families and meeting new families as well. We look forward to meeting all of the families at our "Meet & Greet" classroom visit in August.

Pastor Phil will continue to spread the love of Jesus as he visits each class and shares his Bible Stories and interacts with the children. The children really look forward to Pastor Phil's visits as well as visits from Assistant Pastor Jess and so do we! Please feel free to stop by or visit our website [Baldwinchildcare.org](http://Baldwinchildcare.org) any time. We can be contacted at 410-987-0580 or [bcccare@yahoo.com](mailto:bcccare@yahoo.com).



## Strawberry Festival & Flea Market

Saturday, June 11th was a beautiful day to enjoy strawberries and shop for treasures. Many folks came for a breakfast of waffles topped with strawberries and whipped cream. A steady flow of buyers shopped at the flea market tables inside and outside. At lunchtime the UMYF served hotdogs, chips and sodas along with strawberry sundaes, shortcakes, and pies.

Many thanks to everyone who donated flea market items, helped make the strawberry pies, helped with the flea market, and worked in the kitchen. Thanks to our entire church family for supporting this very successful event. All the proceeds help fund UMYF and UMW projects.



## UMW 2016 Calendar

### **Mission u - Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda, MD**

Friday, July 29 to Sunday, July 31, 2016

### **Leadership Team Meeting followed by UMW Picnic at Parsonage, hosted by Debbie Tocknell**

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

## **YOGA—12 STEP RECOVERY**

Y12SR is a 12-step discussion and yoga practice open to anyone and everyone dealing with their own addictive behavior or affected by the addictive behavior of others. A 45 minute meeting followed by a 45 minute yoga practice. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Education Building. This is an open and inclusive group. Wear comfortable clothing. Meetings are by donation.

### **UMW General Membership Meeting & Retreat at Arlington Echo**

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the United Methodist Women will hold their annual Fall Retreat at Arlington Echo. There will be a devotion time, a special program, communion, and a delicious lunch served. The retreat will start at 9:00 AM and will conclude with lunch around 12:00 PM.

All women of the church are invited to attend... and feel free to bring your family and friends. Treat yourself to a special time of reflection and fellowship!

For further information, please contact Janice Crowe or Debbie Tocknell.

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## **Children's Choir Pizza Party**

Children's Choir begins every season with a Pizza Party! All 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us. We meet weekly and learn bible stories, the fundamentals of singing, play percussion instruments and choir chimes, read music and share in fun related activities. We share in Sunday morning worship monthly, Christmas Eve family service, the church music drama in March and in a community outreach program.

You are encouraged to call Susan Petty in August to discuss participation as you put together your child's schedule for the fall. Look for the Children's Choir display during the Sunday School Rally Day on September 11 at 9 AM. Our meeting time for this season will be set in August. Invite a friend to come with you!

## **Building Handbell Teams**

New to handbells? Ask anyone who rings bells now and they will tell you that it's a lot of fun to ring bells or chimes and sharing in reaching out to others as well as building our own faith in this way. Adults and youth or family groups are encouraged to consider this activity for the 2016-2017 season. Perhaps a group of folks would like to meet during the week during the day. Call Susan Petty at 410-987-4273 to get more information

## **CALLING ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

Join us at our **Widows & Widowers Group meetings** at 1:00 on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Education Building. Come share with us and learn from those who have experienced healing after loss. Watch the Church Calendar and bulletins for the next meeting date and details. For more info, contact Barb Stodghill at 410-721-2898 or [bstodghill@marykay.com](mailto:bstodghill@marykay.com)

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Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.  
James 4:8



## **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECTS**

*The Gold Award is the highest honor available to Girl Scouts, and is the equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award. Coral and Kim have been Girl Scouts in Troop 2214 for 13 years.*



*Coral Medford installed a bus stop shelter for the children of the Baldwin Child Care Center to protect them from the rain and weather. The shelter includes benches and is a great place to relax while waiting for the bus.*



*Kim Parks created a mural of the logo of the Baldwin Child Care Center on the side of the education building. The project was designed to beautify the entrance of the Center and make it more easy to find. The children of the Center included the finishing touches by placing hand print "flowers" at the base.*



Margaret working at the thrift shop in Nome, Alaska at Community United Methodist Church



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## Alaska 2016.

