

## THE SPIRE



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**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*

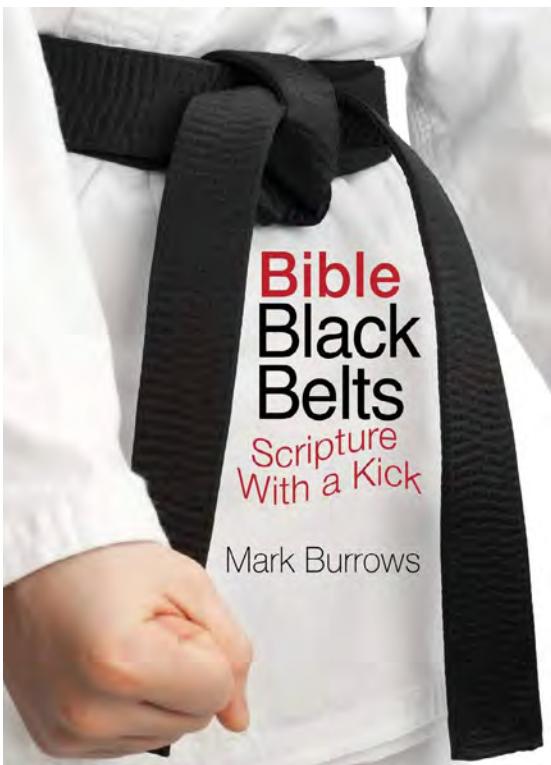




# New Years Day **ONE CHURCH** WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am Sanctuary



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY



We start a new series in Kid's Ministry! We will be memorizing key Scriptures and making our way to our Black Belt.

White belt – Romans 8:38-39

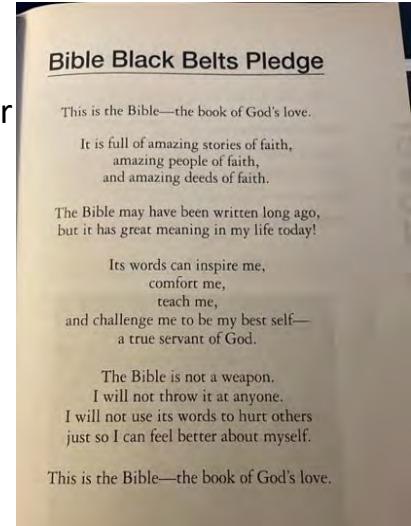
Yellow belt – the 10 Commandments

Purple belt – Luke 6:31, Phil 4:13 & Luke 10:27

Red belt – Psalm 23

Brown belt – The Beatitudes

Black belt – The Lord's Prayer



We would love for the congregation to join us in our Bible endeavor.

## Nihja Campout

Friday, February 24 - Saturday, February 25  
McComas Hall  
More Details to come



# Youth Happenings

## Sunday Events

9:15am Middle School Sunday School

10:30am Youth Bible Study  
(8th-12th grade)

## January Events

Hygiene Kit Packing and Pizza Party  
Sun. Jan 15  
4:30-7pm

Game Night  
Sun. Jan 29  
4:30-6pm

## February Events

Super Bowl Party at Sanders House  
Sun. Feb. 12  
6:15pm

Trip to African American History Museum in DC  
Mon. Feb 20  
8:30am

## Confirmation 2023

Sign-ups for Confirmation will open January 4.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm. Dinner Included!

## Save the Date!

Spring Youth Retreat  
April 21-23

Summer Mission Trip  
June 25-July 1

## To Sign-up

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

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

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Follow us on Instagram @baumc\_youth  
Text "YOUTH" to 410-210-4363 for updates  
Email [sandersons@baumc.com](mailto:sandersa@baumc.com)



**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/>

Applications are accepted online only Dec 15, 2022 - Mar 30, 2023

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023**

# Winter Hike at Oregon Ridge Park

**Sunday, January 22 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
(carpool from church after 9:15 service or  
meet at Oregon Ridge)**

Join the Creation Care Team for a hike to enjoy the peaceful sights and sounds of winter at Oregon Ridge Park in Cockeysville. Learn a bit about the history of iron ore and onsite marble mining, as well as the various plants and animals that call the park home. Hike is easy to moderate. For more info or to register, contact Sheryl Pedrick at [sherylpedrick@hotmail.com](mailto:sherylpedrick@hotmail.com)

## Tiny Tot School

*“I learned a lot as a Tiny Tot!”*

**\* Registration begins in January for the 2023-24 school year \***



*Join us for an Open House!*

Wednesday, January 18th

9:30am - 11:00am

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

[tinytots@baume.com](mailto:tinytots@baume.com) ~ 410-838-6399 ~ [tinytotsbelair.com](http://tinytotsbelair.com)

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023



### 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>

# 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 or 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.

## HELP WANTED



### MORNING FELLOWSHIP

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



### FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need volunteers to help bag and distribute food on the first Saturday of each month  
8:00 am - 12 pm  
To volunteer, contact [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)



### Attention Blood Drive Donors

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

January 9th at 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](mailto: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 MONDAY, JANUARY 2 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR**  
**JANUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 20 IN OBSERVANCE OF**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY & PRESIDENT DAY**

