



CROSSROADS

921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md. 21108

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Each of you must give as you made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work!"

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 N.R.S.V.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift

2 Corinthians 9:15 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!

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"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." God is a good God, a gracious God, a loving God! "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no validation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17 R.S.V.)

We are all blessed! Our God has and is and will bless us all. The Bible makes it clear that God blesses us so that we might be a blessing to others. Are we a blessing to others? Are we cheerful - joyous givers? Are we giving from grateful and thankful hearts?

In the months of October and November we will together look at the joy of stewardship. The root of the biblical word for "stewardship" is the "management of a household" usually on behalf of someone else. My friends everything in our lives that is good are gifts from our gracious, giving God. So how do we use the good gifts that God so lovingly and generously given each of us? In our membership vows we promised God that we would faithfully support the church (our community of faith) by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service. All of those activities are vital and necessary to an active, growing, joyful walk with the Lord.

All of those activities are vital and important; but in this column I want to talk about our joy and privilege of responding to our loving God by giving of money. I mention that word "money" and many of you automatically shut down. Many of you are thinking, "it is just the church begging for "our" money once again." Well, money is important. Money has always been important. It was important in Jesus' day and important in our day. I read somewhere, "if you were to strike the comments of Jesus about money, we would reduce His teachings by more than one-third. One in seven verses in the first three Gospels in some way deals with money. In fact, Jesus spoke more about money than all other single subjects, except the Kingdom of God. Perhaps this was because Jesus understood how money itself can become "god." The Word of God tells us why we are to give and even how to give.

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Hymn Festival *WORTHY OF WORSHIP*

Sunday, October 9, 2016, 4 pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
1451 Furnace Ave., Glen Burnie, MD

presented by

The American Guild of Organists, Annapolis Chapter
with guest organist, Daniel Weatherholt from St. Mark's
Episcopal Church in Boonsboro, MD

Lovers of singing, of hymns, and of the Christian faith join in a community of voices to celebrate and honor our faith. The Terry W. York hymn text, *Worthy of Worship*, is the basis for our afternoon hymn-sing. This event is free. All are welcome!

AGOhq.org/chapters/annapolis

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2214

On behalf of Girl Scout Troop 2214, we invite you to attend a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony honoring Kimberly Parks and Coral Medford.

Kim and Coral have earned the highest award in Girl Scouting by completing service projects at Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church and the Baldwin Child Care Center. Kimberly Parks created a mural for the beautification of the child care center entrance way, and taught the children about murals. Coral Medford installed a bus stop shelter with benches for use by the children of the center during inclement weather. These projects are the culmination of 13 years of Girl Scouting for both girls.

The Ceremony to present their Gold Awards will be held on Sunday October 23 from 2-4pm at the Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church in the stone chapel, followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Your presence would be most appreciated.

Thank you!
Annie
Annie Medford

Why do we give?

First and foremost we give in grateful, joyful response to our loving, giving God. We give in gratitude, in thankfulness, in joy because we are blessed. It is the very nature of God to be gracious and giving. The most well-known and quoted verse in the Bible is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." So we give in grateful response to our Triune God.

Second, we give because we believe in the mission and ministry of the church. Our mission and ministry as the people of God is to share the good news of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. We share Him who is life and life eternal. Doesn't it get you excited and spilling out with joy to be sharing in God's work?

The Bible tells us even how to give. The Apostle Paul writing to his most difficult church, a church full of controversies and conflict, in Corinth tells them to first turn their attention outward. Apostle Paul lifts up the needs of the mother church in Jerusalem, who were suffering far more serious problems than the Christians of Corinth - famine and persecution.

1st Corinthians 16:1-4 N.R.S.V.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches in Galatia. On the first day of every week each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so the collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me."

As Eugene Grimm has written, "The Apostle presents the most succinct theology for Christian giving and stewardship ever written." Apostle Paul gives four commands.

