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PASTOR'S COLUMN

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep

Psalm 121:3-4 N.R.S.V.

And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from darkness. God called the light day and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:4-5 N.R.S.V.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 N.R.S.V.

Then He said to me, "it is done! I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life..."

Revelation 21:6 N.R.S.V.

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!

Do we believe God is alive and active in our homes, our community, our world? I sometimes think that many Christians operate like deisms. Deists was a philosophy which was particularly popular with many of our American founding fathers. Deism argues that God was like a watch maker; who started the watch and then let it run on its own. That God the great watch maker is essentially absent from His own creation. As Christians we believe that God created all that there is and that God sustains all things and that God is near and personally active in His own creation.

Someone once said, "There are two types of atheists (those who deny the existence of God) on moral and intellectual grounds and those who claim to believe in God but do not live like it or act like God is real, active and alive.

So I want to encourage all of us during the season of Lent (forty days set aside by the Church universal for the preparation for holy week and the great celebration of Easter - Jesus Christ's resurrection) to examine ourselves what we believe and how do we live it out in the world. Or as the young people used to say, "how do we walk our talk...."

God is real, active and alive! Debbie and myself were particularly thinking about this the night we took her mother to the emergency room at Anne Arundel Medical Center, where after a long evening Debbie's mom was diagnosed with having the flu.

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Music Drama "HEROES of the FAITH"

Save the date, May 6th

Mark your Calendar – Annual Music/Church Drama
May 6th– 9 and 10:30AM – Fellowship Hall!

Easter Happenings

Ash Wednesday 2/14

7PM in the Stone Sanctuary

Palm Sunday 3/25

9AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9AM Sunday School

Maundy Thursday 3/29

7PM in the Stone Sanctuary

Good Friday 3/30

7PM in the Stone Sanctuary

Easter Sunday 4/1

6AM Sunrise Service at Indian
Landing Boat Club—Light refreshments
to follow at the Fellowship Hall

9AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship in the Stone Sanctuary

. We were impressed by the number of people such as the medical workers, police, fire fighters, chaplains, hospital workers and others who work around the clock, almost 24/7. We thought about God who is always with us and always active. That God never slumbers or sleeps. God is real, alive and always active. That we can always go to God in prayer. God is always listening and willing and wanting to help. That God is still in the business of transforming lives and communities.

At the end of a sermon a few weeks ago I encouraged everyone when we get up in the morning to thank God for the gift of this new day. This new day that God created, which we did not anyway earn, merit or deserve. It is God who gets us up in the morning and gives us this new day. The Psalmist wrote: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24 R.S.V.). The prophet Jerimiah told us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; Great is thy faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.'" (Lamentations 3:22-24 R.S.V.)

So when we get up in the morning may we thank God for the new day and God's many blessings. May we acknowledge, "Lord God You never sleep, never slumber. You are real, alive and active. You are always working. How can we (or I) be part of what You are already doing this day?" How can we be part of God's plan and purpose for us and all creation? Help us to really pray in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

So it is my prayer that the season of Lent for all of us may be a time that God renews, revives and refreshes and uses us all to do His work in a broken and lost world. When God is present there is always transformation, for God makes all things new. (Revelation 21:5). God bless you all!

Your Pastor and Friend,
Pastor Phil



BMUMC sent 28 youth and adults to **ROCK 2018**. Many thanks for your continued support of our **UMYF**

BALDWIN EARLY LEARNIG CENTER



Baldwin Early Learning Center's staff and children wish all of you a very happy New Year.

We would like to welcome many new families to our center. We look forward to getting to know your family and watching your children grow and learn with us!

Although December was a short month, it proved to be the busiest and most festive. The children made crafts and presents, sang carols, and enjoyed lots of delicious food. Our annual Christmas program was a wonderful (& rousing) evening enjoyed by about 200 family and friends. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families and children in our center!

In January, the Dental Hygienist, Miss Dee, came to visit the children to teach good dental health.

The children are truly enjoying the new piece of playground equipment which the church purchased for the center. We look forward to the purchase of another new piece for the school age children!

Re-registration began for the 2018-2019 school year on January 29th. We look forward to having the opportunity to learn along with the children another year!

We held our annual Open House on February 8th. We invited the families in our community to enroll their children with us for the upcoming school year! We have a variety of programs which we hope will provide you with one that suits you and your family! We will begin registration for our summer program in March. All the classes look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with class parties and exchanging special cards with friends and teachers.

February and March will be fun and busy months with lots of love and, hopefully, warmer days.

Please feel free to come by and visit any time or visit our web site www.BaldwinELC.org.

Janet Stinson & Mary Ahearn



UMW 2018 Calendar

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm

General Membership & Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 am

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:30 am

UMW Bake Sale, Flea Market, UMM Car Show, SPAN, Food Collection & Youth Hot Dog Sales

Saturday, April 21 at noon

Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, April 28, 2018 10:00 am

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 19, 2018 at noon

Mission u - Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda, MD

Friday, July 27 to Sunday, July 29, 2018

Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting & Retreat at Arlington Echo

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 9:00 am

Special Recognition Salad Luncheon

Sunday, October 7, 2018 after Second Service

Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Thanksgiving Basket Preparation

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9:00 am

Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11:00 am

Christmas Basket Preparation

Saturday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00 am

UMW Prayer Breakfast

All women are invited to attend our annual Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. An offering for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" will be collected at the breakfast.

