**Message from the Pastor**

From time-to-time, folks ask how things are going. “Things are great,” I always say. And they are. We continue to be blessed here at Bel Air UMC, and we have so many things to celebrate. We continue to serve our community and the world as the hands and feet of Christ. We continue to give faithfully, and serve faithfully, and worship faithfully, and give of our time and talents and energy faithfully. It is blessing beyond what words can describe to be a part of this faith community. Thank you for helping to make this feel like a family. Thank you for the way that you “Love as Jesus Loves.”

Sometimes, folks ask for more. What’s happening in our administrative committees? What are the upcoming projects? What are you working on? Tony Ciampaglio was good enough to compile a few bullet notes that were prepared for our Administrative Council. I wanted to share them with you as well. The capital campaign is new – a wonderful sign of wonderful things to come. If you want to know more, please reach out. Our administrative committees are generally open meetings, and we would welcome you.

Blessings,

Byron
Board of Trustees, Craig Schmid - President:

- Carol Sherman reviewed the 2017 BAUMC scholarships
- Seven students will receive scholarships of $800 each
- The committee will interview two applicants for the Pay It Forward scholarship
- The Trustees approved entering into an agreement with Rexel/BGE to replace all (~400) of the fluorescent light fixtures in the facility with LED fixtures. Rexel will provide the fixtures, BGE will pay Rexel the rebate at the completion of the work and BAUMC’s cost will be ~ $4,600
- The Trustees approved signing up for roadside assistance for our church bus and truck for a total cost of $190/year
- Reviewed plans for a capital campaign (see below)

Finance Committee, Bill Uebersax - Chair

- Reviewed the April YTD financial report. Expenses are about where they should be and income is a little bit behind – neither of which is unusual for this time of the year
- Our Treasurer, Sue Henry will be leaving the area and will be missed
- Jim Aberle will be joining the Finance Committee (not as a replacement for Sue)
- The 2016 audit report is nearly complete and will be presented at the June meeting
- Bev Jenkins reviewed the counting procedures with the Finance Committee

Capital Campaign, Dave Greenwood - Chair

- A group of folks have been working on early planning for a BAUMC capital campaign to fund a number of important capital projects. The campaign theme is “Tune Up To Praise” and will be focused on various upgrades and enhancements to our worship spaces. These will include long awaited repairs and modifications to the Sanctuary pipe organ, audio/visual enhancements for the Sanctuary and McComas Hall, projects focused on protecting the worship spaces and other projects focused on enhancing the audio/visual capabilities in our class rooms, meeting rooms and common spaces.
- The main part of the capital campaign will be conducted in September and October with our annual stewardship campaign in November and December.

Thank You to Rosedale Federal - We received a $5,000 donation for our Family Food Ministries from Rosedale Federal. Since the start of the food ministry, they have donated $30,000. Thanks be to God!

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Steve Kenley, our daytime custodian, wants to thank everyone for all the cards, loving thoughts and support he received on the passing of his sister.
Do the Flamingo!
Summer Series Starts June 18

Stand firm & tall, Stay pretty & pink, Preen to stay beautiful & protected, Flock together, Stay near the water alongside a Palm Tree Psalm Tree. So, come to Summer Sunday School where we will **DO THE FLAMINGO!**

You’ve been flocked...Sign Up

We need families to sign up for a week on the bulletin board outside Rm 101. Each week a family will pick up a bag that has a name, address, 12 flamingoes and a sign to put in someone’s yard. This will be a surprise to the family whose yard the flamingoes are in and will show them that the kids of BAUMC care about them. **LOVE THIS!**

S.O.S. Summer Outstanding Substitutes

We are in need of adults to volunteer for some weeks in our Summer Sunday School. We will meet all together in a Large Group then separate into K-2, 3-5 for Small Group Activities. Sign Up Sheets on Welcome Table in Armstrong Lobby. No training necessary. Questions? Email lamptond@baumc.com
Bel Air UMC  2017 VBS
August 7-11       9 a.m. – Noon       $5 per child

Last Name:______________________First Name:_____________________
Street Address: ________________________________________________
City:___________________Zip:___________Phone:____________________
Alternate Contact:__________________________Phone:___________________
Birthdate Of Child (Month/Day/Year):_______________
Grade Completed or Age As Of Aug 1, 2017:_______ School ____________________

