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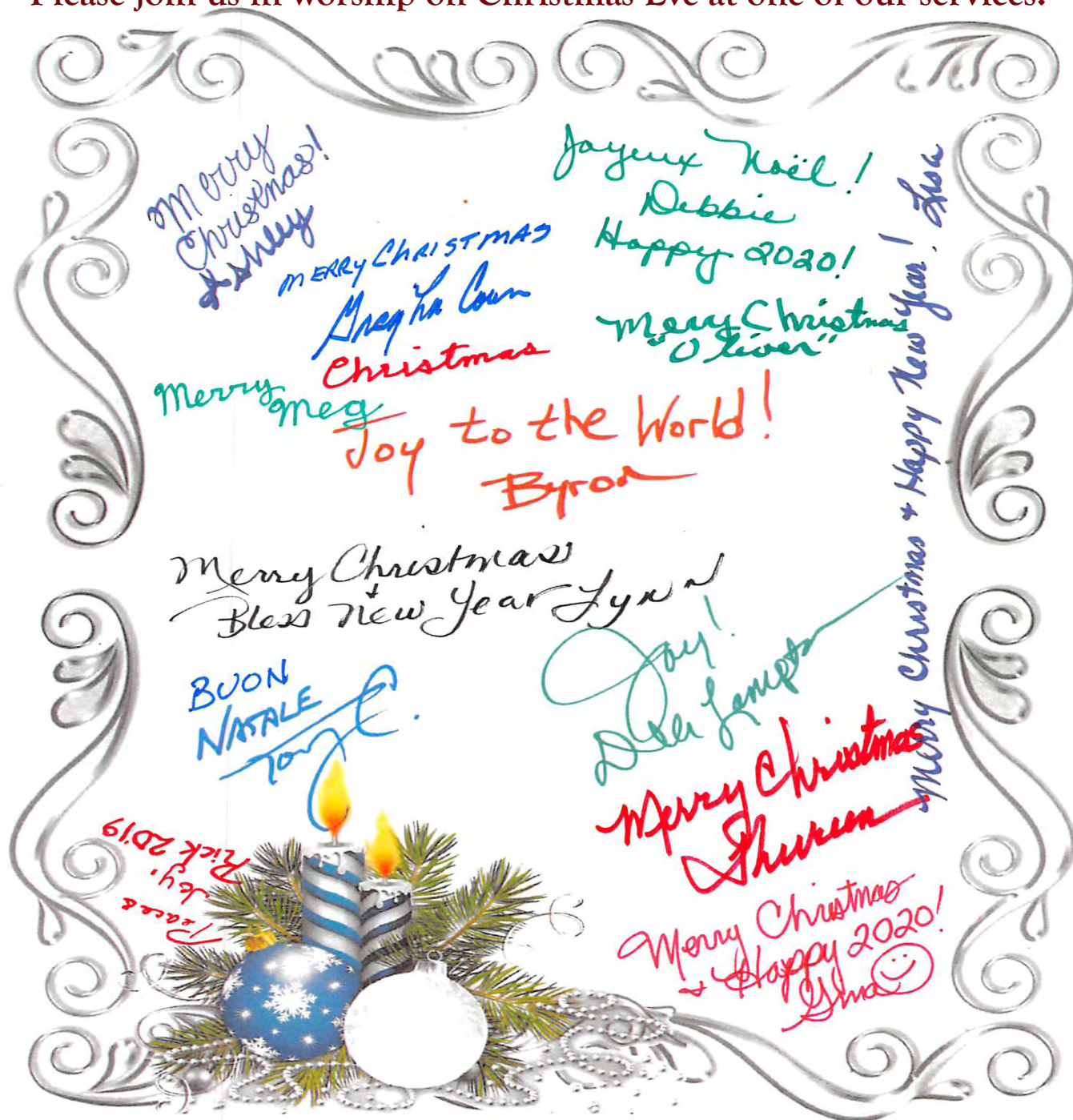
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"Joy To the World, the Lord is Come!"

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,
from your Friends and Staff at BAUMC!!!
Please join us in worship on Christmas Eve at one of our services.





ADVENT STUDY

Advent Conspiracy
Tuesdays, November 19 - December 10
7 pm - 8:30 am Library

COME CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH US

DECEMBER 15 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
10:45 am Sanctuary

DECEMBER 22 CHRISTMAS CANTATA
9:15am & 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Services
Choir and Orchestral Performance



**ALL BEL AIR UMC WORSHIP SERVICES
TO BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY**

Sunday, December 1 & 22
8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Sunday School Christmas Pageant! December 15th 10:45am in our Sanctuary

All children in our Sunday School will participate in our Christmas Pageant!

