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

JESUS HAS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER
JOIN US

EASTER SUNDAY - April 17

6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise Worship Service - Linwood Entrance

9:15 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary and online

10:15 am Contemporary Service in McComas Hall and online

10:30 am Kids Scavenger Hunt



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**For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the
turtle is heard in our land.**



Song of Solomon 2:11-12 (KJV)

Happy April, Friends! The annual resurrection of the earth is underway as the earth breaks forth into springtime. The spring birds are singing; the peepers are peeping. The flowers are bursting through the crust of mulch and mud, and the buds are swelling with new growth. It's the season of the renewal of life. It's the season of Easter. God plants signs of resurrection all around us. Take notice of your surroundings. Find beauty in the transformation of the world, and know that God is behind it. The ultimate triumph of life over death is underway.

Please join us in worship for the remainder of our Lenten series, and then again on Easter Sunday, and into our season of Easter. Holy Week plans are still underway. Please check our weekly eSpines and Sunday bulletins for the latest.

Join Us Easter Sunday:

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service – Under the cross on the front lawn of our main sanctuary, or inside if it's raining.
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
- 10:15 am Contemporary Service in McComas Hall

Church Closed on Easter Monday, April 18

Lenten Soup & Study

Thursday April 7th
5:30 pm - 6 pm Soup and Bread
6 pm - 7 pm Lenten Study



Please indicate if you might be interested by going to <https://bit.ly/BelAirUMCLentenSoupandStudy> and registering. We need a count for the amount of food

Questions, please contact Pastor Deb
lamplond@baumc.com

EVENSONG

WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM
BAUMC FACEBOOK LIVE

A SPECIAL TIME OF REST FROM OUR DAY AND WEEK.
A TIME TO PRAY AND RELAX IN GOD'S PRESENCE

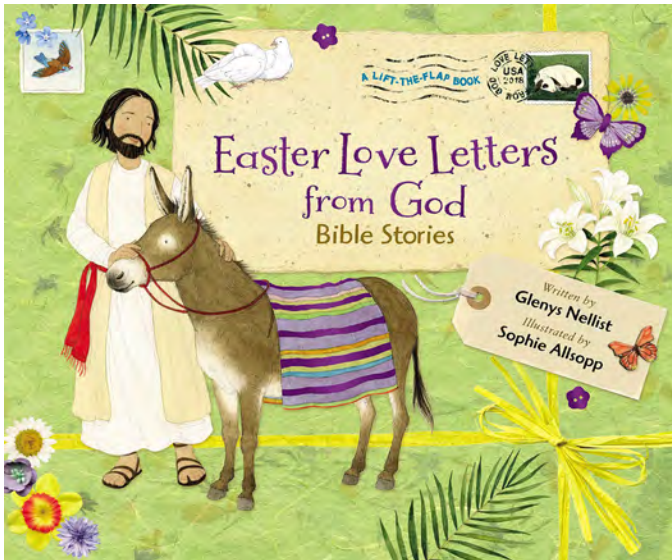
BAUMC APRIL 2022 Lent Challenge

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| 1 | Kindness | 10 | Celebrate |
| 2 | Friends | 11 | Passion |
| 3 | Celebrate | 12 | Belong |
| 4 | Waiting | 13 | Betrayal |
| 5 | Removed | 14 | Humble |
| 6 | Silence | 15 | Why |
| 7 | Faithful | 16 | Rest |
| 8 | Rested | 17 | Celebrate |
| 9 | Prayer | | |

For each day, take a photo or create a work of art inspired by the day's word, look up a scripture verse relating to or using the word, or simply talk about the word with your family and friends!

Send photos of your creativity to info@baumc.com for us to share.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Starting On Palm Sunday (April 10) and continuing through Easter (April 17) Ms. Deb will be sharing a look at that day in the life of Jesus and a Love Letter from God each day. It will be on our Kids ministry Facebook Page [C4 Kids-BAUMC](#)



save the date & time

Aug 01 - 05
5:30 pm - 8 pm
(Evening)

Theme is
FOOD TRUCKS!

Registration begins
Easter Sunday

C4 Kids QR Codes



Easter Scavenger Hunt at the Church Building on Easter Morning. We will have our Sunday Morning Kids Ministry at 9:15 am and the hunt will begin at 10:30 am. Our Confirmands have organized and are executing this Scavenger Hunt. YEAH! Come Easter morning for our Celebration of the Resurrection and a Fun Filled Scavenger Hunt following at 10:30 am



YOUTH MINISTRIES

BAUMC YOUTH GROUP

Spring Events

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays 10:15am Bible Study
Sundays 4:30-6pm Youth Group (no meeting April 17,
April 24, May 8, May 29)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Group Hike

