



Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church

# CROSSROADS

Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church  
921 Generals highway, Millersville, MD 21108

October/November 2022

## Pastor's Column

One of the hardest blows dealt to churches over the pandemic has been the disruption it brought to leadership within congregations. In my short several months here, I can say that it certainly seems true of Baldwin's experience. However, over those same few months, I have been so encouraged to see the people of this church gather themselves and answer God's call into ministry.

We have had several individuals take on new committee chair responsibilities, while other committee chairs have recommitted themselves to the work they've already been doing. It has done this pastor's heart good to see how everyone has worked together and shared ideas, for the common good, and to make Baldwin's task being disciples of Jesus Christ.

More people, including young people, have begun to help lead worship at both services. I point out young people especially, because that speaks volumes. I have always believed in the unique and powerful way that the Holy Spirit works through the young.

But don't count out the old people yet! There's plenty of Holy Spirit to go around - and the Spirit works well alongside the experience of our elders, who are lively (yeah, LIVELY) and ready to serve Jesus.

Many have offered themselves in a variety of capacities - so much so that I am having trouble keeping up with you all! What a wonderful problem to have.

And here's a truth that I want you to know today. You are one of these leaders at Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church. Yes, YOU. Leadership in the eyes of God, is not something reserved for the select few - but for all. Because, in fact, all who are followers of Jesus Christ, are leaders for somebody.

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Someone, if not many 'someones', follow you as you walk along your path of discipleship.

I am convinced that God is at work calling so many of you - that as many read this, many are feeling their own conviction of what God is leading them towards. If you are ready to go and follow Jesus, and therefore be a leader, come and see me. Let's lead others and follow Jesus together.

Peace and Love in Jesus' Name,

*PASTOR MIKE*

## Assistant Pastor's Column



**Hello October/November,**

October is the tenth month of the year and the sixth of seven months to have 31 days.

November is the eleventh month of the year and the fourth and last of four months to have 30 days.

October has Canadian Thanksgiving, Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day

November is traditionally a time of festivals and celebrations marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of Winter. November has All Saints Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

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But more importantly, October's theme for scripture is "Living by Faith" which focuses on scripture verses about hope, faith and trusting in God.

And November's spiritual meaning is related to the end of a cycle, of personal and seasonal phases.

May we all be strengthen in our faith and trust in God.

May we all be guided by His word to walk in faith, believing in Him through all hardships and uncertainty.

May we all collect and voice our thanks to God for the good harvest offered by Mother Earth and the good harvest that we have in our lives on a daily basis.

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

*UWF Bazaar Continued...*

This year we already have 10 crafter tables rented with lots of new items to sell!

Within our Congregation:

- Stained Glass
- Wood Crafts
- Needle Arts
- Jewelry
- Baby Clothes
- Wreaths
- Table Settings
- Paintings and more



Other Vendors:

- Honey by a Local Bee Keeper
- Ice Cream Truck

Enjoy an assortment of drinks, Italian ice, Ice Cream & Floats to top off your day!

*Come out and enjoy the Merriment, dance to holiday music, & watch for our visitor from the North Pole...*



Proceeds from the rental space, UWF tables, rooms of new to you Thanksgiving and Christmas, Jewelry, books and Bake Table will support our UWF mission projects.

*Note: Due to concerns about COVID, FLU and Cold Season, we will not have our food for sale this year...*

## United Women in Faith (UWF)



**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

10am to 2pm - Holiday Bazaar, Craft Show, Jewelry, Collectibles, & Lunch

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## UWF Calendar

- ❖ UWF Special Recognition Salad Luncheon & World Thank Offering  
Sunday, October 9, following 10:30 AM Service
- ❖ UWF Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar  
Saturday, November 5, 10AM – 2PM
- ❖ UWF Leadership Team Meeting & Christmas Basket Preparation  
Saturday, December 3, 9:00AM

## Scout News



BSA Scout Troop 192 had some great water adventures to end the summer! In August, we built cardboard boats and raced them on Plum Creek. Awards were given for the Fastest Boat AND for the Fastest Sinker!



In Sept, we went camping at Ft Smallwood Park where we waded at the beach, did trash clean-up and had a great time on the playground.

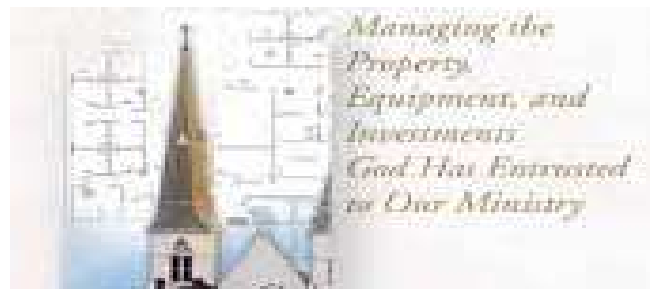


**Merit Badges!** At our Sept Court of Honor, the Troop awarded 54 merit badges, had 5 Scouts achieve their next Rank Advancement, added 3 new Scouts to the troop, and recognized 2 of our adult leaders for completing IOLS training and Wood Badge training.

If you know a girl aged 11-17 who would like to join us on our next adventure, contact:

Scoutmaster Annie Medford  
danmedford@aol.com

## From the Trustees



**The Trustees have been very active this year!**

Below are some of the highlights this year, and plans for near future activities.

