

THE SPiRE



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Have a Blessed New Year,
from your Friends and Staff at BAUMC!!!**



**May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you,
and may you be
blessed
each day!**

Happy New Year

Church Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00 am— 3:00 pm

CHURCH CLOSED ON JANUARY 1 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR

**JANUARY 15 & FEBRUARY 19 IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY & PRESIDENTS' DAY**



Happy New Year!

I trust that you had a wonderful holiday season, and you're looking forward to the New Year. Christmas traditionally ends on January 6, when the Church universal celebrates Epiphany with the coming of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. How many Wise Men were there? Trick question! Scripture doesn't say, but there were three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Having been warned by an angel not to return to King Herod, the Wise Men left for their own country in the East, by a different road. You'll find this story in Matthew 2.

You're welcome to leave your Christmas tree up as long as you want. If it's a live cut tree, my guess is that the needles are dropping right now. Either way, Easter is coming and Easter is early this year: March 31. No sooner will I have Christmas cleaned up then I'll start needing to prepare for Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 14th, which is Valentine's Day. So, after your flowers and chocolates with your sweetheart, shift to Lent. During that time, we'll have special Bible studies in addition to all the wonderful ministries and programs at BAUMC.

I hope you have a wonderful 2024! I'm looking forward to spending time with you at the church.

Peace,
Byron



*Bel Air United
Methodist Church
Lenten
Sermon Series*

THE
THIRD
DAY

Living the Resurrection



Would you like to become a member of BAUMC?

There will be a New Members Class on

Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17
10:40 am in the Library

Reception of new members is Easter Sunday, March 31.

To sign-up, go to

[https://belairumc.com/
NewMemberClass](https://belairumc.com/NewMemberClass)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper

February 13
5pm - 7 pm

\$10 Adult / \$5 for Ages
5-11 / Free for Age 4 & Under



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=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjJlQT09>

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

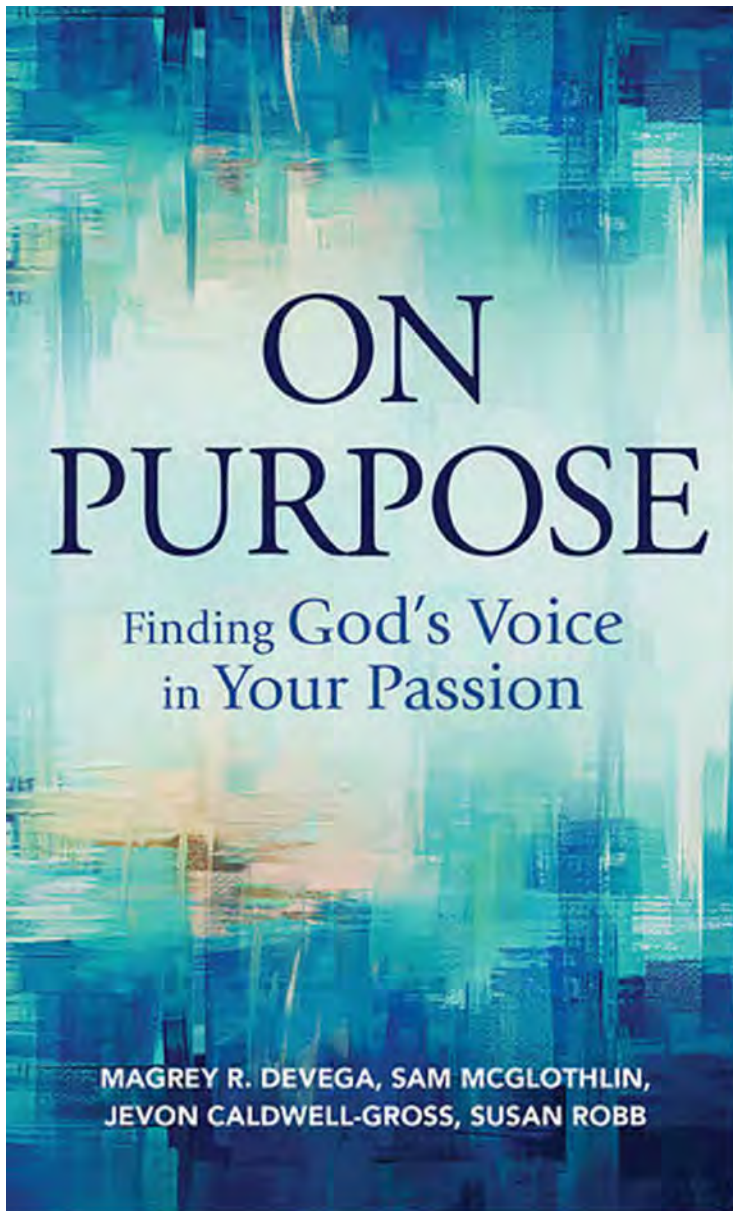


Sermon By Phone 410-800-4472

"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.



Class & Fellowship Sundays or Thursdays

We are hungry for a sense of purpose, direction, and calling in our lives. That's as basic an ingredient to the human experience as they come. We want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Authors Magrey R. deVega, Sam McGlothlin, Jevon Calwell-Gross and Susan Robb help us see God's purpose for our lives, how to open ourselves to God's voice, and how to take the first or next step to follow God.

Pastor Deb will lead a time of exploration and fellowship 2 different times a week during the month of January. Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. in Rm 101 (7, 14, 21, 28) OR Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. in Rm 101 (9,16,23,30).

Childcare provided for both.

