

# THE SP<sup>IRE</sup>RE

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



**Save the date for our Community Outreach Fall Festival on  
Sunday, October 26, from 11 AM to 2 PM!**

We'll have activities with Willy Woo Woo, a petting zoo, Pet Blessings with treats, live music, food trucks, and a Trunk or Treat for the kids. We're inviting small groups, ministries, families, and individuals to host a trunk by decorating your car with a fall or ministry-themed design and passing out candy. It's a fun way to get creative and engage with our community! Sign up at the welcome desk after service or contact Pastor Lynn for more information.

# *Abraham Sermon Series*

Dear friends!

I hope that you've had a good summer, and I hope that you've had time to refresh your bodies, minds, and souls. If you've gone far from church this summer, then this is my invitation to come back home. Come back to church! Come back to worship! Come back to our center in God!



This fall, our sermon series will focus on Abraham. It will be a 7-week adventure into the life and call and faith of Abraham, Sarah, Ishmael, and Isaac. I'm excited about this series and I want you to be too. Here's a snapshot of our themes each week.

- September 7 – “Coming Home” - Genesis 11:27-30
- September 14 – “The Call of Abram” - Genesis 12:1-9
- September 21 – “Famine” - Genesis 12: 10-20
- September 28 – “Ishmael” - Genesis 13, 14, & 16
- October 5 – “Covenant Promises” - Genesis 17 & 18
- October 12 – “Isaac” - Genesis 21
- October 19 – “Sacrifice” - Genesis 22

Jews, Muslims, and Christians all find hope and purpose in Abraham. That he is as much the center of our faiths should speak to his universality. As it's typical for people to do, we find ways to make him all about us. There's far more to Abraham than this, and there's more to our God than this. Our God is a big and wonderful God, and our God has the salvation of the whole world in mind. From the moment when that voice cried out in the desert 4,000 years ago, God was calling each of us home.

Please join us on Sunday mornings. We look forward to seeing you and we look forward to our time together.

Blessings and peace,

Byron

# Our Sunday Worship Services



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

**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!**

**October 26 - 9:15 am**

## *Laity Sunday One Service*

**Sanctuary**

We are worshipping together at one service in the morning at 9:15am. On this special Sunday, our laity will lead worship.

Come out and support this wonderful ministry of the Laity as we celebrate this special time together.

Following the service, we will continue our celebration as we fellowship with one another and the community at our Fall Festival. (11am - 2pm)

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

<https://belairumc.com/PrayerTeam>

P R A Y E R

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 252 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

### *Attention Blood Drive Donors*



**SIGN UP BY CALLING 800-733-2767  
OR ONLINE AT  
WWW.REDCROSS.ORG.  
REMEMBER THAT SIGNING UP FOR  
EASY PASS WILL MAKE THE  
DONATION PROCESS FASTER AND  
EASIER.**

**September 8 from 9:30am to 8 pm in  
McComas Hall**





## God is putting our Ducks in a Row!

Starting September 7th (Sunday School Kick-off) BAUMC Kid's Ministry will be giving/getting rubber ducks to remind us of our teachings about God. For example on September 7th we will be engaging in the scripture, "You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger." The ducks for that day are a bunny and a snail. And so on it goes!  
Join us for Sunday School cuz' we're just ducky!



Backpack Blessing and Sundae Bar in Room 101  
after Youth Room Blessing  
September 7th



Has God been nudging you to help out in our Kid's Ministry?  
Contact Pastor Deb [lamptond@baumc.com](mailto:lamptond@baumc.com)

Trunk or Treat October 26 @ 11 AM to 2 PM in the church parking lot.



## Tiny Tot School

*An outreach program of BAUMC, Tiny Tot School offers preschool classes to help each child grow and thrive academically, physically, interpersonally, and spiritually.*

A few spots remain in select classes:

- Kindergarten Prep/AM Pre-K 4s – only one spot left, so act fast!
  - PM Pre-K 3s and 4s, M/T/Th
  - Preschool Prep – 2s/3s

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

### Preschool Prep

If you have or care for a 2-3 year old, you're invited to join our next session of Preschool Prep. In this unique class, the tiniest tots and their caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, a variety of music and art experiences, and playtime!

Tuesday, October 7 – December 2 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 - 12:15 p.m.  
Space is limited; enroll today!

**\*\* As the school year begins, we wish all our former and current Tiny Tots a blessed start to the 2025-2026 year!**



# YOUTH ROOM BLESSING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
10:30AM-10:45AM

All are welcome to come  
and help bless our  
updated youth room and  
our amazing students for  
the upcoming 2025-2026  
school year!

MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM

## BAUMC YOUTH MINISTRY ••6<sup>TH</sup> THRU 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE••

COMMENCING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



REIGNITE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

9:15-10:15am

Meet in Youth Room

# YOUTH CHAOS NIGHT

FOR: 6<sup>TH</sup> THRU  
12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

FRIDAY, SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 6-8:30PM

MEET IN YOUTH ROOM

EMBRACE THE CHAOS OF THE NIGHT

## CASSEROLE CREATIONS

FOR: 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12 GRADE STUDENTS

MEETING ONCE A MONTH

FROM: 6:00-7:30PM

BAUMC KITCHEN

OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

LUNCH CASSEROLE

DINNER CASSEROLE

MS. ANDREA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN PREPARING MULTIPLE  
CASSEROLE DISHES FOR FUTURE YOUTH MINISTRY  
FUNDRAISING AT CHURCH

LET MS. ANDREA KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT. PLEASE EMAIL HER @ [SERGIA@BAUMC.COM](mailto:SERGIA@BAUMC.COM)

WHY: TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR FUTURE YOUTH  
MINISTRY EVENTS & EXPENSES/ ETC.



PROVERBS 3:9-10, "HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH, WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL  
YOUR CROPS; THEN YOUR BARN WILL BE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING".



9th THRU 12th GRADE

# After-School FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
21 LINWOOD AVE, BEL AIR, MD



**MEETING SPACE: YOUTH ROOM**



SAFE ZONE TO  
HANG WITH FRIENDS



FUN GAMES &  
ACTIVITIES



WORKSPACE TO  
COMPLETE HOMEWORK



SIMPLE SNACK &  
DRINK



PARTICIPANTS MUST BE  
PICKED UP BY 4:00PM



**WEDNESDAYS: 2:15 TO 4:00PM**  
**BEGINNING SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 THRU JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026**  
(Except for Cancelled School days (weather/etc.) & Holidays)

FACEBOOK: BAUMC YOUTH MINISTRY

## Stay Connected

6<sup>TH</sup> THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

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

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

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

Any questions/ concerns feel free to reach out to Ms. Andrea at [Sergia@baumc.com](mailto:Sergia@baumc.com).

## Middle School Sunday School

Middle School Bible Study meet on Sundays  
at 9:15 am in the Youth Center

## Youth Group

The Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets the 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of the month from 4:30 pm - 6 pm

### BAUMC YOUTH GROUP

\*\*6<sup>TH</sup> THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE\*\*

REIGNITING  
YOUTH'S  
FAITH  
IN JESUS

MEETING EVERY  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY

FROM:  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

MEET IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM

COMMENCING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



A vibrant purple and pink poster for a Karaoke & Halloween Costume Party. The word 'Karaoke' is written in large, glowing, multi-colored letters. Below it, '& HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY' is written in smaller, pink, outlined letters. A large, glowing microphone is positioned in the center. To the right, the date 'FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>' is written in large, white, outlined letters, with 'FROM: 6-9PM' below it. At the bottom, there are three circular images showing groups of people in costumes. The text 'BAUMC YOUTH MINISTRY' is on the bottom left, and '6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE -MEET IN YOUTH ROOM-' is on the bottom right.

Karaoke  
& HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM:  
6-9PM

BAUMC  
YOUTH  
MINISTRY

6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
-MEET IN YOUTH ROOM-





## GriefShare


Grief recovery support group

Supporting you through your grief journey.  
Find comfort. Find community.  
September 2 - December 2

**Tuesdays**  
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Bel Air UMC  
Parlor

✦ Surviving the Holiday - November 4 ✦  
This requires a separate registration



## Game Day

*Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> & Oct 7, 2025 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Room 202*

Members and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Light refreshments will be served.

We will provide games, however if you have a favorite game please bring it along.

For information or questions, contact Cindy Graham

[dgcg6056@gmail.com](mailto:dgcg6056@gmail.com)

To View Bel Air United Methodist Church Calendar go to

[https://belairumc.com/Events\\_Calendar](https://belairumc.com/Events_Calendar)

Add it to your Home screen on your phone!