April 24 2pm

Graduation Sunday

May 29, 2022

Bonfire and Outdoor Game Night

Sunday, June 5 4:30-6pm

Hershey Park

Monday, June 20

Summer Mission Trip to Romney, WV

July 10-16

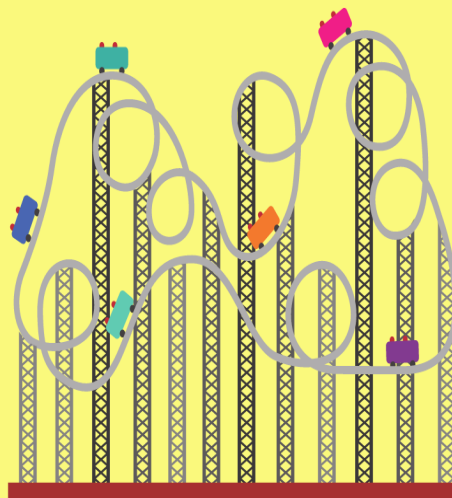
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Save the Date!

Hersheypark

Monday, June 20, 2022



**Tickets must
be purchased
by April 20 to
receive
maximum
discount**

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BAUMC Youth Ministry



[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/2395283378](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2395283378)

Follow Us on
Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/bel_air_umc/

Save THE Date



Summer Missions 2022

• ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA •

JULY
10-16

Join us for a week
of home repair
projects, worship,
friends and fun.





Scholarship Deadline Reminder

Individuals intending to apply for a 2022 Bel Air United Methodist Church scholarship are reminded that all application materials must be received no later than 3 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2022. The scholarship opportunities are (1) high school seniors who will graduate in Spring 2022 and (2) individuals who are seeking education after high school, but are not 2022 graduating seniors.

Applications for each scholarship is available on Bel Air UMC web-site <https://belairumc.org/college-scholarship-opportunities/>

BAUMC Church Pay It Forward Scholarship

The "Pay It Forward Scholarship Endowment" provides funding for individuals seeking education beyond high school. This includes traditional higher education, trade school, apprenticeships, or job training /retraining /certifications. Applicants may be:

- high school graduates;
- GED completers;
- individuals currently in the workforce;
- unemployed individuals.

While the items listed below are not requirements, preference is given to:

- Individuals attending Bel Air United Methodist Church.
- Individuals unable to continue schooling without financial assistance.
- Individuals committed to attending a local community college, trade school or apprenticeship program.

Applicants do not have to have stellar academic records, but must demonstrate a determination to attain further education/training.

The Pay It Forward Scholarship is a renewable scholarship. Successful applicant(s) are encouraged to apply for renewal and must show evidence of successful progress in working to complete his/her program.

Recipients of the scholarship are encouraged to financially support the program once established in their careers.

BAUMC Church Involvement Scholarship (for graduating high school seniors)

The Bel Air United Methodist Church Involvement College Scholarship is offered to high school seniors who are members of the church and who will be entering the first year of college in Fall 2022. Scholarship applications are reviewed and evaluated on three criteria – academic achievement, community and church involvement, and letters of recommendation. This scholarship award began in 1980 through a gift from Ben and Rachel Tobin; donations from members and friends of BAUMC fund the scholarships awarded each spring.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church Scholarship Program

Go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>
Applications are accepted online only Dec 15, 2021 - Mar 24, 2022

Both the BAUMC Church Involvement Scholarship and the Pay It Forward Scholarship are administered by the BAUMC Scholarship Committee Team. For further information on these scholarships, contact Carol Sherman (cwsherm@verizon.net).

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For quite some time now, masks have been optional except for singing. We've decided that all mask wearing may be optional. This was not an easy decision. We've tried to be so careful and cautious throughout this pandemic to protect the most vulnerable among us. As we move forward, we want you to know that masks are always encouraged. Please feel comfortable in worship with or without a mask. Do what is best for your health. In the meantime, let's make Jesus proud by continuing to love one another as he has loved us.



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=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjlQT09>

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

**NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Would you like to become a member of BAUMC?
There will be a New Members Class on Sundays May 15th, 22nd, & 29th.

To sign-up, go to

<https://bit.ly/BAUMCNewMembersProfile>

YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

All young adults, single, dating, married and
with families are invited to a gathering at
Independent Brewing Company
418 N Main St, Bel Air, MD 21014

Saturday, April 9 4pm
Food Trucks will be on site.

Contact Jeremy Sanders for questions
jms96sss@gmail.com or 678-327-8398.



