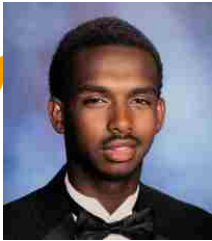


THE SPIRE

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

CONGRATULATIONS

BAUMC High School Graduates - Class of 2026



Nick Barry

Graduated from:
C. Milton Wright High School
Attending:
Salisbury University
Major:
Marketing



Nadya Carrico

Graduated from:
Edgewood High School
International Baccalaureate Diploma
Attending:
University of Toronto
Major: Vic One program
for Life Sciences



Tyler Kirby

Graduated from:
C. Milton Wright High School
Attending:
West Virginia University
Major:
Sport Management & Minor
in Business



Luke Sperring

Graduated from:
Bel Air High School
Attending:
Frostburg State Univ.
Major:
Wildlife and Fisheries

BAUMC Higher Education Graduates - Class of 2026



Jesse Whitescarver

Graduated:
Towson University
Degree Earned:
Baccalaureate in
Environmental Sciences
focus: Environmental Policy
& Management
Plans: Recently given a full
time position at The National
Stormwater Center



Caroline Kirby

Graduated:
University of Tennessee
Degree Earned:
Baccalaureate of Science in Sport
Management with a double minor in
both Public Relations &
Advertising and Business
Plans: Caroline will begin a position
this summer as a Communications
Assist. (Athletic Association)
at the University of Florida. She will
be actively working alongside the
Gator Swim & Dive teams
as well as their football team.



Sean Lipscomb

Graduated:
West Virginia University
Degree Earned:
Baccalaureate of Science in
Aerospace Engineering
Plans: Sean is currently
pursuing a career in Satellite
Engineering.



Lauren Wessel

Graduated:
Harford Community College
Degree Earned:
Associates in Arts Education
Plans: Salisbury University in
Fall 2026
Major: Early Childhood
Education

Congratulations to Rev. Robin Johnson

on his appointment by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling to serve The Community Parish of Northern Baltimore County alongside Rev. Scott Shumaker, effective July 1.



We are especially grateful that Rev. Johnson is coming out of retirement to continue answering God's call to ministry and service. His willingness to lead and serve once again is a true blessing and testimony to faithful discipleship.

While we will miss Rev. Johnson and Dessie as they begin this new chapter, we celebrate this opportunity for ministry and give thanks for the many ways they have blessed our congregation through their faithful presence, friendship, and service.

Please congratulate Rev. Johnson as he begins this new appointment. We also extend our prayers and best wishes to Dessie as they become part of the Central Baltimore Community Parish family.

We pray God's blessings upon Rev. Johnson, Rev. Shumaker, and the congregations they will serve, asking for wisdom, strength, joy, and grace in the days ahead.



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July 13 at 9:30am to 4:30 pm in McComas Hall

Our Sunday Worship Services



**Traditional Service - 9:15am
In-person & Online (Facebook Live)**

**This is our traditional service held in our
Sanctuary at Bel Air United Methodist Church.**

**Sermon by Phone enables people to call in and
hear the scripture reading and sermon.**

410-800-4472



**Contemporary Service - 10:15 am
In Person & Online (YouTube)
Worship along with us as contemporary
music fills the air.**

<https://belairumc.com/1015ContemporaryYouTubeLink>



**Family Worship - 2:00 pm
Join us at our
Mt Carmel Chapel location with
Pastor Deb!**



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

<https://belairumc.com/PrayerTeam>

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 252 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

Virtual Summer Sunday School

Join Pastor Deb as she shares God's thoughts with you from a place that sells Ice Cream. Watch on our Youtube channel each week {starting July 5 – August 30}.



C4 Kids BAUMC Youtube

<https://belairumc.com/C4Kids-YouTube>



School's Out

Baumc Kids Ministry loves to give our teachers a break in the summer. This way they are renewed to return in the Fall. Therefore, in person Sunday School is suspended till September.

