

# THE SPIRE



BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**CONGRATULATIONS ON JOINING THE CHURCH!**



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## 2022 CONFIRMANDS



**Tyler Kirby, Nicholas Barry, Jackson Lawler, Max Cullison  
 Zachary Lane, Tyler Sulkowski, Audrey Lucas**

## Stewardship Moment – Exercising Good Care

To exercise good care for our bodies, we should eat right, exercise a little, drink plenty of water, and get a good night's sleep.

To exercise good care for our cars, we should regularly change the oil, check the tires, check all the fluids, and do routine maintenance.

To exercise good care for our families, we should spend quality time, offer gentle and kind words, listen carefully, and model forgiveness and Christian love.

But how should we exercise good care for our church? When we unite with a church family, we promise to care for that family with our "Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Service, and our Witness." All of this is what we call "Stewardship." Stewardship is the ongoing care of that, which has been entrusted to us.

God has entrusted the church to us. It is a great and blessed responsibility. We give thanks to God for this gift, and we do all we can to see it thrive. We need your help. God needs your help for this blessed Body of Christ to thrive in our world.

Thank you for your stewardship. Thank you for exercising good care of this church family. Thank you for honoring God with your sacrificial giving.

If you'd like to discuss stewardship opportunities, I'd be excited to talk with you.

Be Blessed!  
Byron



### Sermon By Phone 410-800-4472

"Sermon By Phone" allows people to call in and hear the scripture reading and sermon. The information will be updated on a weekly basis.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please pass along the information.

Helping you stay connected while we are apart.

### Prayer Team



Join Anne Goodman and the Prayer Team Wednesdays for group prayer at 3:30 pm.

Join Through the ZOOM App

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/905302493?pwd=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjJIQT09>

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC

To Dial In: 253 215 8782 or 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

Dear Friends:

I'm shy. I've been this way as long as I can remember. In addition to being shy, I'm also intensely introverted...which means that initiating conversations is a challenge for me. I've never been perfectly at ease with striking up conversations with people. If I seem at ease with it, it's only because I can occasionally put on extroverted "clothes" for my job as a pastor, but it's never been something that comes naturally to me. Some pastors have this skill set naturally.

What does this mean for you? Help me out, please. It's not like me to call and ask if there's a reason why you haven't been in church. Have I noticed you've been gone? Yes! But I don't want to make you feel guilty or uncomfortable by asking you why you're not coming, so, please talk to me.

In terms of pastoral care, I'd offer the same response. Please talk to me. Let me know what you need. I've found over the years, as a pastor, that folks have extremely different expectations when it comes to pastoral visits. Some people have no expectation for a pastoral visit. Others expect to see their pastor regularly. I do make hospital visits a top priority when COVID restrictions allow for it. However, I can also remember very clearly one woman saying to me, "Please don't go visit my husband in the hospital; he'll think he's dying." I've also had a hospital door slammed in my face. That was extremely unusual, and not the norm, I know, however, I'm very mindful of different needs and different expectations. I'm ALWAYS delighted to see you, and always delighted to talk with you, and to spend time with you. But, I don't always know who is ready to speak to me. I don't want to speak for the other pastors, but I do feel comfortable in saying that we're all very excited to see you. A general invite, "You're welcome here anytime," is only generally helpful. Specific invites, "Do you have time this week to stop by for prayer?" is very helpful.

Each week, and sometimes several times per week, the pastors go through the prayer list and pray for each person on it. This is a strong and deep spiritual connection, but it's not always visible. If that face-to-face spiritual connection would be healing, and if COVID precautions allow for it, please reach out. We want to hear from you.