Please List Any FOOD Allergies:  ___________________________________________

In Order to Provide a Positive Learning Experience for Children
We’re looking for Caring Adults & Teens to Assist
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PLEASE NOTE: For publicity purposes, appropriate pictures may be printed in the Spire Newsletter, which is distributed to Bel Air United Methodist Church’s friends and family. The pictures may also be used on the Bel Air United Methodist Church Website that can be found at www.belairumc.org
Children’s names and other identifying information will NOT be included.
JUNE YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays, June 4, 11 & 25
AMPED (Grades 6-8) 9:45 am to 10:30 am  Youth Center

Tuesdays June 13
Combined Mid/Sr High Youth 6:30-8:00 pm  Youth Center

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, June 3
Youth Mission Dinner 4:00 - 7pm  McComas Hall

***** WE NEED YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE AT THIS DINNER *****

Wednesday, June 7
Bon Fire with Mt. Zion 6:30 – 8:30 pm  Homestead

Sunday, June 11
Baltimore Mission Trip Lock-In 7pm-7am  Youth Center

YOUNG ADULTS

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 June 4th. 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 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. In June, we will meet on the 5th and 19th in the Youth Room from 6:30 - 8pm. We look forward to you joining us as we grow together in the Lord!

In June, our fun event will be to go strawberry picking on June 17th. More details will be released as they are finalized. It’s sure to be a great time, so mark your calendars!
Pastor Lynn, Amy Adkins, Greg Klock, Kristien Foss, Ashley Haugh, Kim Young, Pastor Byron (Back row, right to left) Sarah Entner, Robbie Boulan, Cheryl Firth, Anne Miller, Mark Ciampaglio, Nathan Adkins, Trent Stauffer, Sam McJilton, Maya Feick, Lily Macatee, Andrew Pippen, Lily Holtschneider, Joslyn Moore, Garrett Bernard Holly Holtschneider, James Downes, Natalie Hartsoe, Lucas Wheeler, Katie Kogler, Brenna Rose, Lily Barry, Amanda Bryant, Lauren Flaherty, Grace Hartsoe, Amanda Gerber

The following youth were mentors to our wonderful group of confirmands:

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Thanks for all you did as mentor to our confirmands!

Special thanks also to our small group leaders for all they do for our confirmands!

Anne Miller
Cheryl Firth
Amy Adkins
Mark Ciampaglio
Kristien Foss
2017 BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GRADUATES

CLASS OF 2017

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Bel Air High School
Andrew Adkins
Mason Bernard
James DiMeo
Luke Krajewski
Theodore Thompson

Fallston High School
Ashleigh Schmidt
Theodore Whittock

Harford Technical high School
Nathan Wilcox

North Harford High School
Allison Taylor

Patterson Mill High School
Collin Little

C. Milton Wright High School
Josiah Brought
Emily Green
Cameron Harrison

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Duquesne University
Greg Caspero

Harford Community College
Kyle Bittle

North Carolina State University
Amanda Roberts

Pennsylvania State University
Jessica Uline

Salisbury University
Megan Caudill

University of Delaware
Sean Hudson

University of Maryland - College Park
Andrew Small
CHURCH INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS FOR 2017

The Bel Air United Methodist Church Involvement Scholarship awards were presented to seven high school seniors during the 9:20 a.m. service on May 28. These young adults have been engaged in a variety of activities for many years at Bel Air United Methodist Church; they have given of their time and talents to make a difference in the church and the community. The 2017 scholarship recipients are:

- **Andrew Adkins.** Andrew is graduating from Bel Air High School and he will be attending West Virginia University. He plans to major in Accounting.

- **Mason Bernard.** Mason is graduating from Bel Air High School and he will be attending Harford Community College. He plans to major in Business Administration.

- **Josiah Brought.** Josiah is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School and he will be attending Montana State. He plans to major in Paleontology.

- **Emily Green.** Emily is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School and she will be attending Eastern University. She plans to major in Youth Ministry and Psychology.

