

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

**KICK OFF SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP,  
DISCIPLESHIP AND FUN**

## 2021 Fall Worship Schedule

### 9:15 am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

To register - <http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday9-15amWorship> or text Worship to 410-210-4363

- Join us each Sunday for beautiful inspired traditional hymns, worship, liturgies, organ music, choirs, and various other musical offerings. Communion will be celebrated each Sunday. The Chancel Choir will sing when and if COVID precautions will allow.
- Sunday School will be offered at this time.
- Nursery will be offered at this time.
- Middle School Sunday School

### 10:15 am - Faith Under Fire in McComas Hall

To register - <http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday10-15amWorship> or text Worship to 410-210-4363

- Join Faith Under Fire in McComas Hall for inspired high-energy praise songs. The pastor's weekly message will be presented by a creative pre-recorded video. Communion will be celebrated each Sunday.
- Fellowship with your friends from the 9:15 am service and/or the 11:00 am service.

**Holy Grounds at the Welcome Desk** 10:15-11:00  
Grab a cup of coffee

- Youth Bible Study
- Adult Bible study, discussion group, or fellowship group.

**Adult Fellowship Study 10:15-11:00 Room 202**

The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide

to His Most Perplexing Teachings by Amy Jill Levine (Book is optional)



### 11:00 am – New Worship Service in the Sanctuary

To register - <http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday11amWorship> or text Worship to 410-210-4363

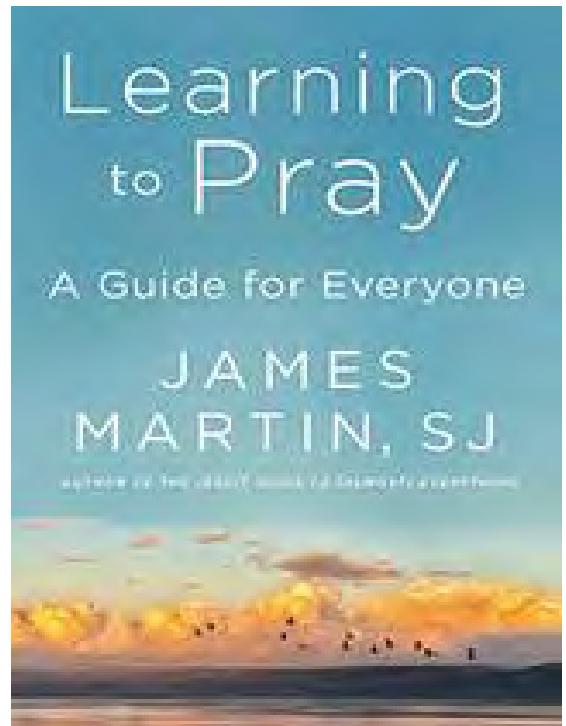
**New Worship opportunity at Bel Air UMC.** At 11:00 am in our Sanctuary, there will be a gathering of the Church Family. This modern worship service is a gathering of every age and every walk of life. It will be a coming together of historic and modern worship. It will have a broad range of musical content and styles. We will have artful expression to engage young and old alike. We will follow an age old pattern of Entrance, Word, Response, Table and Dismissal. Pastor Deb will be gathering various folks with art and musical expressions. Preaching schedule will be the same as other services. Gather in the Sanctuary at 11:00 starting September 12th for the Family Gathering.

## Fall Sermon Series

Our Fall Sermon Series for will focus on prayer based on the book, ***Learning to Pray, by Fr. James Martin, S.J.***

Please join us each Sunday as we explore these five new ways to pray. You don't need to order the book, but you may of course order a copy online if you'd like to have your own.

September 12 – Contemplation  
September 19 – Lectio Divina  
September 26 – Examen  
October 3 – Centering Prayer  
October 10 – Nature Prayers



# SEPTEMBER 2021

## Manna House

Volunteers needed to help serve guests a meal from 9am-1pm  
If you can help, contact Greg - food.services@baumc.com

**Manna House is happy to announce that we are now serving meals.**

Doors open at 10:30 am. Meals served from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm.

