

THE SPIRE



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A photograph of fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, with sunlight filtering through the trees in the background.

Thankful

**The Staff of Bel Air United Methodist
Church is thankful for a lot of things,
but we're most thankful for You!**



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Dear Friends:

After a season of prayerful discernment, Tony Ciampaglio, our Office Administrator, has decided to retire. Many of you have gotten to know Tony quite well during his time on staff here at church. He has served our church congregation well in this position for nine years.



I can't begin to tell you the care and the indispensable precision with which he's approached his work. He has been excellent in resourcing our administrative committees, in overseeing the daily operations in the church office, and in managing any issues within the office staff.

Tony has been particularly invaluable to me. Never before have I had the luxury of working with a church office administrator; I've been spoiled. One of Tony's many strengths has been to provide detailed and colorful graphs and reports for our committees: the Board of Trustees, our Finance Team, and our Administrative Council, in particular. He helped spearhead our strategic planning, and our capital campaign project, "Tune Up To Praise," which was a major success. He's also helped with our annual stewardship campaigns to support our "M&Ms" ministries and missions.

Tony hasn't just enjoyed his work; he's LOVED his work. It's been a true calling for him, as much as any person, who works for the building up and the betterment of God's kingdom here on earth. Above all, Tony has been a trusted friend.

The good news is that we don't have to say goodbye. Tony's not leaving the church. He's just retiring from this position. You'll continue to see Tony around in various volunteer positions. Tony's retirement date, December 20, 2022, also coincides with his birthday. When you see him next, please offer your warmest thanks, greetings, and congratulations.

Thank you, Tony! Thank you for "Loving as Jesus Loves."

Byron

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Let's Celebrate

Celebrating Who We Are and
Who We Will Be

Sunday, November 13

9:15am Service in Sanctuary

Brunch to follow in McComas Hall

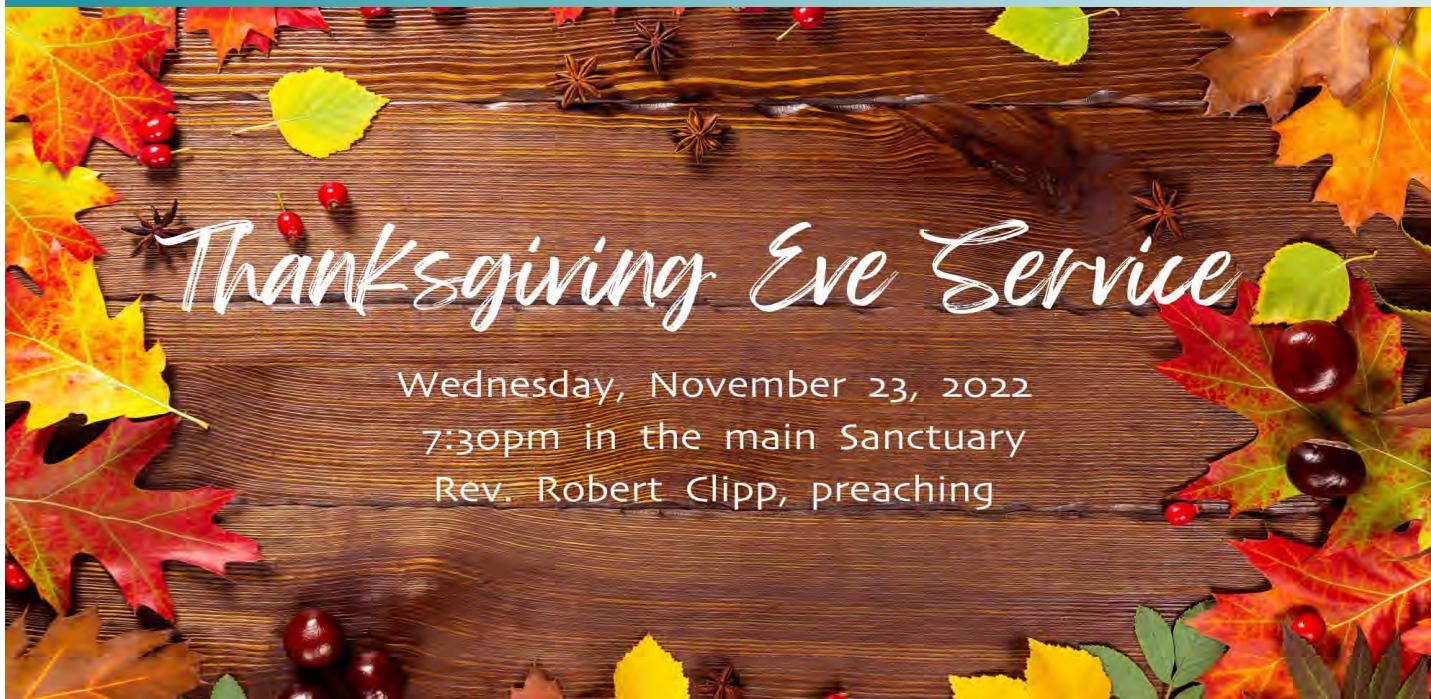
Auction with Proceeds to Benefit UMCOR Hurricane Relief

November 13 & 27 - 9:15 am

*One Worship
Service*

Sanctuary

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022



Wednesday, November 23, 2022

7:30pm in the main Sanctuary

Rev. Robert Clipp, preaching



Sunday, December 18 - 9:15am Service



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.

Prayer
Team



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=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjIQT09>

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 253 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

Christmas Eve Services

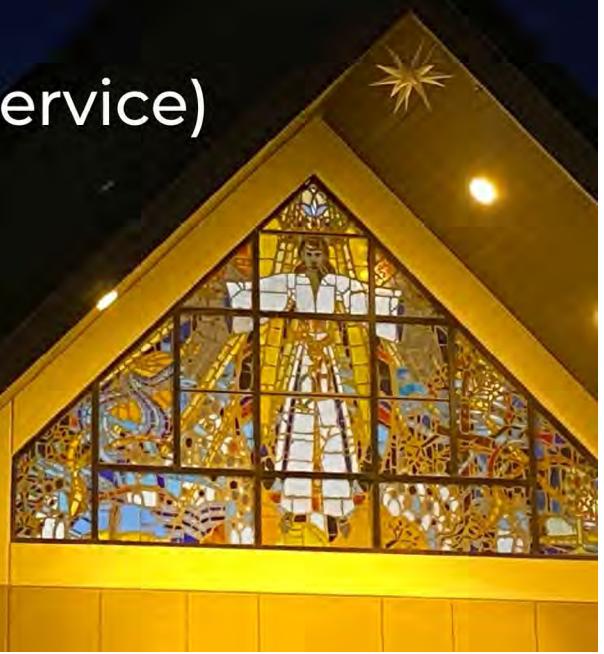
December 24

Sanctuary

11am	4pm (Family Service)
7pm	9pm

Mt. Carmel Chapel

6pm
8pm



Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25
10:30 am - Sanctuary



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY



*We are so excited to have a
3 week series on*

*Squirrels and Nuts in the Bible
November 6, 13, 20*

**ADVENT EVENT
November 20th 10:30 a.m.
Room 101, 103 and lobby area outside of Room 102**

BAUMC Church Family and Friends are invited to prepare for Advent. We will make Advent Wreaths (provided is the metal ring, greenery and candles). Our theme this year is Angels. We will have a variety of ornaments to be made by all ages, feather keyrings, fellowship and Hot Cedar.

Christmas at the Chapel

We will be having several gatherings at Mt. Carmel Chapel.

December 11th A Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented. 5 p.m.

December 18th A Christmas Hymn Sing 5 p.m.

December 24th Christmas Eve Services 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS

6th and 7th Grade Sunday School

Sundays

9:15am

Youth Center

Youth Bible Study (8th-12th grade)

Sundays

10:30-11:15am

Youth Center

Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Sundays (no meeting November 27, December 4 and 25)

4:30-6pm

Outside near Gaga

Rain Location: Youth Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

SPECIAL EVENTS



Tacos, TikTok and Talk!

Q and A with Bishop

Easterling in Annapolis

Saturday, November 12

Meet at church at 11:30am to carpool



Bel Air Christmas Parade

Watch Party!

Sunday, December 4

Meet at church at 3pm to walk over to parade together.



Christmas Party (6th-12th grade)

Sunday, December 18

4:30-6pm

HYGIENE KIT SUPPLY DRIVE

The BAUMC Youth Group is collecting items to pack Hygiene kits for UMCOR.

Supplies Needed

- New (unwashed) Hand towels (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) and washcloths
 - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- Combs
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
- Toenail or fingernail clippers
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- Adult toothbrush (no advertising)
- Bandaids (¾ by 3 inches)
- Gallon sized ziplock bags
- Monetary Donations to cover toothpaste and shipping



Please send in all donations by January 15

College Box Ministry

Please help us support our college students! We will be collecting donations of packaged snacks and treats during the month of November in a bin next to the Information desk.

To remind our college-age students that they are loved, we will be making care packages one evening the week after Thanksgiving to get them sent out in time for final exams. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Hudson at 443-752-1874 or Hudson545@comcast.net. Thank you!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES – We know people move, young adults go into the military, go away to school or move out of Mom and Dad's house. We would like your young adult/college student address and e-mail in order to keep in touch and to update our database.

Do you have a student graduating from high school or college?

Please click on the link to update.



<https://belairumc.org/update-your-contact-information/>

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Newest Lay Servants



Congratulations to our newest Lay Servants (L-R) Steve Swann, Jim Piccione, and Jennifer Whitescarver, who recently completed the Basic Lay Servant Course. You may be asking, what is a Lay Servant? Lay Servants are active in their local church using their gifts and talents to serve the Church. They serve in a variety of ways through care giving ministries, spoken communications, and church and community leadership. They receive specific training to develop and enhance their skills. The United Methodist Church has a Lay Servant Ministries program to provide training opportunities to equip those called to this ministry. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please see Pastor Lynn. This is where I started my journey, and I would be happy to help you discern where God is leading you. Or visit the Baltimore Washington Conference Website at: www.bwcumc.org/ministries/certified-lay-servant/

Certified Lay Servants



Leonard Rowe & Devonna Rowe



Bob Sherman



HELP WANTED



MORNING FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to volunteer to help with coffee, drinks and breakfast snacks, please Pastor Lynn, Ashley or Meg or sign-up during Fellowship



FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need volunteers to help bag and distribute food on Saturday, November 5 and December 3
8:00 am - 12 pm

To volunteer, contact food.services@baumc.com



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.

November 14 9:30 AM to 8 PM McComas Hall



MANNA HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

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

To volunteer, contact food.services@baumc.com



SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need regular & substitute drivers. Last Thursday of each month

To volunteer, contact Jamey 443-243-5578

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

CHURCH CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 24 & 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING
AND DECEMBER 23 & 26 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

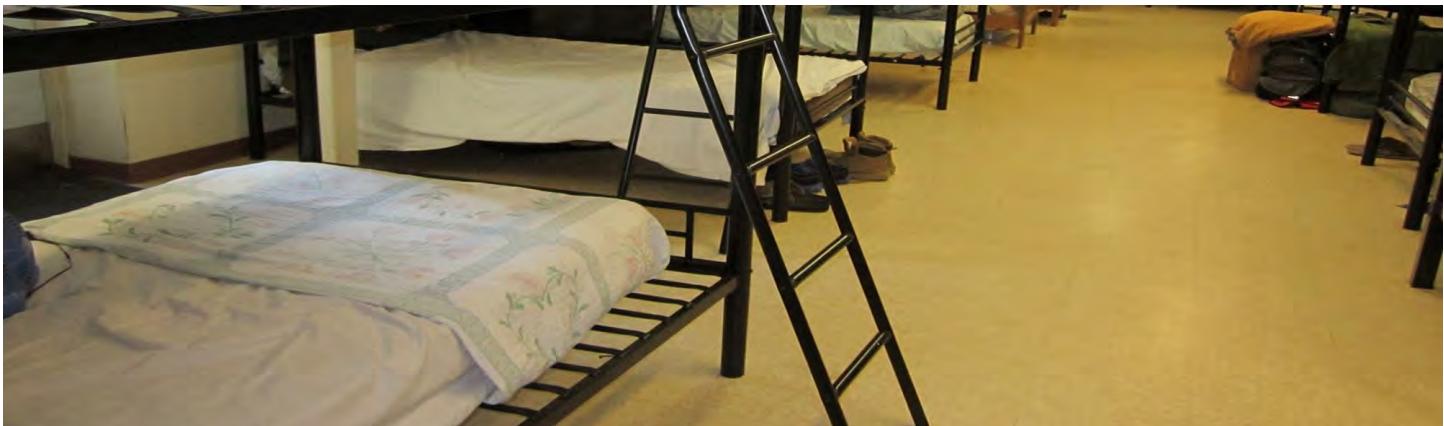
UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

offering help provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church.

To donate please go to
<https://belairumc.com/Give2StudentDayOffering>



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE & WELCOME ONE HOMELESS SHELTER

To donate please go to
<https://belairumc.com/Give2Welcome1HomelessShelter>



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!

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THE HOMESTEAD PROGRESS UPDATE – Fall 2022

With the change of season upon us and some time having passed since our last update, The Homestead Sub-Committee and Board of Trustees want to provide you with the latest information on our progress. The following will recap where things stand with the four-lot subdivision, The Homestead house, and the timeline for completion.

Over the summer, a letter of solicitation was sent to several builders with a request for them to submit bids to purchase four buildable, unfinished lots on Linwood Avenue, at the back of The Homestead property. The Sub-Committee reviewed and recommended accepting a bid received by Bob Ward Homes. This recommendation was considered, then voted to be accepted by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees believe that the price offered was in line with projections The Homestead Sub-Committee had provided, and the bid was unanimously approved. Bob Ward Homes also made provisions for BAUMC members to be offered the pre-sale of these lots. If a BAUMC member is interested in purchasing one of the lots with a to-be-built home, they will have a first chance before lots are sold to the general public. Currently there is a signed contract with Bob Ward Homes; however, it is contingent upon BAUMC obtaining a final record plat. We are hoping this will be accomplished by early 2023, with the help of Frederick Ward Associates (FWA).



As previously communicated, Lee Tessier Team has been secured to act as listing agent for The Homestead house and the lot that it will sit on. The marketing process will not begin until we are closer to having new property lines accepted and platted for the four-lot subdivision, for The Homestead, and for the parcel that will be retained by BAUMC. That will most likely be after January 2023.

Frederick Ward Associates continues to execute the site development submissions and approvals for this entire project with the Town of Bel Air. On September 1, 2022 at the Town of Bel Air Planning Commission Meeting, the project received a conditional approval. This means that final approvals still need to be received on the stormwater management, water and sewage, and forest conservation plans. This is in keeping with the expected timetable to have the final record plat completed by mid-February 2023.

After the Final Plat is recorded, we can complete settlement with Bob Ward Homes for the lots, The Homestead house can be sold, and BAUMC will retain about an acre, mostly parking lots and trees from the original parcel.

Thank you to everyone who has continually offered their expertise and support. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Doug McCorkle at 410-937-6283, doug.mccorkle@outlook.com, or John Caspero at 410-236-1203, jfcaspero3@gmail.com.

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.

**Text closing to 410-210-4363 to opt in to our texting service
for church closing notifications.**

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:

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

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

Ways to Stay informed:

The fastest way to get weather closing information is through social media sites and by opting in our texting service. **Text closing to 410-210-4363 to opt in to our texting service.**

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 texts. 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>.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Chabadza – Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corin.15:58

The Chabadza-Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe Mission Team will be taking orders for its' Alternative Christmas Giving during Advent.

Our medical clinic in Munyarari, Zimbabwe provides care and respite to many of God's people who are in the greatest need. Over 1,000 people per month are helped through vaccination, pre-natal care, and basic medical treatment. In 2018, we broke ground on a new medical clinic to replace the existing make-shift structure. The Chabadza team is pleased to announce that the final building phase has been completed except for the digging of the well. The finished complex will have clean running water, a power source with back-up power, a patient waiting area, a lecture hall, separate in-patient wards for men, women, and children, an expanded 12-bed mother-to-be shelter, birthing facilities and a maternity ward. There will also be staff housing, a clinic kitchen, laundry facilities, and indoor washrooms.

During Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, consider being his hands, feet, and voice as we complete this medical complex and reserve funds for yearly maintenance. Your gift of love assists Chabadza HHAZ to help people in need. For your donation, our mission team will provide a certificate that can be gifted to a recipient on your Christmas gift list. **Order forms are available in the Spire, E-Spire, church office, and at a Chabadza display table in the church lobby during Sundays in December after worship services.** Please contact Bev Talbot with questions, at 410-836-8412 or via email at bev.talbot@verizon.net. The final deadline for ordering is December 19, 2022. To ensure certificate delivery by 12/24, please order as soon as possible. Thank you!



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What is Alternative Giving? Alternative Giving is a form of gift giving in which you, the donor, makes a donation to Chabadza on behalf of your gift recipient rather than giving them an item.

How does this work?

You, the donor, decide to give a truly, meaningful gift that shows the love of Jesus instead of giving something that may not be used by a friend or loved one. By making a life-saving donation to our mission work, you are helping meet the needs of our Christian brothers and sisters. The mission team will provide you with a certificate acknowledging this donation. You can give that certificate to the recipient as a Christmas gift in their honor. If you desire, we will be happy to mail the certificate to your recipient. Simply make a donation to the mission is welcomed, as well.

ORDER FORM Complete this form & return with donation to:

Chabadza Healing Hands, 21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD, 21014

Payment method - Make check payable to Chabadza Healing Hands Order deadline- December 19, 2022

2. \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

Donor Information: (Please PRINT)

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Contact info (email or phone) _____

3. I would like the names on the Certificate to appear as follows:

Donor's Name: _____

(example - Mom, Dave, Grandma, Mr. John Smith)

Honoree's Name: _____

(as you wish to have it appear on the Certificate- for example: Mom, Billy, Mr. John Smith)

4. I would like the Certificate sent to:

- Me (Donor). The mission team (this year during Covid19) will mail the certificate(s) to your address above.
- Gift Recipient. The mission team will mail the certificate(s) directly to the recipient at the address below

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

THANK YOU! Questions? Contact Bev, bev.talbot@verizon.net, 410-836-8412



ADOPT A CHILD



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 or email Jeanne Arseneau at mysticheaven805@gmail.com with whether you would like to be a coordinator or sponsor or both positions and how many children you would like to sponsor?



Thank you,
Jeanne
410-459-0721



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 3rd Family Food Distribution and one Wednesday through Manna House. To sponsor a family, complete the form below or go to <https://belairumc.com/Holidayinabox>. Please input Holiday in a Box in the memo line.**

Make checks payable to BAUMC Food Ministries, 21 Linwood Ave. Bel Air, MD 21014 Attn: Food Ministries
Please input **Holiday in a Box** in the memo line.

Sponsor name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

TOY COLLECTION STARTS NOVEMBER 1

The Toy Workshop's Mission is to collect, check, clean and repair toys. We also put together gift baskets for mom, dad and teens; baby sets; and stockings which are all given to those in need at Christmas.

Our 2nd mission is to support those groups helping these children such as their families, teachers, guidance counselors and social service agencies.

Our 3rd mission is to recycle used toys and give the opportunity for others to pass on their gifts for baskets, baby sets, dress up clothes, etc.

Our 4th Mission is to bring people of our church and the community together to join together for a worthwhile, needed and fun project.



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 Monday, November 22nd.

Toys of all kinds
Cars & trucks
Kitchen sets
Dolls & clothes

Barbies & clothes
Build a Bears & clothes
Books
Games

Electronics
Art/crafts sets

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

The following is a list of items needed to make GIFT BASKETS for mom, dad, teen girl, teen boy.

BASKETS
Hats
Gloves
Scarves
Socks

2020 calendars
pens small games
mugs (no logos)
Shampoo
Body Wash

Deodorant
Body Lotion
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Make-up

Nail polish
Shaving cream
Small gifts

BABY BASKETS - receiving blankets, small toys, floor play mats, books, blankets



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



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 25, 26 & 27 (9am - 5 pm) (the two days after Thanksgiving) and the week of November 28 - December 3 (9am - 9pm).

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

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Volunteer in Mission (VIM)

Soup Sale
December 11
between services.



Wednesday, November 2
6:30 - 8:30 pm Room 115

DIVORCE *Care*[®]

- Open to anyone from our church or community who is separated or divorced.
- Cost: \$6 for the booklet.
- Register by leaving your name and contact info with the church office, or register online at www.divorcecare.org.

Surviving the Holidays



GRIEF *SHARE*[®]

Monday, November 14
6:30 - 8:30 pm Room 115

- Open to anyone from our church or community who are grieving a loved one's death.
- Register by leaving your name and contact info with the church office



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E-Spire articles are due by 12 noon on Wednesdays.
E-mail to carmenc@baumc.com

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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

SUBMISSIONS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JANUARY/FEBRUARY**'s edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, December 20th.**



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

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**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 5 feet to 10 feet tall.

SALES STARTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 at 9 am

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.