- **Luke Krajewski.** Luke is graduating from Bel Air High School and he will be attending Harford Community College. He has not yet declared a major.

- **Collin Little.** Collin is graduating from Patterson Mill High School and he will be attending Indian River State College. He plans to major in Pre-Dental/Biology.

- **Ashleigh Schmidt.** Ashleigh is graduating from Fallston High School and she will be attending Harford Community College. She has not yet declared a major.

**Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship recipients!**

Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this program through gifts to the scholarship fund.
### Highlight Events for the Month: June 2017

**Thursday, 01 June 2017**
10:00 AM Mary Martha Circle Library

**Saturday, 03 June 2017**
4:00 PM Mission Dinner to benefit Youth Missions and Scholarships

**Sunday, 04 June 2017**
1:30 PM Young Adults - Sunday Brunch

**Monday, 05 June 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

**Wednesday, 07 June 2017**
7:00 PM Food Allergy Support Group Room 202

**Friday, 09 June 2017**
Children Christian Center Graduation
8:00 AM GAIN Meeting CR 101
6:30 PM Project Iman McComas Hall

**Saturday, 10 June 2017**
11:00 AM Memorial Service for George Hunt Sanctuary

**Sunday, 11 June 2017**
12:30 PM Grace Team Room 115
1:00 PM Grief Support Group Room 115

**Monday, 12 June 2017**
10:30 AM Communion @ Brightview
6:15 PM CCC Staff Meeting Room 127
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 777 Court of Honor Sanctuary, McComas Hall
7:00 PM Board of Trustees Library
7:00 PM SPRC Meeting Byron's Office

**Tuesday, 13 June 2017**
2:00 PM Communion @ Forest Hill Health & Rehab
3:00 PM Communion @ Bel Air Health & Rehab

**Thursday, 15 June 2017**
6:00 PM Goddard School Graduation McComas Hall
7:00 PM Boy Scout 777 Committee McComas Hall

**Friday, 16 June 2017**
6:00 PM Set-Up for Family Food Distribution

**Saturday, 17 June 2017**
9:00 AM Family Food Distribution McComas Hall
2:00 PM Shawn Boardwine and Michele Lejk Wedding Mt. Carmel Chapel

**Sunday, 18 June 2017**
FATHER’S DAY
NO SERVICE AT Mt. Carmel Chapel

**Monday, 19 June 2017**
6:30 PM Tiny Tots Board Meeting Work Room
7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg Byron’s Office
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Library

**Tuesday, 20 June 2017**
JULY / AUGUST SPIRE DEADLINE AT 12 NOON

**Wednesday, 21 June 2017**
10:00 AM Esther Circle Parlor
7:00 PM AA - District Meeting Library

**Thursday, 22 June 2017**
6:30 PM FCCAU Homeless Shelter Board Meeting Room 202

**Monday, 26 June 2017**
7:00 PM Ad Council Meeting Library

**Tuesday, 27 June 2017**
8:30 AM Spire Folding Team in McComas Hall

**Thursday, 29 June 2017**
9:00 am Senior Food Distribution

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### Recurring Weekly Events

**Monday**
- 9:00 am Pass It On
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Combined Mid High/Sr 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)

**Tuesday**
- 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)
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer Meeting (PC)
- 7:00 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

**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 Grandparent Support Group 2nd (202) & 4th Wednesday (127)
- 7:00 pm Venture Crew (116) 2nd & 4th Wednesday
- 7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness (127) (1st & 3rd Wed)

**Thursday**
- 10:00 am Compassionate Friends 3rd Wednesday (125)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
- 7:30 pm NA/Free At Last (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)
- 11:00 am Faith in Community (L)
- 6:00 pm AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion (CR 101)
Please wish a Happy Birthday to ... 

06/03 - June Swann  
06/09 - Mary Lou White  
06/10 - Margaret Browning  
06/13 - Darlene Lebo  
06/14 - George Brashears

06/14 - Wayne Mason  
06/16 - Sandy Paules  
06/20 - Phyllis Cooper  
06/20 - Kitty Fetchero

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

Please wish a Happy Anniversary to ... 

