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

CONGRATULATIONS ON JOINING THE CHURCH!



2021 CONFIRMANDS

Ashley Sanders, Isabella Leon, Lily Smeltzer, Paris Abraham, Daniella Abraham
 Jackson Herr, Lia Lucas, Mikayla McJilton, Hailey Jackson, Pastor Byron

WE WELCOME
 DR. BROOKE MOURING
 AND
 ALEX COULSON



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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LIVE STREAMING

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 9:15 am
Contemporary Worship 10:30am

In-Person Services at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary and 10:30 am in McComas Hall

on Sundays or watch us on Facebook LIVE at 9:15 am and/or 10:30 am

Please sign up for the in-person worship in the sanctuary by clicking

<http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday9-15amWorship> or

sign-up for the in-person service in McComas Hall by clicking:

<http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday10-30AMService> or

by using the ChurchLife app on your phone.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Our guidelines are constantly changing for in-person worship as we slowly emerge out of the pandemic. Thank you for your patience and your understanding through all of it. We are doing the best we can, erring on the side of love and safety. That alone should be something that unites us and brings us together. Here are the guidelines for in-person worship right now.

- Masks are completely optional for fully vaccinated people.
- Everyone is welcome to sing. We respectfully ask everyone to wear a mask while singing.
- We are continuing our check-in for the 9:15 am service in the narthex. You may exit by any door.
- Continue the elbow bumps! Shaking hands and hugging can spread germs.
- Continue to be thoughtful and gracious with others. Use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly.

Together, with God's help, we can defeat COVID-19. Together, with God's help, we will come out of this stronger.

Blessings,
Byron

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Last Manna House drive-thru distribution of non-perishable groceries is Wednesday, July 7th from 10:00am to 12 noon.

Manna House - July 14th, slow opening for Manna House sit down lunch!

Volunteers needed to help serve guests a meal from 9am-1pm
If you can help, contact Greg - food.services@baumc.com

Furniture donations/requests are no longer accepted at the church.
Please call Found in Faith at 443-519-2464.

The Pass It On (Financial Assistance) Ministry volunteers are working remotely on Mondays from 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be available by phone during that time; voicemail messages are responded to on Monday mornings and e-mails are checked on a regular basis. To apply, please go to the church website: www.belairumc.org. The Pass It On phone number is 410-838-0235.

The Lightner Library is now open. Library volunteers are available on Wednesday from 12 noon - 3 pm and Thursdays from 9am - 12 noon. We look forward to seeing our library patrons.



Sermon By Phone 410-800-4472

We are happy to announce that we now have a way for those of our congregation who are not electronically-connected to hear Sunday sermons. "Sermon By Phone" allows people to call in and hear the scripture reading and sermon. The information will be updated on a weekly basis.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please pass along the information.

Helping you stay connected while we are apart.



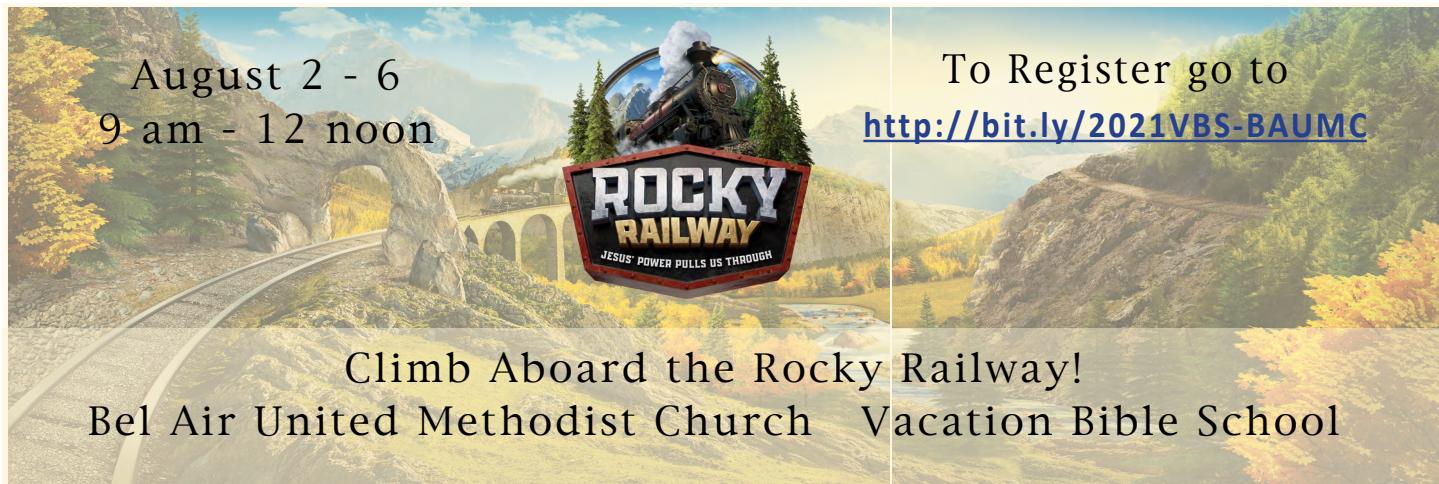
Join Anne Goodman and the Prayer Team Wednesdays for group prayer at 3:30 pm.

