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THE SPIRE

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

All - Church Picnic and Kick - Off Sunday Exciting Things Planned for ALL Ages

September 8
11am - 12:30pm
in McComas Hall

Church Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:30 pm

CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Happy September Friends!

We had a wonderful summer gardening series! What a special treat to explore God's garden and meet some of the gardeners of God's good creation. We shift now to a new season.

Our fall series will be called: "BE LOVE" based on Rev. Tom Berlin's book, *Reckless Love*.

- Sept. 8 – Begin with Love
- Sept 15 – Expand the Circle
- Sept.22 – Lavish Love
- Sept.29 – Openhearted Love
- Oct. 6 – Value the Vulnerable
- Oct.13 – Emulate Christ

Our summer worship hours continue through September 8th. The following week, September 15th, we begin our new fall worship schedule.

- 8:00 am - Communion service in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am - Traditional worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 am - Contemporary worship in McComas Hall
- 5:00 pm - Evening worship at Mt Carmel

Thank you to all who stay faithful to God through Bel Air UM Church. You are a blessing to me as we worship, pray, and play together. And, you are a blessing to me as together we strive to "Love as Jesus Loves."

See You Sunday!

Byron



RALLY DAY! KICK-OFF SUNDAY! ALL-CHURCH PICNIC! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th! HOORAY!



Here are just some of the exciting things planned for that day for ALL ages:

- All-Church Picnic
- Backpack Blessing
- Monarch Butterfly Tagging and Release
- Care for the Earth Pledge
- Soil Erosion Experiment
- Natural Art Mandala
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Soda Tab Bracelets and Leaf Rubbings



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



**Preview Sunday School with your child on
September 8th at 9:30 a.m.**

Meet in Room 101 for Instructions. Travel with your child to their classroom. Participate in a mini large group setting and experience our Worship Response Room.

The last of our summer schedule:
8:30 Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30 Sneak Peek Sunday School
10:30 Contemporary Worship Service in McComas Hall

Please come to our indoor picnic (food starts at 11a.m.), Blessing of the Backpacks and stations from our Creation Care Team.

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A place that meets you right where you're at as a mom, a woman, and a friend.

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A mom "time out" from the hustle and bustle, the endless lists, and the continual struggle to find balance in the midst of it all.

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Join a group of women who understand.
Every Second Saturday in Rm 101 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Starting on Saturday, September 14

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You're here! Welcome to Building Better Moms.



Connecting moms right where they're at, through learning, growing and serving together.



Battle

All Ages Welcome October 5th in McComas Hall & other designated areas throughout the building.
from 2-4 p.m.

CELEBRATING SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are gatherings of seekers who meet regularly to encourage one another on their Christian walks as they study, serve, share, and grow together. A variety of small groups and classes will be featured for you to explore. BAUMC has many existing small groups that are currently full to capacity. The following ones are open to new members: Contact the church office or bev.talbot@verizon.net to register.

Sonshine Group— Gloria Benson w/ shared leadership	Sundays 1-3 PM Meet in host's home	We are a group of all ages. We meet at 1PM for lunch before our study. Our experience with The Vine has called us to make the kingdom tangible among our neighbors.	
Monday Morning Ladies Group— Beth Happick and Kathy Hughes	Monday 9:30-11:30AM Meet in host's home	We are a group of women who enjoy study and fellowship. We welcome women of all ages. Previously, we have served at Harford Family House, transitional housing for those in need, and as opportunities arise.	
Buckless Group— Betty & George Buckless	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7-9 PM Meet in host's home	We are couples and singles who welcome folks of all ages. We enjoy reading and studying the Bible and strive to put its message into practice in our everyday lives as we interact with others.	
Friday Night Small Group- Doug Bonney w/shared leadership	2nd & 4th Fridays 7-9 PM Meet in host's home	We are a group of older couples that love the Lord, love to learn from scripture, and love the close fellowship with other Christians.	
Flower Mart & Mission- Bev Talbot	Alternating Thursdays 7-9 PM Meet in host's home	We are a group of women, ages 30-60's who enjoy studying and serving together. We organize an annual flower mart for mission work & periodically serve dinner at the homeless shelter.	
Lower Lights Small Group- Al & Sandy Conway	1st & 3rd Thursday 7-9 PM Meet in host's home	We are a group of couples and singles of all ages who love Christian fellowship and study. Bimonthly we prepare frozen meals for our church casserole ministry. In December, we serve at the Toy Workshop.	
Sanders' Small Group	Meets weekly in the evening (day & time TBD) Meet in hosts home Shared leadership	We are a group of young adults in our late 20's/early 30's who enjoy fellowship activities and Bible Study time together.	
<i>You can start your own group</i>	<i>Homes, church, restaurants. You decide</i>	<i>Gathering of a few friends, family, neighbors, BAUMC folks or non BAUMC folk.</i>	<i>Over 50 DVD based studies with excellent leader guides.</i>



