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

Lenten Sermon Series The Six Days of Creation in Genesis 1

Lent has Begun!

There are six weeks of Lent. During those six weeks, we're invited to deepen our relationship with the Lord through worship, study, fasting, prayer, sacrifice, meditation, and acts of service and Christian love. Our sermon series and our Tuesday evening study series will be completely different this year. We invite you to try both.

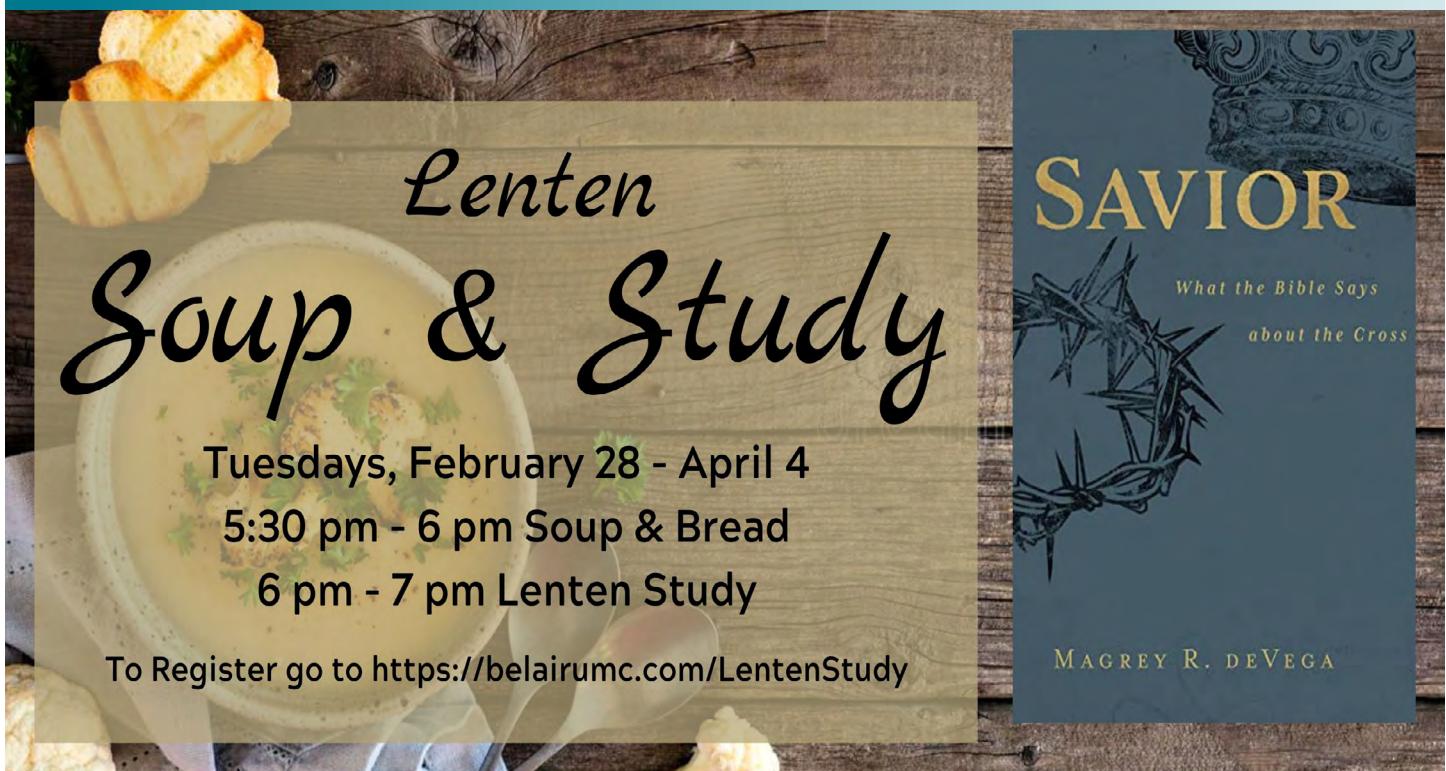
Our sermon series for Lent will focus on Genesis 1, the six days of creation.

- Feb. 26 – Day 1 – Light
- March 5 – Day 2 – Sea & Sky
- March 12 – Day 3 – Land
- March 19 – Day 4 – Sun & Moon
- March 26 – Day 5 – Sea Creatures & Sky Creatures
- April 2 – Day 6 – Land Creatures
- April 9 – Day 7 – Easter Sunday - Jesus, Lord of All Creation

You'll find the six days of creation in Genesis 1 – Genesis 2:4a. After that, the Bible shifts to tell a wonderfully different account of creation featuring Adam and Eve. To compliment this creation series, our Creation Care Team will be hosting a variety of activities to highlight the various ways that we can care for God's good creation. Please join us each Sunday for this exciting series.