In Christian Love,  
Byron

## HELP WANTED

### FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We need volunteers to prepare to distribute food on Saturday, July 9 & August 6 - 8am - 11:30am  
To volunteer contact: [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)

### COUNTERS

Help count the Sunday service or mid-week offerings  
If you can help please contact Meg at 410-838-5181 or [kolarikm@baumc.com](mailto:kolarikm@baumc.com)

### MANNA HOUSE

We need volunteers to serve food on Wednesdays.  
To volunteer contact: [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)

### PASS IT ON

Our Financial Assistance Ministry needs several volunteers to help once a month on Monday's from 9 am - 12 noon  
For more information, contact Angie at: [angie.coughlin@comcast.net](mailto:angie.coughlin@comcast.net)

### SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Help deliver food to our Seniors in need.  
We are in need of regular & substitute drivers. Last Thursday of each month.  
If you can help, please contact Jamey 443-243-5578

### EMPLOYMENT

Part Time or stand by custodian to cover occasions when our Full Time custodians are away for vacation, sickness, etc. If you are interested, go to <https://belairumc.org/volunteer-job-openings/>

## JULY & AUGUST BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY



\*Sundays, June 26 – September 4 “Jesus Talk” on Facebook Live

\*Friday, July 15 “Dinner and a Movie” 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
McComas Hall Parents Drop and Run

\*VBS August 1-5 Food Truck Party 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Your Family will gather at our "Dining Table" in the Parking Lot.  
There will be a Food Truck on Monday & Friday (pay for what you want for your family).  
Tuesday through Thursday we will provide dinner in Food Truck Style (Free).  
Friday is for **EVERYONE** (friends, the whole church, extended family, etc.)  
Once again, you will pay for what you want.  
Food will be served and crafts available from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.  
To register: <https://belairumc.com/VBS>

\*Thursday August 25 NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY 7 p.m.  
BAUMC Linwood Circle Bring Lawn Chairs

C4 Kids QR Codes



## JULY & AUGUST YOUTH MINISTRIES

# SUMMER EVENTS

### MEET AT THE MOVIES!

**July 3**

Meet at Horizon Cinemas in Fallston

### SUMMER MISSION TRIP

**July 10-16**

Keep us in your prayers as we travel to West Virginia!

### YOUTH GROUP LUAU

**August 7, 4:30-6pm**

Wear clothes/shoes that may get wet.  
Bring a friend!



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Follow us on Instagram @baumc\_youth  
Text "YOUTH" to 410-210-4363 for updates  
Email [sandersons@baumc.com](mailto:sandersa@baumc.com)



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Caroline Kirby



Sean Lipscomb



Katie Kogler



Jesse Whitescarver



Valerie Kruger

# Congratulations to our 2022 Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to Caroline Kirby, Katie Kogler, Valerie Kruger, Sean Lipscomb and Jesse Whitescarver, the 2022 recipients of the Bel Air United Methodist Church Graduating High School Senior Church Involvement Scholarship. These young adults have been engaged in a variety of activities for many years at BAUMC. They are commended for giving of their time and talents to make a difference in the church and the community.

- Caroline Kirby is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School. She plans to attend The University of Tennessee to major in Graphic Design.
- Katie Kogler is graduating from Fallston High Susquehanna University to play lacrosse and to study Biology.
- Valerie Kruger is graduating from Patterson Mill High School. She plans to attend Salisbury University to study Elementary Education.
- Sean Lipscomb is graduating from Patterson Mill High School. He plans to attend West Virginia University to study Aerospace Engineering.
- Jesse Whitescarver is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School. Plans to attend Towson University to study Environmental Science.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Bel Air High School**  
Caroline Hilyard  
CJ Magee

**C. Milton Wright High School**  
Caroline Kirby  
Jesse Whitescarver

**Fallston High School**  
Katie Kogler

**Patterson Mill High School**  
Valerie Kruger

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Towson University**  
Ashley Schmidt

