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**Sunday Worship Services****Bel Air UMC**

(21 Linwood Avenue)

**8:00 & 9:20 AM ~ Traditional****9:20 AM ~ "Ignite" Youth Worship****11:00 AM ~ Contemporary**

(McComas Hall)

**Mt. Carmel Chapel** (Corner of  
Wheel & Old Emmorton Roads)**5:00 PM ~ Traditional****Sunday Christian Learning**

(21 Linwood Avenue)

**C4 Kids****9:20 AM**

Infants-Grade 5

**Adult Christian Learning****9:20 & 11:00 AM****\*Childcare Provided @ 9:20 am****SUBMISSIONS FOR  
OCTOBER'S NEWSLETTER**

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in October's edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com) **by noon, Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 20th.**

If you are receiving only a hard copy and would like to see the SPIRE newsletter in color, please e-mail Lisa Wolf at [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com) or visit our web-site [www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org)

**Message from the Pastor**

Recently, in the e-Spire, I mentioned that there will be times in your life when you feel closer to God and times in your life when you feel further away from God. This is normal for any relationship. And, as it is, faith is primarily a relationship with God. So what do you do with any relationship when you feel estranged — whether it's a spouse, a family member or a friend? Hopefully you work on it. Spend time in conversation, go out to dinner, take long walks where there are no distractions pulling you in different directions. The same applies to faith. It takes work sometimes - an intentional effort on your part to stay connected with God: daily prayer, worship, study, service, fellowship, etc.

When John Wesley was struggling in his faith, a Moravian friend of his told him, "Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." It was beautiful advice, which worked, and which eventually led the young man Wesley to his conversion experience.

There are many seasons throughout the Christian year to renew the Covenant promise. September is one of those seasons. It marks a cultural new year with back-to-school events and activities. Along with back to school, I invite you to come back to church, back to God, and back to faith. God was never absent. God has always been there, but now is an opportunity for you to rediscover that relationship with God. In that rediscovery, you will be renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated for the road ahead, which, without your awareness of God on it, can be and feel very lonely.

During the month of September, we are celebrating our **Vision: Love as Jesus Loves** and our **Mission: Love God, Love One Another and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ**. You're encouraged to come join us as we rejoice in these wonderful things. September 11th will be a big Sunday with several things going on, including an all-church family picnic, blessing of the backpacks and inflatable fun and games for the young at heart. Look for details in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you soon, and I give God thanks that I can be one of your pastors.

God bless and see you Sunday!

Byron

**Church Office Hours— Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:30 pm**

**Church Office will be closed on Friday, September 2**

**CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

## Staff Spotlight Interviews

### Happy Birthday Debbie! September 20



Happy Birthday on September 20th to BAUMC's Administrative and Congregational Care Assistant, Debbie Atteberry! Debbie began working at BAUMC in May of 2015. If you come into the church office, you will see Debbie hard at work every day as she prepares the bulletins for all five church services and provides a wide variety of administrative support to all of the pastors. Debbie's motto since beginning her work at Bel Air is "It'll be fine."

Debbie is married to husband, Glenn, and has a teenage son named Wesley. The Atteberrys are a very close family. "Family is my passion. I wish everyone could know the feeling of close family ties," says Debbie. She has always been close with her parents and sister and explains that all three families spend a lot of time together. Debbie also understands the need to really pay attention to and cherish all family times as Wes, now 16, is getting older and those inevitable changes that come with growing up are on the horizon.

Baseball is a family hobby, and all three Atteberry family members are involved – Glenn coaches, Wes plays, and Debbie watches and fulfills the important role of cheering section. As a family, the Atteberrys have traveled to Boston to watch the Orioles play and recently made a trip to Denver to watch the Rockies. The Atteberrys have two muscle cars – a 1964 Buick Skylark and 1971 Chevy Nova – and also collect antique memorabilia.

Happy Birthday, Debbie! Thank you so very much for all of your assistance in the workings of the church. You are a wonderful asset to BAUMC, and your efforts are much appreciated!

### Happy Birthday Lynn! SEPTEMBER 28



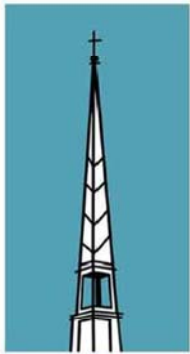
Pastor Lynn became the associate pastor at BAUMC on July 1 and we are blessed to have her passion and energy for sharing Christ's love. Before coming here, she was ministering at 3 smaller churches in the Reisterstown area while working as a chemist full time. After 30 years at APG, she retired in May and is now following her passion in ministry full time.