They will be dressed in costume telling of the story of Jesus' birth. There's still time to grab a costume if you haven't had a chance. You can do that now.

Pay attention to the story as each age group leads to the animals, stars, angels, shepherds and magi. There will be guides to bring up our actors and display the manger scene. Don't forget Mary, Joseph and the baby.

So, are we ready? Then let's all Come to the Manger and hear the Christmas Story!

The Mamas & The Papas - Parents with children preschool through early-elementary aged are invited to our new small group! We will meet in Room 115 at 10:30, the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, beginning in January. Share in fellowship with other parents as we discover 10 Biblical Traits Your Children Will Remember You For. Contact Stephanie Mosby at 317-696-8768 or 1stephaniemosby@gmail.com, if you are interested.

C4 kids is discovering redemption through the story of **The Grinch** this advent. So we NEED to watch the movie.

**December 7th @ 6:30
Room 101**

We will have soup and bread for dinner.



YOUTH MINISTRY

WEEKLY EVENTS

Middle School Sunday School

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Youth Center

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

Middle School Sunday School open to all 6th to 8th grade middle school students. The class is taught by Ashley Sanders and Ginni Pippen.

Youth Group (Grades 6 -12)

6 - 8 pm Outside By Gaga/Youth Center/ McComas

Sunday, December 8 (No Youth Events December 1)

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.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

4-6 pm

Choir Room

Sunday, December 8

In addition to rehearsal, dinner will be provided.

For details, contact Kristen Brought at kwbrought@yahoo.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sing at Hershey Park

December 13

The Youth choir will be performing at Hershey Park's Candycane Lane. Meet at the church to carpool. Choir is performing at 8pm.

The trip is open to all youth. Deadline to purchase tickets is November 26. Sign-up here:

<http://bit.ly/2019YouthChoir2HersheyPark>.

Questions about the trip, contact Ashley Sanders or Kristen Brought.

Christmas Caroling

December 15 2-4pm

Youth will visit various senior and assisted living homes in the area. Please RSVP to Ashley or Kristen Brought. Parents are welcome to join!

Youth Christmas Party

December 15 4-6pm

Sign-up to bring a food item to share! Youth may bring a \$5 wrapped gift to participate in our annual gift exchange. Sign-up here:

<http://bit.ly/2020BelAirUMCYouthChristmasParty>

Christmas Escape Room

December 22 6-8pm

We will be doing our very own Escape Room at BAUMC! Help Santa locate his missing list! All you need to do is show up!

Save the Date !

ROCK in Ocean City MD

February 7-9, 2020

Registration Opens October 1st.

<http://bit.ly/BelAirRock2020>

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to attend ROCK. Youth in 6th and 7th grade need a parent to chaperone. ROCK fees include the following: transportation, ticket into ROCK and breakout sessions, two nights in hotel, pizza Friday night, Saturday box lunch (new this year!), catered dinner Saturday and 2020 BAUMC ROCK Shirt. Youth will need to bring their own breakfast foods and money for lunch on Sunday.

Must Register by January 10 to guarantee shirt size and color choice.

Registration Fees

Early Bird

11/5-1/5/2020

\$175 (\$50 deposit)

Regular Registration

1/6/2020-2/6/2020 \$185

(\$100 deposit)

Laser Tag and Pizza Party Sunday, January 19 6-10:45 pm



All youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for laser tag and pizza. Bring a friend!

DECEMBER MILESTONES

Sawyer Jayne Alianiello

Daughter of David & Cortney Alianiello

Zoe Amelia O'Hare

Daughter of Zachary & Shannon O'Hare

Nolan Robert Stran

Son of Sean & Kristen Stran



Happy Anniversary



Jack & Sarah Bowman - 67th anniversary on 12/05.

Gail & Judy Hatfield - 56th anniversary on 12/14.

Les & Margaret Ann Goodwin - 64th anniversary on 12/26.

Paul & Beth Lusky - 40th anniversary on 12/29.

