

# THE SPiRE



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



Please join us for a  
**Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**  
Sunday, June 1 10:30 am - 12 noon  
McComas Hall

All are welcome to celebrate our amazing volunteers at  
Bel Air United Methodist Church.

Please RSVP by May 20

<https://belairumc.com/VolAppreciation>



Volunteer Appreciation

## The Heart Behind the Scenes!

Last month, we took a special moment to celebrate and honor three incredible individuals who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our church running, our amazing administrative staff!

On Professional Administrative Appreciation Day, we did our best to express just how grateful we were for their dedication, organization, and grace under pressure. From answering calls with kindness, organizing church events, managing communications, to keeping the wheels turning day in and day out — they did it all with excellence and heart.

We have truly been blessed with the best team, and their faithful service has not gone unnoticed. Though the day has passed, it's never too late to show your appreciation. Whether it's with a kind word, a note of thanks, a warm smile, or a prayer lifted on their behalf — every gesture matters.

To our amazing admin team: Thank you for everything you've done. Your work has been a ministry, and it has meant more than words can say.

Byron. Lynn, and Deb



### *Mt. Carmel Chapel*

Services at Mt Carmel Chapel

**SUNDAYS at 2:00 pm  
with Pastor Deb!**

Join the Prayer Team via Zoom  
Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

<https://belairumc.com/PrayerTeam>

PRAYER

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 252 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

### **Sermon by Phone**

**410-800-4472**

“Sermon by Phone” enables people to call in and hear the scripture reading and sermon. The information is updated weekly.





# SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP



MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 11  
FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 15



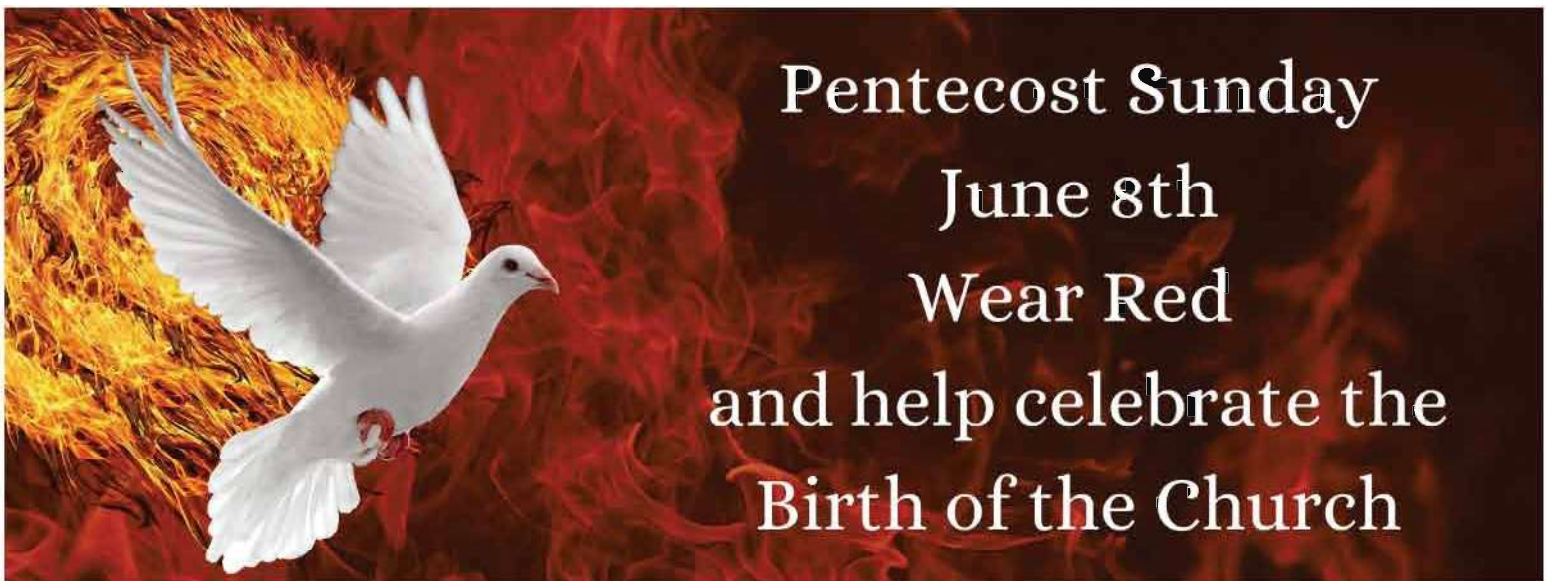
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in ROOM 202

## One Worship Service

May 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am

June 1st - 9:15am

Everyone in the Sanctuary



Pentecost Sunday

June 8th

Wear Red

and help celebrate the  
Birth of the Church





## You're Invited!

Join me for an exciting Q&A session to learn more about participating in the Human- Animal Bond project that could impact our church/community!

When: Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Where: Library

Why attend?

