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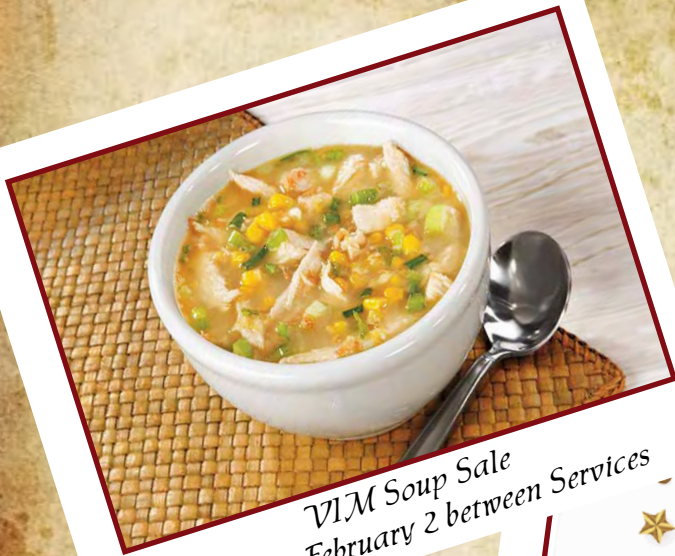
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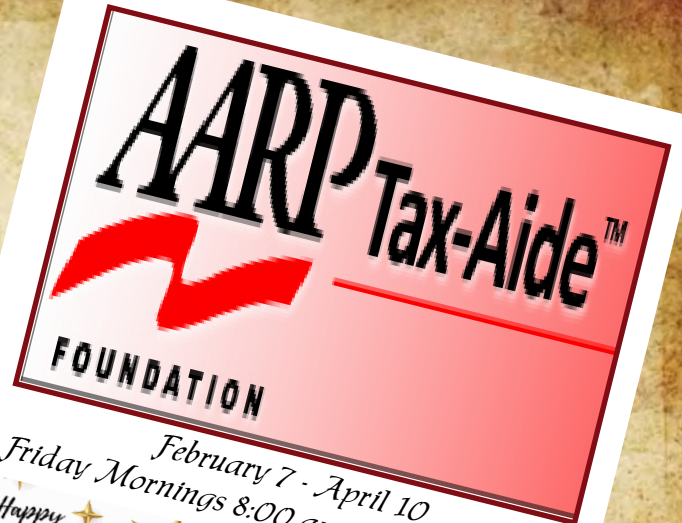
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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*VIM Soup Sale
Sunday, February 2 between Services*



*February 7 - April 10
Friday Mornings 8:00 am - 1pm Room 202*



*Happy New Year
from your Friends & Staff at BAUMC*



*Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 25 5 pm*



*Ash Wednesday, February 26
Worship Service 7pm Sanctuary*

NEW MEMBER DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - SUNDAYS, JANUARY 12, 19, 26
PASTOR BYRON'S OFFICE, 10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

How Do I Become a Member of Bel Air United Methodist Church?

We're glad you asked! We are always blessed to receive new members into our church family. Membership is an important step in our spiritual growth and in our 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 for a while and would like to explore membership, we want to help you take your next step.

In our 3-week membership class, you'll make new friends while you learn about the church. We'll provide important information and plenty of discussion time to help you make your decision about membership. The class includes:

- An overview of basic Christian beliefs.
- The core emphases of the United Methodist tradition.
- The Mission, Vision, and Core Values that are unique to Bel Air Church.
- The many ways the people at Bel Air Church are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Good conversation, and lots more.

To register on line: belairumc.org/?page_id=3797, or for more information, please contact Lisa Wolf, 410-838-5181, ext. 11 or Al Conway alansandyc@verizon.net.

Childcare is available upon request.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (VIM)



Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

Soup Sale - February 2

between services.

Crab, Chicken Corn and Chili

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER - February 25 5 PM - 7 PM McComas Hall



To Benefit The Music Ministry

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 - 11 and children age 4 and under are FREE. Tickets are available at the door and dinners are also available for carryout.

Ash Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 26 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary

11:30 AM in Manna House

We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care. Good stewardship is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of those resources. At BAUMC, the responsible planning and management of the resources that you provide falls on our ministry team leaders, facility management team and committees such as our Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Administrative Council. Much of this work is done behind the scenes, developing and executing plans and projects. Beginning with this issue of the Spire, we hope to periodically share with you the results of our stewardship in action.

One of those projects, reducing our electricity consumption and cost, has been a work in progress for about four years. With regards to electricity consumption at the Linwood campus, in 2016 our annual electricity bill was about \$35,000 or \$3,000 per month. In the late summer of 2016, we started a project supported by BGE and Rexel. By the end of December, we had replaced every one of the ceiling-mounted fluorescent tube fixtures (a little more than 400 of them) with higher efficiency and lower operating cost programmable LED fixtures. This work was all done by volunteers.

