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



Easter Sunday April 20

6:45 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
10:15 am Contemporary Service in McComas Hall and online
2 pm - Mt Carmel Worship

Resurrection Peace

We are Easter people! We see everything through different eyes because of Easter. Life is different. We look forward to coming to church. We look forward to celebrating our faith. We look forward to the wonderful ways that God has spoken to us, and loved us, and called us. Death is different. Death is that great, fearful chasm. No one wants to go through that valley or experience that loss. But because of Easter, even death is temporary. We know that because Jesus lives, we live too. We can have abundant life in the here and now, and we can live with sure and certain hope of the life to come. In the meantime, we can simply enjoy this life that we've been given, living for God and sharing our love with one another.

Come celebrate Easter with us! It's rather late this year: April 20th. Remember the formula for dating Easter? It's always the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the Vernal Equinox (aka. - The first day of Spring)

Please join us for Holy Week services:

- ❖ Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm – Combined Worship at Ames UMC (Ames, Asbury, John Wesley, and Bel Air United Methodist Churches)
- ❖ Evensong – April 17, 7pm (Facebook Live)
- ❖ Good Friday, April 18
 - 12 pm – Worship at Mt. Carmel – led by Pastor Byron and Deb
 - 7 pm – Worship at our main Sanctuary – led by Pastor Lynn
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, April 20**
 - 6:45 am – Sunrise Service on the front lawn of the sanctuary underneath the cross. Bring a lawnchair.
 - 7 am - 9 am – Easter Breakfast in Room 202
 - 9:15 am – Sanctuary Worship
 - 10:15 am – McComas Hall Worship
 - 2:00 pm – Mt. Carmel Worship

See you soon,

Byron



Family Passover Meal

April 11 at 6:30 pm Room 101

Passover Seder designed for families with children. We will explore with Questions, Food, Plagues and Stories!

Please RSVP for our food acquirement.

lamptond@baumc.com



Easter Cantata

Palm Sunday, April 13

9:15 am Service



Self - Guided Prayer Labyrinth

McComas Hall

Holy Thursday 2 pm - 8 p.m.

Good Friday 2 pm - 6 pm



Evensong

Thursdays at 7 pm
on Facebook Live with Pastor Deb





Holy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7 pm - Combined Worship at

AMES UMC

112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Good Friday Service

12:00 pm Mt Carmel Chapel

7 pm - Worship at our main Sanctuary



Mt. Carmel Chapel

April 6th @ 11am Spruce up Mt Carmel Chapel & Grounds
Wear your Garden and Cleaning clothes to church and come on out to the Chapel after worship. Clean up our flower beds, dust and even wash windows. Or you can spruce then attend worship at the Chapel @ 2 p.m. Love to have you.
Mt. Carmel Chapel - Good Music, Good Study, Good People.

Join the Prayer Team via Zoom

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

<https://belairumc.com/PrayerTeam>

PRAYER

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 252 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

Sermon by Phone

410-800-4472

"Sermon by Phone" enables people to call in and hear the scripture reading and sermon. The information is updated weekly.



We are Bel Air United Methodist Church

We are thrilled to unveil our newly redesigned website, and we couldn't have done it without the amazing dedication and hard work of Alex Coulson.

Please take a moment to browse our new site at www.belairumc.org and let us know what you think. To our Ministry leaders, please share your comments and suggestions to help us continue improving our online presence.

Don't forget to follow us on Social Media. The 10:15am Contemporary Service is now live streamed via Bel Air UMC Youtube channel. Please subscribe to our channel and click on the little bell to turn on notifications.

Youtube Live

<https://www.youtube.com/@belairumc2425/streams>

<https://belairumc.com/1015ContemporaryYouTubeLink>

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ann Laprade, will be retiring this June.

There will be a farewell worship service and reception for her on Sunday, June 8th, at 2:00 pm, at Fallston United Methodist Church.

We are thankful of Rev. Laprade's ministry and her service to the churches, and to the conference mission center. If you'd like to attend, you are more than welcome and encouraged.

Please RSVP to Pastor Byron by May 9th so that Fallston UMC can plan for food. Thank you!



EASTER EXPEDITION

DISCOVER THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

BAUMC Kid's Ministry Easter Morning 9:15 am



<https://www.belairumc.com/VBS>

VBS

Registration is Open!

August 4 - 8; 9 am - Noon



Joshua 1: 9 The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Tiny Tot School Art Show

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Tiny Tots have created a variety of artwork throughout the school year, and we are excited to share their masterpieces! Come enjoy an art gallery walk beginning in the lobby of the Armstrong building and stay to enjoy ice cream if you can.

All are welcome!

Youth Group

**The Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd
Sundays of the month from 4:30 pm - 6 pm**

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 one or both questions.

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



College / Graduation Information



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 2025. 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.

