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BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • APRIL 2017

JESUS HAS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER Holy Week

**Palm Sunday – April 9
Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary
9:20 am and 11 am**

**Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
8:00 am**

**Contemporary Service in McComas Hall
9:20 am**

Mt. Carmel Chapel Service at 5:00 pm

**Easter Walk – April 11 – April 13
McComas Hall 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Holy Thursday – April 13
Service in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm**

**24-Hour Holy Thursday/Good Friday Prayer Vigil
Thursday 8:00 pm – Friday 6:00 pm**

**Good Friday – April 14
Service at Mt. Carmel Chapel 12:00 Noon
Service in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday – April 16
Sunrise Service at Mt. Carmel Chapel 6:30 am
Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
8:00 am & 9:20 am
Contemporary Services in McComas Hall
9:20 am & 11:00 am**



APRIL 2017

**A Choir and
Orchestral
Performance**

*In This
Final
Week*

A Cantata for Holy Week

By John Purdew

**Sunday, April 9th
at 9:20AM &
11:00 AM**

Using Christ's love and our response to that love as its central theme, this creative and moving cantata moves listeners through each of the five days of Holy Week. Join us for what promises to be a spectacular event!

WALK WITH Jesus
An EASTER EVENT for FAMILIES
Open April 11th - 13th from 8AM - 8PM

We want to encourage families to come to the Easter Walk in McComas Hall during the beginning of Holy Week. Take a walk by the Triumphal Entry, the last supper, the garden of Gethsemane, the cross and the empty tomb while you walk through items to touch and smell. We want Grandparents, Parents, Children, Everyone in our Faith Family and our Neighbors and Friends to walk with us on this beautiful path of Redemption.

Holy Thursday - Good Friday 24-Hour Prayer Vigil



Prayer Vigil – Again this year we are offering a Holy Thursday-Good Friday Prayer Vigil as another way to spiritually prepare for Easter. The church will be open for you to come for an hour, or more if you desire, to read the Bible or other devotional texts or just be in the quiet and holy stillness of the church for reflection and prayer. The prayer vigil will begin at 8pm in the Sanctuary following the 7pm Holy Thursday worship service and will end at 6pm just before the 7pm Good Friday worship service. We would love to have at least two people in the Sanctuary each hour of the prayer vigil but more are certainly welcome. We will have a sign-up sheet available at the Welcome and Information Center on Sundays and in the office during the week. Please consider joining us in prayer either individually or with your family or small group and keep watch with Jesus.

Sunday April 2

The kids have been practicing a song about The Apostle's Creed. Tiny Tots and CCC kids have been invited to join our Sunday School Kids to sing this song for our 9:20 a.m. Sanctuary Church Service. As a Church Family, we will celebrate these statements of Faith.



Children will gather in Room 101 at 9 a.m. to run through the song before heading up to the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact Deb Lampton @ lamptond@baumc.com



Bel Air UMC 2017 VBS

August 7-11

9 a.m. – Noon

\$5 per child

Registration begins Easter Sunday!

Tiny Tot School
Budding Artist Art Show/Open House
Friday, April 7th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tiny Tot School invites you to come enjoy an art gallery walk beginning in the Pre-K vestibule. We have been creating a variety of artwork all year long, and we are excited to share our masterpieces! A tour of our classrooms and refreshments will also be offered. Tell your friends and neighbors about our preschool. Registration continues for the 2017-18 school year.



APRIL YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays	April 2, 9, 23	AMPED (Grades 6-8)	9:45 am to 10:30 am	Youth Center
Sundays	April 2, 23, 30	Confirmation	11:15 am to 1 pm	Youth Center
Tuesdays	April 4, 11, 25	Mid High Youth (MHY)	6:30-8:15pm	Youth Center
Wednesdays	April 5, 26	Senior High Youth (SHY)	6:30-8:15pm	Youth Center
Saturday	April 8	Saturday School	11 am – 4 pm	Agape House, Baltimore



All middle school youth going on the Baltimore Mission Trip are required to attend at least one Saturday School. Interested on going on the Baltimore Mission Trip? See Ashley 410-838-5181 x13



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

• Wednesday, April 12	SHY Movie Night	6 pm
• Wednesday, April 19	MHY/SHY Bon Fire	6:30 -8:30 pm
• Sunday, April 23	Dodgeball	7-9 pm

HAPPY EASTER!!