# Toy Workshop 2025

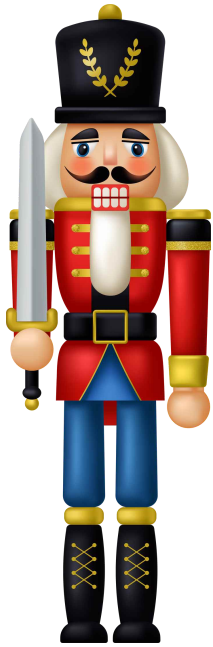
The Toy Workshop's Mission is to collect, check, clean and repair toys. We also put together gift baskets for mom, dad and teens; baby sets; and stockings which are all given to those in need at Christmas.

Our 2nd mission is to support those groups helping these children such as their families, teachers, guidance counselors and social service agencies.

To receive help, the family will need to reach out to their case worker at Social Services or Toys for Tots.

Our 3rd mission is to recycle used toys and give the opportunity for others to pass on their gifts for baskets, baby sets, dress up clothes, etc.

Our 4th Mission is to bring people of our church and the community together to join for a worthwhile, needed and fun project.



## Toy Collection - November 3 - 24

It is time to start collecting your new, nearly new or repairable toys for the Toy Workshop.

Toys of all kinds

Cars & trucks

Kitchen sets

Dolls & clothes

Barbies & clothes

Build a Bears & clothes

Books

Games

Electronics

Art/crafts sets

NO Large Items or

bikes

Please include DIRECTIONS and BAG TOGETHER PARTS for toys or games.

# GIFT BASKETS for mom, dad, teen girls, teen boy



## BASKETS

Hats  
Gloves  
Scarves  
Socks  
2026 calendars  
Pens  
Small games  
Mugs

Shampoo  
Body Wash  
Deodorant  
Body Lotion  
Toothpaste / toothbrushes  
Make-up  
Nail polish  
Shaving cream  
Small gifts

## TOY WORKSHOP November 28 - December 5

Please join us to help provide toys and gifts for children at Christmas, to join in the fun and fellowship with us and to accomplish a huge recycling project.

We check, clean and repair toys and add batteries. We fill stockings, make gift baskets and much more. Questions? Coming as a group? Email Elaine Ziegler at [elainezig1@yahoo.com](mailto:elainezig1@yahoo.com)

To donate please go to  
<https://belairumc.com/ToyWorkshop>

All donations will help pay for storage pods and purchase parts and batteries for toys.



Toy Workshop





## SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need regular & substitute drivers on the last Thursday of each month

To volunteer, contact Jamey 443-243-5578



## MANNA HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

We need volunteers to serve food every Wednesday, 10 am - 12 pm

To volunteer, contact [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)



## ALTAR GUILD

### Want to Serve God in His House

The Altar Guild is a group of women who care for the Sanctuary at BAUMC and ensure that the altar is lovely and properly set up for Worship every week. The duties are light, requiring about one hour every four weeks in regular times with the opportunity to have more fun when holidays roll around. We would love to add some fresh ideas and energy to our ministry. It really is a great blessing! Stop by our table on the Ministry Fair day, 9/14/25 to learn more or contact Kathy Frawley at [ka.frawley1@gmail.com](mailto:ka.frawley1@gmail.com)



## FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need volunteers to help bag and distribute food on the first Saturday of each month

7:30 am - 11:30 am

To volunteer, contact [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)



## Habitat for Humanity Panel Build

On July 26th, BAUMC had around 25 volunteers armed with hammers to create door and window frames. Habitat staff set-up the work site in our parking lot and provided donuts and coffee. This panel build was the 10th year our church raised enough funds to conduct one. We will also be sponsors for a future house. A fun and worthwhile morning for everyone.



Did you know...

- BAUMC has a thriving Prayer Shawl Ministry that supplies beautiful hand-crafted shawls, comfort blankets, prayer squares and mini prayer squares and hearts to all people in our church, hospital and community who are in need of spiritual support and prayer?
- Our purpose in sharing these special gifts is to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, to bring God's message of hope to those in despair.
- The Prayer Shawls and other Prayer items are delivered with cards explaining the special meaning of our ministry.
- Prayer items are free of charge and are lovingly knitted and crocheted by wonderful volunteers, who donate their time, effort and yarn generously.
- At our meetings we share inspirational Christian messages and we pray for recipients, workers, and all requesting support and friendship.
- Our group meets on the second Wednesday each month at 12:30 pm in room 202.

We are grateful for the fellowship, support, and opportunities we have at Bel Air United Methodist Church to "Love as Jesus Loves." For questions or more information of ways to join in or support our efforts, please contact the church office or message Cathy Bowden at [catbowden218@yahoo.com](mailto:catbowden218@yahoo.com)

## CHANCEL CHOIR

OUR FIRST CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL WILL BE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM.