Ron & Vivian Fortner who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on 06/01  
Bruce & Daryle Middlekauff who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on 06/02  
Bob & Normajean Boyd who will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on 06/05  
Bud & Nancy Tolley who will celebrate their 58th anniversary on 06/06  
John & Leora Hieber who will celebrate their 59th anniversary on 06/08  
John & Pat Jones who will celebrate their 50th anniversary on 06/11  
Palmer & Sandy Paules who will celebrate their 58th anniversary on 06/13  
Mike & Gail Rupprecht who will celebrate their 53rd anniversary on 06/13  
Bruce & Carol Birkhead who will celebrate their 59th anniversary on 06/14  
Jack & Pat Potter who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on 06/17  
Dick & Carole Reitz who will celebrate their 57th anniversary on 06/18  
Wilson & Sandy Gorrell who will celebrate their 54th anniversary on 06/22  
John & Darlene Lebo who will celebrate their 59th anniversary on 06/22  
Jim & Judy Rinehart who will celebrate their 54th anniversary on 06/22  
Donald & Shirley MacLean who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on 06/23  
Dick & Kitty Letsch who will celebrate their 57th anniversary on 06/25

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

Cassandra Anne Spoenlein  
Daughter of Seth and Claire Spoenlein

Robert Eric Boulan  
Son of Michael and Stacy Boulan

Lauren Louise and Andrew James Flaherty  
Children of Troy and Tracy Flaherty

Samuel Allan McJilton  
Son of Patrick and Laura McJilton

Brenna Louise Rose  
Daughter of Lauren Rose

Please Join Us! We are Celebrating

Reverend Barry Hidey’s 38 years of ministry!

Retirement Celebration  
Saturday, June 24th 2 - 5 PM  
Fallston United Methodist Church  
1509 Fallston Rd  
Fallston, MD  21047

RSVP to Rachel Harbin By June 1st  
racheyh1@gmail.com   443-610-0830

For both attendees and those unable to attend  
Please help us honor and celebrate  
Rev. Hidey by sending letters of appreciation to:  
Rachel Harbin  
614 Yarmouth Lane  
Bel Air, MD  21014

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United Methodist Churches
### BEL AIR UMC 2017
### MISSION DINNERS SCHEDULE

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<td>Meatloaf Dinner to benefit Global Missions (Russian Outreach, Zimbabwe Medical Clinic)</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 4</td>
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<td>Turkey Dinner to benefit Local Ministries (Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Shelter, Food Ministries)</td>
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Tiny Tot School is now hiring a preschool teacher for the 2017-18 school year. If you are creative, energetic and have a passion for teaching young children, send a cover letter and resume by June 12th to: ttsdirector@baumc.com.

Tiny Tot School offers preschool programs for three and four year old children emphasizing growth in social and physical development, academic readiness and Christian education. Visit www.tinytotsbelair.com or call 410-838-6399 to register your child for the upcoming school year.

Visit the Library and see the NEW Guideposts series

- *Secrets of Blue Hill Library*
- *Miricalse of Marble Cove*
- *Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries*
- *Church Choir Mysteries*
MEMBERSHIP: By the Numbers  
JUNE 2017

1,606  That’s the current number of members of Bel Air United Methodist Church:  
704 men and 902 women

5  That’s how many members are over the age of 95:  
Elaine Crowe (96), Auleen Leister (96), Florence Graves (97),  
Ed Leister (97), Marge Heuman (99)

74  That’s the number of years for the longest married couple:  
Ed and Auleen Leister (married on Sept. 21, 1942)

160  That’s how many people have been members of Bel Air United Methodist Church for 40 years or more.  
On Sunday, May 7, 2017, we welcomed the Classes of 1975 through 1977 into this group.  
Here’s the complete list of the members of our church family who have reached milestones of membership.