Comparing our consumption at the end of 2016 to YTD November, 2019, we have cut our electric consumption by 142,699 KWHs or 31% for a total annual savings of about \$11,000 compared to 2016. But, it's not just about the money. Reducing our electricity consumption is also good for the environment. Since then, we have continued to replace all of our lighting with higher efficiency and lower operating cost LED bulbs. In the immediate future, there will be less opportunities to reduce our electricity consumption and cost through lighting retrofits. However, our recent Sanctuary AC unit replacement will provide additional reductions next year as the new unit is smaller and yet more efficient than the original one.

For 2020, the Board of Trustees is already planning to work on reducing our water consumption through, in part, more efficient plumbing fixtures. Reducing our water consumption has the double impact of reducing both our water and sewage bills. We will also be working with our Creation Care team on some environmentally-beneficial projects on our front lawn along route 924.

During this holiday season, we sometimes get caught up in the frenzy of gift buying and forget the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Our church's mission statement, To Love as Jesus Loves, reminds us that we are to be stewards for Christ. Please consider a monetary gift to the Pass It On Ministry to allow us to continue assisting fellow Harford County residents with BGE Turn-Off notices, evictions, and security deposits.

Thank You, Pass It On Ministry

Get Free Tax Assistance at BAUMC with



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be offering free tax preparation assistance beginning **February 7th through April 10th** on Fridays from 8 am to 1 pm at BAUMC in room 202.

The AARP tax preparation is done by appointment only. Starting on January 20, you can make an appointment s by calling 410-638-3425.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Building Better Moms

Saturdays, January 11 and
February 8

5 pm - Community Room
(Room 101)



Children's Musical

Sunday, February 23
11:00 am
Sanctuary

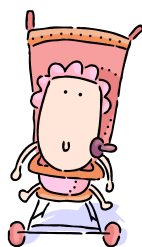
FREE PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, February 21

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

All ages accepted.

Sponsored by:
Children's Christian Center

We will entertain your children while you shop, catch dinner and a movie or just relax and enjoy some time to yourself! Space is limited. You must sign up in advance. Sign up by January 31. Please call the Children's Christian Center at 410-420-8304 for more information or to sign up. We hope your child/children will be able to join us!



Tiny Tot School

FREE CLASS FOR FUTURE TINY TOTS

January 23
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Are you or someone you know looking for a preschool program?

Come visit Tiny Tot School!

Take a tour, enjoy a free class and learn all about our programs. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this class for stories, music and art experiences, and playful exploration. Call to sign up today! 410-838-6399

YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2020

WEEKLY EVENTS

Middle School Sunday School

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Youth Center

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Middle School Sunday School open to all 6th to 8th grade middle school students. The class is taught by Ashley Sanders and Ginni Phippen.

Youth Group (Grades 6 -12)

6 - 8 pm Outside By Gaga/Youth Center/ McComas

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

***Special Guests: January 5 college students will come talk with Senior High Youth about Faith and College! Are you in college? Contact Ashley if you want to share about your experiences.

All youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for youth group. We start with fellowship time, have some snacks, play group games, have a lesson and small group discussion time. We are starting a new series about prayer.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

4 - 6 pm Choir Room

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 16, 23

In addition to rehearsal, dinner will be provided.

For details, contact Kristen Brought at kwbrought@yahoo.com

Confirmation

6 - 8pm Youth Center/McComas

Sundays, January 12, 19*, 26

February 2*, 16 (snow day make-up if needed), 23

January 19 we will meet at 5pm

February 2 we will meet at 10:30am.

Please attend either the 8am or 9:15am service.

(Please do not forget to sign the attendance pads)

In January and February, we will learn about John Wesley, Growth of Methodism, The Quadrilateral and Grace.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pizza and Laser Tag at Church!

Sunday, January 19 6-10:45 pm

Youth Center/McComas Hall



Bring a friend and chips, dessert or drink to share!
Pizza will be provided.

ROCK in Ocean City MD

February 7-9, 2020

<http://bit.ly/BelAirRock2020>

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to attend ROCK. Youth in 6th and 7th grade need a parent to chaperone. ROCK fees include the following: transportation, ticket into ROCK and breakout sessions, two nights in hotel, pizza Friday night, Saturday box lunch, catered dinner Saturday and 2020 BAUMC ROCK Shirt. Youth will need to bring their own breakfast foods and money for lunch on Sunday. Must Register by January 10 to guarantee shirt size and color choice.