BAUMC CHURCH INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bel Air United Methodist Church Involvement College Scholarship came about through the generosity of Ben and Rachel Tobin. This gift, given in 1980, has turned into a memorial that continues. Over the years, many members and friends of BAUMC have added to the Tobin's' original gift allowing the awarding of scholarships to continue each spring.

Applications for the BAUMC Church Involvement College Scholarship are now available on the wall by the Welcome and Information Center or go to www.belairumc.org to download the application . The scholarships are offered to high school seniors who are members of the church and who will be entering their first year of college in Fall 2017.

Application and all related materials are due April 26. Incomplete applications and applications received after April 26 will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 28.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

A "Pay It Forward Scholarship Endowment" has been established to provide funding for individuals seeking education beyond high school. This includes traditional higher education, trade school, apprenticeships, or job training. Applicants may be:

- graduating seniors; or,
- individuals currently in the workforce; or,
- unemployed individuals seeking training or retraining.

Preference will be given to:

- a. Individuals attending Bel Air United Methodist Church.
- b. Individuals unable to continue schooling without financial assistance.
- c. Individuals committed to attending their first two years at a local community college, trade school or apprenticeship program.

Applicants do not have to have stellar academic records but must demonstrate a determination to attain further education/training.

This is a renewable scholarship. Successful applicant(s) will be encouraged to apply for renewal and must show evidence of successful progress in working to complete his/her program. Recipients of this scholarship are encouraged to financially support the program once established in their careers.

This scholarship is administered by the BAUMC Scholarship Committee Team. For further information or to obtain an application, contact Carol Sherman (cwsherm@verizon.net).

Young Adult Events



YAM First Sunday Brunch: All young adults are invited to gather together for brunch on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11:30am. The next gathering will take place on April 2nd. The place is still TBD. Hope to see you there!



YAM Small Groups: All young adults are invited to a small group Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. In April, we will meet on the 10th and 24th in the Youth Room from 6:30-8pm. We look forward to you joining us as we grow together in the Lord!



Anyone like the movies? Young Adults are invited to go see a movie on Saturday, April 15. The movie and time are TBD as the date gets closer. Mark your calendars!

The Boy Scouts will be holding a car wash in Linwood Circle on Saturday, April 29th from 9 am-2pm. Thank you for your support.



Thank you!

Thanks to Rev Lynn and friends of BAUMC for your phone calls and messages of love and sympathy during the recent death of my sister, Carolyn. It truly is a big help to be reminded of the love of members of our church. Love in Christ. Deanna Stielper

Church Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:30 pm
CHURCH CLOSED ON APRIL 17 FOR EASTER

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

APRIL 2017

Sunday, 02 April 2017

11:15 AM Confirmation Class Youth Center
1:30 PM Young Adults - Sunday Brunch
7:00 pm Futsal - 7pm Middle / High School; 8pm Adult

Monday, 03 April 2017

11:30 AM AARP's WPS Friendship Circle Room 202
6:00 PM Russian Outreach Committee Parlor
7:00 PM District Boy Scout Committee Library

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

7:00 pm Lenten Study - The Creed CR 101

Wednesday, 05 April 2017

7:00 PM Lenten Study - TED Talk McComas Hall

Thursday, 06 April 2017

UMW - Easter Candy Making in the Kitchen
10:00 AM Mary Martha Circle Library

Saturday, 08 April 2017

UMW - Easter Candy Making in the Kitchen

Sunday, 09 April 2017

PALM SUNDAY

EASTER CANTATA AT 9:20 & 11 AM SERVICE - SANCTUARY

EASTER CANDY PICK-UP

12:30 PM Grace Team Library
1:00 PM Grief Support Library

Monday, 10 April 2017

9:30 AM Friendship Garden Club Room 202
10:30 AM Communion @ Brightview
6:15 PM CCC Staff Meeting Room 127
6:30 PM Tiny Tots Board Meeting Office Workroom