She has been married to her husband over 25 years and they have 2 grown sons, Giles and William (Trai). And although, she does enjoy talking about them, her excitement really shows when she talks about her 4 grandchildren, Liannah, Ulani, Eliza, and Giles!

Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, not only because of the message it shares but because it was the first Bible verse she learned: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

Pastor Lynn enjoys meeting people, and animals, reading, and talk TV. She loves hanging out with her family and friends and facetimeing with the grandkids. She is passionate about pastoral ministry and encouraging people to grow in Christ.

Happy Birthday and welcome to BAUMC!



# BEL AIR

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# CHURCH

VISION & MISSION

OUR VISION IS:

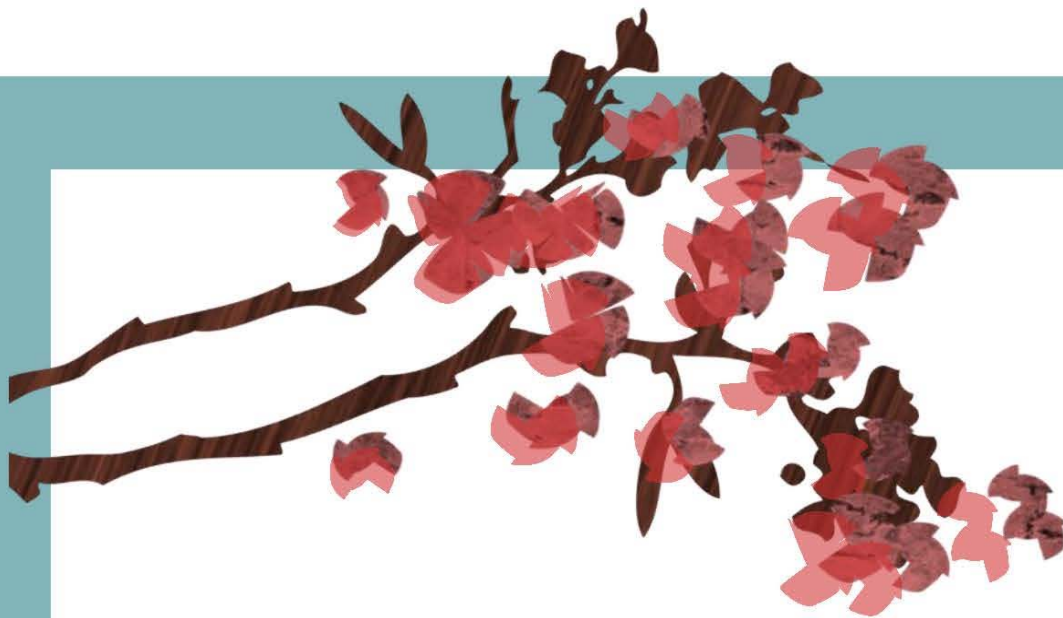
**LOVE AS JESUS LOVES**

- JOHN 13:34

OUR MISSION IS:

**LOVE GOD,  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER,  
AND MAKE DISCIPLES  
FOR JESUS CHRIST**

- MATTHEW 22:37; JOHN 13:34-35; MATTHEW 28:19



**SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE: A MUSICAL JOURNEY**  
**DEVONNA B. ROWE ARTIST DIRECTOR**

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
OF HARFORD COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016  
3:00 PM

**BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**21 LINWOOD AVE**  
**BEL AIR, MD 21014**



**Devonna B. Rowe**, Performing Artist and Educator, will sing songs of diverse cultures and languages, highlighting their impact on our lives as well as on her own musical journey. Art Songs, Folk Music and Spirituals will be among the songs presented. Dr. Rowe is on the Voice Faculty of Peabody Institute of Music, John Hopkins University. For more information about this concert and programs visit Devonna B. Rowe Productions LLC, [www.historyofsong.com](http://www.historyofsong.com).

**The Center for the Arts** has devoted its efforts to a capital project to build an art center campus along Rt 24, Wheel Rd, and S. Tollgate Rd. As the Center for the Arts develops its programming and resources, it will build an educational center complete with studios, classrooms, galleries, and performance space for artists, arts organizations and the community. Visit [www.harfordcfa.org](http://www.harfordcfa.org) to learn more about this exceptional project and to donate to the cause.