Registration Fees

Early Bird 11/5/2019 - 1/5/2020
\$175 (\$50 deposit)

Regular Registration 1/6/2020 - 2/6/2020
\$185 (\$100 deposit)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bel Air United Methodist Church offers two scholarship opportunities. One is for high school seniors who will graduate in Spring 2020. The second is for individuals who are seeking education after high school, but are not 2020 graduating seniors.

Applications for each scholarship will be available in late January. Watch for announcements in the e Spire and bulletin for the date the scholarship applications are available.

Details below describe the each scholarship.

- **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 2020. 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.

- **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:

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

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

- o Individuals attending Bel Air United Methodist Church.
- o Individuals unable to continue schooling without financial assistance.
- o 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.

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).



Baltimore Region Connect Leadership Summit

SATURDAY, MARCH 07

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: BEL AIR UMC, 21 LINWOOD AVENUE, BEL AIR, MD US 21014

Registration, which is \$40.00, opens January 13

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.BWCUMC.ORG/EVENTS/CONNECT-LEADERSHIP-SUMMIT/](https://www.bwcumc.org/events/connect-leadership-summit/)

Come, learn, and be engaged. The classes will
help you take the next steps in your ministry.
Training for Church Leaders, Laity, Clergy,
Young Adults, Youth

Inspiring & Equipping Churches to Connect More People to Jesus

At this one-day training opportunity, you'll hear from Daniel Im, author of "No Silver Bullets," who will help you lead, thrive, and create a culture of discipleship in your church. You can also immerse yourself in one of six learning tracks or explore two topics relevant to your interests and ministry in expert-led workshops.

Volunteers Needed for Baltimore Region Connect Leadership Summit

We are looking for volunteers to greet, welcome, help with hospitality, prepare or serve food or set-up or clean-up.

If you can help, please call the church office at 410-838-5181 or e-mail info@baumc.com.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY MILESTONES

Evelyn Grace Marella
Daughter of Nicholas & Abigail Marella



Happy Anniversary



Jeff & Sandy Juchs - 39th anniversary on 01/10.
Jim & Gayle Stephens - 32nd anniversary on 10/10.
Richard & Phyllis Reid - 51st anniversary on 01/18.
Ron & Pat Ballard - 46th anniversary on 01/19.
Mark & Fran Downes - 25th Anniversary on 01/21.
Thomas & Rhonda Little - 26th anniversary on 01/22.
Carole & Frank Parks - 59th anniversary on 01/25.
Maurice & Anne Miller - 25th anniversary on 02/05.
David & Sharon Hammerbacher - 48th anniversary on 02/12.
Dave & Debbie Panowitz - 44th anniversary on 02/14.
Clifford & Gale Steg - 41st anniversary on 02/15.
Joseph & Mary Jane Ciufo - 25th anniversary on 02/18.
Dean & Darlene Alban - 44th anniversary on 02/28.

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

Happy Birthday

01/07 - Darnell King
01/08 - Vince Mazziott
01/09 - Gary Sanders
01/11 - Kitty Letsch
01/11 - Joe Schrufer
01/19 - Ruth Winaker
01/20 - Bev Gladkowski
01/22 - Mary Jane Neal
01/24 - Ed Townsley
01/25 - Edith Steiger
01/25 - Janet Zsebedics
01/28 - Nancy Paris
01/30 - Kenneth Wright



01/31 - Marge Heuman
02/02 - Elaine Wilkinson
02/03 - Albert Dukes
02/04 - Dorothy Bell
02/11 - Dorothy Burns
02/11 - Bruce Middlekauff
02/13 - Jackie Waltemeyer
02/20 - Ernestine Aberle
02/22 - Sandy Hainley
02/24 - Sarah Bowman
02/24 - Lynn King
02/24 - Fletcher Ward

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

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

Monday

9:00 am Pass It On Ministry
9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study (202)
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)
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)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1825 as scheduled (AR 103)
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Band - Rehearsal (McComas Stage)
7:00 pm AA / Sisters of Sobriety (127)
7:00 pm GriefShare (115) starts February 11

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)
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
 **** January 8 & 22**
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) (202)
6:40 pm Faith Under Fire Rehearsal (M-Stage)
6:30 pm DivorceCare Room 115 (starts Jan 22)
7:00 pm Venture Crew 777 as scheduled (Library)
7:00 pm NAMI (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)
7:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship (AR 103)
7:00 pm Cub Scout 777 (M, 114, 116, 125, 127, 130)
7:30 pm AA / Came to Believe (CR 101)

Friday

6:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (Room 202 or Youth Center)
8:00 am GAIN Meeting (CR 101) 2nd Friday

Saturday

5:00 pm Building Better Moms (CR 101) (2nd Saturday)

Sunday

7:30 am John Packard Men's Bible Study (115)
9:00 am Morning Fellowship (202)
9:20 am Walking with God Class (L)
10:30 am PoP Small Group (115) (1st & 3rd Sunday)
10:30 am The Mamas & The Papas (2nd & 4th Sunday)
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)
6:00 pm Confirmation Class (M, L, YC, 202 115)

Sunday Worship Services

Bel Air UMC

(21 Linwood Avenue)

Sanctuary

8:00 & 9:15 AM ~ Traditional

McComas Hall

10:30 AM ~ Contemporary Worship

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Wheel & Old Emmorton Rds)

5:00 PM ~ Traditional

Sunday Christian Learning

Bel Air UMC

(21 Linwood Avenue)

C4 Kids

9:15 AM Infants-Grade 5

Middle School Sunday School

9:15 AM 6th - 8th Grades

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

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Wednesday, January 1

Church Closed for New Year

Saturday, January 4

12:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship Rm 202

Monday, January 6

6:30 pm Russian Outreach Committee Parlor

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm Creation Care/Earth Day Meeting Library

Wednesday, January 8

12:00 pm Clergy Covenant Group (202)

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm Building Better Moms CR 101

Monday, January 13

9:30 am Blood Drive McComas Hall

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Library

7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Pastor Byron's Office

Saturday, January 18

9:00 am Family Food Distribution McComas Hall

2:00 pm Dave Walker's Israel Trip Meeting Rm 202

Sunday, January 19

6:45 pm Youth Laser Tag & Pizza Party

Monday, January 20

CHURCH CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Pastor Byron's Office

Thursday, January 23

6:30 pm FCCAU Homeless Shelter Meeting Rm 115

Saturday, January 25

11:00 am Cub Scout 777 - Pinewood Derby
McComas Hall

Monday, January 27

11:30 am NARFE Chapter #1770 CR 101

5:30 pm Serve Dinner @ the Welcome One Homeless
Shelter

Thursday, January 30

9:00 am Senior Food Distribution McComas Hall

Friday, February 7 - April 10

8:00 am AARP Tax Consultants Room 202

Sunday, February 2

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

VIM SOUP SALE

Monday, February 3

6:30 pm Russian Outreach Committee Parlor

Friday, February 7 - 9

Rock Retreat

Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm Building Better Moms CR 101

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Library

7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Pastor Byron's Office

Wednesday, February 12

12:00 pm Clergy Covenant Group
Pastor Byron's Office

Saturday, February 15

9:00 am Family Food Distribution McComas Hall

3:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 777 Court of Honor
McComas Hall

Monday, February 17

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day

Friday, February 21

7:00 pm CCC - Parents Night Out

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm Cub Scout 777 Blue & Gold McComas Hall

Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

**11:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship Service during
Manna House**

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am Senior Food Distribution McComas Hall

5:30 pm Serve Dinner @ the Welcome One Homeless
Shelter

6:30 pm FCCAU Homeless Shelter Meeting Rm 115

Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
CHURCH CLOSED MONDAYS, JANUARY 20 & FEBRUARY 17
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY & PRESIDENTS DAY



Spring session of DivorceCare will begin on **Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 pm in room 115**. DivorceCare is a 13 week video based class and support group for those from our church and community experiencing the pain and other challenges of separation and divorce. Additional details can be found at the DivorceCare web site, www.divorcecare.org, or by calling the Church office 410-838-5181.



GRIEF SHARE®
*Begins Tuesday, February 5
at 7 pm in Room 115*

GriefShare (our weekly grief support group) will begin our next 13-week session on Tuesdays, February 11 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.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2 CAROLING FOR CANS

Girl Scout Troop 2 invited area scouts and their families to join them in spreading holiday cheer singing Christmas carols. They added the request to bring wagons so that if anyone would like they could donate any non perishable food items for the food ministry. The girls were thrilled with the brief rain showers they had 74 people with scouts as young as kindergarten up to high school juniors show to carol with them. Could you imagine opening your door to 74 singing people??? Afterwards, the girls and families enjoyed some Hot cocoa and marshmallows. We delivered the food Sunday Morning after the 9:15 service. They had so much fun they hope to do it again next year.





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SUBMISSIONS FOR MARCH'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **MARCH'S** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolfi@baumc.com and atteberryd@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, FEBRUARY 18th.**

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 wolfi@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



Emerald City is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at Emerald City Town Hall. Every fairy, gnome, and leprechaun in Emerald City is ready to enjoy Irish games, food and music! You've got your ticket! This is where your story begins...

Save the Date! Join us for our second annual Murder Mystery Dinner Potluck on Saturday, March 21st at 5 pm at the church! ALL adults are welcome to join (childcare will be provided). Stay tuned for more information or reach out to Leah Clague (443-350-3889).