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

"Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name. Know that the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations."

Psalm 100: 4-5

The psalmists gave thanks to God. Thanksgiving and joy for their Creator God, overflowed from their hearts, and it poured out from within them in the form of song and praise. We are the heirs to their great tradition of praise, and we're thankful for the way that, Sunday after Sunday, we can join in with the delightful chorus of hearts set free.

Thankful hearts are happy hearts. If you're a thankful person, then you already know this to be true. Want to ward off depression, and anger, and hurt, and fear, and disappointment, and discouragement, and a generalized dissatisfaction with life? Of course you do! We all do. Begin with thanksgiving. Find at least 10 things that you're thankful for. List them daily. (Actually write them down like you're making a grocery list.) Do this every day for the month of November, and then see for yourself what a complete difference this makes.

God will be there in the transformation.

Be thankful for the big things! But even more important than that, be mindful, and thankful, for the things that perhaps we take for granted: For clean water, and warm water, and a warm house, and light at the flick of a switch, for the conveniences of our modern age with food, and medicine, and medical care, for rest, for our beds, for our clothing, for prayer, for worship, for faith, for quiet time, for reflective moments, for sacred pauses, for walks, for nature, for the colors of the trees, for the changing of the seasons, for the movement of the celestial bodies, for the migration of the geese, for the opportunity to serve God, and serve one another, for laughter and smiles, and joy. This is just the beginning of an infinite list of praises.

Take time to be thankful, and let your response be cause for thanksgiving in return.

I give thanks to God for all of you!

Byron

NOVEMBER 2017



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Mt. Carmel Chapel

November 22nd 7:00 pm

All Are Welcome



Hello members and friends of BAUMC! Sunday, October 29th was our commitment day for making a pledge to support our “Tune Up To Praise” Capital Campaign. If you haven’t yet turned in your commitment card, it’s not too late. Feel free to drop it in the next offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Beginning with the December offering envelope box, you’ll find a Capital Campaign envelope to use. You can also set up an electronic payment if you choose.

As you recall, our goal is to raise \$500,000, but we aren’t starting at zero. When we first began discussing renovating our organ, a special designated fund was set up to hold the donations that were starting to come in for the organ. Those donations will be rolled into the capital campaign and used for the organ renovation project. That project has begun with work being done offsite.

In addition to the organ renovation, one project is complete and several other projects are getting started. The completed project was to install a smoke detection and monitoring system in the Mt. Carmel Chapel. The next project in the capital campaign to be kicked off will be refurbishment and protection of the church’s stained glass. Depending on scheduling, we hope to get this project underway in November.

We have also started working with Fredrick Ward & Assoc. on two projects that are not officially a part of the capital campaign. These include doing a full assessment of the condition of the Homestead building’s structure, electrical and plumbing systems. This assessment will tell us what needs to be done and how much it will cost to stabilize the building as we consider how best to use that building to further the vision and mission of the church. The second project Fred Ward is working on is to design and prepare construction documents for badly-needed storage space by extending the outside wall of McComas Hall. We’ll lose some parking spaces but gain badly-needed storage space.

This is an exciting time and we plan to provide regular updates. We hope we can count on your support during this three-year journey. Please see Dave Greenwood, Tony Ciampaglio or one of the pastors for more info.

Thank you from the Capital Campaign Committee

NOVEMBER 2017



**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
TO BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY**

Sunday, November 26
8:00 am, 9:20 am/Ignite, 11:00 am



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United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
Stewardship and Investment Management

A GUIDE TO YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING

Consider The Possibilities...

A year end gift now can provide you with a feeling of personal satisfaction and demonstrate your belief in the mission of our church. It may also result in a more tangible return—in the form of desirable tax benefits. Charitable contribution deductions on your current income tax return and capital gains tax savings are two possible benefits. Future estate tax savings may also result from your gift. There are many questions on charitable giving for you to consider before this year draws to a close. They are: When should you give? What should you give?

