

THE SPIRE

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

Adult Christian Learning
9:20 & 11:00 AM

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 (see inside) 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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES FOR MAY 22, 2017

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!

Thank You!

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

Flamingo

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



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

Please Check

Preschool

Elementary

<input type="checkbox"/>	Preschool Crew Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary Crew Leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crafts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen

Name & E-Mail/Cell Number _____

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
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***** **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!

2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS



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 confirmants:

Ali Leary	Grace Miller
Andrew Adkins	James Miller
Ashleigh Schmidt	Jenn Little
Ashley Downes	Jessie Rogers
Bryce Robertson	Josiah Brought
Cameron Renoult	Julia Caspero
Collin Little	Lindsey Hudson
Courtney Levy	Mason Bernard
Emily Green	McKenna Renoult
Emily Kogler	Zach Pippen

Thanks for all you did as mentor to our confirmants!

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

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

C. Milton Wright High School

Josiah Brought
Emily Green
Cameron Harrison

North Harford High School

Allison Taylor

Patterson Mill High School

Collin Little

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Duquesne University

Greg Caspero

Salisbury University

Megan Caudill

Harford Community College

Kyle Bittle

University of Delaware

Sean Hudson

North Carolina State University

Amanda Roberts

University of Maryland - College Park

Andrew Small

Pennsylvania State University

Jessica Uline

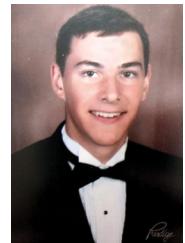
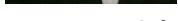
CHURCH INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS FOR 2017

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:

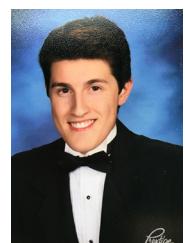
- **Andrew Adkins.** Andrew is graduating from Bel Air High School and he will be attending West Virginia University. He plans to major in Accounting.



- **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.



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	Library
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	

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)
Tuesday	
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))
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)

7:00 pm	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)
7:30 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 (L)
6:00 pm	AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion (CR 101)

JUNE MILESTONES

JUNE 2017

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!

CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 2017

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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BEL AIR UMC 2017 MISSION DINNERS SCHEDULE



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

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)

Ruth Smithson

Class of 1937 (80 years)

Dorothy Hopkins Burns

Class of 1944 (73 years)

Don MacLean

Class of 1950 (67 years)

Pat Zepp Mikkonen

Kenneth Wright

Class of 1951 (66 years)

Dick Reitz

Class of 1952 (65 years)

Kitty Fetchero

Class of 1954 (63 years)

Marge Heuman

John Clark Jones

Ed Leister

Auleen Leister

Irene Littleton

Alfonso Roberty

Class of 1955 (62 years)

Shirley MacLean

Class of 1956 (61 years)

Jean S. McLane

Judy T. Rinehart

Class of 1957 (60 years)

Anna Denbow

Lloyd Fry

Mary Lou White

Class of 1958 (59 years)

Margaret Browning

Gordon Carroll

Jane Carroll

Robert (Buck) Draper

Evonell Draper

Frances Warman

Class of 1959 (58 years)

Bill Cox

Les Goodwin

Jack Potter

Class of 1961 (56 years)

Joyce Humbert

Philip Raub

Class of 1962 (55 years)

Deanne Lytle Stielper

Marian Stroupe

Class of 1963 (54 years)

Betty Cooper

Doris Merritt

Howard Metz

Pat Potter

Carole Reitz

Jim Rinehart

Class of 1964 (53 years)

Fred Bethke

Elsie Kaste

Charlotte Kendall

Leigh Boone McCusker

Barbara Rudolph

Steve Sedler

Estella Sedler

Harold (Bud) Tolley

Nancy Tolley

Class of 1965 (52 years)

Jerry Bolt

Glenys Rigney

Sue Rouzer

Class of 1966 (51 years)

Wilbur Carr

Ron Fortner

Vivian Fortner

Palmer Paules

Sandy Paules

Betty Bolt Scott

Barbara Wooddell

Class of 1967 (50 years)

Art Benson

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 Ciupo

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 Stroupe

Class of 1973 (44 years)

Harriett 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 Brashears

Jane Brashears

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 Mazzotti

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

Boy Scouts

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 (גָּאָה) 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.

A HOUSE SPROUTS FROM BAUMC'S LAWN ON SATURDAY, MAY 20

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!!