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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 9**



6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise Worship Service - Under the cross on the front lawn of our main sanctuary, or inside if it's raining

9:15 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary and online

Cantata - 9:15am Service

10:15 am Contemporary Service in McComas Hall and online

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## *Holy Thursday Labryrinth*



McComas Hall 7 pm - 9 pm

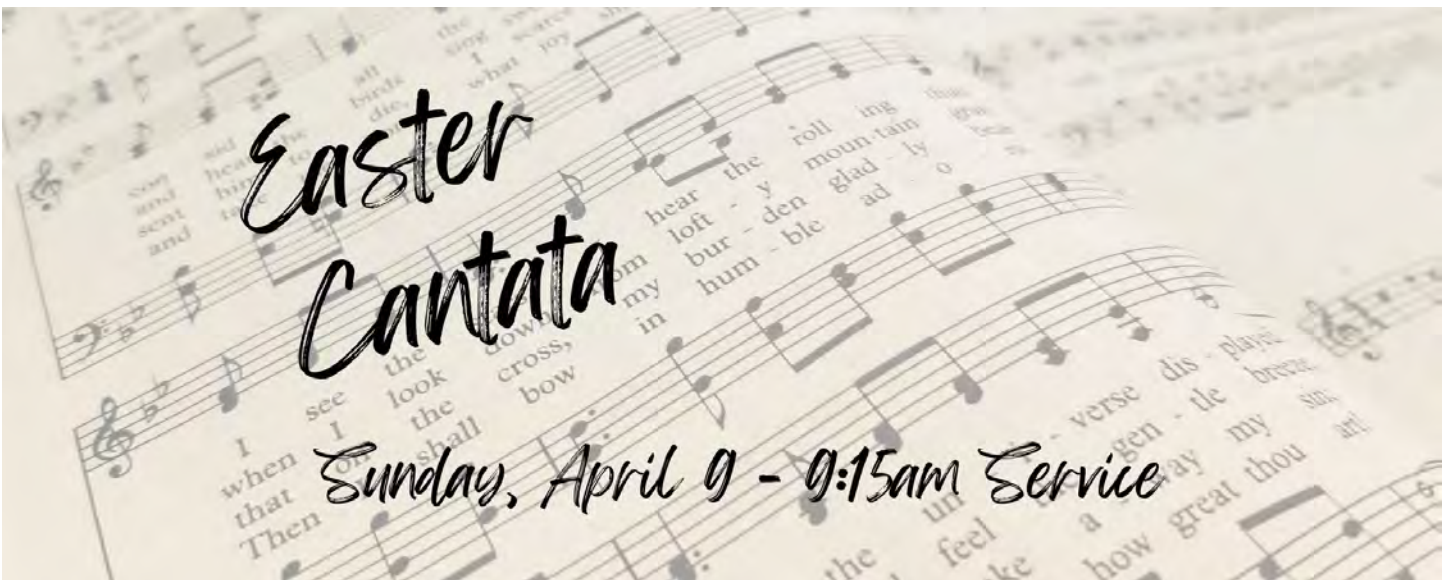
At 7p.m. we will gather for a short worship time then proceed to Self Directed Prayer Walk

Good Friday  
Service  
7:00 pm  
Sanctuary



## *Easter Cantata*

*Sunday, April 9 - 9:15am Service*





# BAUMC 2023 LENT CHALLENGE

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors.

Something we can all do is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money to a local non-profit of your choice. Be sure to let us know at the welcome desk which charity you chose! If you're looking for a non-profit, here are some suggestions: Luna's House, Humane Society, Harford Family House, SARC, Habitat for Humanity, Found in Faith or a local school just to name a few!

For each day, put the number of coins for each item listed in your house into a jar and watch it fill up!

## FEBRUARY

for every...

- 22 lamp
- 23 light switch
- 24 candle
- 25 flashlight
- 26 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 27 box of cereal
- 28 can of soup

## MARCH

for every...

