

# THE SPiRE



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



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CONGRATULATIONS  
ON JOINING THE  
CHURCH!



Tony & Robin  
Mouring



Regina Rizzo  
& Family

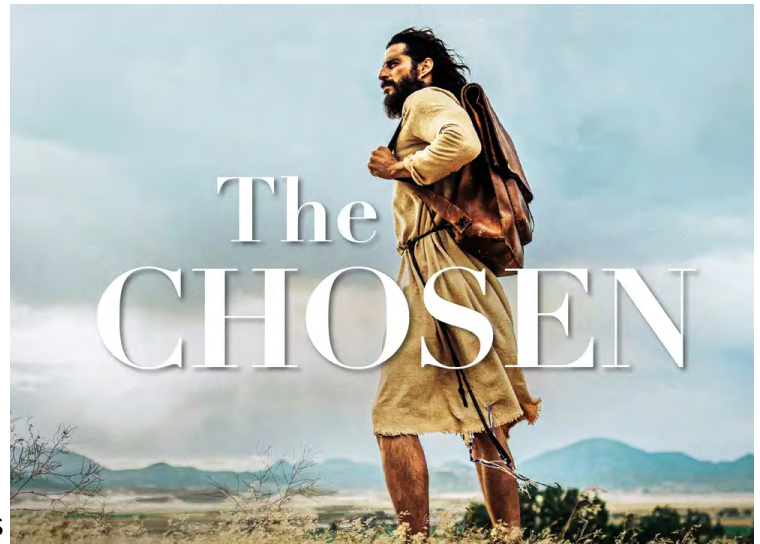


Debbie Snyder

**May/June 2023**

Dear Friends:

I hope that you're having a wonderful Easter season, and I hope that the comfort of resurrection promises remain with you throughout the year. A member of the church gave me a DVD copy of Season 1 of "The Chosen." I had put off watching it until just recently. That was one of my personal Lenten disciplines to watch Season 1. I'm glad that I did, because I enjoyed it very much – even more so than I expected. I can be a tough critic sometimes with Jesus movies. My guard is up and I don't always embrace everything Jesus-y, just because it comes with a Jesus label, but this series I've really enjoyed.



I have a DVD copy of it in my office, if anyone out there still uses DVDs. If not, I know that you can find all the seasons out there on the various streaming media sites: Netflix, Peacock, Angel, Amazon, etc. If you're like me, however, you still may have a way to play a DVD. If so, you're welcome to borrow it.

If you do watch it, you'll have to be prepared for the fact that the producer has taken some artistic liberties. Perhaps that's a given, but some people find that those liberties stretch their comfort level. They don't for me. I'm comfortable with some artistic liberties, especially those that remain within the spirit of the Bible, even though they don't follow the precise storyline of the Bible. There are a number of imagined scenes, conversations, and relationships in The Chosen that go beyond the biblical text, but for the most part stay true to the spirit of the Bible. In light of that, the series can certainly be enjoyed.

If you do watch it, and you learn something new or have a new perspective on anything from it, feel free to share it with me. Continue to be blessed as you all are a blessing to me.

Byron



### **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=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



MAY/JUNE 2023

# Unity Service

May 7th 9:15am

Everyone in the Sanctuary



Pentecost Sunday

May 28th

Wear Red

and help celebrate the  
Birth of the Church

Church Closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day



## MAY/JUNE 2023 BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY

# C4 Kids are in Eastertide

Our lessons and experiences will help us to Love as Jesus Loves

April 30 Family Worship

May 7 Unity Sunday

May 14 Mother's Day

May 21 Stuffed Animals

May 28 Beach Day

June 4 Mustaches

June 11 Clouds

Everyone in Sanctuary

Everyone in Sanctuary

Great Commission

Good News

Doubting Thomas

Ascension of Jesus



## *Calling All Parents!*

Parents Fellowship

June 4 @ 10:30 -11:45 in Room 101

Coffee/Tea and Conversation

Childcare provided!!



# **YOUTH EVENTS**

## **Weekly Sunday Events**

9:15am 6th & 7th Grade  
Sunday School

10:30am Youth Bible  
Study (no meeting May  
14)

## **Youth Group Game Nights**

Sundays, May 7 and 21  
June 4 and 18

4:30-6pm

## **5th Grade Preview Day!**

May 21  
4:30-6pm

All current 5th graders and  
their parents are invited to  
join us for game and to learn  
about our youth ministry!