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

Happy Birthday

12/01 - Elsie Kaste
12/03 - Jean McLane
12/04 - Carol McCormack
12/06 - Carole Vangrin
12/07 - Ken Randall
12/14 - Dick Reitz
12/14 - Mary Schrufer
12/19 - Maxine Jenkins



12/19 - Bud Tolley
12/21 - Cora Cole
12/23 - Frances Roberts
12/24 - John Hieber
12/26 - Ruth Hutcheson
12/26 - Ruth Smithson
12/28 - Shirley Renshaw

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

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

- 9:00 am Pass It On Ministry
- 9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study (202)
- 9:30 am Friendship Garden Club (202) (2nd Monday)
- 10:30 am Communion @ Brightview - 2nd Monday
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 (M, 103) or (CR 101, 103)
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2 (Room 127)
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 340 (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 Band - Rehearsal (McComas Stage)
- 7:00 pm AA / Sisters of Sobriety (127)
- 7:00 pm GriefShare (115)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (L)
- 10:00 am Esther Circle (Parlor) (3rd Wednesday)
- 11:30 am Manna House Soup Kitchen (M)
- 12:00 pm Clergy Covenant Group (2nd Wednesday) (202)
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
- 6:00 pm AA - District 28 Meeting (3rd Wednesday) (202)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Chapel
- 6:30 pm Grandparent Support Group (2nd Wednesday) (202)
- 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Rm 130)
- 6:40 pm Faith Under Fire Rehearsal (M-Stage)
- 6:30 pm Divorce Care Room 115
- 7:00 pm Venture Crew 777 as scheduled (Library)

- 7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness (1st & 3rd Wed) (127)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm TOPS Chapter 412 (AR 103)
- 6:30 pm Kingdom Affect Youth Band Practice (YC)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship (AR 103)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout 777 (M, 114, 116, 125, 127, 130)
- 7:30 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

Friday

- 6:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (Youth Center)
- 8:00 am GAIN Meeting (CR 101) 2nd Friday

Saturday

- 5:00 pm Building Better Moms (CR 101)
- (2nd Saturday) (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Sunday

- 7:30 am John Packard Men's Bible Study (115)
- 9:00 am Morning Fellowship (202)
- 9:15 am Middle School Sunday School (YC)
- 9:20 am Walking with God Class (L)
- 10:30 am PoP Small Group (115) (1st & 3rd Sunday)
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Musical Rehearsal (CR 101)
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
- 6:00 pm AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion (CR 101)
- 6:00 pm Sunday Night Youth (M, L, YC, 202 115)

**Merry
Christmas!**
*and a
Blessed New Year*

The Children's Christian Center (CCC) of Bel Air UMC would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and congregation for their love, prayers and support this past year. This Christmas season may we all remember and be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Merry Christmas!

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

Friday, November 29 - December 7
TOY WORKSHOP - PREP OF THE TOYS

Monday, December 2

6:30 pm Russian Outreach Committee Parlor

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 pm Advent Conspiracy Class Library

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am Augmenting Ability's Music Recital AR 103

Monday, December 9

11:30 am NARFE Christmas Luncheon Rm 202

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Library

7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee
 Pastor Byron's Office

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 pm Advent Conspiracy Class Library

Wednesday, December 11

12:00 pm Clergy Covenant Group
 Pastor Byron's Office

Friday, December 13

4:30 pm CCC Christmas Program Sanctuary

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Family Food Distribution McComas Hall

Sunday, December 15

10:45 AM Children's Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 16

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
 Pastor Byron's Office

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am Tiny Tot School Christmas Program
 Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19

8:30 am Tiny Tot School Christmas Program
 Sanctuary & AR 103

9:00 am Senior Food Distribution McComas Hall

6:30 pm FCCAU Homeless Shelter Meeting Rm 115

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Cantata Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, December 22

Christmas Cantata at the 9:15 am & 10:30 am Services
 Sanctuary

2:00 pm Peacher Christmas Party CR 101

Friday, December 27

5:30 pm Serve Dinner @ the Welcome One Homeless
 Shelter

Tuesday, December 31

11:00 am Family Skating Party @ Ice World

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Candlelight Services

11 am Morning Service in the Sanctuary

4 pm Family Service in the Sanctuary

7 pm & 9 pm the Sanctuary

Candlelight & Communion Service

11 pm in the Sanctuary

Mt Carmel Chapel

Route 924 & Wheel Road

6 pm and 8 pm (Communion)

**CHURCH CLOSED
 WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
 DECEMBER 25 & 26
 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Alternative Christmas Giving

*Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working."
– John 5:17*

On behalf of our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe, the Chabadza Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe team would like to sincerely thank you for your steadfast prayers and support.