Manna House is in need of plastic grocery bags.

**Furniture donations**/requests are no longer accepted at the church. Please call Found in Faith at 443-519-2464.

**The Pass It On (Financial Assistance) Ministry** volunteers are working remotely on Mondays from 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be available by phone during that time; voicemail messages are responded to on Monday mornings and e-mails are checked on a regular basis. To apply, please go to the church website: [www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org). The Pass It On phone number is 410-838-0235.

**The Lightner Library** volunteers are available on Wednesday from 12 noon - 3 pm and Thursdays from 9am - 12 noon. We look forward to seeing our library patrons.



**Chancel Choir will start meetings on September 8th from 7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary**

Bring masks and as of now we will wear them only when singing

Anyone welcome,  
no experience necessary

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3  
CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**



**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.



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=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjIQT09>

**Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC  
To Dial In: 253 215 8782 or 301 715 8592  
Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531**

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Sunday School Looks Like This:

**9:15 am** - Greeted by the C4 staff. Everyone must wear masks in graded rooms (we must protect our kids). There will be age specified lessons in each room, There will be no large group activities unless outdoors. We are entering North Castle to find the King's armor (The armor of God). The kids will be knighted and given their quest.

**10:10 am** - Our kids will be in an assortment of activities such as Children's Choir, One Room Sunday Experience and crafts in room 101, while the adults will be engaging in fellowship and studies of their own.

**11:00 am** - No C4 Kids since this service is a Family Service in the Sanctuary



Knights & Dragon  
of North Castle  
September 12, 19 and 26 9:15 am

## Tiny Tot School

"I learned a lot as a Tiny Tot!"

Website: [tinytotsbelair.com](http://tinytotsbelair.com) ~ Phone: 410-838-6399 ~ E-mail: [tinytots@baumc.com](mailto:tinytots@baumc.com)

Tiny Tot School is an outreach program of BAUMC offering preschool classes for 3-5 year olds. Our programs focus on socialization and academic skills while introducing children to the joys of learning in a classroom setting.

Support our school and have some delicious ice cream with us!

Family Night at Broom's Bloom  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 4:00-7:00 p.m.

### C4 Kids QR Codes



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Middle School Sunday School

Sundays, September 12, 19 and 26

9:15 am - Youth Center

### Youth Bible Study

Sundays, September 12, 19 and 26

10:10 am - Youth Center

### Youth Group

Sundays, September 12 and 19

4:30 pm - McComas Hall, Youth Center Room

202 and Gaga Pit

## SAVE THE DATE

### Wave Retreat (formally known as ROCK)

January 7 - 9, 2022 in Ocean City, MD!

Registration opens on September 12.

<https://bit.ly/BelAirWave2022>

or text WAVE2022 to 410-210-4363

## CONFIRMATION

All youth 8th grade and older are invited to sign-up for Confirmation. Contact Ashley for more information.

Registration opens September 12.

<https://bit.ly/2022ConfirmationClass>

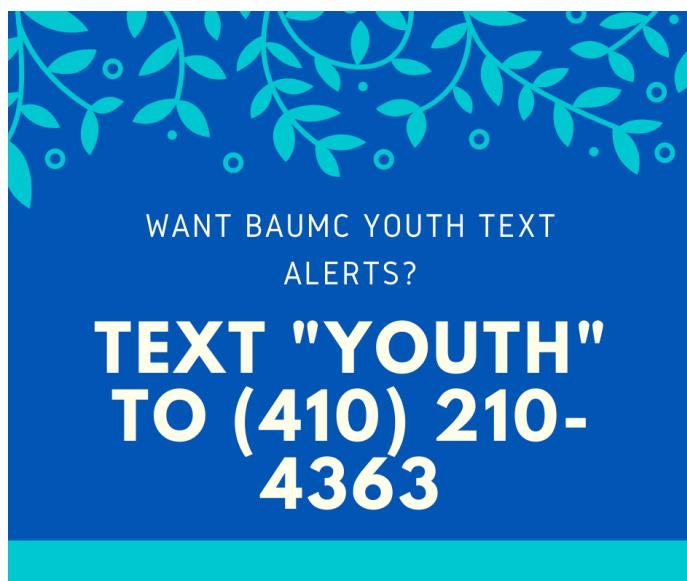
or text CONFIRM to 410-210-4363

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Youth Group Laser Tag

Sunday, September 26

3:45 pm - Youth Center



COLLEGE ADDRESSES – We know people move, young adults go into the military, go away to school or move out of Mom and Dad's house. We would like your young adult/college student address and e-mail in order to keep in touch and to update our database.