- In late 2021/early 2022 a new organ, a new set of speakers, and a new sound system for the sanctuary arrived in many boxes. The trustees and Dale Carrigan assembled the systems and installed them during the first few months of this year.
- A large crack in the masonry in the back of the church was reported to us and it was repaired and repainted.
- 4 new dehumidifiers were installed in the basement of the Church. Many thanks to the Reinhart family for installing them for us.
- The Pastor's office was cleaned and rehabbed with new paint and carpet cleaning to welcome Pastor Mike Beiber.
- An office area for Pastor Kim Walker was created from the foyer area in the front hall. Pastor Kim moved into this area, along with storage cabinets from the Prayer Shawl ministry and the Sunday school.
- The communications equipment for the internet and phone systems has also been moved from the Pastor's office to a closet in the history room.
- The floors in the Education building were professionally cleaned.

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**Future plans for the sanctuary include:**

- move the organ and sound system components across the aisle to the other side of the sanctuary.
- The trustees are investigating the purchase of new lighting fixtures for the stone walls and rewiring the outdoor lighting to low voltage.
- A restoration contractor has been selected, and a contract negotiated, to rehab the front door and exterior doors of the church as well as the basement window frames and the handrails. This work will take place in the spring of 2023.

**Future plans for the Education building include:**

- Purchasing new tables to replace the old ones currently being used, and new chair dollies to replace the current ones.
- The fire control system in the kitchen is going to be connected to the building fire monitoring system as soon as the plans and permits are completed.
- There is an ongoing search for a suitable tenant to rent the building.

If you are curious about what the Trustees do, feel free to attend a meeting. And if you really like what you see let us know if you have an interest in being a trustee.

Harry Davis,  
Trustee Chair

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As the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee name suggests, it includes nurturing the relations and communication among the pastor, staff, and congregation, as well as other activities that include development and implementation of operational and employee policies and procedures.

For example, you will soon be hearing about the updated Safe Sanctuary Policy that the committee has completed, and which will be put into practice with Sunday School and other youth activities.

Additionally, the committee gets to work on entertaining things from time to time such as the recent Rally Day Picnic.

We had an excellent turnout for the Rally Day Picnic with final headcount coming in at 145. A fun time was had by all—despite the rain chasing us indoors. Sorry...we missed out on the dunking of Pastor Mike, but we'll save that for another time.



The SPPRC wishes to thank everyone involved in making it a memorable day. The church family is very blessed to have so many people who eagerly jump in to help make an event like this so successful. In particular, once again, the committee is impressed with TJ Furlong's amazing organizational skills in bringing such a large event to life. Many thanks TJ!

We are also grateful for the donation that was made to provide the Mission Barbeque catering. Their food and service, as always, was exceptional. Thank you!

With your support, the SPPRC will continue to work for the advancement and the wellbeing of our Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church family, and we look forward to staying in touch with you all.

Glen Surles, Chairman  
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## From the SPPRC



Occasionally someone will ask one of our committee members, “so, what do you guys do?”, since we are the only committee in the life of the church to meet in closed session...it all seems so secretive. Well, it is secretive to the point that, in many ways, we serve as the Human Resources department for the church, and we function under the covenant of confidentiality.

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## Oct/Nov 2022 Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

### BAPTISMS

**October 9, 2022**

Cody Alan Neidecker, Jr.

**November 6, 2022**

Matthew Francis Murtagh

### WEDDINGS

**October 2, 2022**

Richard Carter & Beth Stone

**October 22, 2022**

Jeffrey Leo & Michele Ward

### FUNERALS

## Early Learning Center



The school year began with a bang!

We are blessed with many new families. The children are getting the hang of the daily routine and are showing us that they can be awesome students who are excited about learning. We welcome back our two lead teachers and one assistant from last year and added 3 new assistants.

It's been a long 2 years dealing with COVID and its restrictions. We continue to speak to families about any exposure and are still restricting their access to the center.

We continue to wash hands frequently throughout the day, and continually spray surfaces with our disinfectant/sanitizer. We pray that the children and their families remain healthy!

The children have been enjoying the fall weather and the changes they see all around them. We have observed the falling leaves and the falling walnuts! We look forward to our field trip to Clark's Elioak Farm in Columbia in October!

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## NEW Crafters Group, beginning January 10, 2023 10am to 12noon...

### **Goals:**

- Introduce new individuals to our church
- Make craft items for our 2023 Bazaar
- Support UWF Missions thru proceeds

We plan to meet 1x per month. Most craft materials will be provided – you may need to bring some items. Skillset will be simple to moderate.

**Bring a friend – All Welcome!**

I'm looking for two people to help gather and organize the crafts. Let me know if you would like to help...

Debra Snowberger, 410-923-0175

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### *Early Learning Center Continued...*

We learned about each other's families and learned what it takes to be a good friend and how to go about making new friends.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for those families who wish to have one.

Baldwin Early Learning Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We pray everyone has a truly blessed Thanksgiving.

Please feel free to contact us at Baldwin Early Learning Center any time.



**We can be reached at 410-923-2832 or by e-mail at [baldwinelc21108@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinelc21108@gmail.com).**

Mary Ahearn,  
Director

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**The Baldwin Prayer Shawl Ministry** is going strong. We meet in the Water's Bible room every Thursday from 11:30:am to 1:30pm, knitting and crocheting for the Lord!

Together, we have made hundreds of items to give to those in need of the warmth and love that a prayer shawl provides in a time of need.

We would like to recognize and give a special "thank you" to all those who are unable to join us on Thursdays, but who faithfully give of their time and talent – donating beautiful handwork items to the ministry.

Our "close knit" group enjoys wonderful fellowship as well. We went on a field trip to Annapolis Mall to see "Where the Crawdads Sing," and met for lunch at Rams Head Road House.

All are invited to join in. We would welcome you with open arms and are even willing to teach you how to knit and crochet.

Janice Crowe  
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## Widows & Widowers Ministry



**...CALLING ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

Join us at our  
**Widows & Widowers Group meetings**  
at 1 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Come share with us and learn from those  
who have experienced healing after loss.

For more info, contact Barb Stodghill  
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