- 1 type of bread
- 2 jar of jelly
- 3 bottle of salad dressing
- 4 jar of peanut butter
- 5 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 6 baseball hat
- 7 pair of shoes
- 8 pair of pants
- 9 coat
- 10 t-shirt
- 11 sweatshirt
- 12 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 13 ball or piece of athletic equipment
- 14 electronic video game
- 15 smart device

- 16 television
- 17 doll or stuffed animal
- 8 board or card game
- 19 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 20 box of band-aids
- 21 bottle of vitamins
- 22 box of tissues
- 23 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 24 toothbrush and tube of toothpaste
- 25 cough drop
- 26 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 27 room in your house
- 28 electrical outlet in your house
- 29 chair in your home
- 30 desk
- 31 bathroom

## APRIL

for every...

- 1 bed
- 2 say a pray for a local non-profit
- 3 Bible
- 4 book of hymn or sacred songs
- 5 cross
- 6 prayer you prayed today
- 7 story of Jesus you can tell
- 8 person in your family



## APRIL BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY

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# APRIL YOUTH EVENTS



## **Weekly Sunday Events**

9:15am 6th & 7th Grade  
Sunday School

10:30am High School  
Bible Study



## **Youth Group Game Nights**

Sundays, April 2 and 16

4:30-6pm



## **Spring Retreat**

April 21-23  
Camp Pecometh  
\$125

Sign-up here:



## **Summer Missions**

June 25-July 1  
\$400

Sign-up here:







# BAUMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE!



## **BAUMC High School Graduating Senior Scholarship**

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 2023. 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, and donations from members and friends of BAUMC fund the scholarships awarded each spring.

## **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.

**TO APPLY:**

**[HTTPS://BELAIRUMC.ORG/COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIP-OPPORTUNITIES/](https://belairumc.org/college-scholarship-opportunities/)**





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## *Calling All Parents!*

Parents Fellowship

April 16 @ 10:30 - 11:45 in Room 101

Coffee/Tea and Conversation

Childcare provided!!

## *Tiny Tot School Art Show & Ice Cream Social*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

THE TINY TOTS HAVE BEEN CREATING A VARIETY OF ARTWORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THEIR MASTERPIECES! COME ENJOY AN ART GALLERY WALK BEGINNING IN THE LOBBY OF THE ARMSTRONG BUILDING, FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM WITH TOPPINGS.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



## HELP WANTED



### MORNING FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to volunteer to help with coffee, drinks and breakfast snacks, please contact Pastor Lynn or Meg or sign-up during Fellowship



### FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

8:00 am - 12 pm

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

## Small Groups Info

In order to keep our webpage and database current, please let us know if you are currently leading a small group and where and when. Please contact Lisa Wolf at [wolf1@baumc.com](mailto:wolf1@baumc.com)



### 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)



### SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need regular & substitute drivers. Last Thursday of each month

To volunteer, contact Jamey 443-243-5578



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*Thank you* ✨

We want to express our gratitude for all your concerns, gifts, thoughts, and prayers during the illness and passing of my husband and children's father Jack Bowman. Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express. We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family.

Affectionally, Sarah and Family

### **Thank YOU from the Creation Care Team!**

The Creation Care Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed bags and their time to the Plastic Bag Homeless Mat Project.



**We are now no longer collecting plastic bags or plarn.**



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

**To donate please go to**

**<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/give/ScholarshipFund>**



## Homestead Progress Update - Spring 2023



This is a summary of the message presented by John Caspero during worship on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

The Homestead Sub-Committee and the Board of Trustees would like to update the congregation on the progress for the sale of the four-lot subdivision and The Homestead house.

We are happy to report that we are very close to “the end of the beginning.” In other words, a lot of the administrative approvals that we need from the Town of Bel Air are very close to completion, so we expect to promptly move to the next steps in the plan with respect to The Homestead property.

Over the past year, we have been working with Frederick Ward Associates (FWA) on the site plan to divide up The Homestead property into parcels for development, for sale, and to be retained by the church. The approval process included a stormwater management plan, forest conservation plan, proposed boundaries for lots, driveways, water and sewer, and sidewalks. That updated final site plan is available on the bulletin board outside the Narthex.

Diane Sengstacke is now assisting with the next phase. This involves the legal work which will enable the church to settle on the four lots, put The Homestead house on the market, and to transfer the portion of the land that will be retained by the church. This includes recording deeds, declarations, and easement agreements. We expect to have those documents completed with the recording of the final plat.

As you may recall, we announced that Lee Tessier will be listing The Homestead property soon. Once the legal work is completed and the final plat is recorded, the Lee Tessier Group will be notified. We expect that very soon you may see signs and activity around that portion of the property. Additionally, Bob Ward Homes will be the owner/builder/developer of the four lots in the back of the property. They have sent us examples of the houses proposed for those sites, and one possible option is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested and curious. After ownership of the four lots has transferred to Bob Ward Homes, they will be offering those lots for sale and building new homes on them. We will keep you informed of the expected time table to offer the lots for sale.

As always, I would like to thank the committees that have continued to work on this project to keep things moving forward. There is still quite a bit to be done, and many changes to the property are anticipated. But as you can see, we are close to the end of the beginning.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Doug McCorkle at 410-937-6283, [doug.mccorkle@outlook.com](mailto:doug.mccorkle@outlook.com), or John Caspero at 410-236-1203, [jfcaspero3@gmail.com](mailto:jfcaspero3@gmail.com).



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## **2023 MOTHER'S DAY FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

Saturday, May 13 8 am - 1:30 pm

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

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

## Interested in “playing” with flowers?

Help showcase God's beautiful creations by lending a hand for the Mother's Day Festival of Flowers before the event or at the festival on Saturday, May 13.

Proceeds support missions abroad and locally. Contact [bev.talbot@verizon.net](mailto:bev.talbot@verizon.net) for details.



**Church Closed on Easter Monday, April 10**



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All Bel Air UMC parishioners are invited to attend

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 777'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday, April 14, 2023 from 5 pm - 7 pm



Please contact Hope Yamagata at 443-616-4819 for any additional information

- All money from the dinner funds Scout activities to include monthly camping trips, Summer Camp and high adventure trips!
- Tickets can be purchased at the door \$15/adult, \$10/ Children 5 - 11, Children under 5 eat for free



## **Spring Wildflower Hike**

Saturday, April 15 9:00 – 11:00 am

Join the Creation Care team for a moderate level hike at Palmer State Park in Street. We'll enjoy approximately 5 miles through the forest, with some rocky pathways and gorgeous views along Deer Creek. Observe many varieties of wildflowers including bloodroot, rue anemone, cutleaf toothwort, showy orchid and more. For more info or to register, email Sheryl Pedrick at [sherylpedrick@hotmail.com](mailto:sherylpedrick@hotmail.com).





We are excited that our church is transitioning to a new church management database called REALM. This system has many wonderful features such as the ability to communicate with your group (s), manage your on-line giving, update your profile, register for events/classes, worship service check-in and more.

Implementation of our new system is being done in phases. It's our hope to be fully on board by the end of April. In the meantime, look for our communications that will let you know where we are and what we need you to do.

Thank you for your patience. And if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wolf - REALM Implementation Leader.

Dear Donor,

Please review your first quarter 2023 statement carefully. Our contribution recording software was upgraded at the end of February. We want to be sure that your generous contributions are acknowledged by our new software. If you spot a discrepancy, or have a question, please contact the bookkeeper, Meg Kolarik.

Also, if you gave in January, February or March of 2023 and do not get a statement, please let us know.

We hope to have statements out in mid April.  
Thank you.





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**SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 29, 2023**  
**8AM - 3PM**

Join us for the day to help  
LaTerra's home!

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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm**

## SUBMISSIONS FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **MAY's** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolfi@baumc.com](mailto:wolfi@baumc.com) and [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto:carmenc@baumc.com) by **12 noon, Tuesday, April 21st.**



## 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