Do you have a student graduating from high school or college?

Please click on the link below to update.

<https://belairumc.org/update-your-contact-information/>

## SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

# Happy Anniversary

Dave & Cheryl Firth - 53rd anniversary on 9/1  
Roger & Judy Niles - 60th anniversary on 9/2  
Frank & Doris Tillman - 49th anniversary on 9/2  
John & Ellyn Caspero - 33rd anniversary on 9/3  
Joe & Mary Schrufer - 67th anniversary on 9/3  
Jim & Sue Bragg - 62nd anniversary on 9/5  
Tim & Cathy Kogler - 29th anniversary on 9/6  
Rick & Angela Schulte - 19th anniversary on 9/7  
Gary & Brenda Tine - 48th anniversary on 9/8  
Ken & Harriet Armstrong - 54th anniversary on 9/9  
Tom & Jo Ann Boyle - 55th anniversary on 9/10  
Paul & Sandy Miller - 57th anniversary on 9/12  
Warren & Esther Pardo - 57th anniversary on 9/12  
Michael & Ashley Buzzeo - 13th anniversary on 9/13  
Dave & Melissa Harrah - 41st anniversary on 9/13  
Wayne & Jane Mason - 18th anniversary on 9/13  
Pat & Laura McJilton - 24th anniversary on 9/13  
Haley & Jennifer Ulloa - 3rd anniversary on 9/13  
John & Kim Hoerr, Jr. - 31st anniversary on 9/15  
Eric & Kristi Rosenfeldt - 20th anniversary on 9/15  
David & Cortney Alianiello - 9th anniversary on 9/16  
Stephen & Pam Whittie - 11th anniversary on 9/18  
Steven & Jennifer Barry - 23rd anniversary on 9/19  
Doug & Dannielle Ellington - 29th anniversary on 9/19  
Tim & Amalie Knabe - 34th anniversary on 9/19  
John & Laura Cavanaugh - 35th anniversary on 9/20  
David Richie, Jr. - 21st anniversary on 9/20  
Greg & Kim Sams - 7th anniversary on 9/20  
Rob & Lisa Smeltzer - 18th anniversary on 9/20  
Matt & Jenn Drzik - 25th anniversary on 9/21  
Martin & Laura Cooper - 37th anniversary on 9/22  
Toby & Cathy Bernard - 26th anniversary on 9/23



Steven & Katie Jones - 4th anniversary on 9/23  
Bob & Robin Russo - 44th anniversary on 9/24  
John & Mary Anne Andrews - 56th anniversary on 9/25  
Jason & Kristen Berret - 11th anniversary on 9/25  
Bob & Pat Sacco - 28th anniversary on 9/25  
Michael Domarasky & Susan Hower Domarasky - 9th anniversary on 9/26  
Jeffrey & Rachayl Shaffer - 6th anniversary on 9/26  
Robert & Lindsey Mayer - 3rd anniversary on 9/28  
Hugh & Leigh McCusker - 27th anniversary on 9/28  
Danny & Susan Roarty - 19th anniversary on 9/28  
Jacob & Brooke Spare - 3rd anniversary on 9/28  
Scott & Joyce Jefferson - 31st anniversary on 9/29  
Don & Diane Lassahn - 53rd anniversary on 9/29  
Cecil & Arlene Rhodes - 31st anniversary on 9/29  
David & Jenn Cearfoss - 15th anniversary on 9/30

*Happy Anniversary! May you continue to love, cherish and honor one another for years to come.*

## SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

### ***Gianna Rose Sergi***

Daughter of Jay and Andrea Sergi

### ***Eli Francis Behler***

Son of Shaun and Jennifer Behler

### ***Jillian Elizabeth Jones***

Daughter of Steven and Catherine Mary Jones

### ***Isabella Maria Leon***

Daughter of Daniel and Lucenda Leon

### ***Rowan Jacob and Teagan Joseph Parrish***

Children of Tyler and Shannon Parrish

### ***Layton Anthony Sanders***

Son of Jeremy and Ashley Sanders



### ***Adalynn Cavellier Sams***

Daughter of Gregory and Kim Sams

### ***Madeline Cornelia and Matthew Churchill Woods***

Children of Allen Woods and Melissa Woods

# Happy Birthday

09/05 - Jim Aberle  
09/07 - Jane Mason  
09/09 - Ernst Wirdel  
09/12 - Betty Myers  
09/13 - Peggy Schumann  
09/18 - Sue Bragg  
09/18 - Eric Keele  
09/20 - Sunny Pizzutelli  
09/22 - Gail Hatfield  
09/25 - Barbara Rheinhardt  
09/26 - Ellis Laubach  
09/29 - Bob Lemmon  
09/29 - Linda Mazziotto  
09/30 - Sandy Bulger



*We are pleased to celebrate the birthdates of those who are at least 80 years young!*

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## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To donate please go to

<http://bit.ly/BelAirUMCSeminaryScholarship>

### Senior Food Delivery

Regular & substitute drivers needed (one day a month for a few hours)

Contact Jamey 443-243-5578

Our **VIM Team (Volunteers In Mission)** has sent **\$1,500.00** to Haiti for disaster relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

### Help Needed

BAUMC Is looking for a Weekend custodian. With reentry from Covid we are now hosting more meetings and events in our facility. As such, our custodial needs have expanded. The shift hours for this position are 1:PM to 9: PM on Saturday's and Sunday's. As this is a part time position there are no benefits included. We are also looking for one or more "on call" custodians to help cover vacations illnesses or absences as needed.

If interested, please contact the church

Tony Ciampaglio  
Church Administrator  
[employment@baumc.com](mailto:employment@baumc.com)  
[ciampagliot@baumc.com](mailto:ciampagliot@baumc.com)  
410-838-5181 ext. 38

### Help Wanted

Looking for some individuals to help count the offering for Sunday services starting around 10:30am. The rotation would be once every eight weeks for about one hour to start. Once everything gets back to normal, it would be up to 1 ½-2 hours max. If you are interested, please reach out to Bev Jenkins at (410) 652-3115 or [jenkibe@verizon.net](mailto:jenkibe@verizon.net).

BAUMC will host the Fall session of DivorceCare from September 8 through December 15, 6:30-9:00 pm, in Room 115. DivorceCare is a video-based divorce recovery program and support group open to anyone from our church or community undergoing divorce or the associated recovery process. Our group meetings are conducted in a compassionate and confidential environment. New participants are welcome to join at any time throughout the session. We will cover the overall 13-week DivorceCare program and the special class "Surviving the Holidays". The cost is \$20 for the general workbook and \$6 for the "Surviving the Holidays" book.



For additional details, go to the "Find a Group" listing for Bel Air United Methodist Church on the DivorceCare web site ([www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)) and click on the "More Info" button. This will show details such as our weekly schedule, and also provides links for registering or for e-mailing questions to the group leader.

### HELP SUPPORT CCC - Children Christian Center

(Non-Profit Organization)



**ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 20, 2021  
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

### **DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:**

- **25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS**
- **REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD**  
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**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION**

For Shopping Passes or information, contact:  
Anjanette Jacobs - 410-420-8304 or [ccc@baumc.com](mailto:ccc@baumc.com)

For more details visit [boscos.com/friendshelpingfriends](http://boscos.com/friendshelpingfriends)

### **CCC - Children Christian Center**

Openings for 3 year olds  
in the Pre-School Classrooms

### **Attention Blood Donors:**



Those wishing to donate blood at the drive on September 13 are encouraged to sign up by calling 1-800-733-2767 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.

