

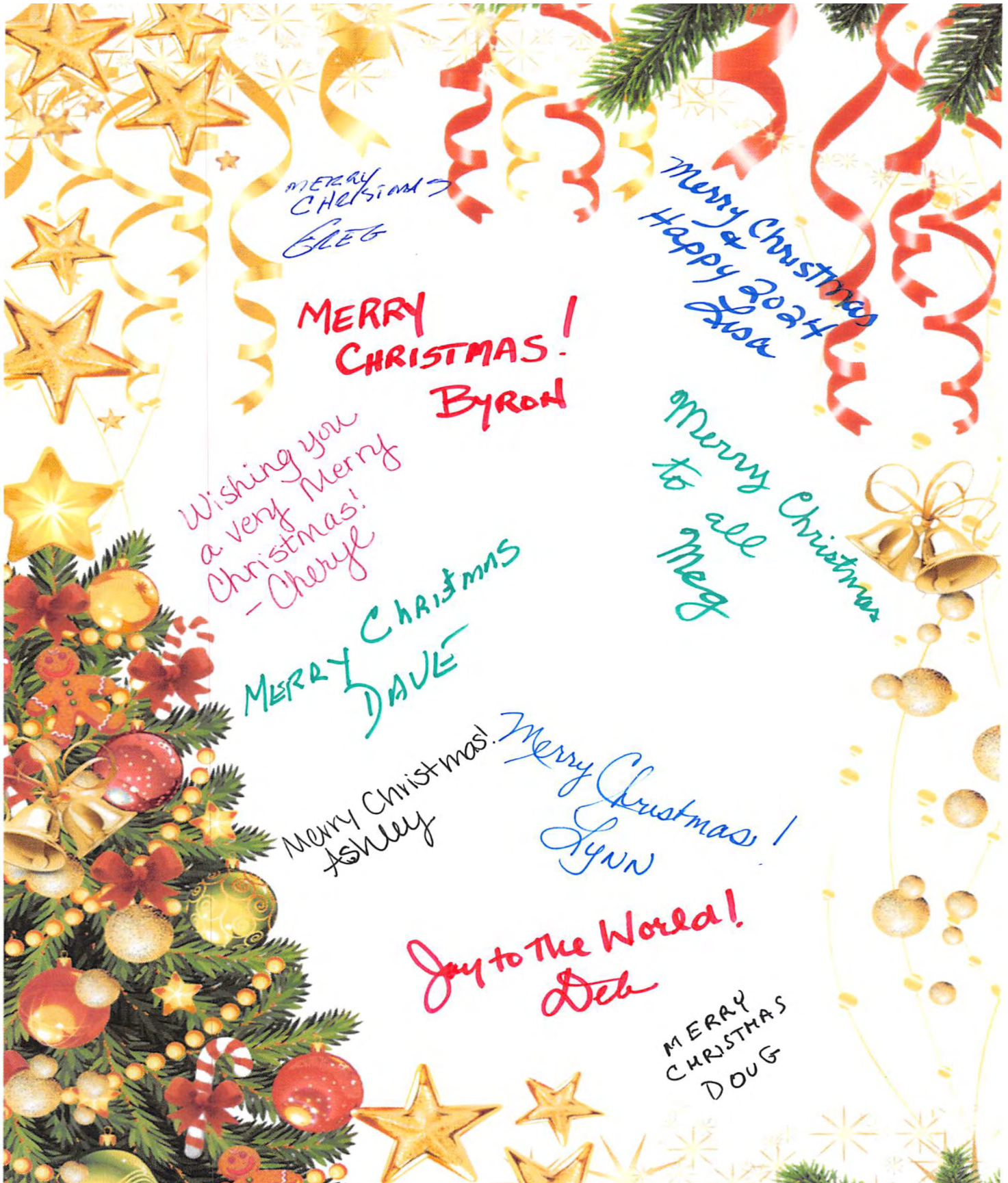
THE SPiRE



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EXPERIENCING CHRISTMAS

with Bel Air United
Methodist Church
Advent Sermon Series



Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 24

BEL AIR UMC SANCTUARY

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

MT. CARMEL CHAPEL

6pm
8pm



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17 - 9:15am Service



New Years Eve **ONE CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE**

9:15 am
Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR SALE

Looking for an alternative Christmas gift idea for the person that has everything and/or to show your love for the environment? Then, consider purchasing a hand-made ornament created by the Creation Care Team for only \$15. The recipient will receive the ornament, along with a card indicating that trees are being planted in their honor by the Arbor Day Foundation. Visit the Creation Care Team table, outside the Narthex, on Sunday morning following the 9:15 am service.