Did you know that we have a formidable golf team at BAUMC? Together, they have won the Harford County Welcome One Homeless Shelter Golf Tournament Cup not just once, but FIVE times. Pictured from left to right: Dave Talbot, Herb Hughes, George Buckless, and Mark Ward. (Not pictured is Les Grimm, but Les has also been in this circle of champions.) In addition to intimidating their opponents on the golf course, this wonderful team is doing their part to alleviate homelessness in Harford County. Thank you, men, for your good work.

FALL CLASS

SEPTEMBER 2019

GREEN FAITH BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays, September 10 - October 29, in the Library, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Leader - Bev Talbot

Green Faith, by Fletcher Harper, provides vision, inspiration, and practical tools to help build one's faith while inhabiting God's creation with its environmental challenges. The book discusses the Bible's teachings about ecological issues and the importance of the faith community's involvement. Concrete examples are given to engage in Earth care in bold, life-giving ways.

BAUMC NEW MEMBER DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - Sundays, September 15, 22, 29 in Pastor Byron's Office,

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Leader - Al Conway

Membership to a church is an important step in our spiritual growth and journey together. In joining the church, we affirm our love for Christ and express our desire to worship, serve, and grow in connection with others. If you have been attending Bel Air United Methodist Church for a while and would like to explore membership, this three-morning class will help you decide about membership. The class includes an overview of basic Christian beliefs and the United Methodist tradition, the mission, and core values of our church, seven traits for being disciples of Jesus, good conversation, and lots more. To register, please go to www.belairumc.org and click on **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

ON-GOING CLASSES

Sunday	07:30 AM Room 115	John Packard Memorial Men's Bible Study - Men of all ages come together to study God's Word	Doug Dorer
Sunday	09:20 AM Library	Walking With God - Biblical & topical studies are discussed challenging us to live as God's people in an ever-changing world	Mark Coughlin
Monday	09:30-11:00 AM Library	Monday Morning Bible Study - Participants come together in fellowship and study of God's Word as they grow in faith together	Sandy Gorrell & Betty Myers
Monday	7:00-9:00 PM Room 115	Women's Bible Study - Women of all ages meet to study selected Bible topics while enjoying a time of fellowship together	Libby Horn
Wednesday	10:00-11:15 AM Library	UMW Bible Study - Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, the participants enjoy a time of study and fellowship and welcome men to join them!	Pastor Deb
Wednesday (3rd Wed)	10:00 AM BAUMC Parlor	UMW Esther Circle - Women of all ages meet to study and serve together.	
Thursday (1st Thurs)	10:00 AM Library	UMW Mary Martha Circle - Women of all ages meet to study and serve together.	
Friday	06:30 AM Room 202	Friday Morning Bible Study - This men's group has early risers who meet to start their day in God's Word	Dave Walker

SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

Zachary Joseph Ogle
Son of Derek & Nicole Ogle

Benjamin Earl Schmidt
Son of David & Brittany Schmidt

Beau Maverick Rogers
Son of Charles & Adrienne Rogers



Robert Patrick Titelman
Son of Bob & Megan Titelman

Ella May Ann Grasmick
Daughter of Scott & Ashley Grasmick

Peyton James Wootan
Son of Jonathan & Lacey Wootan

Annalise Lynne Kelley
Daughter of Travis & Kelsey Kelley

Happy Birthday

09/05 - Jim Aberle
09/07 - Jane Mason
09/09 - Ernst Wirdel
09/12 - LeRoy Knepper
09/18 - Eric Keele
09/20 - Grace Lassahn
09/21 - Marian Stroupe