1. First, giving is an act of worship.
On first day, Sunday, set aside an offering.
2. Second, give systematically.
If we give when we worship, we will give regularly. If we worship faithfully.
3. Third, give proportionally to income.
Paul commanded them to give "whatever extra you earn." This is the biblical idea of tithe and offerings. The biblical tithe is ten percent of your earnings. The offerings are above the tithes from the blessings God has given you.
4. Fourth, plan your giving in abundance.
"By the time I arrive, "Paul is saying," the offering should be ready."

These four biblical foundation stones are still as solid as they were over 2000 years ago!

So the Word of God tells us both why to give and how to give.

We remember and celebrate all that we have that is good is from our loving, gracious God. So, what a joy and a privilege to give!

May God continue to bless you all!

In Christ Service
Your Pastor and friend,

Phil Tocknell

HOW GREEN ARE YOU?

- 1 - Are at least half of your light bulbs LED or energy star?
- 2 - Do you recycle all your cans, bottles, plastic, paper?
- 3 - Do you use recycled computer paper?
- 4 - Do you double-side your documents when printing?
- 5 - Do you use eco-friendly toilet paper (Marcal is a good choice) and paper towels?
- 6 - Do you use eco-friendly laundry detergent?
- 7 - Do you use public transportation at least half the time?
- 8 - Do you compost?
- 9 - Do you have a low-flow shower; toilet, kitchen and bathroom faucet?
- 10 - Do you limit showers to 10 minutes or less?
- 11 - Do you have a rain barrel?
- 12 - Do you have solar panels on your roof?
- 13 - Do you buy green power instead of conventional electricity?
- 14 - Do you have a hybrid or electric car?
- 15 - Do you turn off water while brushing your teeth?
- 16 - Do you buy bottled water? Not Good
- 17 - Do you use Styrofoam cups? Not Good
- 18 - Do you bring your own bags to the grocery store?
- 19 - Do you cancel catalogs and unnecessary mailings?
- 20 - Do you hang up some of your laundry instead of using the dryer?

This is from the study at the United Methodist Women 2016 Mission u (formerly school of Christian Mission)



The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Womens'



Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Address: 911 General's Highway
Millersville, MD 21108

Craft Tables Galore
UMW (Fabulous) Bake Table & Kitchen Boutique
White Elephant Rooms- Books, Jewelry & Christmas Items

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)987-4273.



OFFERING AND RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Annual United Methodist Women's World Thank Offering Program and Special Recognition Recipient's Salad Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, immediately following the 10:30am church service in the Educational Building's multipurpose room. (The recipients' names will be revealed during both church services.) Each year nominations are made and prayerfully voted upon by the entire Baldwin Memorial UMW body "to recognize individuals who have been a continual support of the UMW and our church by: exemplifying the UMW's mission purpose and understanding of our work with women and children in our surrounding area and throughout the world."

Those attending are asked to bring a protein salad or another salad of choice to share for 6 people. On an index card please include the salad's name and listing ingredients such as nuts, type of grains and dairy product for those with allergies.

A brief program will be presented to enlighten all as to the important work that the United Methodist Women are able to complete through the "Special World Thank Offering" taken during this event in our calendar year.

As a member of our Baldwin Church Family, won't you please consider attending this event to show your appreciation to these three deserving individuals? Remember ... *"Methodists always eat well at any occasion!"*

Donations Needed for UMW Bazaar

The Bake Table needs donations of homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and candy. The UMW craft table will have small handmade kitchen crafts for sale. If you are crafty, please consider giving one small homemade kitchen craft item for this table. Please contact Janice Crowe at 410-533-5370 for more information.

This year our White Elephant Rooms will be very special. We will be selling books, jewelry, and Christmas items only. So, when cleaning out your drawers, jewelry boxes, closets, basement, or attic, please remember the church's annual Bazaar. We want your treasures that you want to get rid of! Please contact Debbie Tocknell at 410-697-3520 for more information.

Thanks in advance for your support of our UMW Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar.

Third Annual Cake & Pie Silent Auction to Benefit the Imagine No Malaria Campaign

Help us Imagine No Malaria one sweet confection at a time and showcase your baking talent!