Gifts of Securities

One possibility is a gift of stock that has grown in value and you have held for more than one year. This can become a substantial gift, made at a low net cost to you. You still receive a charitable deduction for the donation of these assets, and it's based on their fair market value on the date of the gift. But there's a bonus—you avoid all federal capital gains tax that would otherwise be due on a sale of the assets.

Our unique partnership with the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation gives you the opportunity to transact this gift at no cost. To consider the possibility and receive detailed information on how to complete a transfer, call the Foundation's office: 484-762-8211 or email tracybrown@midatlanticfoundation.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 2017

Our Nursery and Toddler Sunday School is GREAT!

We offer a Nursery that is staffed by loving and trained caretakers. Teresa Foster, Pat Sacco and Stephanie Taylor care for not only the physical needs of your children but share the love of God too. Short Bible stories and prayer before snacks and a smile because we are loved by God.



There is a Quiet Room next door to the Nursery that is a room available for nursing mothers and calming children. It is a soothing place for parents and children.

Every other week, we have a 2-yr old Sunday School class that is as fun and energetic as your 2-yr old. Lynnea Jackson and Lily Barry welcome your 2-yr old to share the Bible, crafts, snacks and the love of Jesus. We are so excited to offer this foundation for your children.

There is also a new small group for Parents of Preschoolers meeting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in room 115. Check this out. Allison and Ben Tillman are leading this group. November 19 and November 26.



November 29th Ask the Pastor (Kid-Friendly Family Version) 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

You're invited to an informal time of discussion with the pastors, to ask us anything that's on your mind: theology, politics, social issues or what's our favorite flavor of ice cream.



NEW!!! Send a Thanksgiving Photogram to your family and friends.
Stop by the Armstrong entrance on Sunday, November 19th, 8:30 am -12:30 pm and
take a photo on your phone of you, your spouse, family and/or friends to
send as a Thanksgiving greeting. Fall backdrop and props are included.

Any questions? E-mail Deb lamptond@baumc.com

**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

Sundays, November 5, 12, 19 and 26 AMPed (Grades 6-8) 9:45 - 10:30 am Youth Center
AMPed is a Sunday School open to all 6th to 8th grade middle school students. Students will stay in worship with their families on 5th Sundays. AMPed students are dismissed from Ignite Worship Service (McComas Hall) following the praise songs (around 9:45 am), or they can start in the Sanctuary service and meet in the youth center at 9:45am.

Sundays, November 5, 12 and 19 Youth Group (Grades 6-12) 6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Center
All youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for youth group. We start with fellowship time, have some snacks, play group games, have a lesson and small group discussion time. Friends are always welcome!

Mondays, November 6 and 13 Senior High Youth Talks 6:00-7:00pm Youth Center
A space for senior high youth to come talk about tough topics in everyday life from a Christian perspective. Friends are always welcome!

MONTHLY EVENTS

Saturday, November 11 Saturday School 11:30am-4pm Agape House
Youth will meet in the youth center at 11:30am. We will have a quick lunch, talk about the lesson plan for the day and travel down to the Agape House for Saturday School. We will teach a lesson, do a craft and play some games with the kids at the Agape House. We will return around 4pm. Saturday School is for 8th-12th grade youth. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, November 8.

Wednesday, November 15 Jurassic Golf/Arcade 6:30-8:30pm Meet @Jurassic Golf and Arcade
Youth will meet at Jurassic Golf and Arcade (331 Baltimore Pike Suite 8, Bel Air, MD 21014). Cost is \$10. This covers a round of indoor mini-golf and \$3 in tokens to play arcade games. You are welcome to bring additional money for more arcade games. Bring a new friend and you can each play for \$5 per person! Sign-up by Monday, November 13.

Sunday, November 19 Spring Planning 4:30 pm - 6-30 pm Youth Center
Join leaders to help plan Youth events in the Spring. Dinner will be provided.