Bel Air United Methodist Church

VBS 2026

August 3 - 7 9am - 12 noon

Registration is open

SNOWBALL
MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE



belairumc.com/VBS





BAUMC Youth Ministry Summer Dates

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING DATES @

9:15AM:

Sunday, July 5th
Sunday, August 2nd

MISSIONS WEEK DATES:

July 13 - July 17th
(BAUMC Campus & Local Community)

GROUP EVENT DATES:

Sunday, August 2nd
Hike @ LaDew Gardens

Saturday, August 22nd
Iron Birds Baseball Game

Sunday, August 24th
Guppy Gulch Day



Parents/ Guardians & Youth Members:

Make sure you are up to date with all the upcoming meetings & events taking place with our amazing Youth Ministry here at BAUMC.

You are welcome to follow us through the following applications:

Facebook: BAUMC Youth Ministry

NEW Instagram: baumc_youth_ministry

Youth Ministry Website: <https://belairumc.org/youth-ministry/>

Create/Update your BAUMC REALM ACCOUNT in order to sign up for Youth Ministry events;
<https://belairumc.org/>

Any questions/ concerns feel free to reach out to Ms. Andrea at Sergia@baumc.com.



CAMP BREAKAWAY

Northbay Adventure Camp:
North East, MD 21901

BAUMC
Middle School Youth
2026 FALL RETREAT
SEPT 25-27, 2026

For all students going into 6th, 7th & 8th grade this 2026-2027 academic year.



REGISTER TODAY!

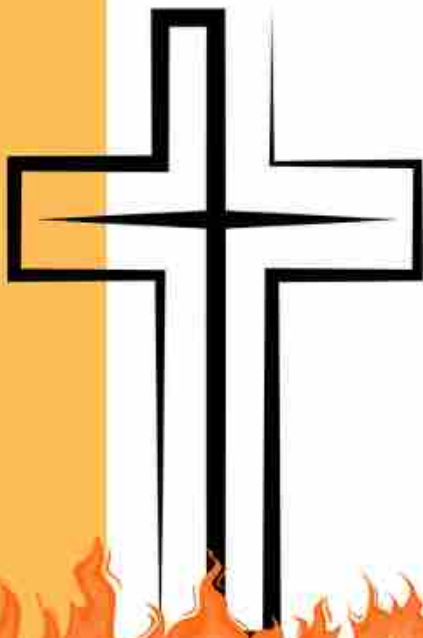


Financial Assistance Available; please reach out to Andrea Sergi; Directly.

COST:
\$190
(Per Person)

Activities at Camp Breakaway

- Kayaking
- Beach volleyball
- Music
- Ziplining
- Rock-climbing
- Campfires
- Worship
- Small groups
- Lively group games
- Free time to forge new/ existing connections.



BAUMC YOUTH
MINISTRY
6TH THRU 8TH GRADE

REIGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15-10:15AM

Meeting: July 5th & August 2nd (9:15am)
(Summer 2026)

BAUMC YOUTH MINISTRY
SUMMER HIKE @ LADEW GARDENS

FOR: 6TH-12TH
GRADERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND
12:30-3:30pm



PLEASE PRE-REGISTER IN REALM BY: FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

BAUMC YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO
GUPPY GULCH

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

All 6th through 12th grade students are welcome to enjoy a fun-filled day at Guppy Gulch in Delta, PA. An inflatable water park with huge slides, climbing walls, ziplines, paddleboards and so much more.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PACK THEIR OWN LUNCH/ WE WILL PROVIDE SNACKS & DRINKS

COST: \$27/DAY FOR SWIMMERS;
\$10/DAY FOR NON-SWIMMERS



Pre-registration
required ASAP

CALLED TO SERVE



~ 1 Peter 4:10 ~

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

2026 BAUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES MISSIONS WEEK

July 13th-17th

Please Register Today:

For Students:
6th-12th grades (2026-2027)



Job Opportunity

Bookkeeper

Bel Air United Methodist Church has an immediate opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a non-exempt 28 hours per week, part time position. Go to <https://belairumc.com/BookkeeperJobDescription> for more details.

If interested, please complete Bel Air UMC Employment application by going to <https://belairumc.com/EmploymentOpportunity>, and send a cover letter and resume to employment@baumc.com.

Administrative & Congregational Care Assistant

Bel Air United Methodist Church has an immediate opening for Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to the Bel Air UMC ministry team and lay staff in the areas of congregational care, church communications and general administrative support for a variety of office functions. This is a non-exempt 24 hours per week, part-time job sharing position. Go to <https://belairumc.com/AdminAssistant> for more details.