MEET & GREET AT 6:30PM AT OUR FIRST REHEARSAL

OUR FIRST SUNDAY TO SING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 14TH AT THE 9:15 SERVICE.





## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2SeminaryScholarship>



Give 2 Seminary Scholarship



## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER CONGREGATIONAL RELIEF FUND

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2CongregationalRelief>



Give 2 Congregational Relief



## HELP OUR CHURCH HOST COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

To donate please go to

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



Community Outreach

**Get  
Connected  
with Your  
Church  
Family**



**To Sign Up for Realm please go to  
<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/Account/Start>  
or scan the QR code**



**Realm Sign-Up**

## **You Control Who and What can be Seen by Other Congregants**

**Just go to Setting - Privacy**



**Scan the QR Code to download the Connect App.**

**Update your personal information  
Mobile Check-In (Worship Service &/or Class)**

**Give Online - one time & /or recurring gifts  
View giving history & Print giving statement  
Make & Keep track of pledges**

**Download  
Connect  
App  
Today!**



## **Bel Air UMC Volunteer Opportunities**

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

**Stay  
Connected  
with Your  
Church  
Family**



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





**Do you have a heart for ministry?**

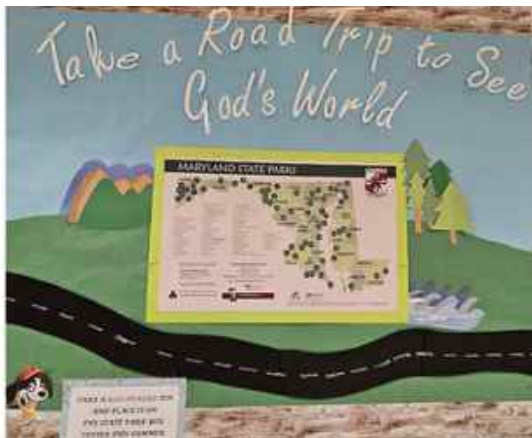
## **Bel Air United Methodist Church MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR**

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
9:15 AM – Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 AM – Worship in McComas Hall

Our Mission & Ministry Leaders are excited to share how you can have a Heart for Ministry in our church, in the community, and around the world.

At the conclusion of each worship service, we will provide Tour Guides and a Roadmap that you can use to find your direction along our Pathway to Mission & Ministry!

Join us on this journey to discover God's guidance in your life.



Have you visited a Maryland State Park this summer? Check out the Creation Care Team bulletin board in the parlor hallway and place a red headed pin in the numbers for your State Park visits. You might even be inspired to visit some of the lesser-known parks.

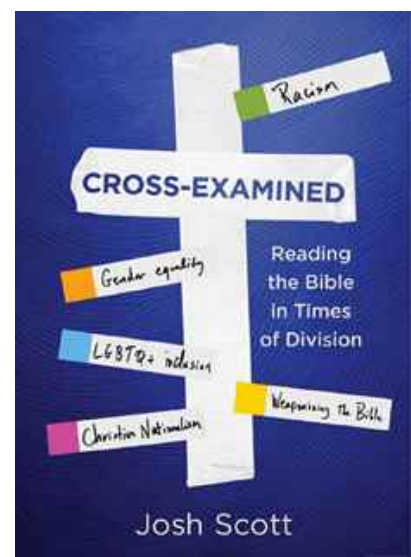
### **Small Group Bible Study**

“Cross-Examined: Reading the Bible in Times of Division” by Josh Scott.

Tuesdays, 7 pm - 8:30 pm  
9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11

Church Library

Contact Bev to register- [bev.talbot@verizon.net](mailto:bev.talbot@verizon.net)



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 wolfl@baumc.com.

**E-spire articles are due by Wednesdays at noon.**

**E-mail to carmenc@baumc.com**

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Current addressee or

Body



Body

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF BAUMC?**

**THERE WILL BE A NEW MEMBERS CLASS ON SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7, 14 AND 21**

**10:30 AM IN THE LIBRARY**

**BE PREPARED TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 21**

**To sign-up, go to**

**<https://belairumc.org/new-members/>**

#### 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 NOVEMBER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in the NOVEMBER edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolfl@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by 12 noon, Monday, October 20.

**Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm**  
**Church Building is Closed on Monday, September 1**  
**in observance of Labor Day**