**University of North Carolina Wilmington**  
Emily Kogler

# Happy Anniversary

Jim & Sandy Hainley - 35th anniversary on 7/1  
Ray & Renee Mann - 18th anniversary on 7/1  
Scott & Jen Barquin - 18th anniversary on 7/3  
Donald & Diane Buchanan - 48th anniversary on 7/6  
Matt & Heidi Tracey - 15th anniversary on 7/6  
Randy & Cyd Wentsel - 49th anniversary on 7/7  
Martin & Laura Chojnacki - 38th anniversary on 7/7  
Shawn & Shelly Sparks - 21st anniversary on 7/7  
Christopher & Romona Carrico - 20th anniversary on 7/7  
Richard & Sam Leavy - 55th anniversary on 7/8  
Jerry & Michele Townsley, Jr. - 27th anniversary on 7/8  
Mark & Jodi Lovell - 39th anniversary on 7/9  
David & Valerie Grimm - 8th anniversary on 7/11  
Steve & Patty Resnik - 30th anniversary on 7/12  
Tony & Linda Vinciguerra - 39th anniversary on 7/16  
Rick & Heather Thompson, Jr. - 35th anniversary on 7/18  
Robert & Carol McCormack - 58th anniversary on 7/18  
Joel & Lisa Caudill - 30th anniversary on 7/18  
Robert & Christy Burgess, Jr. - 20th anniversary on 7/20  
Bob & Linda Lemmon - 60th anniversary on 7/21  
Sean & Bonnie Lapouraille - 5th anniversary on 7/22  
Don & Trish Monaghan - 35th anniversary on 7/22  
David & Jen Whitescarver - 27th anniversary on 7/22  
David & Wanda Denver - 29th anniversary on 7/24  
Matt & Jody Millholen - 18th anniversary on 7/24  
Dave & Bev Talbot - 24th anniversary on 7/25  
Connor & Kimberly Burgasser - 7th anniversary on 7/25  
Art & Mary Louise Munro - 49th anniversary on 7/28  
Bill & Nicki Persons - 21st anniversary on 7/28  
John & Shirley Yantz - 62nd anniversary on 7/30  
Austin & Stephanie Langenfelder - 6th anniversary on 7/30  
Thomas & Tammy Webber - 23rd anniversary on 7/31  
Michael & Jill Charlton - 18th anniversary on 7/31

Tom & Leslie Bonomo - 41st anniversary on 8/1  
Joseph & Melissa Torralbes, Jr. - 5th anniversary on 8/3  
Christopher & Amanda Bolick - 9th anniversary on 8/4  
Kevin & Julie Holmes - 22nd anniversary on 8/5  
John & Laura Krouse, Jr. - 32nd anniversary on 8/5  
Ray & Lynn Hamann - 34th anniversary on 8/6  
Travis & Kelsey Kelley - 8th anniversary on 8/9  
Jim & Alice Paradise - 54th anniversary on 8/10  
Rob & Nicole Gribben, Jr. - 21st anniversary on 8/10  
Dave & Gayle Greenwood - 49th anniversary on 8/11  
Bruce & Bonnie Burns - 28th anniversary on 8/12  
Ron & Jean Hill - 56th anniversary on 8/13  
Tony & Kelly Serdenes - 34th anniversary on 8/13  
Lee & Patti Tooman - 51st anniversary on 8/13  
Dave & Gail Candey - 66th anniversary on 8/14  
Les & Betty Grimm - 51st anniversary on 8/14  
Perry & Susan Gentry - 40th anniversary on 8/14  
Mark & Connie Beckwith - 51st anniversary on 8/14  
Jeff & Karen Baran - 24th anniversary on 8/15  
Jim & Jeanne Butcher - 53rd anniversary on 8/16  
Paul & Diane Bates - 59th anniversary on 8/17  
Phil & Dottie Newcomer - 31st anniversary on 8/17  
Howard & Heather Zickefoose - 37th anniversary on 8/17  
Tom & Makayla Swearman - 4th anniversary on 8/18  
Rod & Sarah White - 32nd anniversary on 8/18  
Andrew & Jill Graham - 4th anniversary on 8/18  
Chris & Shannon Temple - 16th anniversary on 8/18  
Lowell & Jackie Swartz - 50th anniversary on 8/19  
Brad & Nancy Undem - 41th anniversary on 8/21  
Kevin & Caroline Smith - 2nd anniversary on 8/22  
Frank & Judy Woke - 47th anniversary on 8/23  
Bob & Betty Vestal - 58th anniversary on 8/23  
Wes & Nancy Jenkins - 60th anniversary on 8/25  
Craig & Sherri Carpenter - 38th anniversary on 8/25  
Keith & Nicole Diggins - 33rd anniversary on 8/26  
Tony & Debra Foreman - 22nd anniversary on 8/26

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



*Attention Blood  
Drive Donors*

SIGN UP BY CALLING 800-733-2767 OR  
ONLINE AT [WWW.REDCROSS.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG).  
REMEMBER THAT SIGNING UP FOR EASY PASS  
WILL MAKE THE DONATION PROCESS FASTER  
AND EASIER.