APRIL MILESTONES

Happy Birthday

04/02 - Betty Reid
04/04 - Marge Norman
04/10 - Carol Reitz
04/12 - John Renshaw
04/12 - Dave Walker
04/20 - Frank Jankowiak
04/30 - Ward Lambert
04/30 - Mary Kay Brought
04/30 - Ward Lambert



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

Happy Anniversary

August & Donna Becker - 50th anniversary on 4/1
Chuck & Cherri Dippenworth - 41th anniversary on 4/4
Ken & Pat Grahe - 47th anniversary on 4/5
Tom & Dee Dee Barnhill - 51th anniversary on 4/7
Rich & Barbara Cleary, Sr - 49th anniversary on 4/7
Jeff & Kathy Springer - 43th anniversary on 4/7
Skip & Barb Panowitz, Jr. - 17th anniversary on 4/8
Fred & Yvonne Guenthner - 51th anniversary on 4/10
Eric & Mary Ann Keele - 62th anniversary on 4/16
Ed & Barb Matthews, Jr. - 39th anniversary on 4/16
Bob & Marge Norman - 64th anniversary on 4/16
Doug & Pat Bonney - 48th anniversary on 4/20
Chip & Susan Diehl - 37th anniversary on 4/20
Kurt & Edith Steiger - 65th anniversary on 4/20
Matthew & Tiffany Barrett - 12th anniversary on 4/24
Steve & Pok Schultz - 40th anniversary on 4/24
Michael & Angela Gregory - 36th anniversary on 4/25
Dave & Kathy Shaffer - 52th anniversary on 4/25
Rommel & Debbie Crabtree - 21th anniversary on 4/28
David & Selene Gorrell - 28th anniversary on 4/30
John & Donna Stuff - 37th anniversary on 4/30



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

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**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR APRIL
BEL AIR UMC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To donate please go to
<http://bit.ly/BelAirUMCScholarshipFund>

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

Family Food Distribution is Saturday, April 2nd and Saturday, May 7th 9 am - 11:45am

Volunteers 7:30 am to 12 pm

New volunteers please contact Greg at food.services@baumc.com



Many thanks to Fred Guenthner for planting four blight-resistant American Chestnut Trees on church property. The trees were a gift from The American Chestnut Foundation in an effort to save these nearly extinct, beautiful, and cherished trees.



Ready for Planting? Consider Native Plants

Finally, Spring! And the joys of watching God's plan for new growth, new birth, new life! As you plan your landscaping and gardens this year, why not consider using native plants? The Maryland Native Plant Society provides a free guide, "Landscaping with Native Plants", that can be downloaded from their website, [Maryland Native Plant Society - Home \(mdflora.org\)](https://www.mdflora.org/). In the NATIVE GARDENING section of the site, you can find a number of related links, including how to shop for native plants, native plant nurseries, and a list of resources to help answer all of your questions, along with an "Ask the Expert" link.

What is a native plant? A native plant is one that grows in a particular region without direct human intervention. On this continent, the plants that were established before European and African settlement are usually considered native species. Native plants and animals that have evolved together often depend on one another for their survival and reproduction.

Why landscape with native plants? Native plants are the foundation of a healthy, functioning ecosystem. For example, most birds feed insects to their young and our native insects require native plants in order to develop. Unfortunately, many urban and suburban landscapes are filled with non-native plants that support very little biodiversity. Some examples of these non-native, invasive plants to avoid are Bradford pear, Leyland cypress, burning bush and Japanese barberry. Native plants and the wildlife communities they support are being lost to development, invasive plants, deer browsing, and introduced pests and diseases. The good news is that we can do something about that by planting a diversity of beautiful and life-sustaining plant species in our own yards.

By planting native plants, you provide food and habitat for native wildlife, thus bringing a bit of ecological balance back to the small piece of the planet you care for. Once established, a well-chosen native plant usually doesn't need much care because it is adapted to grow in our native soils. And you will have the pleasure of watching birds, butterflies, and other creatures in your own backyard, while learning about the plants of your region.

For a list of local nurseries that sell native plants, go to <https://bit.ly/BAUMCNativePlantNurseries>. Many provide perennials, vines, shrubs and trees. Happy Planting!



swamp milkweed



cardinal flower



black-eyed susan

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BAUMC Festival of Flowers 2022
Bring us your Perennials!!!



And, as in previous years, we would love your support by **donating divided perennials** from your garden. We are looking for hostas, daylilies, black eyed Susans, iris, cone flowers, ice plants, etc., all those things that increase over the years. We will be collecting from **Sunday 5/1 through Wednesday 5/4**. Just bring them in pots, cardboard boxes or plastic bags to the Linwood entrance Please mark them with their name, growing condition preference (sun, shade, etc.) and color. Be on the lookout for a warm day to harvest from your garden! **This is a significant boost to our profits so thank you if you can donate.**

Questions? Call Kathy Frawley 410-746-7417



2022 Mother's Day
Festival of Flowers

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

Saturday, May 7th
8 am - 1:30 pm

Bel Air United Methodist Church
(at the corner of Rt. 924 & Linwood Ave)

Proceeds to support the Chabadza Zimbabwe Medical Mission
& Ukraine Relief

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



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SUBMISSIONS FOR MAY / JUNE'S NEWSLETTER

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

IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-(TALK) 8255

- Transgender Suicide Hotline: Trans Lifeline 877-565-8860

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Ukraine Relief

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Go to your Church Account - <https://bit.ly/BAUMC-UMCOR> and type Ukraine Relief in the memo line
- Mail check to church with Ukraine Relief in memo line
- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo one, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist Church.



One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause