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Pastor's Column

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15 N.R.S.V.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4: 6-7 N.R.S.V.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...

Ecclesiastes 3:1 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 of June 30, 2022, I will no longer be your pastor. Debbie and I will begin a new season in our lives to the glory of almighty God. But we will always be friends and family in Christ Jesus. We will not be your pastor and pastoral family. I will not be able to officiate at your baptisms, weddings or funerals. That is the task and joy of your new pastor, Reverend Michael R. Beiber. I know you will give Pastor Mike and his family the love and support you gave us.

This is a wonderful church family! It has been our joy and privilege to serve you and God. We will always hold you in our hearts and memories. Thank you for allowing us to pastor you, to care for you, "to feed the sheep." It has been a blessing to serve you all for almost 20 years.

What final words should I give as your pastor? Well, you all know I have never been short of words. Three thoughts...

Keep Loving God and Each Other.

Jesus told us: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 N.R.S.

This is a loving and caring church family



Happy June and Happy July, Summer is a time for fun and relaxation. It is a time for you to relax and chillax, enjoy the sun, and spend time with family and friends.

In the summertime you get to go to the beach, you get to wear bikinis, you get to do a lot of water sports like swimming, snorkeling, water skiing, scuba diving, ski diving, and you can eat a lot of ice cream.

In the summertime you tend to sweat a lot, you need to drink a lot of water and fluids, and you need to wear a lot of sunscreens.

But as soon as the Fall season arrives, all these things will pass away until next summer.

Luke 21:29-36 reads:

And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ...

Unlike God's word and his promises and plans for your life, one season will pass away, and the next season will start.

God's word is infinite and no matter what is going on in your house, the white house, and the world, God is still in charge, and His word rules and He reigns.

Allow God to keep pouring God’s love into you to share with others.

Keep the Faith.

Apostle Paul told us: “Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 N.R.S.V. It is so important to stand strong in faith, to know Him who loves us and will never let us go; and to share the good news with others.

Be Joyful.

Brother Paul encourages us: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.”

Philippians 4:4 N.R.S.V.

Saying goodbye as your pastor is hard, painful, and difficult. But even in the midst of sadness, we are a people of joy. Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! We are always a people of joy and hope. Joy overflows from God to be shared with all.

God Bless You All!

Your Friend and Fellow Pilgrim in Christ Jesus
Phil Tocknell

This scripture spoke to me as I wanted to express our sincerest thanks for the wonderful Retirement Celebration held on May 22, 2022. Your love and support over the years has been a tremendous blessing to our family.

The amount of work and time that went into the celebration has humbled us and made us feel so loved and special.

We appreciate everyone who organized and surprised us with wonderful mementos to remember our time at Baldwin. Wink, wink, we will be thinking of you as we cruise on a Royal Caribbean ship with our feet up relaxing. I am still in awe that the quilt and door were a complete surprise. The other items will also be greatly appreciated. We’ll be sending separate thank you notes for appreciation for the other items we received.

Above all, the gift of yourselves that you gave to us will never be forgotten. We were blessed to be at Baldwin for 20 years and were honored to be a part of so many of the congregation’s and your life’s milestones during that time.

God be with you till we meet again.

With blessings and thanks,

The Tocknell Family, Pastor Phil, Debbie, Jonathan, Becky, Emily, Kyle, Owen and Ethan

I challenge all of you to stay constantly and consistently in prayer.

I challenge all of you to block out the noise, and messy chatter and stay focused on God and what He is saying to you.

I challenge all of you to enjoy your summer but stay vigilant about the wrongs of this world, stay focused on being better each day and stay focused on loving each other unconditionally.

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, and the world.

Love, Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Kim

FATHER’S DAY

William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed Civil War veteran and father of 14 children. One of his daughters, Sonora Smart Dodd, dedicated her life to the creation of Father’s Day in honor of her devoted and selfless dad.

The story goes that William’s daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, was attending one of the first official Mother’s Day services in 1909 at her church in Spokane, Washington, when she had an epiphany—if mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers. When Sonora was 16, her mother Ellen died, leaving William as a single father to Sonora and her five younger brothers. And by Sonora’s account, he performed brilliantly. “I remember everything about him,” Sonora said many years later to the Spokane Daily Chronicle. “He was both father and mother to me and my brothers and sisters.”

It was on the Smart’s family farm near Creston, Washington, where William’s second wife died and he became a widower again at the age of 56. His youngest son was seven or eight and Sonora, his oldest child still living at home, was 16. In Sonora’s memories of this difficult time, she recalls her father as a “great home person,” a man who exemplified fatherly love and protection.

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The end of the 2021-2022 schoolyear feels like it may slowly be returning to pre-pandemic times. Let us pray that the trend towards normalcy continues. Our families have been so supportive during this time. We truly wish to thank you for seeing us through these difficult times.

We hope that everyone enjoyed Mother's Day. We had a huge turnout and we all enjoyed eating lunch together and doing our activities with our little ones. The children did such a wonderful job singing and taking care of our zinnias and marigolds so that they grew big and strong for our Moms. We are so proud of our graduating PreK class! They have learned so much this year and will do so well in Kindergarten!