**YOUTH EVENTS
NOVEMBER**

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2017

Toy Workshop Collection November 1 - 20th

WORKSHOP IS OPEN on November 24 & 25 (9am - 5 pm) (the two days after Thanksgiving) and the week of November 27 - December 2 (9am - 9pm)

Monday

9:00 am	Pass It On Ministry
9:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study (L)
10:30 AM	Communion @ Brightview - 2nd Monday
6:30 pm	Young Adults 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	Daisy Troop 340 - as scheduled Rm 127
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 2 - as scheduled Rm 116
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 904- as scheduled Rm 125
7:00 pm	Monday Night Women's Bible Study (115)

Tuesday

2:00 PM	Communion @ Forest Hill Health & Rehab 2nd Tuesday
3:00 PM	Communion @ Bel Air Health & Rehab 2nd Tuesday
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	GriefShare (115)

Wednesday

10:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study (L)
11:30 am	Manna House Soup Kitchen (M)
6:30 pm	DivorceCare - starts Sept. 13 Rm 115
6:30 pm	Evening Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Chapel
6:30 pm	Grandparent Support Group 2nd Wednesday Room 202
6:30 pm	Hand Bells Choir Rehearsal (Rm 130)
6:15 pm	Faith Under Fire Rehearsal (M-Stage)
7:00 pm	Venture Crew 777 - 2nd & 4th Wednesday Rm 116

7:00 pm

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 Youth Band Practice (YC)
7:00 pm	BSF International (Rm 202)
7:00 pm	Cub Scout Troop 777 (M, Classrooms)
7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Fellowship (P)
7:30 pm	AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

Friday

6:30 am	Friday Morning Bible Study (202)
3:30 am	Kate Carns Rehearsing in the Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Altar Guild - Set-Up

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)
10:00 am	11am Band Rehearsal (AR 103)
10:45am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
11:00 am	Children's Choir Musical Rehearsal (CR 101)
11:00 am	Faith in Community (L)
6:00 pm	AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion (CR 101)
6:30 pm	Sunday Night Youth Group (M, L, YC, 202 115)

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

CHURCH CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, ON NOVEMBER 23 & 24

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday, 04 November 2017

8:30 am DivorceCare - Surviving the Holidays Rm 115

4:00 pm Turkey Mission Dinner McComas Hall

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, 05 November 2017

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Monday, 06 November 2017

6:00 pm Senior High Youth Talks Youth Ctr

6:30 pm Russian Outreach Committee Parlor

Friday, 10 November 2017

8:00 am GAIN Meeting CR 101

10:30 am Ewe-Nique Knitting Group Library

Saturday, 11 November 2017

8:00 am Girl Scout - Event Day McComas Hall

10:00 am Tiny Tots School - Open House Rm 102

11:30 am Agape House in Baltimore

Sunday, 12 November 2017

6:30 pm Cub Scout Troop 777 - Committee Meeting Rm 127

Monday, 13 November 2017

9:30 am Blood Drive McComas Hall

6:00 pm Senior High Youth Talks Youth Ctr

6:15 pm CCC Staff Meeting Room 127

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Library

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting Byron's Office

Wednesday 15 November 2017

10:00 am Esther Circle Parlor

7:00 pm AA - District Meeting Rm 202

Thursday, 16 November 2017

8:00 am UMW - Making Cheeseballs in the Kitchen

9:00 am Senior Food Distribution McComas Hall

6:30 pm Welcome Team Meeting at the Welcome Desk

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 - Committee Meeting Library

Friday, 17 November 2017

December/January Spire Deadline

6:00 pm Set-Up for Family Food Distribution

Saturday, 18 November 2017

9:00 am Family Food Distribution McComas Hall

10:00 am United Way in the Community Room

10:00 am Sjogren's Syndrome Support Grp AR 103

Sunday, 19 November 2017

10:30 am Parents of Preschoolers (PoP) Rm 115

12:30 pm Grace Team Rm 115

1:00 pm Grief Support Group Rm 115

4:30 pm Youth Leaders - Spring Planning Youth Ctr

Monday, 20 November 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

Wednesday 22 November 2017

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Mt. Carmel Chapel

Thursday, 23 November 2017

Church is Closed

Friday, 24 November 2017

Church Office is Closed

TOY WORKSHOP 9AM - 5 PM IN MCCOMAS HALL

Saturday, 25 November 2017

TOY WORKSHOP 9AM - 5 PM IN MCCOMAS HALL

Sunday, 26 November 2017

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY

10:30 am Parents of Preschoolers (PoP) Rm 115

Monday, 27 November 2017

5:30 PM Serve Dinner @ Welcome 1 Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM Ad Council Meeting Library

