

## The Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

# **CROSSROADS**

921 Generals Highway, Millersville, Md 21108.

April May 2022

#### Pastor's Column

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen..." Luke 24:5 N.R.S.V.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures... I Corinthians 15:3-4 N.R.S.V.

To all God's people of Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church – grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God is good – all the time – all the time God is good!

As I sit to write my next to last newsletter column to you before retirement, I ponder what God would have me to say to you. I want to proclaim to you that of first importance, that which is basic and central to our faith is that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose that we might have new life in Him with God. We are a Easter people! We shout joyfully Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Apostle Paul told us: Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 N.R.S.v.

If Christ had not been raised, we are still in our sins. Do you see why?

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Hello Baldwin Family,

April is the fourth month of the year and the month of the Resurrection of the Lord May is the fifth month of the year and marks a period of rest and relaxation to set intentions.

So as we are moving into the months of April and May, let us re-focus on the why of the Resurrection of the Lord. The Resurrection serves as God's seal of approval upon Jesus' death. Through Jesus' death God paid for the sins of His people.

Let us focus on his suffering and death. Let us focus on resting and relaxing in his being raised into heavenly glory. Let us focus on the fact that the resurrection of our Lord means VICTORY!

Baldwin, be filled with GREAT JOY!

I challenge us all to remember that we are VICTORIOUS!!

Let's make April and May 2022 our months of VICTORY in physical, mental,

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If Christ is not risen then, evil sin and death have the final word. The sins of humanity, of us all, would killed Jesus and that would have been the end of him. There would be no victory over sin, grave, all evil. All this talk of forgiveness would be nonsense, mere wishful thinking. But Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Sin is defeated. We have a victorious, risen Savior! Through His life, death and resurrection sin has been broken, blotted out, we are

If Christ has not raised...then those also who have died in Christ have perished. Perished! Finished! Died! Dead and gone! If Jesus Christ is not been raised then death is the end of us all. If Jesus never rose from the dead, how could we? If the one perfect life was crushed and destroyed by death, how could we escape? Death would be the end.

But Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is alive now and forever! Christ Jesus' resurrection is the promise of our own resurrections. *Jesus is the resurrection and the life.* Those who believe in Him even through they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. John 11:25 N.R.S.V.

Of course, there is still sadness and tears when we stand in the presence of death. We grieve because we love. But as believers, the sting is gone. "Death has been swallowed up in victory!! "Where, O death is your victory? What, O death is your sting?... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57 N.R.S.V. We are people of resurrection! We are Easter people! I want to invite you to join us for our Holy Week Worship

#### Holy Thursday, April 14

7PM Holy Communion – Stone Church

#### Good Friday, April 15

Tenebrae - Service of light and darkness - Stone 7PM Church

#### Easter Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Easter Celebration at Indian 6:00AM Landing Boat Club (Indian Landing Road)

9:00AM Easter Worship and Holy Communion -

Fellowship Hall

10:30AM Traditional Easter Worship - Stone

Church

Services:

Every Sunday – Celebration Resurrection of Jesus

Christ!

9:00AM Worship – Fellowship Hall 10:30AM Worship – Stone Church

Jesus Christ has risen! Alleluia!

God Bless You All!

In Jesus name, our crucified – risen Lord,

Pastor Phil



Baldwin Early Learning Center has enjoyed a wonderful and busy start to 2022. In March, we were busy planning our summer program and sending out registration forms. This summer, we will have many fun-filled camps, so check out our website at the end of March or call me at 410.923.2832 and I'll be glad to send a packet to you.

In March, we celebrated the beginning of Lent with a pancake and sausage breakfast





also celebrated Dr. Seuss week with costumes, casting their vote on whether they liked the green eggs and ham, and wearing PJ's while we read The Sleep

In April, we learned about the all the parts of a plant, dug in our pretend garden, and planted seeds which we will send home for a special day that comes around in May!



We celebrated Easter with an egg hunt, fun, food and crafts and discussions on what Easter is all about.

May has arrived, and with it, warm weather! We have used our beautiful playground as much as possible to take advantage of the warm days, especially the piece of equipment which we recently had installed. There are so many opportunities to observe nature as it "springs" to life! We wish all Moms, Grandmoms, Aunts, and Special Ladies in your child's life a Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please contact me at 410.923.2832 to set up a time to visit us.

Director Mary Ahearn If you would like to give in support of Ukraine, you can computer or cell phone on line; by calling the phone number do so via listed below; or you can also write a check and mail as stated below.

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#### Pastor Kim

and spiritiual growth for us, our family, our friends and our world.

Live and love in fun and fellowship as we continue to grow together and live each day in our mission--At the Crossroads of past and future in witness for Christ. --and our vision--Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World. —let us stay in continual prayer for our Pastor, our church, each other, our communities in church and out in the world.

#### Love, Peace and Blessings

Pastor Kim



Yeah, winter is behind us and spring is in the air. We are so very excited to share with you our upcoming events:

By the time you received this newsletter, we will have expressed our gratitude to our Susanna Wesley Circle for completing a bible study all about how the bible was created. Studies lead by Pastor Phil for 2 sessions and retired Rev Lyons. Thanks also to Susanna Wesley for coordinating and providing van service to the Bible Museum in Washington, DC at Cherry Blossom time. 15 of us had the pleasure of spending the day with Pastor Phil as our personal tour guide. Susanna Wesley meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month. Please feel free to join by call Becky Stephens at 443-867-0419. Our UMW ladies also held our annual (virtual) Prayer and Self-Denial breakfast in March. Our theme was Love, Justice, and Service: answering the call. With guest speaker, Deaconess Gertrude Dailey.