BAUMC Kid's Ministry 6 Week Series JESUS' Life

January 7th	New Year with Jesus
January 14	Jesus Knew Scripture
January 21	Jesus' Baptism
January 28	Jesus Called Disciples
February 4	Jesus Preached
February 11	Jesus Heals

3 On the Third Day Series begins February 18 **3**



Youth Events

Weekly Programs

6th and 7th Grade
Sunday School
Sundays - 9:15am

Youth Bible Study
Sundays - 10:30-11:15am

Youth Group
1st & 3rd Sundays
Jan 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
4:30-6pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Follow us on Instagram @baumc_youth
Text "YOUTH" to 410-210-4363 for updates
Email sandersa@baumc.com

Special Events

Laser Tag & Pizza
Sunday, January 14 5-8 pm

Super Bowl Party
February 11 - 6:15pm
Location TBD

Confirmation

Confirmation begins March 24
10:30-11:30am



Sign-Up through Realm by
February 29



BAUMC Scholarship Applications will be available mid-March.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church Scholarship Program

Go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

Check the website for details and deadlines.

Inclement Weather Policy

Ways to Stay informed:

The fastest way to get weather closing information is through social media sites, Facebook and by opting in our texting service.

Text closing to 410-210-4363 to opt in to our texting service.

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.

Evenings and Weekends:

If schools close early or cancel weekday evening activities, Bel Air UMC will cancel evening activities. For weekend activities, please check the BAUMC website or Facebook .

Sunday Worship Services:

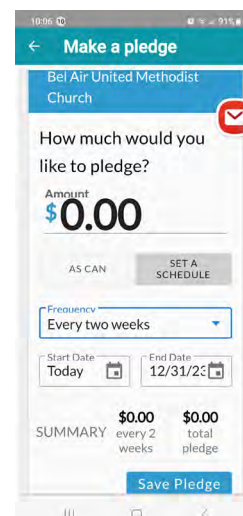
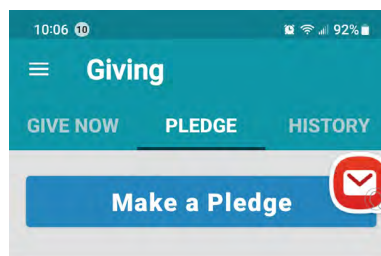
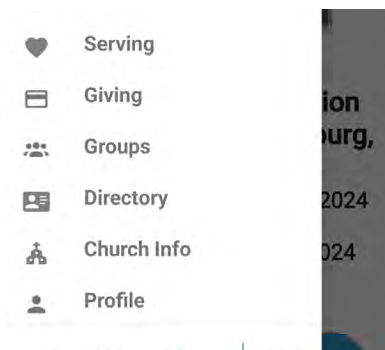
Sunday worship services are generally not cancelled, however, in the event of severe weather, please check the BAUMC website or Facebook page for the latest information.



Download Connect App today



Make your 2024 Pledge using the Realm Connect App or go to <https://belairumc.com/2024GeneralFundPledge> or Scan QR Code





SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY - PASS IT ON MINISTRY

Helps Harford County Residents once every 12 months with BGE or Delmarva turn off notices; Court Ordered Evictions and Security Deposits

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2PassItOn>



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

ZIMBABWE MEDICAL CENTER

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2Zimbabwe>

Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Returning to 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in
Room 202 in January**

DIVORCE *Care*

SPRING SESSION : FEB. 7 – MAY 15,
6:30–8:30PM, ROOM 115

**DIVORCECARE IS A VIDEO-BASED DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM THAT
IS OPEN TO ANYONE FROM OUR CHURCH OR COMMUNITY WHO IS
UNDERGOING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE.**

THE ONLY COST IS \$20 FOR THE WORKBOOK.

TO GET DETAILS OR TO REGISTER, GO TO

[HTTPS://BELAIRUMC.COM/DIVORCECARE](https://belairumc.com/divorcecare)



*Attention Blood
Drive Donors*

SIGN UP BY CALLING 800-733-2767 OR
ONLINE AT WWW.REDCROSS.ORG.
REMEMBER THAT SIGNING UP FOR EASY PASS
WILL MAKE THE DONATION PROCESS FASTER
AND EASIER.

January 8th from 9:30 AM to 8 PM McComas Hall

Tiny Tot School

“I learned a lot as a Tiny Tot!”

* Registration begins in January for the 2024-25 school year *



Open House!

Thursday, January 18th

9:30am - 11:00am

Come see classrooms, meet teachers,
and learn more about our outstanding programs.

tinytots@baumc.com ~ 410-838-6399 ~ tinytotsbelair.com



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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 wolf@baumc.com.

E-spire articles are due by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

E-mail to carmenc@baumc.com

CONFERENCE STAFF

Bishop - Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling
District Superintendent - Rev. Ann Laprade

BEL AIR UMC STAFF

Lead Pastor - Rev. Byron E. Brought
Associate Pastor - Rev. L. Lynn Boyd
Director of Children & Family Ministries - Rev. Deb Lampton
Director of Youth Ministry - Ashley Sanders
Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director - David Tramontana
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
Church Closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 in observance of Christmas

SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JANUARY/FEBRUARY** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, December 19.**

IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-(TALK) 8255

Transgender Suicide Hotline:
Trans Lifeline 877-565-8860

- 988 - Mental Health Hotline

NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR 2023-2024 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR



Where Faith And Children
Can Grow Together

AGES 3 & 4 PRESCHOOL
AND
KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5
BEFORE AND AFTER CARE
(service Homestead Wakefield Elementary School)

*Structured, Quality Care In
A Warm, Christian Environment*

Theme-Based Christian Curriculum
Age-Appropriate Activities
Independent Choice Centers
Opportunities For Indoor And Outdoor Play
Homework Assistance

Children's Christian Center Of Bel Air United Methodist Church

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Please visit our website for more information: cccofbelair.com