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

8:30 am Spire Folding Team in McComas

10:30 am All Staff Meeting with Lunch Room 202

Wednesday 29 November 2017

6:30 pm Ask the Pastors? - Kid Friendly Youth Ctr

Thursday, 30 November 2017

6:30 PM FCCAU Homeless Shelter Brd Mtg Rm 115

Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 5. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening, November 4th.



NOVEMBER MILESTONES

We Welcome into the Community of Faith Through Baptism

Bennett Wells Grenoble
Son of Jacob and Natalie Grenoble

Ryleigh Jane Kruba
Daughter of Jared and Michelle Kruba



Please wish a Happy Birthday to ...

11/05 - Lloyd Fry
11/07 - Sue Gillette
11/09 - Anna Denbow
11/11 - Ed Leister

11/13 - Audrey Coale
11/16 - Marie Myers
11/19 - Wilbur Carr
11/28 - Barb Kobler

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

Please wish a Happy Anniversary to ...

Charles & Dottie Goddard who will celebrate their 56th anniversary on 11/11
Levin & Grace Heath who will celebrate their 67th anniversary on 11/18

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



PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Donations of individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, candy, popcorn, cookies etc.) are being collected to send in care packages to our college students before their Fall semester final exams. Please place your donations in the box by the Welcome and Information Center by December 3rd. If you'd like to help us pack them, please contact either Susan Hudson at hudson545@comcast.net or Angela Robertson at AngelaRobertson@comcast.net.

Do you have a new address or phone number?

We want to update your information in our church database. We know people move, young adults go into the military, go away to school or move out of Mom and Dad's house. Even if your address is a temporary one (military or school), we would like to know and be able to keep in touch with you. Go to http://belairumc.org/?page_id=5095 to update your personal information, so your church family knows how to reach you!



Tiny Tot School * Open House *

Saturday, November 11th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

A ministry of BAUMC, Tiny Tots offers Christian preschool programs for children age 2 through 5 years old. Come visit our classrooms, take a tour, meet the teachers, and learn all about why Tiny Tot School is such a special place to grow and learn. All visitors will receive a discount off of your registration fee. We hope to see you there!

Website: tinytotsbelair.com E-mail: tinytots@baumc.com Phone: 410-838-6399

PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – FUNDS AVAILABLE

Looking for assistance in paying for education beyond high school? Do you want to enroll in a traditional higher education program, trade school, apprenticeship, certification class or other job training? The Pay It Forward Scholarship can assist you; mid-year funding is available.

Those eligible to apply include:

- students continuing training in the spring semester; or
- individuals currently in the workforce seeking retraining or certifications; or,
- unemployed individuals seeking training or retraining.

Recipients of this scholarship are encouraged to financially support the program once established in their careers.

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

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Thanksgiving Turkey Mission Dinner to Benefit Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Shelter and Food Ministries

Saturday, November 4 (4:00-6:30 PM)

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-11, free for age 4 & under

Tickets are available at the door and dinners are also available for carryout.

Alternative Christmas Giving

Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his path straight. – Mark 1:3

The Chabadza-Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe mission team will be taking orders for Alternative Christmas Giving. During Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, consider being his hands and feet as we expand our medical clinic in Zimbabwe and move to a new location. Ground-breaking has begun on the new complex! In return for a one-time donation, our mission team will provide a certificate that can be gifted to a recipient on your Christmas gift list. Your donation will support the work of our medical clinic in Munyarari, Zimbabwe by funding necessary medical equipment and supplies, beds, linens, and furnishings. Order forms are available at the Information Desk, the Church Office, and in upcoming e-spires. The final deadline for ordering is December 17. For questions or an electronic order form, please call or email Jill Charlton at 443-512-5983 or charltonjm@yahoo.com.