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023



### Learn how to make YARM (plastic yarn)

We will be having a workshop Sunday, February 5, 10:30 am showing the easy steps on making YARM for the homeless mats. Join us in the Welcome area or in Room 202. It is easy and another way to serve people who have needs. If you crochet, directions will be available.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are blessed to have a wonderful ministry here at Bel Air UMC that supports people in need of God's healing touch. Our Prayer Shawl group is appreciative of all our volunteers who knit, crochet and package prayer items every month. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 pm for fellowship, prayer and inspiration. We make and deliver prayer shawls, comfort blankets, and prayer squares to church members and friends who are facing illness, grief or misfortune. These gifts are tangible reminders of God's Love and Care. As we knit or crochet each item we pray for the recipient's well-being and healing. It's very rewarding to help people, who are discouraged or in pain, feel closer to the Lord and to know that there are people who care and are praying for them. It is moving to see how grateful and touched people are when we gift a prayer shawl. Clearly the men and women we have served feel closer to God and comforted by these reminders of His presence.

This past year we have partnered with Upper Chesapeake Hospital, The Bob Hooper Hospice House and local nursing homes to bring over 300 blankets, shawls and prayer squares to those in our community needing comfort and prayers. Prayer items are totally free of charge and available to everyone, regardless of church affiliation. It is truly our mission to "Love as Jesus Loved." If you are interested in being a part of our group of dedicated volunteers or simply want to support our efforts in any way, please contact Cathy Bowden at [catbowden@comcast.net](mailto:catbowden@comcast.net). We'd love to hear from you. Thank you

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023**



**JAN. 25 - MAY 3, 6:30-8:30PM, ROOM 115**

**DIVORCECARE IS A VIDEO-BASED DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM AND SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE UNDERGOING SEPARATION/DIVORCE. TO REGISTER OR CONTACT THE FACILITATOR, GO TO**

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



**Mondays, March 6 - June 5**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Room 115**



## HARFORD RACIAL JUSTICE FAMILY EVENTS

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

**January 19 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm**

Ames United Methodist Church  
**Advocacy Presentation**

Support for BRIDGE, MD.  
Advocacy priorities  
New AP African American  
History class discussion

**February 16 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm**

Bel Air UMC  
**Education Presentation**

Presentation by Dr. James Karmel,  
Harford Community College  
Professor to discuss the Harford  
Civil Rights Project  
(harfordcivilrights.org)

**March Connecting Day Trip**  
**The Harriet Tubman**  
**Underground Railroad**  
**Museum and Byway**

Saturday date to be determined;  
cost to cover bus expense RSVP  
to [bev.talbot@verizon.net](mailto:bev.talbot@verizon.net) if  
interested by January 15

"Social change happens at the speed  
of relationships. Relationships happen  
at the speed of trust."

Relationships were established and  
trust was developed at our People's  
Suppers this past fall.  
A diverse group of 80 people from  
churches around Harford County  
gathered for four dinners and  
meaningful conversation. As brothers  
and sisters in Christ, we talked about  
issues that affect people of color.  
Each of us reflected on what our own  
part might be in working to bring  
change in systems that continue to  
give preferential treatment to some  
and deny opportunities to others.

### MONTHLY WORSHIP

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**January 15 - 10:30 am**

Ames United Methodist Church  
112 Baltimore Pike

Our Harford County team has  
increased in numbers and we're  
excited to work together to make our  
world look a little more like God  
intends it to be -a world in which all  
are treated with dignity and equity.

**February 19 - 10:30 am**

1st Presbyterian Church of Bel Air  
224 N Main Street

All are welcome to join our meetings on  
the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our  
focus at meetings alternates between  
teaching, advocating and connecting with  
one another.

## **AARP® Tax-Aide Program**

### **For low to moderate income taxpayers**

**Free Income Tax Preparation  
on Fridays in room 101  
beginning in February 2023.**

**An appointment is needed  
by calling  
410-638-3425  
starting in the last week of  
January**

Several other locations around the county will be opened as soon as hosts can be found. The IRS sponsors this program through AARP and over 2 million returns are processed each year on a nationwide basis with over 600 completed last year in Harford County.

### **Additional counselors are needed**

If you have an aptitude for this type of work, please consider joining our staff of preparers.

Our counselors will admit that seeing the sighs of relief on the face of a client when finishing a return is a reward that far exceeds the work to prepare a return.

If interested, call Roger Niles at 410-838-0026.

**Training and computers are furnished.**

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper**

**February 21**

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





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**E-Spire articles are due by 12 noon on Wednesdays.**  
**E-mail to [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto: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  
Church Administrator - Tony Ciampaglio  
Bookkeeper - Meg Kolarik  
Administrative Specialist - Lisa Wong Wolf  
Administrative/Congregational Care Asst. -  
Cheryl Carmen  
Facilities & Maintenance Manager - Rick  
Schulte  
Hospitality Coordinator - Alice Archer  
[aaarcher@comcast.net](mailto:aaarcher@comcast.net)  
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[cherylfirth@gmail.com](mailto:cherylfirth@gmail.com)

**E-mail for BAUMC Staff: last name first initial @ baumc.com (ex: broughtb@baumc.com)**

**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](mailto:wolf@baumc.com) and [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto: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

Current addressee or

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<<AD\_COMPANY>>  
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<<AD\_ADDRESS\_2>>  
<<AD\_CITY>>, <<AD\_STATE>> <<AD\_ZIP\_5>>

## **Volunteer in Mission (VIM)**

**Soup Sale**  
**February 12**  
**between services.**