For tickets to this event visit the Center for the Arts website  
<http://www.harfordcfa.org/calendar-of-events.html> or request  
tickets from Devonna Rowe at: [dsing@historyofsong.com](mailto:dsing@historyofsong.com)



# ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION

Love As Jesus Loves

September 11, 2016



## **Back Pack Blessing**



Outside under Canopy **10:30 a.m.**



## **All Church Picnic**



**NOON: Everyone bring a side and dessert**

Chicken and Drinks Provided



## **Games**

**Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Horse Shoes, Corn Hole,  
Volleyball, Parachute games, 3 legged race, many more...**

## **Back to School Bust to Bash II**

**The Inflatables will be here! Obstacle Course/Bounce House/Slide – Bring it on!**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS**



**SEPTEMBER 11**

**“WILD About God”**



## **CHERUB CHOIR**

Kids ages 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are welcome to come sing and learn music basics with Ms. Deb. We will meet in Ms. Deb's office from 6:30–7:00pm on Wednesdays starting September 14. Come have fun with us!

## **WESLEY CHOIR**

The **Wesley Choir**, a choir for children in third, fourth and fifth grades, will begin the new year on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30 – 7:15pm in room 130. Children are invited to help begin rehearsals that evening by singing, having fun and a snack. Parents are invited at 7:05pm for choir information. Questions: Contact Nancy Varelli Shuman @410-879-7853 or phoofy1@comcast.net.

SEPTEMBER 2016



## September Youth Events

September 6, 7	No Youth Group Meetings		
September 10	Saturday TBD Outdoor Adventure! Mid/Sr. High Combined Event		
September 11	11:30 am Confirmation – Youth Center Orientation for youth and parents		
September 13, 20	MHY	6:30-8 pm	
September 14, 21, 28	SHY	6:30-8:30 pm Lesson, games and fellowship!	
September 16,17	Sr. High - Friday 5:30pm to Saturday 7:30am Lock-in/Serve at the BAUMC Food Distribution		
September 27	MHY	6:30-8:30 pm	Cost: \$5 Meet/Pick up at Churchville Mini Golf



**CALLING ALL GIRLS** - Grades 10 to 12 - Begins Monday, September 12, 5-6:30 pm (meets every other week) in the Youth Center. We will be using the book *Wonderfully Made: Becoming Who You Are in Christ*. Feel free to bring snacks. Our study will include fellowship time, discussion and prayer time. Invite your friends! Let Ashley (haugha@baumc.com) or Maria (mariaOT30@verizon.net) know if you are interested or have any questions.

## Young Adult Ministry



YAM First Sunday Brunch: All young adults are invited to gather together for brunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. The next gathering will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The place is still TBD. See you there!



YAM Small Groups: All young adults are invited to a small group Bible study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. In September, we will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Center from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. We look forward to you joining us as we grow together in the Lord!



Young Adults! Our next service project will be with BAUMC's Family Food Ministry on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon. We will assist in whatever capacity is needed for the morning. Please meet us in McComas Hall at 8:30am.

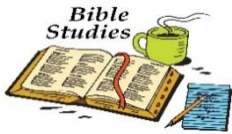


In September, we will be gathering as a family for a trip to Hershey Park on September 24<sup>th</sup>! More information will be sent out as the event gets closer, but check your calendars now as we will be getting the tickets sometime in August. Hope to see you there!

For questions or more information, contact Chris Pelfrey at 443-275-3933 or e-mail [baumcyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:baumcyoungadults@gmail.com).



"Follow me" is the life changing invitation that Jesus offers to all of us. As we respond to His call and join Him on this journey, we draw closer to Him and learn how to **love as Jesus loves** when we worship, study, pray, and serve in His name. Jesus sends us into service as we follow Him, for our own spiritual growth as well as the well-being of those He compassionately loves and calls us to love. In doing so, we become His hands, His feet, and His voice to people who need Good News. You are invited to the **September 25, 2016**, debut of *"Serving God & People: Faith in Action"*, a booklet compiled by the Adult Discipleship Team of the ministries and programs that take place at BAUMC, with input from the GO Team. The purpose of the booklet is to inform you of the many ways in which you could serve God and people. Copies will be available after the worship services.



# Adult Discipleship Fall Classes

*"Thy word is a lamp to me feet and a light to my path." Psalm. 119:105*

Join your church family and friends for a meaningful time together studying God's word. Register for a class online at [www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org), by contacting the church office, or by completing the form below to submit to the adult discipleship registration table on September 4 or 11 after worship services.