09/22 - Gail Hatfield
09/26 - Ellis Laubach
09/29 - Bob Lemmon
09/29 - Linda Mazzriott
09/30 - Sandy Bulgar

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

Happy Anniversary

David & Cheryl Firth who will celebrate their 51st anniversary on 09/01

Roger & Judy Niles who will celebrate their 58th anniversary on 09/02

Joe & Mary Schruefer who will celebrate their 65th anniversary on 09/03

Jim & Sue Bragg who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on 09/05

Duke & Nancy Paris, Jr. who will celebrate their 62nd anniversary on 09/07

Kenneth & Harriet Armstrong who will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on 09/09

Tom & Jo Ann Boyle who will celebrate their 53rd anniversary on 09/10

Paul & Sandy Miller who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on 09/12

Warren & Esther Pardo who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on 09/12

John & Mary Anne Andrews who will celebrate their 54th anniversary on 09/25

Don & Diane Lassahn who will celebrate their 51st anniversary on 09/29

Vince & Linda Mazzriott who will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on 09/30

We are pleased to celebrate anniversaries of those who have travelled more than 50 years in marriage together!

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

9:00 am Pass It On Ministry
9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study (L)
9:30 am Friendship Garden Club (202) - 2nd Monday
10:30 am Communion @ Brightview - 2nd Monday
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 (M, 103) or (CR 101, 103 when McComas is not available)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2 (Room 127)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 340 (125)
7:00 pm Monday Night Women's Bible Study (115)

Tuesday

2:00 PM Communion @ Forest Hill Health & Rehab
2nd Tuesday
3:00 PM Communion @ Bel Air Health & Rehab
2nd Tuesday
7:00 pm 11am Band - Rehearsal (McComas Stage)
7:00 pm AA / Sisters of Sobriety (127)
7:00 pm Green Faith Bible Class starting 9/10
7:00 pm GriefShare (115) Starting 09/3

Wednesday

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (L)
10:00 am Esther Circle (Parlor) 3rd Wednesday
11:30 am Manna House Soup Kitchen (M)
12:00 pm Clergy Covenant Group (2nd Wednesday)(202)
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)
(1st & 3rd Wednesday)
6:00 pm AA - District 28 Meeting 3rd Wednesday (202)
6:30 pm Evening Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Chapel
6:30 pm Grandparent Support Group 2nd Wednesday
(Room 202)
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Rm 130)
6:40 pm Faith Under Fire Rehearsal (M-Stage)
6:30 pm Divorce Care Room 115 starting 9/11
7:00 pm Venture Crew 777 as scheduled (Library)
7:00 pm NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness
(127) (1st & 3rd Wed)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
7:30 pm NA/Free At Last (CR 101)

Thursday

10:00 am Mary Martha Circle (L) (1st Thursday)
6:30 pm TOPS Chapter 412 (AR 103)
6:30 pm Kingdom Affect Youth Band Practice (YC)
NO rehearsals in July & August
7:30 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

Friday

6:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (Youth Center)
8:00 am GAIN Meeting (CR 101) 2nd Friday

Saturday

5:00 pm Building Better Moms (CR 101)
starting on 09/14 - 2nd Saturdays

Sunday

7:30 am John Packard Men's Bible Study (115)
8:00 am Communion Service in the Sanctuary
starting 09/15
9:00 am Morning Fellowship (202)
9:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
starting 09/15
9:15 am Middle School Sunday School (YC)
9:15 am C4 Kids (CR 101)
9:20 am Walking with God Class (L)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship in McComas Hall
starting 09/15
10:30 am Pop Small Group (115)
10:30 am Children's Choir Musical Rehearsal (CR 101)
4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (AR 103)
6:00 pm AA / Attraction Rather Than Promotion
(CR 101)
6:00 pm Sunday Night Youth (M, L, YC, 202 115)



GriefShare (our weekly grief support group) will begin our next 14-week session on Tuesday, September 3 from 7:00–9:00 pm in room 115. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to become part of the next group.