Two years of planning had its challenges, between our many individual activities including church, school, sports, work and family responsibilities. In addition, add family member's with medical challenges and the expectant birth of a grandchild. Phew. Preparing for any mission trip, or extended group activity requires pre planning and pre trip activities. Various training was held discussing the purpose of our mission and opportunities for team building and for group bonding. A few days of personal time, at our own expense, was planned before our mission so that we could get adjusted to cultural changes, changes in weather & altitude and to help in furthering our team building.

Our mission, as well as a trip to Alaska could be the only opportunity for any of us to participate in such an event so we made the best of it. Our trip was full of events beginning with our departure flight delayed. We sat on the airplane at BWI waiting for storms to pass. That caused a rippling affect, we missed our connecting flight, we were stuck in the Seattle airport until the next day and we couldn't get to our hotel for a good night's rest. But, we had a lot of opportunity for group bonding and a lot of coffee. Everyone got along extremely well considering their lack of sleep. Maybe it was because we had something to look forward to, a 13 hour Denali bus ride tour. A great opportunity to enjoy God's work displayed in Alaska's wildlife, great food, beautiful scenery and discussions with local residents and visitors.

Another day was spent enjoying God's work during our glacier day cruise in Seward. A beautiful day of wildlife viewing, beautiful scenery, meeting local residents, visitors and the friendship of our team members. A third day our group of 8 adults and 2 youth, spent a day in Anchorage at a native cultural festival of crafts, music and food before our next day departure to Nome.

Nome is over an hour's flight from Anchorage and consists of over 50 villages. The only way to get to Nome is by plane or dog sled. Definitely a cultural shock when you step off the plane, baggage pick up was what we remembered as a child.

Pastor Brower of Community United Methodist Church greeted us in Nome and took us to get settled in our hotel. Looking at their communities and finding out how devastating the area is for the youth and the shortages of local medical and dental staff make it hard to believe we have a third world city in our own country. Our five days of cheerful Mission Service included de-cluttering, organizing and inventorying the area behind the altar for church services, sorting through boxes and organizing thrift shop donations, sorting, inventorying and storing tubs of baby layette donations, discussions at senior group lunches, assisting in singing with seniors at the local senior home, coordinating with the Anchorage VBS teams and the local boys & girls club.

Pastor Brower gave us a great tour of the area, the local hospital and WWII remnants. Free time was spent searching for sea glass and admiring the villages along the coast with their salmon hanging to dry along the shores of the bearing sea. Stephen was also able to try his luck with Pastor Brower fishing for salmon. Our trip was a once in a lifetime event enjoying great friendship, sharing God's love and doing what Jesus asks us to do, to help those less fortunate.

Becky Stephens, her daughter Jennifer and grandson Stephen, Margaret Sommerman, Denise Gertz, Wendy and Melissa Verbeek, Becky Wade, Randy Neiswander and myself appreciate all your support along with the two, full, large suit cases of donations we carried to Nome.

TJ Furlong



Becky Stephens and Stephen Monohan organizing the Nome, Alaska church altar with Pastor & Janet Brower and Jennifer Monohan. Note the prayer shawls on the pews.



Pastor Brower and wife Janet with Village staff member at the community hospital in Nome, Alaska with mission team, Margaret Sommerman, Becky Wade, Denise Gertz, Wendy & Melissa Verbeek Monohan, Randy Neiswander. Taking the photo T.J. Furlong. Not in photo, Becky Stephens and Stephen Monohan.

**Weddings:** Joseph William-Charles Osborne  
to Christina Marie Booth

**Births:** Carl Griffith Taylor, IV “Griff” son  
of Carl and Emmie Taylor born on  
July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Deaths:** Charles Richard Irving.  
Steve Carzo

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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.

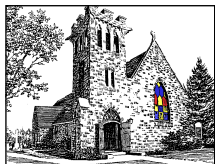


**UMW Picnic, Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at noon**

Come join us for summer fun and fellowship at the annual UMW Picnic. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. The picnic will be held at the Parsonage and will be hosted by Debbie Tocknell. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Debbie Tocknell at 443-631-2190.

Before the picnic, there will be a UMW Leadership Team meeting at 10:00 AM. The Leadership Team including all Circle Leaders are asked to attend. Contact Lisa Funk for more details—410-382-4201

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