***Chabadza is the Shona word meaning
“coming together to help those in need”***



**Saturday, November 4
8:30 am - 12 pm in room 115**



Were you aware that Bel Air United Methodist Church is an Amazon Smile Charity?

We are eligible to receive a donation simply because you shop on AmazonSmile.com. Shopping on AmazonSmile is exactly the same as shopping on Amazon--it simply allows for charitable donations. Here is the link: <https://smile.amazon.com> (click on “Learn More About Amazon Smile” for details). Of course, when asked for a charity selection, Bel Air United Methodist Church is our favorite choice!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family: I want to thank you once again for the many positive thoughts, prayers, and good wishes during the time of my knee replacement surgery and the recovery. Thank you to the many friends that mentored me and told me the importance of the physical therapy. My knee is healing well, but it's taking much longer than I thought it would. Thank you for the phone calls, visits, and food that you bought. Roger really appreciated the meals since cooking is not his strong suit but he makes a wonderful nurse. It is so wonderful to belong to such a great Christian family.
In Christian Love, Judy Niles

THANK YOU! Thirty-eight flood buckets were delivered to the Bentley Springs Hub in Parkton, MD. Your support is appreciated for the folks who will receive them.

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Girl Scouts will be selling cookies on November 12 and November 19 after the 8:00 am and 9:20am services. If you do not eat them, consider treating them to others. Donated cookie purchases will be given to Manna House after the conclusion of the last sale on November 19th.



Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Join the Youth Band or Youth Choir! Youth Choir practices on Sunday mornings 10:30 am - 11:30 am in the choir room. Contact Kristen Brought for details (kwbrought@yahoo.com). For more information about Youth Band, contact Amy Adkins (amyrileyadkins@gmail.com).

SHEET SALES

Sundays or in the office through the month of November. Cost is \$35 for any size. Lots of colors/printed designs to choose from. Great gifts! Proceeds benefit youth mission projects. Delivery will be the beginning of December.



SHIRT SALES

Want to show your BAUMC pride? The youth are selling BAUMC shirts for \$10. Colors are yellow, teal and bright pink. Adult and youth sizes available.

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WANTED Adopt A Child Sponsors & Coordinators

It's time to help Harford County children for Christmas



Job Requirements:

Sponsors

*Select, buy and wrap gifts for each child adopted (\$50 per child)

Coordinators

*Call sponsors and assign each a child

*Select toys and gift baskets from the Toy Workshop for all the children and parents which can be coordinated with the sponsors.

*Collect wrapped gifts from each sponsor.

*Deliver gifts and food to the family

QUESTIONS: Call Jeanne Arseneau @ 410-459-0721 or
e-mail mysticheaven805@gmail.com

Sign up to bring Christmas to two children from the Agape House Christmas Angel Program

Please bring items WRAPPED to the youth center or Ashley's office by December 10. Clearly mark items with the name of the child. Our Angels: Mckell is a seven year old female in 2nd grade. She likes Baby Alive, Barbies and jewelry. Malik is a five year old boy in 1st grade. He likes PJ Masks. Sign-up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054baaad2ba6f49-agape>.



The new pictorial directory has arrived!

Members who had their photos taken for the directory can pick up their copies in the Narthex on Sunday, or in the church office during the week. Please take the copy that has your name on it. At this time, there are only enough directories for those photographed. We can update the directory at various times throughout the year. If you missed out the first round, please contact Cheryl Firth in the office. We'll schedule a future date so that you might be included.



TOY COLLECTION



Toy Workshop Collection Starts November 1st

It is time to start collecting your new, nearly new or repairable toys for the **Toy Workshop**.

You may drop off your toys at the entrance to McComas Hall beginning November 1.

Toy Collection ends November 20.