Join Through the ZOOM App

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/905302493?pwd=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjJIQT09>

**Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC
To Dial In: 253 215 8782 or 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531**

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Can you help a VBS Director out?

We need...

Garden hoses

Canopies

Baby Pools

PVC to make a rain shower (and people to build it)

Plain plastic spray bottles (20)

Here's the Skinny on VBS 2021

We will be conducting our Rocky Railway VBS outside this year. Due to this being our first major event since COVID we are limiting the amount of children. We are capping off at 100 children. The children will be in crews of 5 with a leader. The crews will be mixed ages. We are asking 4 yr olds thru 5th grade be together. We will be unable to run a separate Preschool VBS this year. We will have "some" access in the building. We will accommodate the heat with lots of water and water games. We need 50 teens/adults to have a successful return to VBS.

If there is any stress about registration please sign up with your phone and address and bring your \$5 the first day for offering to our mission of the week.

C4 Kids QR Codes



Summer Children's Events

July 11th (7/11) 11 a.m.
Armstrong Parking Lot
FISH! Party

YOUTH MINISTRIES

WEEKLY EVENTS

High School Bible Study

Youth Center

Sundays, July 4, 18 and 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Outside by the gaga pit (in the Youth Center if it's raining)

Keep our youth mission team in your prayers. They are traveling to Romney, West Virginia July 11-17.

We will be doing home repair projects for local residents.

Team Members:

Isabella D., Ruth F., Hailey J., Jocelyn K., Audrey L., Lia L., Rachel L., CJ M., Katie M., Ashley S., Jeremy S., Rylee S. and Steven S.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Local Mission Week: VBS and Fun

August 2-6

Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm
(Friday 9am-11:30am)

Mornings, youth will be volunteering with outdoor VBS. Be prepared to pack your lunch several of the days.

Daily schedule will be finalized by mid-July. Afternoon activities will be a mixture of fun and service.

<http://bit.ly/BAUMC2021YouthMissionsWk>

Rising 6th Grade Welcome to Youth Group Night!

Sunday, August 29 4:30-6pm

Parents and Rising 6th Graders are invited to come to learn about youth ministry opportunities for the Fall.

Our 2021 Scholarship Recipients



Nathan Adkins



Lily Barry



Sarah Entner



Lily Macatee



Andrew Pippen

Congratulations to Nathan Adkins, Lily Barry, Sarah Entner, Lily Macatee and Andrew Pippen, the 2021 recipients of the Bel Air United Methodist Church Graduating High School Senior Church Involvement Scholarship. These young adults have been engaged in a variety of activities for many years at BAUMC. They are commended for giving of their time and talents to make a difference in the church and the community.

- Nathan Adkins is a graduate of Bel Air High School and will attend West Virginia University in the Fall. He plans to major in Computer Science and Computer Engineering.
- Lily Barry graduated from C. Milton Wright High School and will attend Salisbury University in the Fall majoring in Biochemistry.
- Sarah Entner is a graduate of Bel Air High School and will attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in the Fall. Sarah is undecided on her major, but is considering History and Anthropology.
- Lily Macatee is a graduate of North Harford High School. She will attend Gettysburg College in the Fall and she plans to major in Health Sciences.
- Andrew Pippen, a graduate of Harford Technical High School, will attend Harford Community College in the Fall. Andrew plans to major in Additive Manufacturing with an area of concentration in Engineering Technology.

Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this program through gifts to the scholarship fund. Over the last 40 years, congregational gifts to the fund have enabled Bel Air United Methodist Church to award 195 scholarships totaling a little over \$111,500.

Congratulations and best wishes to the graduating senior scholarship recipients as they begin their higher education journeys.