We are continuing to accept registration for the 2022-2023 schoolyear. You may email me for registration materials at baldwinlc21108@gmail.com or pick one up at drop off or pickup time.

Our summer program is filled with a lot of fun activities. If you would like to enroll your child, please let me know and I would be glad to send you our summer program information. We pray that everyone continues to stay well.

Mary Ahearn
Director



Many thanks to our Susanna Wesley UMF circle for coordinating monthly Bible studies with Pastor Phil. The icing on the cake was our field trip to the Museum of the Bible last March. Conveniently planned 15 of us provided with the comfort of riding together in a 15 passenger van with Dan Snowberger as our navigator. Lots of plans were discussed on our journey into the city, what to see, where to start. We divided into individual groups exploring all the wonders of the bible. We reminisced over lunch in their café talking about what we saw and which floor, we'd go to next. So much to see and enjoy we couldn't see it all. We decided at the end of the day, we'll return in the fall. If you would like to know more about the Museum of the Bible, click on the following link: <https://museumofthebible.org>. There is enough there to keep busy for a day. Phone: 866-430-6682. If you would like to know more about the Susanna Wesley Circle that meets 10 am the third Saturday in our fellowship hall, contact Becky Stephens at rstephens918@me.com.



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Sonora won the support of her congressmen, who began to lobby for the creation of a national holiday. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson celebrated Father's Day in Spokane during a visit to Washington. William died in 1919.

Much more than a Father's Day booster, Sonora Smart Dodd was an accomplished artist, poet, children's book author, funeral home director, and founding member of just about every civic organization in Spokane. But she never let go of her determination to give fathers like hers the recognition they deserved. It wasn't until 1972, six years before Sonora's death at the age of 96, that President Richard Nixon finally signed a Congressional resolution declaring the third Sunday in June to be Father's Day.

May your father's Day be filled with Blessings, Peace, Love and Joy!

Article found at www.history.com

57th Annual UWF Spring Luncheon Happy Trails BBQ

The ladies of the Baldwin Memorial United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) finally got together for a fabulous luncheon. Two years had passed since the last luncheon, but on Saturday, May 7th, the tradition continued and eighty women attended. The BBQ and sides were catered by Mission BBQ and everything was delicious. Desserts were homemade by some of our attendees and enjoyed by all. The church fellowship hall was decorated in our Country Western theme. The flowers were beautiful and the entertainment was amazing. Our Liturgical Dance Troupe danced a Hoedown routine with their newest member, 5 year old Eveline Bruchette. It was fabulous. Michelle Nisewaner performed the songs of the ladies of Country Music, including "Stand By Your Man." Michelle dedicated this Tammy Wynette song to Debbie Tocknell and Pastor Phil and Debbie enjoyed a very special dance. Many thanks to the United Methodist Men who helped serve and with clean up- Glen Surles, Dan Snowberger, Bob Cuthbertson and Pastor Phil. Many thanks to the Spring Luncheon Committee- TJ Furlong, Barb Stodghill, Janice Crowe, Sherrie Hendrickson, Margaret Sommerman and Maureen Yates. The tradition continues and it was great to be together again.

SCOUT NEWS

Troop 192 had a great weekend camping at the Kent Island Camporee in May. The weekend had "Survivor"-themed activities that included a fire building challenge, a water pipeline challenge and a cooking challenge with creative ingredients! The girls of Troop 192 are looking forward to fun summertime activities including swimming, camping and kayaking. We will be heading to Hawk Mountain Summer Camp in July.

If you know a girl aged 11-17 who would like to join us for our next adventure, contact Scoutmaster Annie Medford.

Annie Medford
443-254-2240 cell



KELSO ERSKINE

Nancy passed away on April 3, 2022. She lived a full and vibrant life. She was a loving wife to her husband John as well as a mother to her two sons, John and Matthew. She adored her grandchildren and always looked forward to spending time with them.

Nancy was born and grew up in Maine and received her education there earning her degree from the University of Maine. Her Master's degrees were earned from Syracuse University and the University of Maryland School of Library Science. Her extensive career included time as a teacher and as a librarian, where she managed the Bowie Branch for Prince Georges County. Her varied interests were comprised of part-time archeologist, Tonkonese cats and Aire-dale Terriers, serious cooking and avid reading. Nancy also enjoyed traveling and had visited many countries around the world.

Nancy was an integral part of Baldwin Memorial UMC. She served as President of Church Council and a lay reader. Her knowledge of the Bible was evident when she would often preface the Scripture reading by giving a background story for the situation. She was a member of both Hope Circle and Susanna Wesley Circle where she participated in many of their activities.

Nancy will be missed by those who knew her. May God hold her tenderly in His hands and give her peace.

From the SPPRC...

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in making Pastor Phil's retirement and birthday party such a memorable occasion. There was widespread behind the scenes support throughout the church family, and it was exhibited in a big way in the exciting program that resulted.