2019 has been a challenging year for the people of Zimbabwe. In March, many in the southwestern part of Zimbabwe, as well as those in neighboring Mozambique, were severely affected by Cyclone Idai. Thankfully, our medical mission at Munyarari sustained only minimal damage. The people across Zimbabwe, however, have suffered as economic conditions have worsened and, once again, domestic inflation has resulted in severe shortages of food, building materials, medicines and supplies.

Despite these circumstances, our mission to expand our medical clinic in Zimbabwe is on target for completion of "Phase One" by the end of this year. This, the first of three phases to our project, includes a new outpatient building and waiting area, new staff housing, new bathroom facilities, and new water system and waste disposal complex. We expect to begin our final two phases early next year, hoping to complete construction by the end of 2020.

The completion of our work is dependent on successful fundraising for this ambitious undertaking. We are counting on our church family for continued support of our mission that helps the people of Zimbabwe who are in desperate need of quality healthcare.

Once again, we are offering an Alternative Christmas Giving Campaign during the Advent season. When you honor or remember a friend or loved one with a donation to Chabadza, you truly are "Sharing the Light of Christmas" across the world! For specific information about our Alternative Giving Campaign, please see the weekly E-Spire and church bulletin.

In closing, our Chabadza team prays that you, as well as the people of Zimbabwe, will experience "The Light of Christmas" in a most meaningful way. May the Light of Christ shine brightly for all the world to see!

God Bless & Merry Christmas!

BAUMC Chabadza Mission Team



New Outpatient Building & Bathroom Facility



New Construction for Medical Staff Housing



**Joy to the World
American Music Theater
Thursday, December 5th.**

Bus will depart at 1:00 pm and will return by 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Cheryl Firth at 443-242-2441 or firthc@baumc.com.



**Looking for a great Christmas tree
this season?**

Look no further than Linwood Avenue!

The scent of a fresh cut Christmas tree will make your home come alive when entertaining your family and friends this Christmas season.

Boy Scout Troop 777 will continue the tradition of selling fresh cut Christmas trees. Stop by and see the fantastic selection of Douglas Fir and Fraser Fir trees from table top to 10 feet tall.

Hours are: 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.



Construction Volunteers Needed Sat. 12/14

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna and BAUMC/VIM are teaming together to continue construction of a new home in Havre de Grace. The home is under roof and we are looking for volunteers for Saturday 12/14.

What: Habitat for Humanity Construction Project

When: Saturday 12/14; work starts at 8:00 AM and finishes about 3:30 PM.

Location: 501 & 503 Stokes Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Volunteer online at www.habitatsusq.org

No construction experience is required but you must be at least 16 years old. Habitat's supervisors will only ask you to work on things you are comfortable doing. All materials and tools will be provided but wear work clothes. Bring your favorite hammer and gloves and a lunch, if you wish. To volunteer, please use Habitat's online registration. If you have not registered in the past, the online process includes a short safety training lesson. Go to www.habitatsusq.org and follow the instructions to volunteer for construction activity. After registration is completed (or if you have registered before), go to the web site's "construction calendar" and sign-up for Saturday 12/14. If you have any questions, please contact Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator, John Lanigan (410-638-4434 or orjlanigan@habitatsusq.org) or Tim Knabe (443-841-6205 or taknabe42@gmail.com).



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

Sign up on hallway bulletin board. Thank you.

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




SCHEDULE

November 29th, 30th 9am - 5pm

December 2 - December 10 9am - 10pm

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.

Questions? Coming as a group? Email Elaine Ziegler at elainezig1@yahoo.com

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

Hunger is a growing issue in Harford County. Our Food Ministries provide a hot meal and a bag of groceries each week for 70-100 families through Manna House, deliver food to over 250 Seniors in Harford County and provide supplemental groceries, meats and produce to over 275 families once a month to those in need of food assistance at Saturday Family Food Ministry.



For those struggling, having a Holiday dinner with family and friends offers a sense of normalcy. Our food ministries has a tremendous opportunity for you to provide a complete 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 a Holiday meal. **Families will receive the Holiday boxes during our December 14th Family Food Distribution and one Wednesday in December through Manna House. To sponsor a family, complete the form below or go to <http://bit.ly/BAUMC2019HolidayBox>**

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 = \$ _____



POINSETTIA DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

We are taking orders for 6 inch Red Poinsettias (4-6 blooms) to be displayed in the Linwood Sanctuary on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, and on Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2019. The cost is \$10 per plant.