JULY / AUGUST MILESTONES



Happy Anniversary

Jim & Sandy Hainley - 34th anniversary on 7/1
Ray & Renee Mann - 17th anniversary on 7/1
Scott & Jen Barquin - 17th anniversary on 7/3
Donald & Diane Buchanan - 47th anniversary on 7/6
Matt & Heidi Tracey - 14th anniversary on 7/6
Randy & Cyd Wentsel - 48th anniversary on 7/7
Martin & Laura Chojnacki - 37th anniversary on 7/7
Shawn & Shelly Sparks - 20th anniversary on 7/7
Christopher & Romona Carrico - 19th anniversary on 7/7
Jerry & Michele Townsley, Jr. - 26th anniversary on 7/8
Mark & Jodi Lovell - 38th anniversary on 7/9
David & Valerie Grimm - 7th anniversary on 7/11
Steve & Patty Resnik - 29th anniversary on 7/12
Tony & Linda Vinciguerra - 38th anniversary on 7/16
Don & Carolyn Raff - 27th anniversary on 7/17
Robert & Carol McCormack - 57th anniversary on 7/18
Rick & Heather Thompson, Jr. - 34th anniversary on 7/18
Joel & Lisa Caudill - 29th anniversary on 7/18
Robert & Christy Burgess, Jr. - 19th anniversary on 7/20
Bob & Linda Lemmon - 59th anniversary on 7/21
Don & Trish Monaghan - 34th anniversary on 7/22
David & Jen Whitescarver - 26th anniversary on 7/22
Sean & Bonnie Lapouraille - 4th anniversary on 7/22
David & Wanda Denver - 28th anniversary on 7/24
Matt & Jody Millholen - 17th anniversary on 7/24
Dave & Bev Talbot - 23rd anniversary on 7/25
Connor & Kimberly Burgasser - 6th anniversary on 7/25
Art & Mary Louise Munro - 48th anniversary on 7/28
Bill & Nicki Persons - 20th anniversary on 7/28
John & Shirley Yantz - 61th anniversary on 7/30
Austin & Stephanie Langenfelder - 5th anniversary on 7/30
Thomas & Tammy Webber - 22nd anniversary on 7/31
Michael & Jill Charlton - 17th anniversary on 7/31
Tom & Leslie Bonomo - 40th anniversary on 8/1
Joseph & Melissa Torralbes, Jr. - 4th anniversary on 8/3
Christopher & Amanda Bolick - 8th anniversary on 8/4

John & Laura Krouse, Jr. - 31st anniversary on 8/5
Kevin & Julie Holmes - 21th anniversary on 8/5
Ray & Lynn Hamann - 33rd anniversary on 8/6
Travis & Kelsey Kelley - 7th anniversary on 8/9
Jim & Alice Paradise - 53rd anniversary on 8/10
Rob & Nicole Gribben, Jr. - 20th anniversary on 8/10
Bob & Betty Myers - 58th anniversary on 8/11
Dave & Gayle Greenwood - 48th anniversary on 8/11
Bruce & Bonnie Burns - 27th anniversary on 8/12
Ron & Jean Hill - 55th anniversary on 8/13
Lee & Patti Tooman - 50th anniversary on 8/13
Tony & Kelly Serdenes - 33rd anniversary on 8/13
Dave & Gail Candey - 65th anniversary on 8/14
Mark & Connie Beckwith - 50th anniversary on 8/14
Les & Betty Grimm - 50th anniversary on 8/14
Perry & Susan Gentry - 39th anniversary on 8/14
Jeff & Karen Baran - 23rd anniversary on 8/15
Jim & Jeanne Butcher - 52th anniversary on 8/16
Paul & Diane Bates - 58th anniversary on 8/17
Howard & Heather Zickefoose - 36th anniversary on 8/17
Phil & Dottie Newcomer - 30th anniversary on 8/17
Rod & Sarah White - 31st anniversary on 8/18
Chris & Shannon Temple - 15th anniversary on 8/18
Andrew & Jill Graham - 3rd anniversary on 8/18
Tom & Makayla Swearman - 3rd anniversary on 8/18
Lowell & Jackie Swartz - 49th anniversary on 8/19
David & Susan Morrow - 33rd anniversary on 8/20
Brad & Nancy Undem - 40th anniversary on 8/21
Kevin & Caroline Smith - 1st anniversary on 8/22
Bob & Betty Vestal - 57th anniversary on 8/23
Frank & Judy Woke - 46th anniversary on 8/23
Wes & Nancy Jenkins - 59th anniversary on 8/25
Craig & Sherri Carpenter - 37th anniversary on 8/25
Keith & Nicole Diggins - 32nd anniversary on 8/26
Tony & Debra Foreman - 21st anniversary on 8/26
Will & Janice Wolfe-Johnson - 20th anniversary on 8/29

Happy Anniversary! May you continue to love, cherish and honor one another for years to come.