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



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.

Church Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00 am— 3:00 pm
CHURCH CLOSED ON DECEMBER 25 & 26 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

December 3

Joy



December 10

Peace



Love



December 17

Family Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Service



4 PM Sanctuary

New Year's Eve Ice Skating

Bel Air UMC hosts a "daytime" Family Ice Skating Event at

ICE WORLD on December 31st.

We begin at 11:00 am, ring in the New Year at 12:00 noon and skate til 1:00 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors.

The cost is \$5 per person and \$5 skate rental





Youth Events

Parade Watch Party

Join us for the Bel Air Christmas Parade December 3. Meet at church at 3pm. Pick up at Shamrock Park after tree lighting at 5:30pm.

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17
Youth Center ~ 4:30-6pm
Holiday Attire welcome!
Bring a snack/dessert to share and optional \$10 wrapped gift.



Weekly Programs

6th and 7th Grade Sunday School
Sundays
Dec 3, 10 and 17
9:15am

Youth Bible Study
Sundays
Dec 3, 10 and 17
10:30-11:15am

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

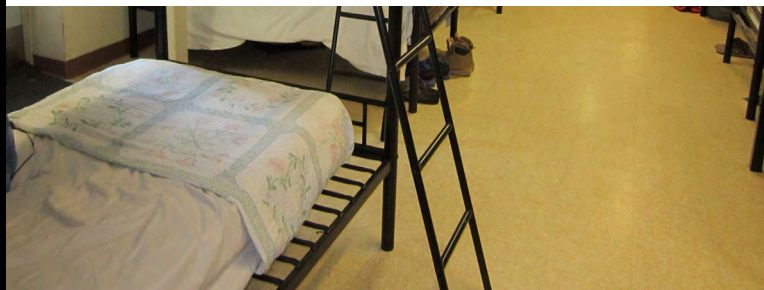
Ways to Stay informed:

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>.



**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER
WELCOME ONE HOMELESS SHELTER**

To donate please go to

[https://belairumc.com/
Give2Welcome1HomelessShelter](https://belairumc.com/Give2Welcome1HomelessShelter)

Supplies Needed for the Food Ministry

We are accepting donations for our food ministry. We are in need of baby supplies, pet supplies, feminine products, pop top canned goods, peanut butter & jelly, and small fruit cups. Please NO Expired Food. Thank you for your help!



SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We deliver food to seniors in Harford County the last Thursday of every month. We are in need of drivers to help deliver (for approx 2 hours a month)

To volunteer, contact Jamey 443-243-5578



Christmas Cards

This holiday season send a Christmas card to your church family with a message of goodwill. You can drop it off in the church office or in the decorated shoebox at the Welcome Desk and we will display it in Room 202.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Only one meeting in December; December 13th from 1–3 pm in Room 202.

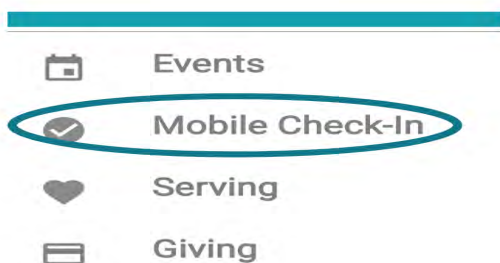
Returning to 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in Room 202 in January.




Download Connect App today



Mobile Check-In (Worship Service &/or Class) Please check in using the Realm Connect App



Lisa Wolf
1 event soon

9:15 AM

Bel Air UM
9:15am Traditional

In Person

**Stay Connected ~
Create your account
today!**



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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.

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

E-mail to carmenc@baumc.com

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Welcome One Homeless Shelter

Volunteers Needed to Cook & Serve in 2024

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).

We are asking for groups to help fill the months of 2024:

Tuesday, February 27th
Wednesday, March 27th
Saturday, April 27th
Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)
Saturday, July 27th
Friday, September 27th
Sunday, October 27th
Wednesday, November 27th
Friday, December 27th



The hours are from 4:15 - 7 pm.

Location is: 1221 C Brass Mill Road (right off route 543) in Belcamp 21017.

Got to https://belairumc.com/Vol_Welcome1 or contact Lisa Wolf at 410-838-5181 or wolf@baumc.com.

We will have support staff for volunteers who are volunteering for the first time.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
Church Closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 in observance of Christmas

SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JANUARY/FEBRUARY** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, December 19.**

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