You are invited to make a donation for a dedication in memory or in honor of your beloved one(s). Please provide the following information with your payment:

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

PRESENTED BY: _____

_____ I will pick up my Poinsettia after the 11:00 PM service on Christmas Eve.

_____ I will pick up my Poinsettia on Friday, December 27

_____ I will not be picking up my Poinsettia.

Your Name

Your Phone Number

The deadline for receiving Poinsettia Donations and Dedications is Monday, December 16, 2019.

Please return your dedication and payment to the Church Office (or place it in the drop box located next to the Church Office door) in an envelope marked "Poinsettias."

For information or questions, contact Alice Archer at aaarcher@comcast.net or (cell) 443-417-3505

Tiny Tot School

Join us in January for our Winter Session of Preschool Prep!

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. or 11:00-12:15 p.m.
January 8th – February 12th
Six week session for \$110

Two and three year old children and their caregivers participate together to enjoy interactive stories and songs, creative art, movement activities and playful exploration. This is a special time for socialization and exploration while developing a comfort level within the school setting. Please note: Children must have turned two years old by September 1, 2019.

Tiny Tot School offers AM and PM Christian preschool classes for 2-5 year old children. Approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, the program nurtures the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional development of each child.

* Pre-Register your child for the 2020-21 school year or sign up for Preschool Prep by contacting the office at Tiny Tots. *

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

"I learned a lot as a Tiny Tot!"

Thank
You!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls during my recovery. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Pastor Lynn

Thank you for the wonderful Pastor Appreciation gift. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your pastor. You are truly a gift from God to me. Pastor Lynn

Rev. Byron Brought, Rev. Deb Lampton, Lisa, Alice and all who helped us with the memorial service for my husband, James Wayne. Thank you all so very much. Words cannot express my gratitude! God Bless, Love, Hilda Scarborough & Family

So many people to thank this month BAUMC family, Girl Scout Troop 5962 from Street, Boy Scout (Pack) 777, teachers from North Harford Elementary and Middle School, North Bend, Bel Air High School, Edgewood, friends and families! Wow! Thank you all so much for all your help!

Ed' Leister and his family wanted to thank the BAUMC Community for the wonderful cakes, balloons and cards and all the well wishes that people gave to Ed in token of his 100th birthday. He's still talking about it, re-reading the cards and even playing with the balloons!



Some United Methodist Fun Facts...

1. In the 1860s, Dr. Thomas B. Welch, of Vineland, NJ, invented Welch's grape juice specifically for Methodist churches to use as a substitute for wine in communion.
2. In 1787, John Wesley authorized a woman by the name of Sarah Mallet to preach; it was a pretty radical act in those days.
3. The UMC turned a tract of land in Bukavku, Eastern Congo, Africa, into a garden where people can grow crops to feed their families.
4. The largest United Methodist congregation in the U.S. is in Leawood, Kansas. It's called Church of the Resurrection and it has approximately 20,000 members, and they host conferences for global gatherings of the denomination.
5. BAUMC is revitalizing medical clinics in the East Zimbabwe Annual Conference of the UMC.



- ♥ November Results... Our November Blood Drive netted a total of 80 units, including 12 "Double Reds" (12 donors who gave 2 units of blood each). On behalf of the many patients who will benefit from these donations, we express sincere gratitude to all who came out in support of our blood drive.
- ♥ Thanks for Your Patience... Unfortunately our November Blood Drive was plagued by computer problems and a Red Cross staffing shortage that resulted in some donors being turned away or experiencing long delays. We apologize to everyone who was affected by these issues. We have communicated the problems to our Red Cross point of contact with hopes of resolving them for the January Blood Drive.
- ♥ Next Blood Drive... Monday, January 13, 2020. Appointments can be scheduled on the sign-up sheet located across from the Church Office.



NEW YEAR'S EVE ICE SKATING PARTY

TUESDAY DEC 31 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

ICE WORLD

PRICE \$5 PER PERSON/\$20 PER FAMILY

SKATE RENTAL \$4

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

MY CHURCH ACCOUNT

My Church Account provides our members 24/7 access to their membership information. All members who wish to access their information can create a login. This information is NOT available to the public; only connected members may access their own data. This system is known as Access ACS and can be accessed through a website or a mobile app.