Please join us Sunday, 10 April at our 10 am double church service in the Stone Chapel as we give our "Thanks and thoughts" to Pastor Phil for his 19 years of service at our Baldwin's Church and over 34 years as a United Methodist Pastor. Following church, in our fellowship hall, we will have some light refreshments and time to share our thoughts and prayers as he prepares for his retirement in July. Let's take some time from our busy schedules and share our individual thanks and thoughts with Pastor Phil for all his wonderful Sunday sermons; interesting and insightful bible studies; his sharing his spirit of friendship; and always giving us sincere and warm comfort in our various times of need.

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am double church service, in Stone Chapel, then at noon, we will have a celebratory retirement and birthday luncheon for Pastor Phil in our fellowship hall. Please RSVP at our front office for "both events" by calling 410-923-1166.

If you would like to contribute toward a retirement gift for Pastor Phil, please contact, Paul Schurick at 443-994-4348 or Glen Surles at 410-382-7949.

June 4<sup>th</sup> at noon, Church picnic and last gathering for Pastor Phil before his retirement 30 June 2022.

If you would like to leave a private note of thanks, share a fond memory, or send a wish for peace and joy for retirement for both Pastor Phil and Debbie, please complete a bookmark you will find on our bulletin board in the fellowship hall. When completed, place it in the wooden box on the table In the fellowship hall.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead.

#### SCOUT NEWS

BSA Troop 192 had a great winter! In February, Mary Kate Stanley did an excellent job doing the Lectionary Reading, as we participated in Scout Sunday.

The Troop visited with two retired US Coast Guard Captains who were among the first women to attend the USCG Academy and serve on Coast Guard cutters. Discussion included how to overcome obstacles when you are integrating traditionally male organizations!

The Troop also spent a weekend skiing at Wisp resort, enjoying camaraderie around the fire and on the slopes!

If you know a Girl aged 11-17 who would like to join us for our next Adventure, please contact Scoutmaster Annie Medford at 443-254-2240

Annie Medford 443-254-2240 cell









## 2022 A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

#### This Year's Theme

This year we come together around the theme "Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call." This year's offering will support the vital and vibrant ministry of deaconesses and home missioners, consecrated laity who have dedicated the entirety of their lives to vocations of love, justice and service. These vocations include social work, education, health care, advocacy, immigration reform, anti-poverty initiatives, antiracism efforts, firefighting, legal justice and more. Women are encouraged to give thoughtfully to support the education and training of deaconesses and home missioners as well as retired deaconesses who continue to make a difference spreading Christianity in the lives of women, children and youth. We welcome you to come pray, learn and offer your gifts that will make a real change in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

Please consider making a donation via check, written to UMW BUMC and in the left hand corner write, Call to Prayer & Self-Denial. Send your check to our UMW Treasurer, Debbie Grube at 8135 New Cut Rd, Severn, Md 21144.

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#### Ukraine

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Mothers Day is celebrated in over 40 coutries world-wide honoring mother's, motherhood, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. While some countries have a multi-century history of a day to celebrate mothers, the modern American version of the holiday was first celebrated on 9 February 1919 in the United States at the initiative of Anna Jarvis, who organized the first Mother's Day service of worship and celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. It was incorporated as the International Mother's Day Shrine on May 15, 1962, as a shrine to all mothers and was designated a National Historic Landmark October 5, 1992. Do something special for mom on Sunday, May 8th.

Baldwin Memorial United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast and Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Agenda

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER, DEACONESS GERTRUDE DAILEY-TJ Furlong

SCRIPTURE READING – DEBBIE TOCKNELL 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

READER #1- KATHY NORVILLE READER #2- DEBBIE SNOWBERGER READER #3- DEBBIE TOCKNELL

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER-JANICE

**Guest Speaker: Deaconess Gertrude Dailey** 

OFFERING- JANICE CROWE CLOSING LITANY- TJ-Closing Litany

Leader: Creator God, we have been blessed to learn more about our deaconesses and home missioners and their sacred work

ALL: We are grateful for their sacrifice and dedication. Leader: We lift up their varied ministries and ask that You further bless their vital work throughout our country and the world

ALL: Be with those they serve and with whom they bring comfort

Leader: We ask that You multiply their efforts and strengthen their endeavors for Your glory.

All: Bless the work of our deaconesses and home missioners.

Leader: We ask You to be with those who are discerning their call to love, justice and service.

All: Guide and nurture those who are discerning their ministries.

Leader: We ask you to be with those who are in the midst of study to achieve their goal of consecration and commissioning.

All: Use our gifts in support of their process.

Leader: Be with those retired deaconesses who dedicated their lives to service throughout the world.

All: Use our gifts as a means of acknowledgement for their years of dedication and selflessness.

Leader: We ask for continued blessings for all those of the deaconess and home missioner community who are seeking, studying, serving, leading or in retirement.

All: We faithfully give these our gifts of prayer and self-denial. Amen.

Prayer Concerns and Clg Prayer-TJ Nancy Erskine, Jim Preston, Ukraine- names of others suggested before Closing Prayer

#### **BALDWIN HAPPENINGS**

### **Baptism**

February 20, 2022, Tatum Grace Henderson, daughter of Michael Henderson and Marisa Nocar

## **Baptism**

March 13, 2022, Rose Olita Salziger, , daughter of Mark and Christina Salziger

If you would like to let your fellow church members who are out sick or shut-in know you are thinking about them, contact Linda at the church office (Mon-Fri 8am to 12 noon) for contact information.

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