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Library

7:00 PM SPRC Meeting Byron's Office

Tuesday, 11 April 2017

8:00 AM Family Easter Walk McComas Hall
2:00 PM Communion @ Forest Hill Health & Rehab
3:00 PM Communion @ Bel Air Health & Rehab
7:00 pm Lenten Study - The Creed CR 101
7:00 PM Covenant Library

Wednesday, 12 April 2017

8:00 AM Family Easter Walk McComas Hall

Thursday, 13 April 2017

8:00 AM Family Easter Walk McComas Hall
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Parlor
7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service Sanctuary
8:00 PM Start of Vigil - Stay Swake with Jesus Sanctuary

Friday, 14 April 2017

8:00 AM GAIN Meeting CR 101

12:00 PM Good Friday Service Mt Carmel Chapel
7:00 PM Good Friday Service Sanctuary

Sunday, 16 April 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Mt. Carmel Chapel
8:00 AM & 9:20 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:20 AM Ignite and 11AM Service in McComas Hall

Monday, 17 April 2017

CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR EASTER

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

7:00 PM Covenant Library

Spire Deadline

7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg Byron's Office

Wednesday, 19 April 2017

10:00 AM Esther Circle Parlor
5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Boy Scout Troop 777

7:00 PM AA - District Meeting Room 202

Thursday, 20 April 2017

7:00 PM Boy Scout 777 Committee Library

Friday, 21 April 2017

6:00 PM Set-Up for Family Food Distribution

Saturday, 22 April 2017

9:00 AM Family Food Distribution McComas Hall

Sunday, 23 April 2017

11:15 AM Confirmation Class Youth Center
6:30 PM Cub Scout 777 Committee Room 115
7:00 PM Dodgeball McComas Hall

Monday, 24 April 2017

11:30 AM NARFE Chapter #177 CR 101
7:00 PM Ad Council Meeting Library

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

8:30 AM Spire Folding Team in McComas Hall
7:00 PM Covenant Library

Thursday, 27 April 2017

9:00 AM Lay Pastor Conference Planning Meeting Room 202
6:30 PM FCCAU Homeless Shelter Board Meeting Room 115
7:00 PM Lay Pastor Conference Room 202

Friday, 28 April 2017

LAY PASTOR CONFERENCE

Saturday, 29 April 2017

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9:00 AM Boy Scout Troop 777 Car Wash

Sunday, 30 April 2017

11:15 AM Confirmation Class Youth Center

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

APRIL 2017

Monday

- 9:00 am Pass It On
9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study (L)
5:00 pm Youth - Girls Bible Study (YC)
2nd & 4th Mondays
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 (M, 103) or (CR 101,
103 when McComas is not available. No
meeting when schools are closed
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2 (130)
6:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (YC) 2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:00 pm Monday Night Women's Bible Study (115)

Tuesday

- 6:30 pm Middle High Youth (YC /McComas Hall)
7:00 pm 11am Worship Team Band Rehearsal (Stage)
7:00 pm AA / Sisters of Sobriety
(127(Rm 125 on the 1st Tue))
7:00 pm Covenant (L)
7:00 pm GriefShare (115)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (L)
11:30 am Manna House Soup Kitchen (M)
6:15 pm Faith Under Fire Rehearsal (M-Stage)
6:30 pm Evening Prayer Meeting (PC)
6:30 pm Senior High Youth (YC)
6:30 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal (130)
6:30 pm DivorceCare (115)
6:30 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Deb's Office)
6:30 pm Grandparent Support Group
2nd & 4th Wednesday (202)
7:00 pm Venture Crew (116) 2nd & 4th Wednesday
7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness
(127) (1st & 3rd Wed)