Thank you.  
Blood Drive Committee



One Fine Looking Truck!

Thanks be to God for a \$30,000 grant from the Maryland Food Bank that has allowed us to purchase a new truck. The truck will primarily be used to help our Food Ministry and our Furniture Ministry. Our Furniture Ministry is now fully partnered with Found in Faith Ministries located in Joppatowne, MD. The purchase of this truck will enable our congregation to continue to support the needs of the community, and to continue to help these ministries thrive. Thanks be to God!

**BAUMC's Racial Justice Team is part of "The Family," a group of people from Ames UMC and First Presbyterian Church of Bel Air. We have been meeting to connect, educate, and advocate for racial justice. The fellowship and honest discussion at our meetings has been enlightening for all of us, and we are bonding as friends. We have found that often it is in relationship that a person's perspective changes. Hearing the grief in the voice of someone who has lived through injustices has increased real awareness.**



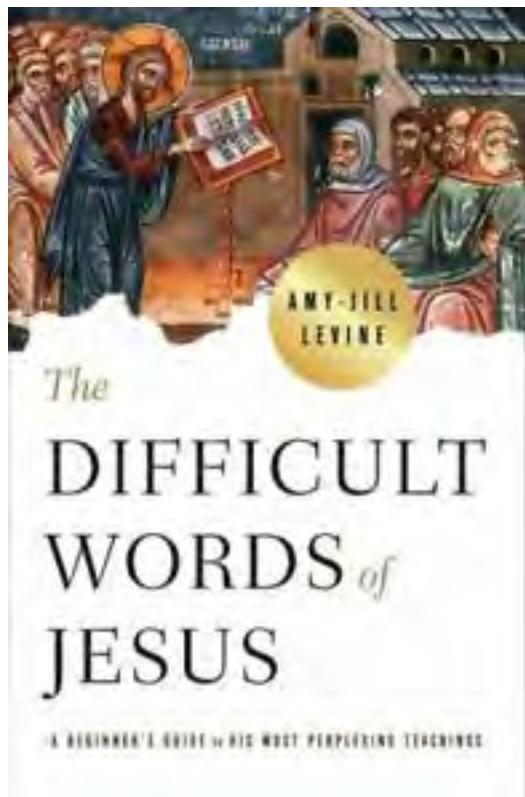
**Upon reflection, we look at how our God wanted to reconcile people to himself and to each other and did so not with a book, video, or tweet, but by sending his Son in human form to be in relationship with us. Reconciliation is relational. We believe that bringing people together can build friendships which lead to looking at the forces that led to separation in the first place and then can motivate all toward positive change.**

**On the third Sunday of the month, The Family worships together at one of our three churches. On September 19, the group will be worshipping at BAUMC. Also, The Family meets once a month on a designated Thursday evening to connect, educate and advocate.**

**Additionally, just the BAUMC Racial Justice team meets monthly to enhance our understanding of racial issues and will be meeting Tuesday, September 21, 7PM in the church library. Consider joining us for either group or both. For more information, contact [bev.talbot@verizon.net](mailto:bev.talbot@verizon.net) or [bhappick@gmail.com](mailto:bhappick@gmail.com).**

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Fall Bible study – September 28, 7PM, church library



The Difficult Words of Jesus- by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

**The Covenant Small Group** invites you to study with us as we examine some of the most difficult teachings of Jesus in a 6-week session.

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

Dr. Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel.

Contact Bev, [bev.talbot@verizon.net](mailto:bev.talbot@verizon.net) for details and to register.

### The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed. Sept. 15th at 1:00 pm in room 202  
to kick off this year's plans and to share inspiration  
and fellowship.

Please check out our Ministry Bulletin Board next to the parlor for information about what we do and how to get involved, if you are interested. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Email Cathy Bowden at [cbmentor212@gmail.com](mailto:cbmentor212@gmail.com) for further information or questions.





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