Each Circle is asked to bring one coffee cake or muffins. Each attendee is asked to bring one cup of fruit. May this day of prayer and reflection stir in us a passion for justice and joy, compassion and peace. Please contact Janice Crowe for more information.

OUTREACH

Prayers for our sick and shut-ins

Alice Whitfield	1034 Plum Creek Drive Crownsville, Md. 21032
Lynn Harrison Wisniewski Park,	6 Tydings Rd. Severna Md. 21146
Blanche Whittington	929 Generals highway, Millersville, Md. 21108
Naomi Sessions	3515 Greencastle Rd. Burtonsville, Md. 20866
Harriet Keck	730 Rt. 3 South, Gambrills, Md. 21054
Betty Forney	557 Severn Chapel Road, Crownsville, Md. 21032

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Join us at our Widows and Widowers group meetings at 1:00pm on the fourth Thursday (unless otherwise noted) of each month in the Education Building. 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

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

High Noon on Saturday, 21 April. Help us celebrate our 55th Annual UMW Spring Luncheon. Our Theme is Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord from Psalm 100:1-5, KJV. For further details please contact co-chairs Janice Crowe and Lisa Funk.

Peace and Blessings,

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SNOW POLICY

The snow policy for the winter season will be as follows:

If the Anne Arundel County Schools open 2 hours late, meetings will be held: if they close 2 hours early or there is no school at all, all meetings at the church will be postponed. If it snows on a Sunday the church worship service will be as scheduled, but use your discretion with the weather for getting to church.



2018 BALDWIN MEMORIAL UMW OFFICERS

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Individual</u>
<u>Pastor</u>	Rev. Philip Tocknell
<u>President:</u>	T. J. Furlong
<u>Co-Vice Presidents:</u>	Debbie Tocknell Janice Crowe
<u>Secretary:</u>	Vilma Peacock & Judy German
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Debbie Snowberger
<u>Program Resources:</u>	Linda Freeman
<u>Spiritual Growth</u>	Jean Bates – Devotions Debbie Snowberger Email Debbie Tocknell- Programs
<u>Prayer Chain</u>	
<u>Education, Interpretation, Social Action:</u>	Janice Terrett Janice Crowe Becky Stephens
<u>Membership, Nurture, Outreach:</u>	Margie Scruggs – Funeral Luncheon Alice William – Get well & Sympathy Cards Jean Bates – Birthday Cards
<u>Nominating:</u>	Anita Mitchel – Chair Circle Leaders <i>or</i> designated person from each circle Special Recognition Selection/records keeping- Mary Jane Knode
<u>Communications Coordinators:</u>	Jean Bates – Flyers Janice Crowe – Newspapers Martha Preston – Flyers
<u>Historian(s) - Pictures:</u> (Pictures taken of events for use on bulletin boards, historian book, UMW publications, local newspapers, and for church newsletter.)	Margaret Sommerman
<u>History Committee:</u> (To record history of the WSCS/UMW Circles of Baldwin Memorial))	Kathy Norville (<i>Chair</i>), Mary Collins, Catherine Neiswander, Martha Preston, Becky Stephens, Janice Terrett, and Alice Williams
<u>UMW Bulletin Board:</u>	Kathy Norville

2018 UPCOMING UMW EVENTS:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13, from 4:30 -7:00 pm

General Membership & Leadership Team Meeting
Saturday, March 24, 10 am
UMW Annual Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday, March 28, at 9:30 am

Annual Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 21 at noon

Leadership Team Meeting
Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Pancake Supper is scheduled for February 13, 2018, 4:30 to 7:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. This event is a popular one at Baldwin Memorial because the food is delicious and the fellowship superb!

Lots of hands are needed for the Pancake Supper. We need cooks, servers, busboys and busgirls, and men to set up tables and take them down at the end of the supper. If you are willing to help, please contact Janice Crowe at 410-533-5370.

TASK FORCE ON MISSIONS

The following are Task Force on Missions end of 2017 donations. SPAN-\$3,600. Mary's Cradle \$500, Disaster Response \$2,000, Baltimore Susanna Wesley House \$500, Native American Ministry \$500, Appalachia Service Project \$1,000, USO- \$1,000, Fairfield Children's Home \$1,000, Full the Ark \$1000, Alleviating Suffering in Syria, Iraq & Nepal \$1,000, Missionaries at Tanzania Women & Children Center \$1,000.

BOY SCOUTS

Please join Baldwin's Boy Scout Troop 768 for their Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, March 11th after our second church service, behind the educational building. All church members and guests are invited. For further information contact tjfurlong@outlook.com.

United Methodist Women celebrates 150 years in 2019

T.J. Furlong, UMW President

In 2019, the United Methodist Organization turns 150 years old in providing service and support to women and children around the world. In support of that achievement, we will be providing you with specific information about how our local chapter operates and our achievements.