**July 11th 9:30 AM to 8 PM McComas Hall**

## JULY & AUGUST 2022

**Worth Parsons Teschner**  
Son of Braden & Christina

**Rose Briar Stinar**  
Daughter of Ryan & Megan Stinar

**Edward Niall McNelis**  
Son of Kieron & Kristin McNelis



**Connor Wilson Stran**  
Son of Sean & Kristen Stran

**Mona Ann Thomas**  
Daughter of Nick & Georgia Thomas

**Connor James Miller**  
Son of Bradley & Melissa Miller

## Happy Birthday

07/01 - Diane Bates  
07/09 - Virginia Becker  
07/09 - Gail Candey  
07/09 - John Yantz  
07/11 - Norma Smith  
07/14 - Joy Merryman  
07/15 - Linda Myrick  
07/17 - John Lebo  
07/18 - Laszlo Zsebedics  
07/22 - Paul Bates  
07/22 - George Hudnet  
07/22 - Elaine Ziegler  
07/23 - Betty Ann Smith  
07/29 - Kurt Steiger



08/03 - Bev Rivenburg  
08/05 - Palmer Paules  
08/07 - Roger Niles  
08/15 - Sally Campbell  
08/18 - Jean Henderson  
08/18 - Linda Lemmon  
08/21 - Shirley Singstock  
08/23 - Nancy Tolley  
08/24 - Eleanor Packard  
08/26 - Dave Candey  
08/29 - Jim Bragg  
08/29 - Doris Evans  
08/30 - Shirley Yantz

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

### Habitat for Humanity Panel Build – July 16th Volunteers Needed

A panel build is a fun way to be a part of helping Habitat Susquehanna to serve more families. During a panel build, our church will build the walls to a Habitat home right at the BAUMC parking lot. Habitat builds promote team building and volunteerism for us. A panel build is also seen as one of the many opportunities for putting God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Please consider volunteering for this event. It is from 8:30-12:30 and you need to be over 16 years old. Contact Randy Wentsel for more information. [wentsel@hotmail.com](mailto:wentsel@hotmail.com)



**YOU MUST REGISTER WITH HABITAT:** Below is the registration information for the Habitat panel build. Prior to everyone's arrival that day, we'll need everyone to register through the Habitat Volunteer Portal and watch a safety video. Click on the link below to login to the Habitat website and watch our safety video, and sign our waiver. Issues? [jingold@habitatsusq.org](mailto:jingold@habitatsusq.org)

<https://habitatsusq.org/volunteer-with-habitat/construction-volunteers>

## JULY & AUGUST 2022



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JULY  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
To donate please go to  
[https://belairumc.com/  
Give2Habitat4Humanity](https://belairumc.com/Give2Habitat4Humanity)



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YOUTH EVENT SCHOLARSHIP  
To donate please go to  
[https://belairumc.com/  
Give2UthEventScholarship](https://belairumc.com/Give2UthEventScholarship)

### FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

Family Food Distribution is **Saturday, July 9th** and Saturday, August 6th  
9 am - 11:45am  
Volunteers 7:30 am to 12 pm  
New volunteers please contact Greg at [food.services@baumc.com](mailto:food.services@baumc.com)

**SUMMER WORSHIP SPECIAL MUSIC**

CAN YOU SING, OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR  
LEAD A CHORAL GROUP? PLEASE CONSIDER  
SHARING SOME SPECIAL MUSIC AT OUR 9:15 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE IN JULY AND AUGUST.

CONTACT CHERYL CARMEN AT [CARMENC@BAUMC.COM](mailto:CARMENC@BAUMC.COM).  
WE APPRECIATE YOU;  
THANK YOU.

### Church Creation Team ... Recycling of Plastic Bags

#### Plastic bags, what do we do with them?

Most end up on landfill sites where it takes 300 years or more to photodegrade. They break down into tiny toxic particles that contaminate the soil and waterways. Then enters the food chain when animals accidentally ingest them.

#### An answer...bring your plastic bags to church!

Look for the marked containers in the Narthex, entrances to McComas Hall and the Armstrong Center. Please place all bags in one bag without tying a knot.