**Keep our mission  
team in your  
prayers as they  
travel to Romney,  
West Virginia June  
25-July 1.**



**MAY/JUNE 2023**

## CALL ALL GIRLS & LADIES

SING IN A WOMEN'S CHOIR ON  
MOTHER'S DAY.  
OUR PRACTICE WILL BE ON MAY 7TH  
AT 10:30AM

## *Thank you Bel Air UMC!*

As our year concludes at the end of May, the Tiny Tot School staff are grateful for the opportunity to serve God by teaching and caring for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. 70 children and their families have been blessed by this ministry. A special thanks to the church staff for your guidance, assistance, and support!

**MAY/JUNE 2023**

# **Special Invitation from the Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Celebration of Caring & Sharing  
Wednesday, May 10th 6pm in room 202**

This is a special invitation to all volunteers, supporters and interested individuals to our first ever "Celebration of Caring And Sharing." It is being held May 10, 2023 at 6 PM at the church.

Our intent is to sincerely thank everyone who has been supporting our efforts in recent years. We especially would like to invite interested new members and volunteers who work from home and can't attend our regular meetings during the day. Please try to come, so we can meet face to face and thank you. We will be providing food and speakers, who will be sharing short inspirational messages to attendees.

If you or someone you know has been thinking of a meaningful way to serve the Lord and be inspired through Christian fellowship... Our Prayer Shawl Ministry may be the answer. You do not need to be an expert at knitting or crocheting either. We all are constantly honing our skills by helping each other. If you or a friend would like to join us for this evening of celebration, please email us by May 3rd, so that we can be sure we have enough refreshments for everyone.

Email me at [catbowden@comcast.net](mailto:catbowden@comcast.net). Many thanks. Cathy Bowden



*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.

**May 8th at 9:30 AM to 8 PM McComas Hall**



**MAY/JUNE 2023**

A decorative poster for the 2023 Mother's Day Festival of Flowers. The background is a light cream color with floral illustrations of red and pink roses and a small grey bird perched on a branch. The text is centered and reads: "2023 MOTHER'S DAY FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS" in large red letters, followed by "Saturday, May 13 8 am - 1:30 pm" in green. Below that, in green, is "Assorted hanging baskets, tropical plants, Annuals, perennials, Designer pots, garden art". At the bottom, in green, is "A festive event sure to appeal to your gift and gardening interests!".

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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

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Assorted hanging baskets, tropical plants,  
Annuals, perennials,  
Designer pots, garden art

A festive event sure to appeal to your gift and gardening interests!

**\*\* Festival of Flowers will be held in McComas Hall if it rains.**

### **Bel Air UMC Awarded Volunteer of the Year**

Bel Air United Methodist Church was presented with the "Bowtie" Bill White Volunteer of the Year Award for Outstanding Service by Robin Tomechko, CEO at Harford Family House/Welcome One Emergency Shelter.

Here's what Sue LeBuhn, HFH Volunteer Engagement Manager had to say during the presentation: BAUMC was one of the founding rotating churches that participated in the formation of our Welcome One Shelter. They have been serving meals since 2005 to the residents at the shelter. Since our merger in 2022, BAUMC has welcomed Harford Family House into their circle of giving. They are huge donors of food and supplies that go a long way in providing for the needs of our clients. Dave Panowitz and Greg LaCour are constantly calling to share their bounty with us and when picking up donations, the church volunteers insist on helping us load the donations. Many hands make light work! They have been a faithful supporter of our annual Hope for Homeless Golf tournament and



fundraiser by forming teams to compete each year. They were the proud recipients of the Church Challenge Cup for many years, and although another team won in 2022, we are looking forward to watching as BAUMC competes to take back the win for another year in 2023! They also have been steadfast supporters of our annual Heart for the Homeless Shrimp and Bull Roast. Their faithfulness in supplying the most basic needs for our residents for the past 18 years is most commendable.

Thank you to all the members at BAUMC for partnering with us in so many ways!





SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY  
VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

To donate please go to  
<https://belairumc.com/Give2VIM>



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JUNE  
CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

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

**E-mail to [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto:carmenc@baumc.com)**

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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm**

## SUBMISSIONS FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JULY/AUGUST's** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com) and [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto:carmenc@baumc.com) by **12 noon, Tuesday, June 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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The Disciple I class completed its 25th week of studying Genesis to Revelation on Sunday , April 16 with a discussion of what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ and how to recognize and use our spiritual gifts to serve the church.

Four graduates completed the course: Robbie Alexander, Ron Forbes, Mike Schmidt, and Lavonne Taylor.

Although it was a big commitment, everyone agreed it was time well spent and felt their relationship with Jesus Christ and faith grew throughout the sessions.

Leaders were Janet & Doug Dorer.

If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples.  
—John 8:31, New Jerusalem Bible