It was with great delight and joy that we were at full capacity of the Fellowship Hall. Since we were at full capacity, we would also like to thank everyone who attended the party for their cooperation and patience during the program, thus ensuring the safety and order of the event. We also appreciate all the help that was given at the program close to put the tables and chairs away. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work".

While there are too many to thank individually, the SPPRC does want to express our sincere gratitude to TJ Furlong for her tireless efforts and superb organizational skills in making the event such a huge success.

We certainly hope all had a fun filled afternoon and that everyone had an opportunity to chat with Pastor Phil and Debbie to wish them well in their new adventures. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them as they have so richly blessed all of us.

Reminder, we will be hosting a final Coffee and Cookies Fellowship after a 10am combined worship service on June 26th to honor Pastor Phil and Debbie.



UMW has a new name.

United Women in Faith (UWF) (formerly United Methodist Women)

All women are invited to join Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church's UWF.

UWF Mission Statement:

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. The new logo is on their website, <http://www.uwfaith.org>

We serve.

We advocate

We make a difference.

UWF Officers for 2022

President- TJ Furlong

Vice President- Janice Crowe

Secretary- Judy German

Treasurer- Debbie Grube

There are five Circles who meet in member's homes or at the church. All women are invited to join a Circle. These groups and meeting times are:

*** Deborah Circle**

3rd Tuesday at 11 a.m. at home of Janice Crowe

Leader: Janice Terrett

*** Faith Circle**

1st Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. usually at Baldwin

Co-leaders: Jean Bates & Mary Collins

***Hope Circle**

1st Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. usually at Baldwin

Leader: Judy German

*** Love Circle**

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7 p.m. usually at Baldwin

Leader: Laura Zlatos

*** Susanna Wesley Circle**

3rd Saturday at 9 a.m. usually at Baldwin

Leader: Becky Stephens

If you are interested in joining a circle or would like information about UWF activities, call the church office on (410)923-1166.

United Women in Faith supports partners providing direct services to women, children and youth and families in neighborhoods around the country. Internationally, we support partners empowering women, children and youth with education and economic development opportunities. We advocate for a more just world to improve life for women, children and youth.

We support:

* U.S projects and nearly 90 national mission institutions which are community centers, schools, and residences located around the United States.

* International partners that focus on impacting poverty through enhancing the capacities of local women leaders and supporting economic development programs to provide women with the tools required to make positive, measurable change in their communities.

* Advocacy- Every four years we identify a specific focus for our advocacy in addition to our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and for oppressed and dispossessed communities, with special attention to the needs of women, children and youth.

* Deaconess/Home Missioner, and order in the United Methodist Church for laity who feel a lifetime call to vocations and ministries of love, justice and service.

UWF 2022 Calendar

UWF Craft Show, Bake Sale, Flea Market Tables, Food sales

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 11 am

Mission U- Community United Methodist Church, Crofton, Md

Saturday, July 29 to Sunday July 30th, 2022

Leadership Team Meeting - zoom

Saturday, August 13 -10 am

UWF Special Recognition Salad Luncheon& World Thank Offering

Sunday, October 9 following second service

UWF Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar

Saturday, November 5 at 10 am

April/May Baptisms:

April 2022

Lilly Ann Hiltner, daughter of Sarah (Brong) and Charles Hiltner, Jr.
Devon William Neff, son of Kimberly Neff
Neveah Lynn Neff, daughter of Kimberly Neff

April 24, 2022

Jake Philip Doetschman, son of Lynn (Hudson) and Steven Doetschman
Emma McDaniel, daughter of Jennifer and Paul McDaniel
Ian McDaniel, son of Jennifer and Paul McDaniel

May 1, 2022

Ava Emily D'Angona, daughter of Carrie McGinn and Dominic D'Angona

May 8, 2022

Hazel Marie Burchette, daughter of Kimberly (Stone) and Brian Burchette

May 15, 2022

Brantley Michael Easterling, son of Brittany (Jerman) and Brandon Easterling

May 29, 2022

Caralyn Lavender, daughter of Katie (Donnellan) and Jacob Lavender
Colin Lavender, son of Katie (Donnellan) and Jacob Lavender
Maddelyn Kate Mitchell, daughter of Megan (Carey) and Zachry Mitchell

April/May Weddings:

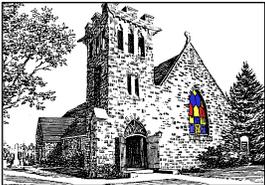
April 30, 2022 Elizabeth Gelety and Aaron LeBlanc

May 28, 2022 Susan Menefee and Damian McDonald

Deaths

Dorothy Greer passed away April 7, 2022

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COME JOIN THE FUN!

Baldwin Memorial United Women in Faith
Craft Show/Flower Mart/Flea Market
Food Extravaganza

Saturday, June 11, 2022

11 am to 3 pm

911 Generals Highway,
Millersville, MD

Rain or Shine Outside Event
(Inside if inclement weather)

\$25 per space (9'6")

For Space Reservations:

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Exhibitors must supply their
table

For additional information,
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