Once you register, you can:

- Make a change request on your personal information
- View your financial records
- Set-up online giving
- View the church calendar for meetings & events
- Register for events
- Volunteer

Create an Online Account

With an account, you can manage your giving as recurring and one-time donations.

- Step 1: Go to www.belairumc.org and click My Church Account
- Step 2: Click on Need a login? Click here
- Step 3: Type in your e-mail address; first name; last name; then click find me
- Step 4: Check your e-mail for an account verification message from us. If you do not see one, please check your spam folder.
- Step 5: Click the link in the verification e-mail to create a password for your Access ACS account. You can now sign in at any time with your e-mail and the password you created.

PLEASE NOTE THE ACCOUNT VERIFICATION LINK EXPIRES IN 24 HOURS, SO BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL FIVE STEPS.

Download the ChurchLife mobile app!



Step 1: Search Churchlife in the app store

Step 2: Download the free app and sign in

Step 3: Click the menu icon to see Your Group, to register for an event, to give, or see the church's calendar.

Text to Give

Step 1: Text [Give2BAUMC](#) and [AMOUNT](#) to 73256.

Step 2: Click the link you receive in your text message response

Step 3: Follow the prompts to give.

TEXT GIVING EVEN SAVES YOUR PAYMENT METHOD SO YOU CAN QUICKLY GIVE AGAIN.

Did you set-up your EFT with our new account number?

or

Do you want to set-up a recurring gift?

Since we have a new VANCO (our EFT company) account number, we have to transfer your banking information from the old account to the new account # AAC103056.

Please go to My Church and simply log in to get started. After logging in, you can set-up your recurring gifts or complete [an EFT Form](#) and return to the church office.

Please contact Meg at kolarikm@baumc.com or Lisa at wolfi@baumc.com to cancel the old transaction or if you need help creating your account and/or recurring gifts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The intent of this policy is to ensure the safety of BAUMC's guests, visitors, members, volunteers and staff and to provide for effective communications regarding programs and activities during severe or hazardous weather.

Monday – Friday Weekdays:

If Harford County Public Schools are closed all day due to inclement weather, all church programs and activities will be canceled.

If there is a school opening delay, all church programs and activities scheduled during the delay will be canceled. Any programs scheduled after the delay will be held as planned.

If possible, the church office will be open.

Evenings and Weekends:

In the event schools close early or cancel weekday evening activities, please check the BAUMC website, FaceBook page or call the office for the latest information.

For weekend activities, please check the BAUMC website, FaceBook page or call the office for the latest information.

Sunday Worship Services:

Sunday worship services are generally not cancelled, however, in the event of severe weather, please check the BAUMC website, Facebook page or call the office for the latest information.

The fastest way to get weather closing information is through social media sites and by opting in our texting service. Click on belairumc.org/?page_id=3434 to Opt In or check Bel Air UMC social media sites, Facebook or www.belairumc.org for the most current updates on church. (If you have Facebook, "like" us and "follow" us to get the most up-to-date information.)

In some cases, emergency messages such as weather closings will be broadcast through phone text and voice messages. Because of high volume of traffic through phone carriers, these messages are often delayed. Therefore, we encourage you to check social media sites and websites for the most updated information.

You can also go to <http://www.wbalTV.com/weather/closings>.



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The **e-Spire**, a weekly update of information, devotions, upcoming events and activities is distributed via e-mail. If you would like to receive the e-Spire, please send your e-mail address to wolfi@baumc.com.

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SUBMISSIONS FOR JANUARY/ FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER

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

If you are picking up the Spire at Church but would like to see the SPIRE newsletter in color, please send Lisa Wolf your e-mail address to wolfi@baumc.com or visit our web-site

www.belairumc.org

and click on the **red** tab on the left labeled "SPIRE Newsletter."

Current addressee or



The Altar Guild's Gearing Up!

Our busiest time of year approaches and we are reaching out to anyone who loves Christmas and the Lord and would like to participate in our most fun activity of the year...decorating the church for Christmas! Children 10 and over and adults of all ages are welcome. We traditionally spread it over two days to give as many people an opportunity to participate as possible. This year those two days are Friday, 11/29 and Saturday 11/30, 9-12 or whenever we finish. Most of the decor we use is ready to hang but there are opportunities for extra creativity and we always have one or two ideas that don't happen because of time constraints. Please consider if you would like to help out and call Kathy Frawley (410-746-7417) or email her at ka.frawley1@gmail.com.

Hope you say yes and put us on your calendar!!!