Ask questions about the Participant Information Sheet (available June 1) and engage with the principal investigator (me)

Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something amazing! Bring your curiosity!

See you there!  
Pastor Lynn



FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS IN PRE-K THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE,  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

THEME: GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP



LEAVE THE KIDDOS AT HOME AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN BY TAKING PART IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS/ACTIVITIES,  
FUN GAMES, MUCH NEEDED PAMPERING SESSION, CRAFTING AND OF COURSE WORSHIP.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH / FROM 6 - 9 PM**

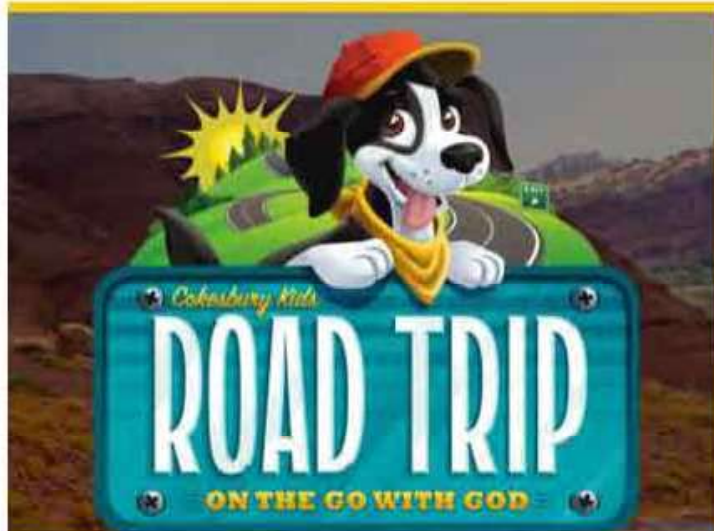
LOCATION: BEL AIR UMC ROOM 101  
21 LINWOOD AVE, BEL AIR

KINDLY RSVP TO:

DEB LAMPTON @ [LAMPTOND@BAUMC.COM](mailto:LAMPTOND@BAUMC.COM)







# VBS

## Registration is Open!

**August 4 - 8; 9 am - Noon**



<https://www.belairumc.com/VBS>

**Joshua 1: 9 The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

I would like to thank our Teachers/Volunteers that teach, nurture and love on our kids birth through 5th grade throughout the school year.. We generally love to show our appreciation by giving them the Summer off. I'm selfish, in that I want them to return in the Fall. In the past we have had Summer Sunday School and it has always been a chore to get summer substitutes for the smaller numbers of kids that come during the summer. Due to vacations etc. the attendance is VERY sporadic. We tried last year having children's sermons and activities for kids to do throughout the summer in the Sanctuary and McComas Hall services. We have had the request once more to provide a structured Sunday School throughout the summer. Thus, I am asking for people to volunteer to run this endeavor through June 22- August 24. I (Pastor Deb) take my summer to be more involved in the worship services upstairs and connecting with the adults of all ages. There will be a sign up sheet downstairs by Room 101 for those that wish to sign up to volunteer for a week.



**New Playground Equipment Dedication**  
**Sunday, May 18 - 10:30 am**



# Youth Group

The Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of the month from 4:30 pm - 6 pm

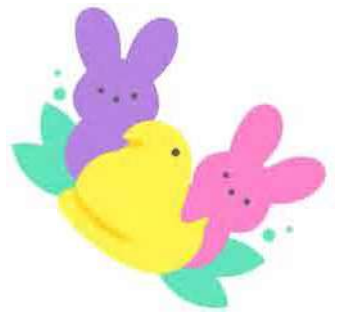
## TELL ALL YOUR PEEPS

Our next Bel Air UMC Middle School & High School  
Youth Group meeting will be held on

Sunday, May 4th

4:30 - 6:30 pm

\*Meet in the Youth Room



## 5th Grade Moving Up Event

Come hang with us on **Sunday, May 18** for a  
Preview of Youth Ministry fun!!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM  
YOUTH CENTER**



**We welcome to our church family Andrea Sergi. Andrea will be our new youth director starting in May.**

Andrea was born and raised in Western Massachusetts. After high school she attended Elmira College in New York where she earned her B.A. in elementary education/ middle school extension in 2006. She continued her education degree by attending Loyola University in Maryland where she graduated in 2010 with her master's degree in education specializing in Curriculum and Instruction.

She currently resides in Aberdeen, MD with her husband, Jay and their three beautiful children, Brayleigh, Justin and Gianna. Andrea loves singing, crafting, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She has always had a love for teaching her entire life and has prayed for the right vocation to put it to good use. Andrea is thrilled to have this youth director position at BAUMC. She feels honored to be a part of this amazing church family and looks forward to developing/ growing both the BAUMC middle school and high school youth groups in the years to come. Andrea advocates that we all must continually nurture and embrace our youth so that they can be an extension of God's light to others.