| Class of 1936 (81 years) | Doris Merritt  
| Class of 1937 (80 years) | Howard Metz  
| Dorothy Hopkins Burns  
| Class of 1944 (73 years) | Pat Potter  
|  | Carole Reitz  
|  | Jim Rinehart  
|  | Fred Bethke  
| Class of 1964 (53 years) | Elsie Kaste  
|  | Charlotte Kendall  
|  | Leigh Boone McCusker  
|  | Barbara Rudolph  
|  | Steve Sedler  
|  | Estella Sedler  
|  | Harold (Bud) Tolley  
|  | Nancy Tolley  
|  | Jerry Bolt  
| Class of 1965 (52 years) | Glenys Rigney  
|  | Sue Rouzer  
| Class of 1966 (51 years) | Wilbur Carr  
|  | Ron Fortner  
|  | Vivian Fortner  
|  | Palmer Paules  
|  | Sandy Paules  
|  | Betty Bolt Scott  
|  | Barbara Wooddell  
|  | Art Benson  
| Class of 1967 (50 years) | Gloria Benson  
|  | Bob Gillette  
|  | Sue Gillette  
|  | Wilson Gorrell  
|  | Sandy Gorrell  
|  | Ruth Hutcheson  
|  | Linda Kaste  
|  | Carol Lee Lederer  
|  | Eleanor Packard  
|  | David Panowitz  
| Class of 1968 (49 years) | Alice Archer  
|  | Robin Anthony Russo  
| Class of 1969 (48 years) | Jack Bowman  
|  | Sarah Bowman  
|  | Doug Graham  
|  | Pat Jones  
|  | Barbara Kobler  
|  | Ellis Laubach  
|  | Debbie Panowitz  
|  | Gail Rupprecht  
|  | Bill Smith  
|  | Ellen Smith  
|  | Bertha Walker  
| Class of 1970 (47 years) | Doug Bowman  
|  | Ann Casey  
|  | Linda Casey  
|  | Paige Cox  
|  | Dick Moen  
|  | Sally Moen  
|  | Eric Schumann  
|  | Peggy Schumann  
|  | Kurt Steiger  
|  | Edith Steiger  
| Class of 1971 (46 years) | Bruce Butz  
|  | Sally Campbell  
|  | Mary Jane Ciufo  
|  | Phyllis Cooper  
|  | Wes Jenkins  
|  | Nancy Jenkins  
|  | Wayne Mason  
|  | Mike Rupprecht  
|  | Patrick Whitehurst  
|  | Elaine Ziegler  
|  | Laszlo Zsebedics  
|  | Janet Zsebedics  
| Class of 1972 (45 years) | Bob Boyd  
|  | Normajean Boyd  
|  | Paul Miller  
|  | Sandy Miller  
|  | Betty Myers  
|  | Joyce Stoup  
| Class of 1973 (44 years) | Harriet Armstrong  
|  | Kenneth Armstrong  
|  | Laura H. Cavanaugh  
|  | Alan Conway  
|  | Sandy Conway  
|  | Nancy Hopkins Duffy  
|  | Tim Farrand  
|  | Jean Hightower  
|  | Jeanne Manns  
|  | Bruce Middlekauff  
|  | Daryle Middlekauff  
|  | Warren Pardo  
|  | Esther Pardo  
|  | Victoria S. Schepers  
|  | Greg Tolley  
|  | Marguerite Ward  
| Class of 1974 (43 years) | Jayne Anderson  
|  | Mary Andrews  
|  | George Brasher  
|  | Jane Brasher  
|  | Cindy Graham  
|  | Ron Hill  
|  | Jean Hill  
|  | Marge Hinkel  
|  | James V. McMahan, Jr.  
|  | Edward (Skip) Panowitz  
|  | Melvin Rhoten  
|  | Beverly Rivenburg  
| Class of 1975 (42 years) | Virginia Becker  
|  | Polly Hesterberg  
|  | Linda Mazziott  
|  | Jean Myers  
|  | Roger Niles  
|  | Judy Niles  
|  | Jim Paradise  
|  | Alice Paradise  
|  | Bob Russell  
|  | Nancy Varelli Shuman  
|  | Carole Vangrin  
| Class of 1976 (41 years) | Chip Breighner  
|  | Stephanie P. Dinsmore  
|  | Kathy Frawley  
|  | Judy Merritt  
|  | Susie Benson Roberts  
| Class of 1977 (40 years) | Leora Hieber  
|  | Beverly Jenkins  
|  | Barbara (Sam) Leavy  
|  | Portia Hopkins Little  
|  | James V. McMahan III  
|  | Joy Merryman  
|  | Kim Rinehart Runyon
Since 1953, Bel Air United Methodist church has been the Charter Organization of Boy Scout Troop 777 with a strong and healthy relationship founded on the mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

During that time many scouts have gone on to become Eagle Scouts, in fact 121 and counting! One of the Eagle rank requirements is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community. Through this requirement, Scouts practice what they have learned and gain valuable project management and leadership experience.