If interested, please complete Bel Air UMC Employment application by going to <https://belairumc.com/EmploymentOpportunity>, and send a cover letter and resume to employment@baumc.com.

Food Ministry Receives \$30,000 Grant

We are pleased to share that Bel Air United Methodist Church has received a \$30,000 grant from the Drescher Foundation to support our Senior Food Ministry, an important part of our Neighbors in Need Ministry.



We extend our sincere thanks to Greg La Cour, Neighbors in Need Ministry Leader, who researched, prepared, and submitted the successful grant application. This grant is a testament to Greg's dedication, leadership, and commitment to strengthening our ministry's ability to serve seniors and others in need throughout our community.

The grant will support the Senior Food Ministry, which is made possible through the faithful service of volunteer coordinators, drivers, and other volunteers under the leadership of Jamey Struve. The Senior Food Ministry is one of several outreach efforts within our Neighbors in Need Ministry, which also includes the monthly food giveaway led by Elaine Morgan and Veda Wilt and supported by many dedicated volunteers.

We give thanks to all who serve through the Neighbors in Need Ministry and help make these vital outreach programs possible. Their compassion and commitment enable our church to share God's love in practical ways with our neighbors.

Please join us in thanking the Drescher Foundation for its generous support and Greg La Cour for his outstanding work in securing this grant.

To God be the glory!

Thank You, Lions Club of Bel Air!

Bel Air United Methodist Church extends its heartfelt thanks to the Lions Club of Bel Air for their generous donation of \$750 to the Neighbors in Need Food Ministry.

We are grateful for their commitment to serving our community and supporting local organizations that care for those in need. This gift will help strengthen our ongoing efforts to provide food and assistance to our neighbors through this important ministry.

The partnership and generosity of community organizations such as the Lions Club of Bel Air make a meaningful difference in the lives of many and help us continue our mission of sharing God's love through service.

Please join us in thanking the Lions Club of Bel Air for their generous support.
To God be the glory!



Thank you

Dear Church Family,

I want to sincerely thank you for the beautiful flowers celebrating my academic achievement. Your kindness and thoughtfulness touched my heart deeply.

This accomplishment was made possible not only through hard work, but through the prayers, encouragement, and support of so many people who walked alongside me during this journey. I am especially grateful to this congregation for your constant love, faith, and encouragement.

I also want to thank my focus group and contextual partners for the meaningful work we shared together. Your insight, support, and collaboration enriched this experience in countless ways.

Thank you for being such a loving and supportive church family. I am truly grateful for everything you have done for me, and I thank God for each of you.

With sincere appreciation and love,
Pastor Lynn



Welcome One Homeless Shelter 2 more Volunteers Needed to Cook & Serve in July, September & October 2026



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/2026CooknServe> to sign-up or contact Lisa Wolf at wolf@baumc.com. We will have a support staff for volunteers who are volunteering for the first time.

Supplies Needed for the Food Ministry



We are accepting donations for our food ministry.
We are in need of cereal, can chicken, can meats,
can ravioli, can tuna, spaghetti/pasta, spaghetti sauce,
soup, can fruit, peanut butter and jelly.

Please NO Expired Food.

Thank you for your help!



Habitat for Humanity Panel Build Saturday, July 25th

The panel build will start at 9:00 am in the church parking lot. To sign up go to: habitatsusq.org and click on construction volunteer section. Contact mlouderback@habitatsusq.org with questions.

To View Bel Air United Methodist Church Calendar go to
https://belairumc.com/Events_Calendar
Add it to your Home screen on your phone!

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To Sign Up for Realm please go to
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Make & Keep track of pledges

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App
Today!**



Bel Air UMC Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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


Current addressee or
 Body

“Sharing God’s Love with Paws and Presence”



Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest Care Team members, Jill and Zeus!
 Zeus is a certified, trained therapy dog who is already bringing comfort, smiles, and joy wherever he goes. Alongside Jill, this wonderful team will help us continue sharing compassion, care, and connection.
 We are so excited to have them as part of our Congregational Care Ministry Team as they begin visiting our members at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.

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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
 Do you have an event or article you’d like to see in the SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER edition of the SPIRE?
 Send them to wolf@baumc.com and stearnk@baumc.com by 12 noon, Monday, August 18.

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.