Our third annual Cake and Pie Silent Auction will be held at this year's annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 20th, beginning at 5:00 PM.

All entries must be Food Network Worthy. Please contact Lisa Funk at: lisa_funk@verizon.net, or Ashley Harris at: aharris1407@yahoo.com, to register your cake or pie donation by Wednesday, November 16th.

Thank you for helping Baldwin Memorial **Imagine No Malaria**

NURTURE OUTREACH WITNESS

Support YOUR Church!

Purchase your church logo travel mug and show off your church

while enjoying a beverage on the go!

Please make check payable to BMUMC and write N.O.W. - MUG in the memo area. \$10.00 per mug.

THANK YOU!



Nurture Outreach Witness Committee

At this time, please refer to the church website for an online view of the NEWSLETTER.

www.baldwinmemorial.org

THANK YOU!

Nurture Outreach Witness Committee

Purchase your Church Directory NOW!

Please make check payable to BMUMC and write N.O.W. - Directory in the memo area.

\$10.00 per Directory

THANK YOU!



**Registration Form for Cake
& Pie Silent Auction
Sunday, November 20, 2016 - 5:00 to
6:30 PM**

Thank you for registering your homemade specialty cake or pie. Registration forms are due by Wednesday, November 16th to Lisa Funk or Ashley Harris. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to the *Imagine No Malaria Campaign*.

Silent Auction Guidelines:

Cakes and pies must be homemade – no box mixes or frozen pie crusts, please!

Cakes are to be displayed on a cake plate or a pedestal; pies are to be displayed in a pie plate or a tin. Plates and tins are donated by the baker.

Please cover the cake or pie with clear plastic

wrap.

Baker's
name _____

_____ Type of cake or
pie _____

Short list of ingredi-
ents _____

Include something special or personal about your cake or pie, i.e. great-grandmother's recipe, family favorite for Thanksgiving, etc.

Important

The stage in the Fellowship Hall will be set up for the silent auction entries. Your entry is due on the stage by 4:30 PM, Sunday, November 20th. The auction will start at 5:00 PM and will end at 6:15PM. **No late entries, please!**

Thank you for supporting the *Imagine No Malaria Campaign*.

Lisa Funk lisa_funk@verizon.net (410-382-4201)
Ashley Harris aharris0714@gmail.com (740-278-5750)
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Baldwin Child Care Center

We are off to a wonderful start of the school year 2016-2017. We currently have 71 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 a Child Care Center.

Our fall fundraiser Claire's Gourmet began October 6th, with the last day to order being November 3rd. You may pick up a brochure at the church office, the child care office and the church sanctuary. All the proceeds are used for in-house activities at the center, such as our wonderful end-of-the-year carnival, the Zoo Mobile, Magic Shows and more. The delicious cakes, pies, pizzas, etc. will be delivered to Baldwin on the morning of November 15th. They arrive frozen, can be refrozen once and are perfect for family gatherings and the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

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 Wednesday, October 5th. The firefighters will visit us to talk to the children about fire safety on October 11th.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 21st & 22nd. Baldwin Child Care Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We pray everyone has a truly blessed Thanksgiving.

Please feel free to stop by Baldwin Child Care Center any time. We can be reached at 410-987-0580 or e-mail us at bcckare@yahoo.com. You may also visit our website @ www.baldwinchildcare.org

Janet Stinson & Mary Ahearn

**LEGACY FUND
150th LEGACY CELEBRATION UniTea
BRUNCH & SOCIAL**

FOR GIRLS, YOUNG ADULT WOMEN AND SEASONED-SAINTS ALIKE

Women of God in UniTea fanning into the flame the gift of God which is in you!

Timothy 1:6 "for this reason I remind you to fan into the flame the gift of God which is in you..."
Psalm 133:1 "how good and pleasant it is when Gods people live together in unity!"

