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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
March 31**

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

Pastor Byron's Sabbatical Plans

Dear friends,

You may remember that just before Christmas, I let you know of some sabbatical plans that I hope to do in the near future. I just wanted to update you on where we are. The organization to make a decision on my sabbatical is called the Eli Lilly Foundation. Through their endowments, they offer financial gifts for philanthropic and religious purposes like this.



They have my application. A decision will be made by the end of August this year. If I'm approved, I hope to walk on what's called the Via Francigena. It's a medieval pilgrimage from Canterbury, England to Rome, Italy. Leaders at BAUMC felt it best if I'd break up my sabbatical over two years. I agreed with them. The total time for me to walk the route should be about four months. I've added some family time at the beginning of my trip. If it happens, it will be in the summers of 2025 and 2026.

I want to thank you for all of your encouragement. It's been inspiring to hear so many of you get excited for this possibility. I'd like to think that it's also from God, so I'm praying that it will happen. Thank God that I've been healthy enough to go. If I don't get approved, or if it doesn't happen for any reason, I'll be ok.

Thank you for your kindness in wishing me well.

Blessing and peace, Byron

A photograph of a bowl of soup with croutons on a wooden table.

Lenten
Soup & Study
Wednesday, February 21 - March 27
5:45 pm - 7:15pm
Join us for Soup then study the scriptures relating to
THE THIRD DAY by Tom Berlin

A photograph of the book cover for 'The Third Day' by Tom Berlin. The cover features a white cloth and a brown cloth.

THE
THIRD
DAY
Living the Resurrection
TOM BERLIN
WITH MARK A. MILLER

EVENSONG

CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THIS
LENTEN SEASON

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

BAUMC FACEBOOK



***Holy Thursday and Good Friday Labyrinth.**

McComas Hall

Come anytime during the hours of Thursday 5-8 p.m. Friday 11-1 Self-led Meditation
A Labyrinth is walked by an individual. On the way toward the center you Release your worries,
doubts and sins to God. At the center you Receive
forgiveness and a word from the Lord. Walking back out you Return to your life enriched by some
time with the Lord.



Easter Cantata

Palm Sunday, March 24

9:15am Service

March 2024

Good Friday Service

3:00 pm

Mt Carmel Chapel

Join Pastor Deb for reflections in music on that day of Crucifixion called Good.



*Mt. Carmel Family Worship

Sundays @ 2 p.m.

Come for a casual, cozy,
intimate setting of worship
of our awesome God.



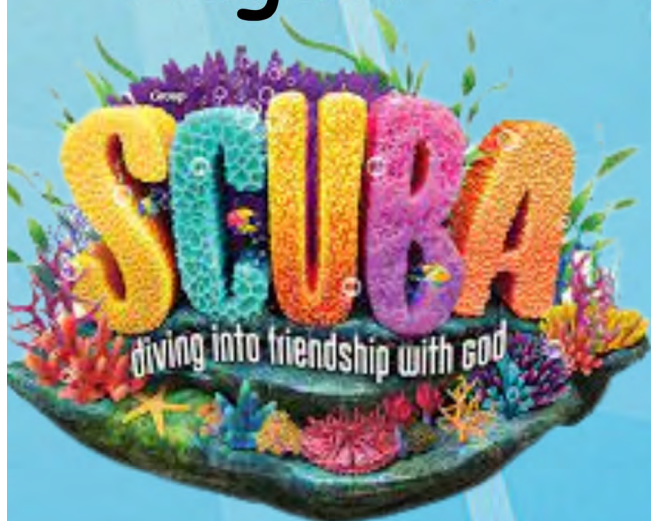
C4 Kids Ministry

Easter Story Stations
(snacks included)

Easter morning at 9:15 am in our
Kid's Ministry Area Room 101.

Vacation Bible School

August 5 - 9, 9am - 12 noon



Registration for
Vacation Bible School
begins on Easter
Sunday, March 31!

To register go to
<https://belairumc.com/VBS>
to register or use the
QR Code



Youth Events

6th and 7th Grade Sunday School
Sundays
9:15am
Youth Center

Youth Bible Study
Sundays
10:30-11:15am
Youth Center

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)
1st & 3rd Sundays
March 3 & 17
4:30-6pm
Youth Center

Photo Scavenger Hunt
around Bel Air
Sunday, March 24
4-6:30pm

Students will be divided into groups and driven around town by an adult leader.



Confirmation
Confirmation begins
March 24
10:30-11:30am



Summer Mission
Trip
June 16-21
Sign-Up in Realm!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



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 2024. 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

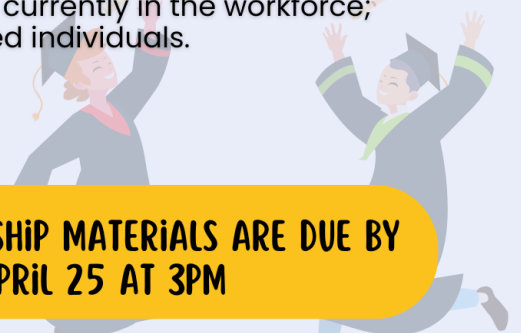
The "Pay It Forward Scholarship Endowment" provides funding for individuals seeking education beyond high school. This includes traditional higher education, trade school, apprenticeships, or job training/retraining/certifications.

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: SANDERSA@BAUMC.COM

ALL SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS ARE DUE BY
APRIL 25 AT 3PM





SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need regular & substitute drivers. 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

8:00 am - 12 pm

To volunteer, contact food.services@baumc.com



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.

March 12, 2024 9:30 am to 8 pm McComas Hall



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH
NEIGHBORS IN NEED

To donate please go to

<https://belairumc.com/Give2FamilyFood-NeighborsInNeed>

Get Connected with Your Church Family

To Sign Up for Realm please go to
<https://onrealm.org/BelAirUnitedMet/Account/Start>

Click Sign Up - to Create Account then click Continue when done completing the screen



Give Online

Sign Up

← Create Account

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Lisa

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07/05/1963

Preferred Phone *

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create your password

Create your password and click on Create Account

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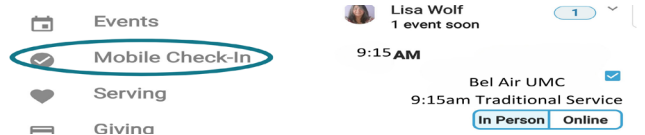
Give Online - one time &/or recurring gifts
View giving history & print giving statements
Make & keep track of pledges

Look up members in your group
Communicate with groups & teams
Follow church announcements
Event Registration & Payments

You can still make your 2024 Pledge
by using the Realm Connect App or go to
<https://belairumc.com/2024GeneralFundPledge> or
Scan QR Code



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E-mail to carmenc@baumc.com

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CREATION CARE TEAM

SHORT FILM FEST &
CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, MARCH 3
10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

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

Come celebrate nature and God's wonderful world through a time of fellowship, fun and learning. View a dozen short films ranging from 1 to 15 minutes which present themes that are educational, humorous, heart-warming, adventurous, beautiful and inspiring. Enjoy chili provided by guest chefs during the intermission. Free and open to all. For questions contact Sheryl Pedrick at sherylpedrick@hotmail.com.

SUBMISSIONS FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

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

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm