



Dear Friends:

I hope that you're having a good and restful summer, and that you're finding some nice, cool places to relax. Each time a passing rain shower comes by, I give thanks to God. It gives us a brief respite from the heat, and it offers our gardens a much needed drink. We thank you for your patience with all of our COVID precautions, and we thank you for your ongoing support of our livestreaming worship services, and our ongoing Missions and Ministries. Because of God's faithfulness, we can continue being faithful. Our vision to "Love As Jesus Loves" goes on and on.

For the first two Sundays in August, we'll be wrestling with a little theology based on some recent conversations that I've had with some of you. For the last three Sundays in August, we'll be exploring some of Fanny Crosby's hymns. Along with Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, Fanny Crosby is considered one of the greatest hymn writers in the history of the church. **This year, 2020, marks the 200th Anniversary of Fanny Crosby's birth.** Oh how fun it will be to celebrate some of her hymns. You're going to find yourself tapping your toes, or maybe even getting up and dancing. On the first Sunday in September, we will bring this celebration of hymnody to a conclusion by having a church-wide hymn sing, which will include YOUR favorite hymns. Between now and the end of August, please feel free to send me an email with your favorite hymn. [broughtb@baumc.com](mailto:broughtb@baumc.com)



Here's what the rest of the summer will look like in worship:

- ❖ August 2 – "Where Is God in COVID?" (Pastor Byron)
- ❖ August 9 – "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?" (Pastor Byron's father, Rev. Byron P. Brought)
- ❖ August 16 – Fanny Crosby Hymn Celebration (Pastor Lynn)
- ❖ August 23 – Fanny Crosby Hymn Celebration (Pastor Deb)
- ❖ August 30 – Fanny Crosby Hymn Celebration (Pastor Byron)
- ❖ September 6 – Favorite Hymn Sing

Rev. Byron E. Brought

# BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## STAY CONNECTED!



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LIVE STREAMING  
WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 9:15 am  
Praise Music 10:30 am



### 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.

### 8:00 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP

You're invited to join us for outdoor worship on Sundays at 8:00 am on the front lawn of the main sanctuary, weather permitting. **If it rains, we will not gather.** Here's what you need to know:

- Bring your own lawn/beach chairs or blankets
- Sit with your family units
- Social distance, 6-12 feet apart
- Wear a mask
- No hugging; no handshaking; greet one another with a wave
- Bring your own coffee and donuts
- If your immune system is compromised, or if you've been feeling ill, please stay at home
- **In addition to outdoor worship, we will continue our livestreamed worship at 9:15 and 10:30 am.**

# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

## Greetings in these masked times.

I found this from the CDC that showed safe ways to show love to the children in our families. I've always kissed the head of our kids here at BAUMC. I was excited to find a way that I could continue this practice safely.



Turning our mouths away from one another is one of the kindest things we can do. Greetings and farewells can still be loving. A good elbow bump and wave are our favorites here at the church.

C4 kids ministry here at BAUMC is working on smaller group events for our kids and their families. The Fall season will include several new approaches to Sunday School and Family ministries. But as we plan for the future we continue to Flock our families with Flamingos to spread our love.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Graduating High School Senior Church Involvement Scholarships Awarded for 2020

Congratulations to Cameron Rivers and Heather Wheeler, the 2020 recipients of the 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.

#### Cameron Rivers

is a graduate of Edgewood High School and will be attending the University of North Carolina Asheville in the Fall. He plans to major in Meteorology.



#### Heather Wheeler

graduated from Bel Air High School and will be attending the University of Maryland, College Park, in the Fall where she will major in Bioengineering.



Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this program through gifts to the scholarship fund. Over the last 39 years, congregational gifts to the fund have enabled Bel Air United Methodist Church to award a total of 190 Scholarships totaling a little over \$106,000.

Congratulations and best wishes to Heather and Cameron as they begin their higher education journeys.

All high schoolers (currently in grades 9-12) are welcome to join our **summer Bible study!** We will be meeting on Zoom on Wednesdays at 4pm.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82011874631...>  
**Meeting ID: 820 1187 4631**  
**Password: 9-12**

**Youth Group** is meeting on Zoom Sundays at 6:30pm  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/605900152>  
**Meeting ID: 605 900 152**  
**Password: Youth**

Join us for a devotion and game!

**Please go to our website [www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org) to view the  
2020 BAUMC Virtual Car Show**



Thank you to all who participated!  
Special thanks to Skip Panowitz  
for collecting and arranging all of the  
submissions.

Many thanks to those who continue to give faithfully throughout the quarantine, either by mail or electronic giving. Your gifts are a true act of love! We've seen an increase in electronic giving recently; thank you to those taking advantage of this resource.

Did you know that if you go to our website ([www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org)) and sign into your MY CHURCH ACCOUNT, you can see your givings? On the "Giving" tab, there is a choice of MY GIVING. It's that easy.

If you need help setting up your account or/ and set up electronic giving via MY CHURCH ACCOUNT, please contact our bookkeeper, Meg, at [kolarikm@baumc.com](mailto:kolarikm@baumc.com) or Lisa at [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com).

We give because God first gave to us; we love because God first loved us!



**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE: 3:30PM**

Join Pastor Lynn 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**

We will be back together someday soon. In the meantime, if you need pastoral help, food help, or help with security deposits, please call 410-838-5181 and leave a message or click on the links above to send emails. These are checked on a regular basis.

## JULY / AUGUST MILESTONES

# Happy Anniversary

Tom & Leslie Bonomo - 39th anniversary on 8/1  
Darnell & Lynn King - 58th anniversary on 8/3  
John & Laura Krouse, Jr. - 30th anniversary on 8/5  
Kevin & Julie Holmes - 20th anniversary on 8/5  
Ray & Lynn Hamann - 32nd anniversary on 8/6  
Jim & Alice Paradise - 52nd anniversary on 8/10  
Bob & Betty Myers - 57th anniversary on 8/11  
Dave & Gayle Greenwood - 47th anniversary on 8/11  
Ron & Jean Hill - 54th anniversary on 8/13  
Lee & Patti Tooman - 49th anniversary on 8/13  
Tony & Kelly Serdenes - 32nd anniversary on 8/13  
Dave & Gail Candey - 64th anniversary on 8/14  
Les & Betty Grimm - 49th anniversary on 8/14  
Mark & Connie Beckwith - 49th anniversary on 8/14  
Perry & Susan Gentry - 38th anniversary on 8/14  
Jim & Jeanne Butcher - 51st anniversary on 8/16  
Paul & Diane Bates - 57th anniversary on 8/17  
Howard & Heather Zickefoose - 35th anniversary on 8/17  
Rod & Sarah White - 30th anniversary on 8/18  
Lowell & Jackie Swartz - 48th anniversary on 8/19  
David & Susan Morrow - 32nd anniversary on 8/20  
Brad & Nancy Udem - 39th anniversary on 8/21  
Bob & Betty Vestal - 56th anniversary on 8/23



Frank & Judy Woke - 45th anniversary on 8/23  
Wes & Nancy Jenkins - 58th anniversary on 8/25  
Craig & Sherri Carpenter - 36th anniversary on 8/25  
Steve & Melanie Wootan - 36th anniversary on 8/26  
Keith & Nicole Diggins - 31st anniversary on 8/26  
Tony & Debra Foreman - 20th anniversary on 8/26  
Gary & Helen Sanders - 62nd anniversary on 8/30

*Happy Anniversary! May you continue to love, cherish and honor one another for years to come.  
We are pleased to celebrate the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 30+ anniversaries!*

# Happy Birthday

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 - Jeanne Beddow  
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!*



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## LOVE AS JESUS LOVES

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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](mailto:wolf@baumc.com).

### CONFERENCE STAFF

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District Superintendent - Rev. Ann Laprade

### BEL AIR UMC STAFF

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### SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **SEPTEMBER'S** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolf@baumc.com](mailto:wolf@baumc.com) and [atteberryd@baumc.com](mailto:atteberryd@baumc.com) by **12 noon, Tuesday, AUGUST 18th.**

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 [wolf@baumc.com](mailto:wolf@baumc.com) or visit our web-site

[www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org)

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

Current addressee or



**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 16th. 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

To give, please go to [https://bit.ly/BAUMC\\_SchoolSupplies](https://bit.ly/BAUMC_SchoolSupplies) and select Food Min/Neighbors Need with a notation in the memo line that reads "**UM School Supplies**" or you can write a check made payable to Bel Air UMC and placed in the dropbox next to the office door on Wednesdays from 9am - 12 noon or mail it in.