- 7:00 pm The Compassionate Friends - 3rd Wednesday
(125)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
7:30 pm NA/Free At Last (CR 101)

Thursday

- 10:00 am Mary Martha Circle (L) (1st Thursday)
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) (2nd Thursday)
6:30 pm TOPS Chapter 412 (AR 103)
6:30 pm Kingdom Affect Band Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm Evening Prayer Meeting (PC)
7:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship (202)
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study Fellowship
(Mt Carmel Chapel)
7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings
(Room 114, 116, 125, 127, 130) or
Cub Scout Pack Meeting (McComas Hall)
7:30 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

Friday

- 6:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (202)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 5299 - 1st & 3rd Fridays
(127)

Sunday

- 7:30 am John Packard Men's Bible Study (115)
9:00 am AMPed—6th & 7th Graders (YC)
9:00 am Morning Fellowship (202)
9:20 am C4 Kids (CR 101)
9:20 am Walking with God Class (L)
10:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
11:00 am Faith in Community (L)
6:00 pm AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion
(CR 101)

Sunday Worship Services

Bel Air UMC
(21 Linwood Avenue)
Sanctuary
8:00 & 9:20 AM ~ Traditional

McComas Hall
9:20 AM ~ "Ignite" Worship
11:00 AM ~ Contemporary

Mt. Carmel Chapel
(Wheel & Old Emmorton Rds)
5:00 PM ~ Traditional

Sunday Christian Learning

Bel Air UMC
(21 Linwood Avenue)

C4 Kids
9:20 AM Infants-Grade 5
11:00 Confirmation (January - May)

Adult Christian Learning
9:20 & 11:00 AM

We Welcome into the Community of Faith Through Baptism

Troy McCartney Lanier
Son of Thomas and Caitlin Lanier



Please wish a Happy Birthday to ...

04/01 - Gordon Carroll
04/05 - Jane Carroll
04/12 - John Renshaw

04/16 - Howard Metz
04/21 - Polly Hesterberg
04/25 - Frederick Bethke



We are pleased to celebrate the birthdates of those who are at least 80 years young!

Please wish a Happy Anniversary to ...



Ken & Coe Randall who will celebrate their 56th anniversary on 04/02
Buck & Ev Draper who will celebrate their 66th anniversary on 04/14
Eric & Mary Ann Keele who will celebrate their 57th anniversary on 04/16
Bob & Marge Norman who will celebrate their 59th anniversary on 04/16
Kurt & Edith Steiger who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on 04/20

We are pleased to celebrate anniversaries of those who have travelled more than 50 years in marriage together!

**BEL AIR UMC 2017
MISSION DINNERS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, April 19 (5:00 pm - 7:00 PM)
Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Boy Scout Troop 777
Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-11,
free for age 4 & under



Saturday, June 3 (4:00-6:30 PM)
Roast Beef Dinner to benefit Youth Missions & BAUMC Scholarship Fund
Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-11, free for age 4 & under



Saturday, September 30 (4:00-6:30 PM)
Meatloaf Dinner to benefit Global Missions
(Russian Outreach, Zimbabwe Medical Clinic)
Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-11, free for age 4 & under



Saturday, November 4 (4:00-6:30 PM)
Turkey Dinner to benefit Local Ministries
(Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Shelter, Food Ministries)
Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-11, free for age 4 & under

**Rev. Barry Hidey is retiring from the ministry after 38 years
of faithful and loving service!**

He served for 16 years as pastor to BAUMC, from 1999-2015. All are invited to his multi-church retirement celebration on Saturday, June 24, 2-5pm at Fallston United Methodist Church in Fallston, MD. Please send letters of appreciation and RSVP to daughter Rachel Harbin, 614 Yarmouth Lane, Bel Air, MD 21014. Racheyh1@gmail.com, 443-610-0830.