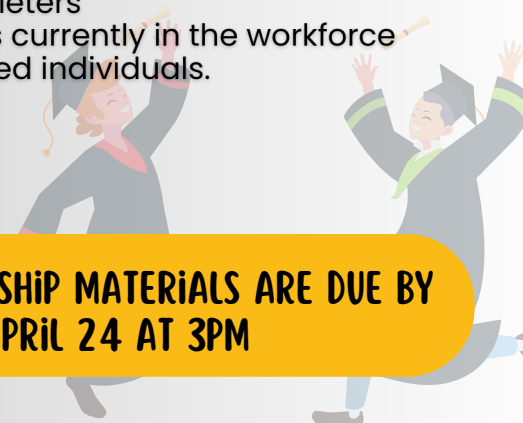
Applicants may be:

- 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/)
[QUESTIONS: INFO@BAUMC.COM](mailto:INFO@BAUMC.COM)

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS ARE DUE BY
APRIL 24 AT 3PM**



PASS IT ON MINISTRY

**We need volunteers
for this ministry.**

If you are able to help, please contact
one of the Pastors or the Church Office.
Thank you!



MANNA HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

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

To volunteer, contact
food.services@baumc.com



SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

To volunteer, contact
Jamey 443-243-5578



FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

7:00 am - 11:30 am

To volunteer, contact
food.services@baumc.com

College Box Ministry

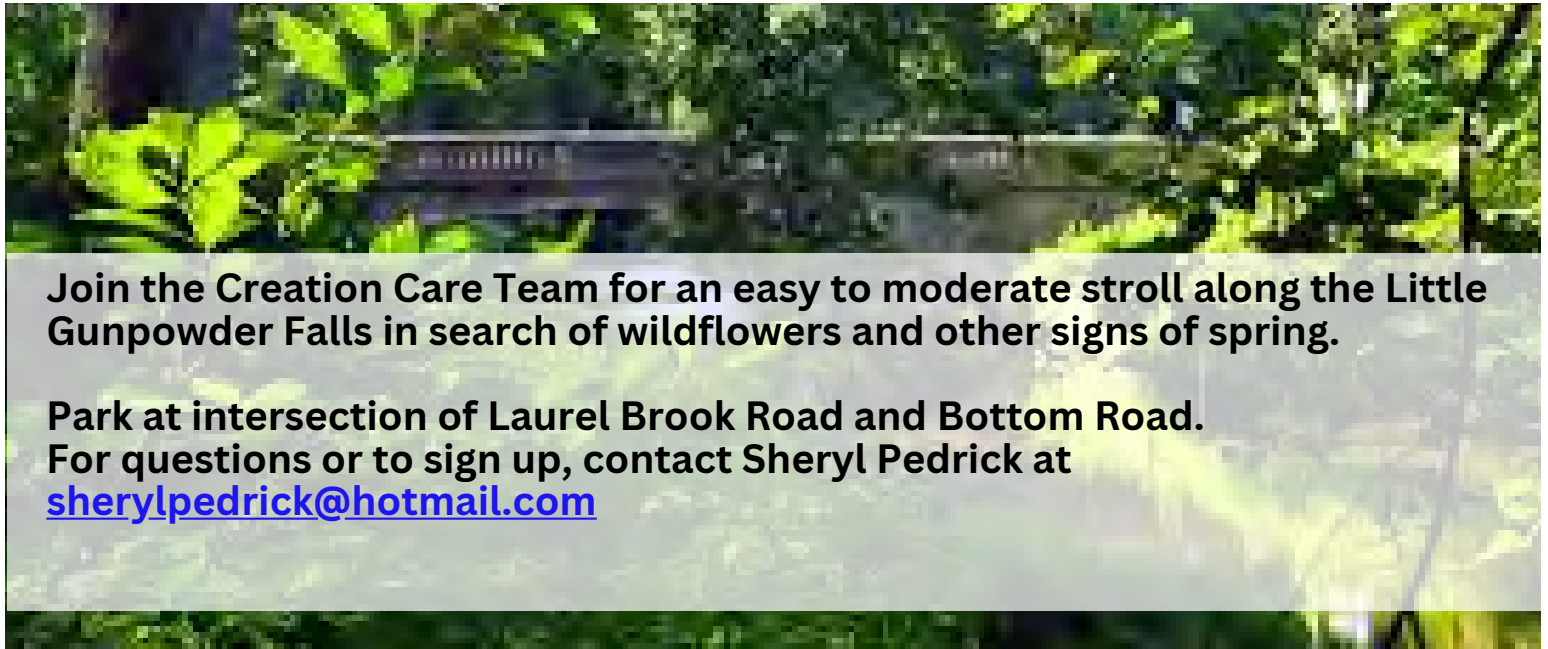
Please help us support our college students! We will be collecting
donations of packaged snacks and treats thru Sunday, April 13th in a bin
next to the Information desk.

To remind our college-age students that they are loved, we will be
assembling care packages the evening of Tuesday, April 15th to get them
sent out in time for final exams.