The fall session of DivorceCare will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in room 115. DivorceCare is a thirteen-week class and support group for individuals undergoing the pain and challenges of separation and divorce. It is open to anyone from our church or community who is separated or divorced. The only cost is \$15.00 for the workbook. For more information, please consult Chuck Heatwole, 410-836-2947, or the church office.

TINY TOT SCHOOL

September 5th from 5:00-7:00 PM

**Sneak-a-Peek into the Tiny Tot classrooms
and meet the teachers**

A few spots remain in our Preschool Prep class beginning in October. Two and three year old children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, creative art experience, music and movement activities and playful exploration.

Enroll today!

www.tinytotsbelair.com ~ 410-838-6399
tinytots@baumc.com

Tiny Tot School offers AM and PM Christian preschool classes for two - five year old children. Approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, the program nurtures the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional development of each child.



The Altar Guild Has A Place for You!

Do you think you could carve out 1 hour every four to five weeks? Could you find three hours once a year? Do you think you could enjoy private moments with God in the sanctuary?

These small requirements (and privileges) are all that is needed to serve our magnificent God.... directly at His altar. The opportunity is there every time we prepare for the Sunday services.

The Altar Guild is looking for the “next generation” of Guilder. We find great satisfaction and honor in serving, preparing for the worship celebration, decorating for festive holidays, helping maintain the sanctuary in good order. We carry on a precious tradition entrusted to us by a long line of ladies who have left behind handmade altar hangings, detailed guides, and pictures of past preparations; labors of love creating a rich tradition at BAUMC.

Talk with your friends and see if you all might be the ones God is inviting to serve Him. Call Kathy Frawley, 410-746-7417 or email ka.frawley1@gmail.com for more information.



Starts September 15th @ 10:30 am in the
Community Room

4 yr olds through 5th graders are invited!



Starts September 22 @ 4 pm - 6 pm in the
Choir Room 103
Grades 6 -12

In addition to rehearsal, dinner will be
provided. For details, contact Kristen Brought at
kwbrought@yahoo.com.

**Chancel Choir rehearsal begins
Wednesday, September 4th,
from 7:30pm-8:30ish in room 103**



You're invited! Singing is a lot of fun, a great opportunity to make some
wonderful friends, and a great opportunity to praise the LORD! Please join us!

Dear Members of Bel Air UMC, After 6 long months of chemotherapy
treatments and surgery, I am now cancer free. Thank you to everyone for
their calls, cards and especially prayers. The prayers were powerful. God is
good! With gratitude, Alice Paradise

To my Dear Friends at Bel Air United Methodist Church, From the bottom
of my heart, thank you so much for your prayers & thinking about me as I
recover from my full left shoulder replacement. So far, my shoulder replacement recovery is going well,
and after another two to three months of Physical Therapy, hopefully I will have full range of motion again.
During my surgery & afterwards, I encountered some medical issues. I still need to follow up with a few
doctors, so I pray that everything will be fine. Thanks again for your prayers and the wonderful get well
card. Sincerely, Larry Mize





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SUBMISSIONS FOR OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER'S** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and atteberryd@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 17.**

If you are picking up the Spire at Church but would like to see the SPIRE newsletter in color, please send Lisa Wolf your e-mail address to wolf@baumc.com or visit our web-site

www.belairumc.org

and click on the **red** tab on the left labeled "SPIRE Newsletter."

Current addressee or



- ♥ July Results ... The July Blood Drive netted 56 units of blood. On behalf of the many patients (as many as 168 people) who will benefit from these donations, we express our sincere thanks to everyone who came out in support of the Drive. The summer months are typically challenging for Blood Drives due to vacations and other activities that compete for our time, so we greatly appreciate the sacrifice made by each and every donor.
- ♥ 2019 Status Report ... Through the July Blood Drive our church has collected 279 total blood donations so far in 2019 with two more drives scheduled. Please join us on September 9 and November 11 for the remaining drives. Appointments can be scheduled on the sign-up sheet posted across from the church office. Walk-in donors are also welcomed.