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Happy Birthday

07/01 - Diane Bates
07/09 - Virginia Becker
07/09 - Gail Candey
07/09 - John Yantz
07/11 - Norma Smith
07/14 - Joy Merryman
07/15 - Linda Myrick
07/17 - John Lebo
07/18 - Laszlo Zsebedics
07/22 - Paul Bates
07/22 - George Hudnet
07/22 - Elaine Ziegler
07/23 - Betty Ann Smith
07/29 - Kurt Steiger

08/03 - Bev Rivenburg
08/05 - Palmer Paules
08/07 - Roger Niles
08/15 - Sally Campbell
08/18 - Jean Henderson
08/18 - Linda Lemmon
08/21 - Shirley Singstock
08/23 - Nancy Tolley
08/24 - Eleanor Packard
08/26 - Dave Candey
08/29 - Jim Bragg
08/29 - Doris Evans
08/30 - Shirley Yantz

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

Blood Drive Lead Volunteer

Pat and Jack Potter stepped down as the lead volunteer for this ministry after 20 plus years of service. We are eternally grateful for their faithfulness toward this ministry and their love and commitment. Thank you, Pat and Jack



Attention Blood Donors:

Those wishing to donate blood at the drive on July 12 are encouraged to sign up by calling 1-800-733-2767 or online at www.redcross.org. Remember that signing up for Easy Pass will make the donation process faster and easier.

Thank you.

Blood Drive Committee



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**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JULY
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

To donate please go to

<http://bit.ly/BelAirUMCHabitat4Humanity>



**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST
YOUTH EVENT SCHOLARSHIP**

To donate please go to

<http://bit.ly/BelAirUMCUthEventScholarship>

Bel Air UMC and United Way of Central Maryland are teaming up to provide school supplies to low-income families in Harford County. We will be collecting school supplies in a marked bin by the Welcome and Information Center through August 20th. If you prefer, you can donate \$7.00 for the purchase of a bundle school kit. The kits are:

- Elementary School Kit which includes a 15" back pack, pencil case, pencil sharpener, glue stick, crayons, eraser and (6) #2 pencils
- Middle/High School Kit which includes a 17" back pack, pencil pouch, (2) yellow highlighters, (5) blue and black pens, eraser and (6) #2 pencils



Checks should be made payable to BAUMC with a notation in the memo line that reads "UW School Supplies". Cash or checks should be placed in an envelope addressed to Greg LaCour. These can be placed in the dropbox next to the office door or in the offering plate at each service.

Summer is the perfect time to recline with a book, so why not choose one that will stretch your thinking? *Caste, The Origins of our Discontent, by Isabel Wilkerson*

Named the #1 nonfiction book of the year by TIME and the #1 New York Times Bestseller

In this powerful and extraordinarily timely social history, Wilkerson investigates the origins, evolution, and inner workings of America's unspoken caste system that has shaped our country and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.



Tracking the inception of the country's race-based "ranking of human value" to the arrival of the first slave ship in 1619, Wilkerson draws on the works of anthropologists, geneticists, and social economists to uncover the arbitrariness of racial divisions, and finds startling parallels to the caste systems of India and Nazi Germany.

Incisive autobiographical anecdotes and captivating portraits of black pioneers including baseball pitcher Satchel Paige and husband-and-wife anthropologists Allison and Elizabeth Davis reveal the steep price U.S. society pays for limiting the potential for some of its people. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

Beautifully written and revealing, this book is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of American life today. The Racial Justice Ministry highly recommends this book. (Adapted from Amanda Usher, Dwight Garner, The Amazon Book Club)

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Sunset Canoe Trip

Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:45 - 8:00 pm

\$12 per person

To register: <https://bit.ly/2021BAUMCCanoeTrip>

Join BAUMC's Creation Care Team for a canoe trip along Deer Creek. Enjoy the beautiful sights, sounds and inspiration of God's Creation at Eden Mill Park in northern Harford County.

No experience necessary.

For more info contact Sheryl Pedrick at sherylpedrick@hotmail.com or 410-458-4998.

- Ages 6 yrs. and up
- 2 to 4 people can fit each canoe (2-3 adults/teens, 2 adults & 1-2 smaller children, or 1 adult & 1 larger child)
- Please complete and bring the appropriate release forms found during registration.

17-years ago, I wrote a little newsletter article on cicadas. 17-years later, a woman reminded me of the article. She'd kept it on her refrigerator for the last 17 years. I'm deeply impressed, and deeply moved. I didn't even remember writing it. I'm sharing it with you now, since we're still in the year of the cicada, 2021. Enjoy!

"Everything I ever needed to know in life..." I learned from the cicada:

- When you grow, it's time to shed your skin.
- The boys are noisier than the girls.
- Pesticides, too much construction, and extreme weather are bad things.
- It's fun to sneak up behind somebody.
- There are four major transforming moments in life.
- Look scary; be gentle.
- Cicadas won't ruin your wedding... Aunt Ruth might.
- There are some people out there who want to gobble you up.
- Watch out for big trucks.
- And... finally... life is best when you hum your way through it.



Well, you might not have gotten anything biblical or spiritual out of this. Or then again, maybe you might have. Either way, I won't BUG you anymore. Blessings on your day!

Grace and peace!
Byron



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Can you sing, or play an instrument or lead a choral group? Please consider sharing some special music at our 9:15 am worship service in July and August. Contact Cheryl Carmen at carmenc@baumc.com. We appreciate you; thank you.