The BAUMC VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team and Youth Ministries are planning to send a team down to North Carolina to rebuild/repair homes damaged by the flooding last fall. Our dates are: July 9th - 15th. If you are interested in joining the team or have questions, please contact Randy Wentzel wentzel@hotmail.com

BAUMC Hosts Lay Pastors Ministry International Conference “Love As Jesus Loves: Christians In Action” All Are Welcome!

Coming this month! Lay Pastors Ministry Conference “Love As Jesus Loves”, empowering laity to provide pastoral care in the church family.

April 28 & 29, 2017 (Friday 12:30 pm - Saturday 3:00 pm) at BAUMC. The conference includes a keynote speaker, 20 workshops, and dinner on Friday evening. Registration deadline is April 17th; BAUMC members register at a reduced cost.

For information or to register, contact Dave Parker at 410-638-7735 or parkers4ofbelair@verizon.net.



Can't make it to the conference? FREE Workshop - Thursday evening, April 27, 7:00 pm, Room 202.

Key Note Speaker, Pastor Jim Johnson is offering his conference workshop, “How to Be Led of the Spirit”. Many Christians struggle with hearing God speak, and being led of the Spirit. This workshop will help individuals recognize the voice of God, and better follow His leading when it comes to being used in ministry. Jim Johnson is a renowned preacher, Bible teacher and radio show host. Learn more about Jim at www.justapreacherministries.com.

RSVP: Fred Guenther.... Goldenturn@aol.com



SAY CHEESE!!

Be a part of our new family directory! Photography takes place at church in the narthex beginning May 15 (Weekdays, 2-9pm Saturdays, 10am-5pm) through May 27. Visit <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9r5n3znv/> or sign up on Sundays in the Narthex (beginning April 2) to schedule your appointment. Each participating family receives a complimentary 8x10 and a directory. We will be needing your smiles!

VOLUNTEERS will also be needed. Can you help by calling some families; helping with photography appointment sign ups; greeting families during photography or have your student gain community service hours? You can contact Cheryl at the office if you have any questions or can help in any way. Thank you!!



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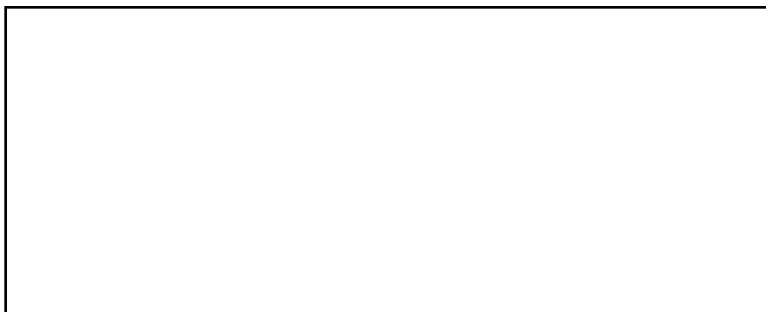
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SUBMISSIONS FOR MAY'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **MAY's** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolfi@baumc.com by noon, Tuesday, APRIL 18th.

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Mother's Day Festival of Flowers

The twelfth annual Mother's Day Festival of Flowers will be Saturday, May 13th, 9am - 2:30pm. Come see a wonderful variety of hanging baskets, tropical flowers, perennials and annuals, plus plenty of classic Mother's Day favorites like geraniums, impatiens and petunias. Gift options will include designer pots, bird houses, garden art and some African crafts from Zimbabwe. The children's potting station also returns.

You can also support by donating divided perennials from your garden. Such as hosta, daylilies, black eyed Susans, iris, cone flowers, ice plants, etc. Just bring them in pots, cardboard boxes or plastic bags to the Linwood entrance Sunday 5/7 through Wednesday 5/10. Please mark them with their name, growing condition preference (sun, shade, etc.) and color.

The proceeds will support the medical mission in Zimbabwe. There will be a preview and sale on May 7th in the narthex and outside of McComas Hall.

Questions? Call Kathy Frawley, 410-569-2602.