Sat. Dec. 10, 2016 at 11 a.m

**BALTIMOREWASHINGTON CONFERENCE CENTER
11711 East Market Place Fulton, MD 20759**

\$15.00 donation per person/ purchase a table for ten persons at **\$10.00 donation** per person

We encourage all to join us for a Prayer Brunch & Social for and with our Young Women as we celebrate 150 years of mission and prepare for the next 150 years of mission work.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS –
Sunday, October 9th at 12:30PM**

Bring your pet or pets for a special blessing! Weather permitting; we will meet in the outdoor worship space. Your dogs, cats, rabbits, turtles, hamsters, lizards, frogs – pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome to be blessed. We ask that your dogs be on leashes and all other animals are contained or otherwise under control. There will be refreshments for pets and for their humans.

UMW 2016 Calendar

Special Recognition Salad Luncheon

Sunday, October 2, 2016 - after the second service

Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 2016 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

UMW Special Recognition Salad Luncheon & World Thank Offering

On Sunday, October 2th, Baldwin Memorial UMW will be presenting the Special Recognition Awards for 2016 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!

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

The Baldwin Memorial UMW's annual Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is our biggest UMW fundraiser of the year.

There will be many craft tables including: stained glass, hand-crafted items, wood crafts, needle arts, jewelry, and much more. The White Elephant Rooms and Country Store are also fun to browse. Our scrumptious bake table will be laden with a variety of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, and candy for sale.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Delicious homemade soups and chicken and shrimp salad sandwiches will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the rental of craft space and from all baked goods sales, lunch, and white elephant rooms will support our UMW mission projects this year.

Hope to see you on November 12th!

My Resolve

I recently asked myself what if I gave up going out to lunch once a week, or gave up a coffee. What would I save? And if I saved, what could I do with that extra change. Well I chose to give up something this past month. After spending time with my mom for six weeks I learned a few things. When looking through her closet I saw clothes that have out lived their trend, shoes with heels that could stamp out a large bug. Her towels, her sheets were worn and have lost their once bright colors. I asked her why she had not replaced them and her response was "Well they still work." Soon after I was lectured on my waste of money.

So I thought to myself, do I waste money? The answer is yes. So to get back to what I changed. After Bible Study with Pastor Phil I go home and make my lunch and return back to the church for the Prayer Shawl Meeting. I figured I easily save 8 dollars per week. So that makes 32 dollars per month. That is substantial. Going home means I also make lunch for the husband. He likes my cooking so he is happy. I am killing two birds with one stone so to speak. I have marital bliss and my tummy is full. So what to do with the 32 dollars?

I put the money toward my pledge for UMW. I know, I am involved in other church things too. Actually the more I learn the more I want to do. I know that can be a challenge. But being involved in my church does not remove my resolve to put some money toward my yearly pledge. I want to appeal to the women of the Circles to look inside and see what they can do to help this effort.

Many women have already given this year and I applaud you. But it is still not too late to give, or plan for next year. By the way I am still saving. I am trying to figure out what to buy; I am thinking maybe a new purse. The more I do the bigger the purse I find I need. Really I should look through my closet and find that old purse that is a little bit bigger. Ta Da, my extra savings can go to buying diapers. Not for me personally but I am going to be a grandmother soon. Another challenge solved and all I had to do was give up one thing.

Debra Snowberger



SEWERS NEEDED



There is a need for those who sew and would be able to make quilted fabric casserole carriers for the "Kitchen Boutique Table" at our Holiday Bazaar to be held in November. For more information please contact Mary Jane Knode at 410-923-2672.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal

Kira Christina Lantz, daughter of Jessica & Nat Lantz and sister of Elsie Lantz

Deaths:

Ann Worcester Walsh, mother of Susan Walsh Petty
David Tocknell, brother of Pastor Philip Tocknell
Alice "Evelyn" Jones, mother of Janice Crowe
Mary Ross Myers
Elva Mae Carr

9:00 AM Sunday School and Worship in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building.

10:30 AM Worship in our stone Church

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.



THANKSGIVING SUPPER

Sunday, November 20, 2016

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 Join Us!

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