**Her favorite Bible passages:**

- Matthew 21:22 – "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
- 1 Timothy 4:12- "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

**EMERGING ARTISTS  
SING BACH**

**Sunday,  
June 1, 2025  
4 pm in the  
Sanctuary**

 Bach in Baltimore  
A program of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

 <b>Zoe Zdrojewski</b> soprano	 <b>Marjorie Sheiman</b> alto	 <b>Jason Gonzalez</b> tenor	 <b>Michael Pistorio</b> baritone	 <b>Michael Vaughn</b> violin
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For the grand finale of our season, we're thrilled to introduce a very special cast of talents: four exceptional soloists selected from our prestigious Bach in Baltimore 2024-2025 Emerging Artists Program who will collaborate closely with Maestro Dimmock on beloved arias. Also featured in this all-Bach program are the **Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major**, the **Violin Concerto in A minor**, and the **Sinfonia from Cantatas 21 & 75**. A great conclusion to a wonderful season!

**Congregation Member Discount 15% Discount:** Use promotion code **BAUMC15** at checkout.  
**TICKETS** at [bachinbaltimore.org](http://bachinbaltimore.org) For Group Discounts 8+, call 410-941-9262



## PASS IT ON MINISTRY

**We need volunteers  
for this ministry.**

If you are able to help, please contact  
one of the Pastors or the Church Office.  
Thank you!



## MANNA HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

We need volunteers to serve  
food every Wednesday,  
10 am - 12 pm

To volunteer, contact  
[food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)

## SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need regular & substitute  
drivers on the last Thursday  
of each month

To volunteer, contact  
Jamey 443-243-5578



## FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need volunteers to help  
bag and distribute food on  
the first Saturday of  
each month

7:00 am - 11:30 am

To volunteer, contact  
[food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)



## Welcome One Homeless Shelter Volunteers Needed to Cook & Serve in 2025

Every month on the 27th, Bel Air United Methodist Church volunteers to cook and serve a meal at the homeless shelter in Belcamp. A team of three to four people is needed each month. All the foods are provided through the Neighbors in Need Food Ministry (no expenses to volunteers).

The hours are from 4:15 - 7 pm.

Location is: 1221 C Brass Mill Road (right off route 543) in Belcamp 21017

Go to <https://belairumc.com/2025CooknServe> to sign-up  
or contact Lisa Wolf at 410-838-5181 or [wolf@baumc.com](mailto:wolf@baumc.com).

We will have a support staff for volunteers who are volunteering for the first time.



To View Bel Air United Methodist Church Calendar go to  
[https://belairumc.com/Events\\_Calendar](https://belairumc.com/Events_Calendar)



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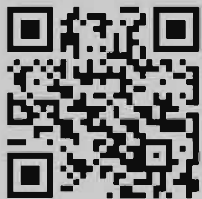
To Sign Up for Realm please go to  
<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/Account/Start>  
or scan the QR code



Realm Sign-Up

## **You Control Who and What can be Seen by Other Congregants**

Just go to Setting - Privacy



Scan the QR Code to download the Connect App.

Update your personal information  
Mobile Check-In (Worship Service &/or Class)

Give Online - one time & /or recurring gifts  
View giving history & Print giving statement  
Make & Keep track of pledges

**Download  
Connect  
App  
Today!**



## **Bel Air UMC Volunteer Opportunities**

Serving - Let us know what days you are available and  
what volunteer opportunity you are interested in.

**Stay  
Connected  
with Your  
Church  
Family**



Look up members in your group  
Communicate with your groups and teams  
Follow church announcements  
Register for Events and make your event payment.



## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY VOLUNTEER IN MISSION

To donate please go to  
<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/give/VIM>



Give 2 VIM



## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JUNE CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

To donate please go to  
<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/give/ChildrenFamily>



Give 2 Children & Family Ministry



## HELP US MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH IN A CONDITION BEFITTING THE PLACE WHERE GOD IS WORSHIPPED

To donate please go to  
<https://belairumc.com/give2BuildingFund>



Give 2 Building & Ministry Funds





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## 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  
Family Pastor - Rev. Deb Lampton  
Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director - David Tramontana  
Bookkeeper - Meg Kolarik  
Administration Specialist/Mgr - Lisa Wolf  
Administration/Congregational Care Asst. - Cheryl Carmen  
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## 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

## SUBMISSIONS FOR JULY / AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JULY / AUGUST** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolf@baumc.com](mailto:wolf@baumc.com) and [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto:carmenc@baumc.com) by **12 noon, Monday, JUNE 23.**

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## Game Day

*Tuesday, May 6, 2025*

*1:30 pm - 3:30 pm*

*Room 202*

Members and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Light refreshments will be served.

We will provide games, however if you have a favorite game please bring it along.

Please RSVP to the Church Office  
(410-838-5181)

For information or questions, contact  
Cindy Graham  
[dgcg6056@gmail.com](mailto:dgcg6056@gmail.com)

**Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm**  
**Church Closed on May 26**  
**in observance of Memorial Day**