Our Neighbors In Need Ministry uses approximately 600 bags a month to distribute food to the community.

To create a mat for our unhoused neighbors (as seen in the photo), our Creation Care Team needs at least 700 bags. Our neighbors put their sleeping bags on the mats to protect from dampness and more.

Genesis 2:15 says “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

God created this earth and made it beautiful! Lets help to keep it that way Recycle!

## THE HOMESTEAD PROGRESS UPDATE - SUMMER 2022

With the arrival of summer, we want to provide everyone with an update on the progress of selling The Homestead property. As you recall, the congregation voted to sell The Homestead house and property, with approximately an acre of that property to be sub-divided into four buildable lots. Thank you to all of those who are assisting in this process. The following are some of the activities currently taking place.



Frederick Ward Associates (FWA) is preparing the site plan for the property, to include stormwater management, the forest conservation plan, and getting the Town of Bel Air approvals to take the existing property to final record plat. After all approvals are secured and the Final Plat is recorded in the Land Records, the properties settlements can happen. The expected timing for all of this to occur is early 2023. Please stop by and see the updated bulletin board in the Narthex showing the concept for preliminary approval and timeline.

Lee Tessier and the Tessier Team has been secured to serve as the listing agent for The Homestead mansion house and surrounding acreage retained with that lot. After interviewing three agents for the property, Lee's reach and marketing plan gave us confidence that he could find the unique purchaser for The Homestead. Marketing will not begin in earnest until we are closer to having the Final Plat and Deeds recorded. When Lee Tessier ultimately finds a buyer, he will bring a Contract of Sale to the Board of Trustees for consideration. That transaction is not expected to close until 2023.

Action is being taken to study the current storage that exists on the property and moving that to an area that will be retained by the church. This includes storage for Toy Workshop and Boy Scout Troop 777. Thank you, John Happick, for stepping up to investigate options and engage with the groups impacted by any storage relocation.

The work to create four buildable lots carved from The Homestead site is advancing. Diane Sengstacke is leading the effort with this project, and it will progress over the summer. A letter of solicitation has been sent to builders who may be interested in purchasing and developing the homesites. We will accept their sealed bids for the lots in July and select a builder in August. As with The Homestead house, there can be negotiation and a Contract of Sale agreed upon, but the transaction is not expected to close until early 2023.

Also, we want to thank Dave Greenwood who has recently joined The Homestead Sub-Committee. His input regarding restrictions and covenants for both The Homestead property and buildable lots has been thoughtful and ensured consideration for the future.

Finally, there has been quite a bit accomplished with plenty still to do. As with each of you, we are watching the economy and evolving, volatile property and credit markets. Of course, none of us can predict future market conditions. Our goal is to complete this process as timely as possible with the best outcome for our church. If you have any questions or comments, please contact John Caspero at 410-236-1203, [jfcaspero3@gmail.com](mailto:jfcaspero3@gmail.com) or Doug McCorkle at 410-937-6283, [doug.mccorkle@outlook.com](mailto:doug.mccorkle@outlook.com).



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## SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER's** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to [wolf1@baumc.com](mailto:wolf1@baumc.com) and [carmenc@baumc.com](mailto:carmenc@baumc.com) by **12 noon, Tuesday, August 23rd.**



## IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-(TALK) 8255
- Transgender Suicide Hotline: Trans Lifeline 877-565-8860

Current addressee or

<<LA\_LABEL\_NAME>>  
<<AD\_COMPANY>>  
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<<AD\_ADDRESS\_2>>  
<<AD\_CITY>>, <<AD\_STATE>> <<AD\_ZIP\_5>>



The Racial Justice Family had a very successful dinner event in May sponsored by our three churches, Ames UMC, First Presbyterian of Bel Air, and BAUMC. We reached out into the community to invite diverse people to share dinner together while discussing racial topics that people often tend to avoid. The conversations were very respectful and insightful. Our team realizes that racial justice can't happen over dinner conversations but also know that it cannot happen without them!

Look for an invitation in future eSpires about our Fall event called The Peoples' Supper. Prayerfully consider attending our four dinners to participate in honest conversations where we can express experiences while gaining insights that can lead toward awareness and intentionality of racial justice.