The following is a list of items needed to make gift baskets

Kitchen mugs
Watches
Fancy teas & coffee
Perfume/cologne
Snacks/popcorn

Dish towels
Candles
Gloves and Hats
Small photo albums
Soaps & lotions

Makeup
Hand held games
Socks
Journals

Please -- no large items for the baskets. (There just isn't enough room in the baskets)

Please save your leftover Halloween candy to be used in the stockings!

Toys of all kinds
Cars & trucks
Kitchen sets
Batteries

Craft kits
Dolls / Doll furniture
Books
Heavy plastic bags with zippers

Games
Bikes

Please include DIRECTIONS and BAG TOGETHER PARTS for toys or games.

Please NO baby swings, encyclopedias, large pool or game tables or other oversized items.



TOY Workshop



Please join us to help provide toys and gifts for children at Christmas, to join in the fun and fellowship with us and to accomplish a huge recycling project.

We check, clean and repair toys and add batteries. We fill stockings, make gift baskets, repair bikes and much more.

WORKSHOP IS OPEN on November 24 & 25 (9am - 5 pm) (the two days after Thanksgiving) and the week of November 27 - December 2 (9am - 9pm)

Questions? Coming as a group? Email Elaine Ziegler at elainezig1@yahoo.com and let us know what day you want to come.

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Bel Air United Methodist Food Ministries Thanksgiving in a Box Order Form

Hunger is a growing issue in Harford County. Our Food Ministries provide a hot meal and bag of groceries each week for 100 families through Manna House, deliver food to over 250 Seniors once a month in Harford County and provide supplemental groceries, meats and produce to over 330 families once a month to those in need of food assistance.

For those struggling, having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends offers a sense of normalcy. Our food ministry has a tremendous opportunity to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal to 200 families for \$10 per family.

When you sponsor a family they will receive a turkey, vegetables, stuffing, bread and a dessert, everything you need to enjoy Thanksgiving. Families will receive the Thanksgiving Boxes during our November Family Food Distribution and one Wednesday in November through Manna House. To sponsor a family, complete the form below.

Make checks payable to BAUMC Food Ministries , 21 Linwood Ave , Bel Air . MD 21014 . Attn: Food Ministries

Sponsor name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

I would like to sponsor _____ family (s) at \$10 each = \$_____

If you are interested in receiving information or volunteer opportunities in our Food Ministries send an email to foodministries.baumc@gmail.com Subject: Food Ministry Information. Thank you for your donation!

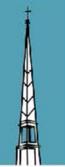
Dear Friends in Christ,

I have had the privilege of being BAUMC Food Ministry Coordinator and one of the leaders of our Family Food Ministry for the past eight years. If you caught the message prematurely posted in the bulletin earlier this month, then you know where this is heading.

Over the next year, I will help facilitate the transition of a new food ministry coordinator and a leader who will join the leadership team of Family Food. Jeff and I have experienced tremendous personal growth in our faith as part of our journey and now feel it is time for a new adventure in a different direction. The church is in the process of looking for a replacement. If you are interested in finding out more, please don't feel that you need experience to lead. God does the leading, all you have to do is follow. I can tell you some amazing stories of how he equips you to lead if you are willing to follow.

Our food ministries have grown beyond our initial vision, God's hand has been in every aspect of our ministries and he is not done with BAUMC yet. I can tell you from personal experience that serving, no matter what way you choose to serve, will take you on a life changing journey. I look forward to seeing what God has in store next for BAUMC and who he will bless with this awesome opportunity.

Sandy and Jeff Juchs



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SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER/ JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **DECEMBER/JANUARY**'s edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and atteberryd@baumc.com by 12 noon, Friday, November 17th.

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Looking for a great Christmas tree this season? Look no further than Linwood Avenue!

Boy Scout Troop 777 will continue the tradition of selling fresh cut Christmas trees.

There will be a fantastic selection of Douglas Fir and Fraser Fir trees perfect for your home.

The sale starts Friday morning November 24th with special hours from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Followed by our regular hours: Mon - Fri 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Proceeds are used for troop camping trips and equipment. The scouts appreciate your support.