If you would like to help, please contact Cathy Kogler at (410) 322-9361
or Cathy.Kogler@verizon.net



**Creation Care Spring Hike
Gunpowder State Park (Fallston)
Sunday, April 13
Leave the church by 10:45am or
Meet at the trail around 11am**



Join the Creation Care Team for an easy to moderate stroll along the Little Gunpowder Falls in search of wildflowers and other signs of spring.

**Park at intersection of Laurel Brook Road and Bottom Road.
For questions or to sign up, contact Sheryl Pedrick at
sherylpedrick@hotmail.com**

Earth Day Activities

**Saturday, April 26 - Road Clean Up
9 am - 11am**

Join the Bel Air Lions Club at Park & Ride in Rock Spring across from Giant, to clean Rt. 924, between Park and Ride and Vale Road

**Sunday, April 27 - Flower Sale
9 am - 11am**

Immediately following the 9:15am Worship Service in the Welcome Area

Plants include lavender, coleus, zinnia, lantana, cosmos, ageratum and more





Stephen B Jones

Stephen is resigning after 11 years of faithful service to Bel Air UMC to pursue his career. Stephens's last day will be Friday, April 4th.

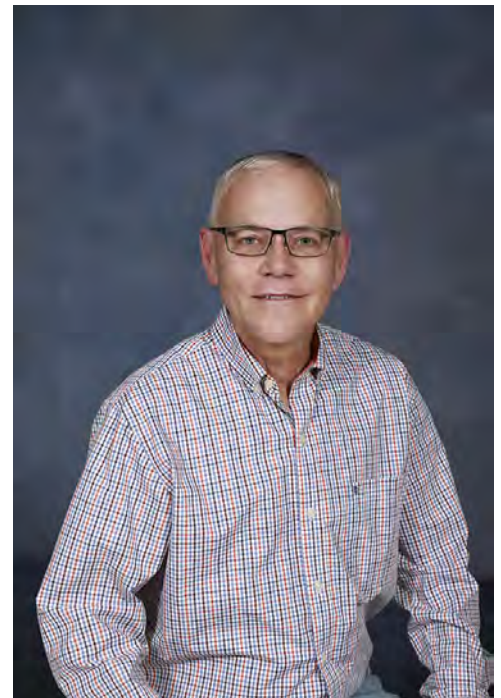
If you would like to send him a card, please drop it off to the church office and we will mail it out to him.

Good Luck in your new job!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Chuck Heatwole

We want to extend a huge thank you to Chuck for his incredible dedication and service in leading our Divorce Care ministry for the past 15 years. His commitment has touched countless lives, offering healing, hope, and support to those navigating difficult times. His compassion and unwavering support have made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for all the lives he has helped.

As we move forward, if anyone feels called to continue this important ministry and support others in similar journeys, please reach out to us. We welcome anyone who feels led to step into this role and carry on the legacy of care and encouragement that Chuck has built. Thank you again, Chuck, for your amazing service and the difference you've made in so many lives.



To View Bel Air United Methodist Church Calendar go to
https://belairumc.com/Events_Calendar



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR APRIL BEL AIR UMC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2ScholarshipFund>



Give 2 Scholarship Fund



HELP US MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH IN A CONDITION BEFITTING THE PLACE WHERE GOD IS WORSHIPPED

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/give2BuildingFund>



Give 2 Welcome 1 Mission 2 Unity

Welcome One Homeless Shelter Volunteers Needed to Cook & Serve in 2025

Every month on the 27th, Bel Air United Methodist Church volunteers to cook and serve a meal at the homeless shelter in Belcamp. A team of three to four people is needed each month. All the foods are provided through the Neighbors in Need Food Ministry (no expenses to volunteers).

The hours are from 4:15 - 7 pm.

Location is: 1221 C Brass Mill Road (right off route 543) in Belcamp 21017

Go to <https://belairumc.com/2025CooknServe> to sign-up
or contact Lisa Wolf at 410-838-5181 or wolf@baumc.com.

We will have a support staff for volunteers who are volunteering for the first time.





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CONFERENCE STAFF

Bishop - Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling
District Superintendent - Rev. Ann Laprade

BEL AIR UMC STAFF

Lead Pastor - Rev. Byron E. Brought
Associate Pastor - Rev. L. Lynn Boyd
Family Pastor - Rev. Deb Lampton
Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director - David Tramontana
Bookkeeper - Meg Kolarik
Administration Specialist/Mgr - Lisa Wolf
Administration/Congregational Care Asst. - Cheryl Carmen
Hospitality Coordinator - Alice Archer
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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 MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **MAY/JUNE** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolfi@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, APRIL 22.**

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Save the Date

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

GAME DAY

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

1:30-3:30 PM in the Room 202

Light refreshments will be served.

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

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(410-838-5181)

For information or questions, contact
Cindy Graham
dgcg6056@gmail.com

Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
Church Closed on
Easter Monday, April 21