## Tuesday Classes

**Convenant** – Orientation mtg.- September 13, first episode class – September 20- November 1.

Have you wanted to read through the entire Bible but just didn't know how to get started or felt that you needed your questions answered as you read? Have you ever stopped because you just got too busy with life's demands? This class is structured in three manageable segments of 8 weeks each which will lead you through the Old and New Testaments centered around the theme of "covenant," the unique relationship God has with His people and they with Him. If you enjoyed our **DISCIPLE** classes, this in-depth study will offer you the same quality of instruction with video support and daily readings. You can register for the first 8 week segment, *Creating the Covenant*, to get a taste of the course and then choose to continue with the other segments which will have calendar breaks in between. Subsequent segments, *Living the Covenant* and *Trusting the Covenant*, will be offered in the winter and spring. Registration for all segments is suggested but flexible due to personal schedules. Daily reading is required for class preparation. Participant's guide- \$16 (All 3 guides- \$35) Co-leaders- Bill Smith and Bev Talbot Room- Library, 7-9PM

**Contact us if you are in need of childcare.** [lamptond@baumc.com](mailto:lamptond@baumc.com)

**Half Truths** September 13 – October 18 They are simple phrases that sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join author and pastor, Adam Hamilton, in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include, "Everything happens for a reason," "God helps those who help themselves," and more.

Book - \$14 Co-leaders- Pastor Byron & Pastor Deb, Room 202, 7-8:15PM

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**A Disciple's Path**- September 20- October 25 "Follow me!" is the invitation with which Jesus called his first disciples and is now the invitation to us. Wherever you are in your faith journey, this class is inviting you to take your next step to becoming a dynamic, engaged follower of Jesus while presenting the uniqueness of being a United Methodist and similarities with other denominations. Combining a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual disciplines, you will develop practices, identify your unique gifts, and explore BAUMC ministry options that can bring transformation in your own life, the lives of others, and the world. Short daily reflections are required for class preparation.

Participant's workbook \$9 Co-leaders- Al Conway & Matt Barrett Room- 103, 7-9PM

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**Advent Study**- November 29- December 20, to be determined

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## Wednesday Class

**Membership Class, BAUMC, September 14, 21, 28** - Membership to a church is an important step in our spiritual growth and journey together. In joining the church, we affirm our love for Christ and express our desire to worship, serve, and grow in connection with others. If you have been attending Bel Air Church for a while and would like to explore membership, this 3-evening class will help you decide about membership. The class includes an overview of basic Christian beliefs and the United Methodist tradition, the mission, and core values of our church, 7 traits for being disciples of Jesus, good conversation, and lots more. Leader - Al Conway, Library, 7-9 PM.

## On-Going Classes

### Sunday Morning Classes

**John Packard Memorial Men's Bible Study** - Men of all ages come together to study God's Word

Leader: Doug Dorer, room 115, 7:30AM

**Walking With God** - Biblical & topical studies are discussed challenging us to live as God's people in an ever-changing world. Leader: Mark Coughlin, room 103, 9:20AM

**Faith in Community** - The morning sermon is discussed as members dig deeper into the scripture's relevance to their personal lives.

Co-leaders- Steve Swann and TBD, room 103, 11AM

### Mid-Week Classes

**Monday Morning Bible Study** - Participants come together in fellowship and study of God's Word as they grow in faith together. Leaders: Sandy Gorrell & Betty Myers, library, Monday 9:30-11AM

**Women's Bible Study**- Women of all ages meet to study selected Bible topics while enjoying a time of fellowship together. Leader: Libby Horn, room 115, Monday 7-9PM

**UMW Bible Study**- Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, the participants enjoy a time of study and fellowship and welcome men to join them! Leader: Pastor Deb, library, Wednesday, 10-11:15AM

**Friday Morning Bible Study**- This men's group has early risers who meet to start their day in God's Word.

Leader: Dave Walker, library, Friday, 6:30AM.

## Registration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You!

Please join us in thanking the **VIM/Youth members** who traveled to **South Carolina** to repair homes that were damaged during recent flooding in the area. Their efforts were well received and appreciated. Four VIM members (Andy Hessenauer, Diane Hessenauer, Greg Klock and Tony Vinciguerra) and four Youth members (Julian Ferdick, Emily Green, Jessie Rogers and Haydlee Slutzky) made the journey.

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**Thank you** to the Youth members and adults who traveled to **Baltimore** and held Vacation Bible School at the Agape House and to all our **Vacation Bible School** leaders and helpers at Bel Air UMC. The children learned some valuable lessons and they had fun and we were able to spread the word of the Lord.

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Dear Friends of BAUMC : From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all your remembrances at the time of my awful fall. Your thoughts and prayers have helped so much in my recuperating! In God's Steadfast Love, Marge

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To Our Church Family,

Thank you for your outpouring of support for us after our house fire on May 5th of this year. It was greatly appreciated. Your financial gifts and gift cards will be used to replace items we lost or for the purpose for which they were intended.

We especially thank you for your prayer support. We could feel those prayers lifting us up as we worked to salvage what we could. Because of our efforts, we have pictures and momentos we were able to save.

We praise the Lord for you and thank Him for each one of you. It is hard to describe how much better it made us feel, knowing we were being lifted up in prayer.

We also Praise the Lord in all things, whether good or bad. He will always have good come from your Praise.

Thank you again for the love you have shown through your actions. May God bless each one of you.

In Christ,

Tony, Jean and Chris Baran



- ♥ Mark your calendar now ... summer flew by quickly and our calendar will start filling up when September arrives. Our next Blood Drive will be on Monday, **September 12th**. Appointments can be scheduled on the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Please make the Blood Drive a priority in your schedule if you are an eligible donor - every donation is critical to someone's chance for recovery.

**Chancel Choir is back!** The Chancel Choir is looking for new members. All we ask is that you hold a heartfelt love for the Lord and a joy for singing! Contact Director Dave Tramontana at 410-215-6217 or tramontanad@baumc.com. We would love to see you there! Our first practice will be September 7 from 7:30 -8:45. Come join us early at 7:00 for fellowship and goodies.

Not sure if choir is right for you? Come try us out! Keep checking future bulletins for "Easy Anthem Sunday"...coming soon



## SEPTEMBER Milestones

*Please wish a*



*to ...*

09/04 - Jean Myers

09/09 - Ernst Wirdel

09/20 - Grace Lassahn

09/04 - Bill Whitcomb

09/10 - Elaine Crowe

09/21 - Marian Stroupe

09/05 - Jim Aberle

09/12 - LeRoy Knepper

09/26 - Ellis Laubach

09/07 - Jane Mason

09/20 - Gloria Baker

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

*Please wish a Happy Anniversary to...*

**Roger & Judy Niles** who will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/02  
**Joe & Mary Schrufer** who will celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on 09/03  
**Bob & Sue Gillette** who will celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 09/03  
**Jim & Sue Bragg** who will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/05  
**Duke & Nancy Paris, Jr.** who will celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/07  
**Tom & Jo Ann Boyle** who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/10  
**Paul & Sandy Miller** who will celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on 09/12  
**Warren & Esther Pardo** who will celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on 09/12  
**George & Jane Brashears** who will celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on 09/18  
**Ed & Auleen Leister** who will celebrate their 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/21  
**John & Mary Anne Andrews** who will celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 09/25  
**Vince & Linda Mazziott** who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 09/30



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



*We Welcome into the Community of Faith  
Through Baptism*

**Kaelynn Elizabeth Ogle**

Daughter of Derek and Nicole Ogle

## Monthly Calendar

### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 1

11:00 am Mary Martha Circle (L)

### Friday, SEPTEMBER 2

**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

### Sunday, SEPTEMBER 4

1:30 pm Young Adults—Sunday Brunch—Location TBD

### Monday, SEPTEMBER 5

**CHURCH CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

### Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am Pass It On

### Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 pm Food Ministry Quarterly Meeting (127)

### Friday, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am GAIN Meeting (CR 101)

### Sunday, SEPTEMBER 11

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Love as Jesus Loves Sunday**

11:30 am Confirmation Meeting (YC)

??? Grief Support Group (115)

### Monday, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 am Blood Drive (M)

7:00 pm *Staff Parish Relations Committee (Byron's Office)*

7:00 pm *Board of Trustees (L)*

### Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 14

5:00 pm Chicken & Summer Vegetables Mission Dinner

6:30 pm Grandparent Support Group (202)

6:30 pm DivorceCare (115)

7:00 pm New Members Class (Library)

### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 Committee Meeting (Library)

### Friday, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 pm Set-Up For Family Food Distribution (M)

### Saturday, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 am Family Food Distribution (M)

10:00 am Sjogren's Syndrome Support Group (AR 103)

### Sunday, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00 pm Benefit Recital for the Center of the Arts (S)

6:30 pm Cub Scout 777—Committee Meeting (115)

### Monday, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 pm Tiny Tots School Board Meeting (Office Work Room)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (L)

7:00 pm *Finance Committee (Byron's Office)*

### Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 20

**October Spire Deadline**

### Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 am Esther Circle (P)

### Saturday, SEPTEMBER 24

Young Adults—Trip to Hershey Park

### Monday, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 pm *Ad Council Meeting (Library)*

### Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 am Spire Mailing Team in McComas Hall

5:30 pm Serve Dinner @ Welcome One Homeless Shelter

6:30 pm Mid High Youth - Churchville Mini Golf

### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am Senior Food Distribution (M)

7:00 pm Bob Vestal Small Group - Making Casseroles (Kitchen)

## Weekly Events

### Monday

9:00 am Pass It On

9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study (L)

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 Young Adults Bible Study (YC)  
2nd & 4th Mondays

7:00 pm Monday Night Women's Bible Study (115)

### Tuesday

7:00 pm 11am Worship Team Band Rehearsal (Stage)

6:30 pm Middle High Youth (YC)

7:00 pm AA / Sisters of Sobriety (127 (Rm 125 on the 1st Tue))

7:00 pm Covenant - Leaders: Bill Smith and Bev Talbot (L)

7:00 pm Half Truths - Leaders: Rev. Byron and Rev. Deb (202)

7:00 pm A Disciple's Path (AR 103) Start Date : 09/20

7:00 pm GriefShare (115)

7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness (127) (1st Tue)

7:00 pm Venture Crew (116) 2nd & 4th Tuesday

### 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)

7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness (127) (3rd Wed)

7:00 pm The Compassionate Friends (125)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)

7:30 pm Trust Walk—Broken w/Hope

7:30 pm NA/Free At Last (CR 101)

### Thursday

10:00 am Mary Martha Circle (L) (1st Thursday)

1:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) (2nd Thursday)

6:30 pm TOPS Chapter 412 (AR 103)

6:30 pm Kingdom Affect Band Rehearsal (S)

7:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship (202)

7:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings (Room 114, 116, 125, 127, 130) or Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (McComas Hall)

7:30 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

### Friday

6:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (202)

### 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)

11:00 am Faith in Community (AR 103)

6:00 pm AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion (CR 101)



## Participation Opportunities

### BEL AIR UMC 2016 MISSION DINNERS



All dinners begin at 5:00pm in McComas Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 - 11 and children ages 4 and under are FREE. Tickets are available at the door and dinners are also available for carryout.

#### Wednesday, September 14

Chicken Dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity

#### Wednesday, October 12

Meatloaf Mission Dinner to benefit the Food Ministry

#### Wednesday, November 9

Turkey Mission Dinner to benefit Zimbabwe Medical Clinic

#### Wednesday, December 14

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner to benefit the Homeless Shelter



DivorceCare is a thirteen-week class to guide those experiencing separation or divorce towards a successful healing journey. Our next session will begin on **Wednesday, September 14**, in room 115 at 6:30 pm. This class is open to anyone in our church or community who is currently in the process of separation or divorce. For more information, please consult the DivorceCare web-site at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).



**GriefShare** (our weekly grief support group) will begin our next 13-week session on **Tuesday, September 6 from 7:00–9:00 pm** in room 115. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to become part of the next group. If you have any questions, please call Lee at 410-879-1122.

**Harvest Table** - Do you have too many vegetables and fruits on your hands? Has your garden gone wild? Bring your leftovers and place them on the table outside of McComas Hall. Your friends at church without gardens would appreciate some homegrown treats. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Please feel free to drop off items or take items as needed.





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**Dear Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders,**

The latest class of **Bel Air United Methodist Church Acolytes** will meet for the first time in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:15 pm**. Each child will learn the basics of candle lighting\*, have a chance to practice actually lighting the candles, and meet fellow acolytes. This first meeting will be an orientation/training time, a time to ask any questions you or your child may have and a beginning of an exciting time in your child's Christian life. Acolytes serve at the 9:20 service an average of once every 5-7 weeks, depending on the number of acolytes enrolled. Scheduling is flexible and trading is common!

If you have any questions, please call **Kathy Frawley at 410-569-2602** or email [ka.frawley@verizon.net](mailto:ka.frawley@verizon.net) or just bring your child to the meeting and learn all about it!



\*Please note that no child will be handling matches or butane lighters. All safety concerns are addressed.