Within our local UMW church organization, there are 11 leadership roles as officers of United Methodist Women in accordance with United Methodist Women's Constitution and Bylaws (2005-2008). President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson for the Committee on Nominations, Mission Coordinator, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Mission Coordinator for Social Action, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach and Secretary of Program Resources. Within those positions are committees with individual roles.

As we look back, in 2017, our biggest achievement was completing the Mission Today Unit Checklist Form. And to top that, completing all of the 18 criteria. So, what is the Mission Today Unit Checklist? It's a yearly checklist of 18 items to complete. 1) collecting a unit pledge and sending it to our District UMW Treasurer; 2) Use the UMW Prayer Calendar at "each" of our general meetings; 3) Have at least 2 members subscribe to the UMW Response magazine; 4) be a 5 Star Unit contributing to all 5 channels of Mission giving; 5) Use the Program Book at least twice a year; 6) conduct at least one Mission Study a year; 7) have 2 members attend Mission U; 8) 2 members attend district or conference sponsored events; 9) email or write to 5 people in the Prayer Calendar two times a year; 10) add two members to UMW roster; 11) Implement the Charter for Racial Justice at least one suggested way; 12) Implement at least one initiative using the UMW website; 13) A Response moment at each meeting; 14) at least 2 members complete one of the Reading Program Plans & report on one of the books read; 15) focus on one children's initiative; 16) At least one member join the UMW Action Network & respond to legislative information; 17) have a District or Conference Officer come to one of our meetings during the year; 18) Do not use Styrofoam products during the year and take steps to become a "green unit". 18 accomplishments earning our achievement of the Gold Certificate as displayed on our bulletin board outside our church office. We owe a great deal of thanks to our **Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** committee, each UMW member for their participation, support, guidance and leadership and the support of our church and congregation. "Thank You".

So, what is the **Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** committee? Janice Crowe is our Chairman of a group of ladies who promote and interpret the work of Global Ministries that UMW supports, including interpretation of the changing concepts of mission and changing roles of mission personnel; promote mission education opportunities; mission studies, local mission opportunities, Schools of Christian Mission, United Methodist Seminars on National & International Affairs, mission encounters, and supplying materials resources for mission programs & projects; promote & utilize printed & audiovisual resources of the General Board of Global Ministries to tell the mission story; promote & interpret the need for undesignated giving with special emphasis on women, children and youth; work with the president to ensure the unit becomes a Mission Today Unit; serve on the Executive Committee, the Committees on Program, Finance & Membership Nurture & Outreach.

As we begin the New Year, our Baldwin Unit of UMW not only needs to focus on completing our Mission Today Unit Checklist Form, we also need to focus on the **FIVE CHANNELS OF MISSION GIVING**, to educate and encouraging our membership as to the importance in meeting our required Unit's pledge goals. 1.) **Pledge to Mission** pamphlets need to be handed out in all circles, collected, recorded and turned in to our Treasurer Debbie Snowberger, 2.) **World Thank Offering**, 3.) **Mission Recognition** through recognition of member(s) who have exhibited the UMW purposes, 4.) **Gift to Mission**, and 5.) **Gift in Memory**.

How can you help? Please help us continue to be a "Green Unit" by not using Styrofoam products and recycling whenever possible.

Many thanks to "Our LOVE Circle" and our church "Kitchen Committee" for managing this project for our entire church.



BALDWIN MEMORIAL UMW CIRCLES

DEBORAH CIRCLE

LEADER: JANICE TERRETT (410)923-1154
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday (usually)
@ 11:00 a.m. in Circle members' homes

FAITH CIRCLE

CO-LEADERS: JEAN BATES (410)353-8903
MARY COLLINS (410)674-7596
Meets on the 1st Tuesday
@ 11:30 a.m. usually at Baldwin

HOPE CIRCLE

LEADER: LISA FUNK (410)439-3380
Meets on the 1st Wednesday
@ 9:30 a.m. usually at Baldwin

LOVE CIRCLE

LEADER: LAURA ZLATOS (410)923-6130
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday
@ 7 p.m. at Baldwin; babysitting provided
(with prior notice)

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE

LEADER: BECKY STEPHENS (410)987-0862
Meets on the 3rd Saturday
@ 9 a.m. at Baldwin; babies and tots are welcome

BALDWIN HAPPENINGS

Deaths: Glen Gardner, Dorothy Jubb

Births: Eliana Trio Jones daughter of Brian & Elibeth Jones, granddaughter of Nancy Jones and great granddaughter of Dorothy Jubb.

Baptisms: Margaret Kurpicski and Nathan Alexander Kurpicski, daughter and son of Michael Lee and Auroro Melinda Kurpicski.

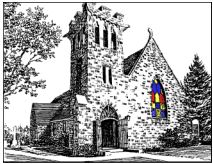
9:00 AM Worship and Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building.

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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PANCAKE SUPPER

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13,
2018
4:30 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES!**

Sausage, scrambled eggs, spiced apples,
coffee, tea, orange juice and lemonade

Adults	\$5.00
Students 13 & up	\$4.00
Children 6 to 12	\$2.00
Children 5 and under	FREE

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For additional information, call the church office on
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