Since the leadership of former scoutmaster (20+ years) and current church member Jack Potter and continuing now under the tenure of the current scoutmaster since 2007 (and also church member), Greg Wheeler, there has been a focus to continue to foster that relationship with many of these Eagle scouts selecting to complete an Eagle project here at BAUMC which will benefit the church in many different ways. Here are just a few recent examples to spotlight over the past few years:

2009 – J. Wheeler – brick paver (inscribed) pathway up to prayer pond
2010 – Z. Wheeler – brick paver (inscribed) pathway around remaining portion of pond and solid (inscribed) marble bench
2011 – N. Gardner – installed underground drainage to half of the front of church to alleviate flooding problems to classrooms
2012 – M. Gardner – completed underground drainage and installation of diverter to continue to address water issues in downstairs rooms
2013 – J. Caudill – addition of flag pole at corner of church driveway
2014 – D. Dyer – removal and replacement of church sign on front lawn at Linwood Circle entrance
2015 - K. Bittle – addition of GA-GA ball pit (Octagon by Food Ministry building – Ga-ga is a Hebrew word for touch-touch which is a variant of dodgeball that is played with one ball in the “pit”.
2016 – N. Wilcox – addition of fire pit and collapsible benches at the top of the hill behind Homestead property and sheds
2017 – J. McCutcheon – brick paver ring around flag pole (2013 project)

The troop looks forward to many more years of projects and volunteer opportunities with Bel Air United Methodist church and the great reverent direction they provide.
Girl Scouts

**Girl Scout Troop 2** - Twelve Scouts Earned Bronze Award. They wanted to have a project with a lasting, positive effect on their community. A troop friend mentioned how it would be nice to see more birds in the community. After researching birds more, it was learned the Eastern Bluebird population has declined greatly due to the increase of building and housing developments. The decision was made to build and install nesting boxes to create a bluebird nesting trail to encourage the revitalization of the birds. On Saturday, April 15th, each girl brought their finished nesting box and worked in pairs to install them. Throughout the project, the girls learned the importance of community support as they recruited many volunteers and sponsors who helped them achieve their award. They had the opportunity to work with local bird experts including Bob Turner from Wild Birds Unlimited and Mary Murray from the Harford Bird Club who also served as project mentors. Going forward, the troop members will maintain and monitor the boxes, collecting data on the local bird population.

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**The Habitat PANEL BUILD was a Great Success!**

Thank you to everyone who participated and all those who have supported Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna since 2003. Yes, the walls (panels) of a future Habitat home were constructed and temporarily erected on BAUMC’s property on Saturday, May 20th. People driving by probably thought we were building an ark. About 25 construction volunteers enjoyed swinging hammers to complete this important BAUMC / VIM outreach mission. After pictures were taken, we loaded the panels on a truck and hauled them to the construction site in Aberdeen. This house should be completed by the end of 2017. We will plan another construction volunteer day in the near future. Please watch the bulletin and eSpire for the next opportunity to help with Habitat’s mission to provide affordable housing in Harford and Cecil Counties.

BAUMC’s Habitat for Humanity “Supply Drive” concluded on May 20th. It was great to see BAUMC contribute new and used supplies, tools, fixtures, hardware and other materials to help Habitat reduce construction costs. Thank you for your support!
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The Mother’s Day Festival of Flowers was enjoyed by many and proved to be quite successful even though the rain provided us with unexpected challenges! Funds were raised to meet the Munyarari medical clinic future expansion plans as well as local missions in our community. The event was made possible by the participation of Chabadza, the Boy Scouts, BAUMC’s generous perennial contributors, John Hieber’s crafted birdhouses and planters, and the flower mart small group. Many thanks go to all for their participation and hard work.

Of course, the event could not have been possible without the support of the BAUMC members. Your commitment to the mission and ministry work of our church is sincerely appreciated.

THANK YOU!!