On Tuesday evenings, come join us for Soup & Study, 5:30-7:00 pm. Join us in McComas Hall for a modest, but delicious soup dinner. Then stay for the study based on the book, "Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross," by Magrey R. DeVega. The study will survey the various atonement theories throughout the past 2,000 years of Christian history. Come join us for fellowship and study beginning February 28th.

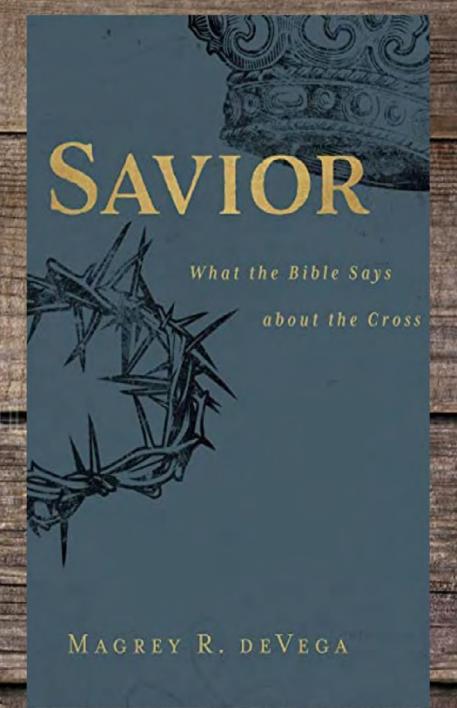
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*Lenten
Soup & Study*

Tuesdays, February 28 - April 4
5:30 pm - 6 pm Soup & Bread
6 pm - 7 pm Lenten Study

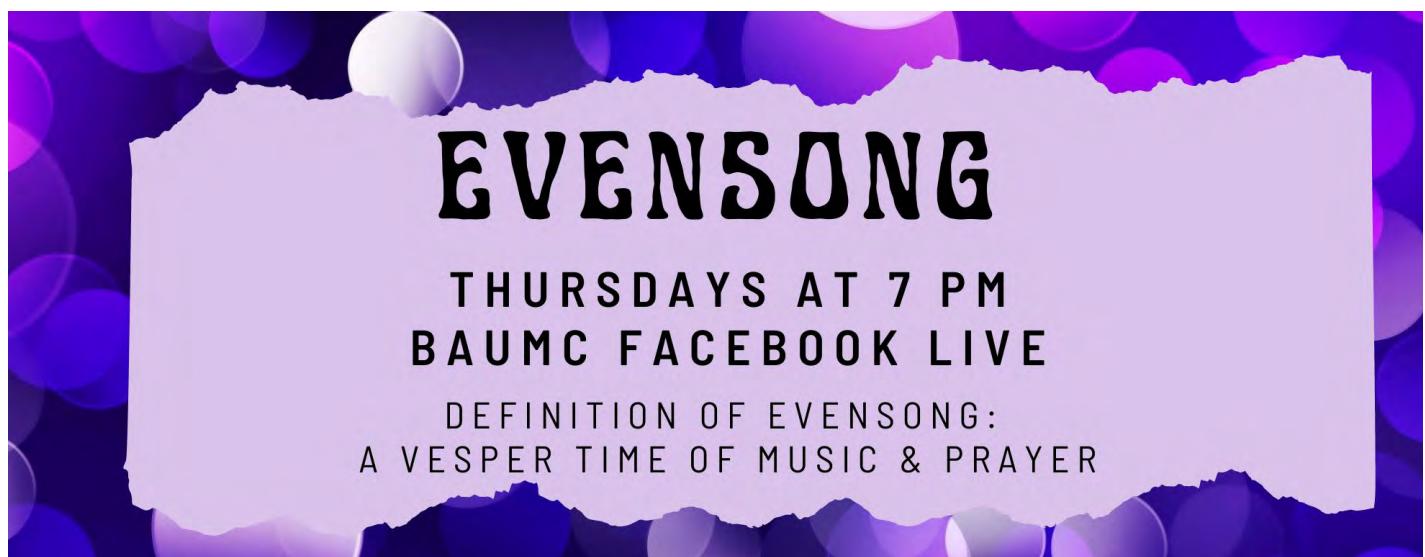
To Register go to <https://belairumc.com/LentenStudy>



SAVIOR
*What the Bible Says
about the Cross*
MAGREY R. DEVEGA

Please indicate if you might be interested by going to
<https://belairumc.com/LentenStudy>
or scanning the QR code

Questions, please contact Pastor Deb
lamptond@baumc.com



EVENSONG

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM
BAUMC FACEBOOK LIVE

DEFINITION OF EVENSONG:
A VESPER TIME OF MUSIC & PRAYER

HELP WANTED



MORNING FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to volunteer to help with coffee, drinks and breakfast snacks, please 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

Childcare Workers Needed!



We have parents who are wanting a study
Sundays, 10:30 am to 12 noon.
Kids range Nursery to 5th Grade.

We are also looking for childcare for midweek studies.
Ask your friends to do it with you!

Questions, contact Pastor Deb: lamptond@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



SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

To volunteer, contact Jamey 443-243-5578

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

18 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

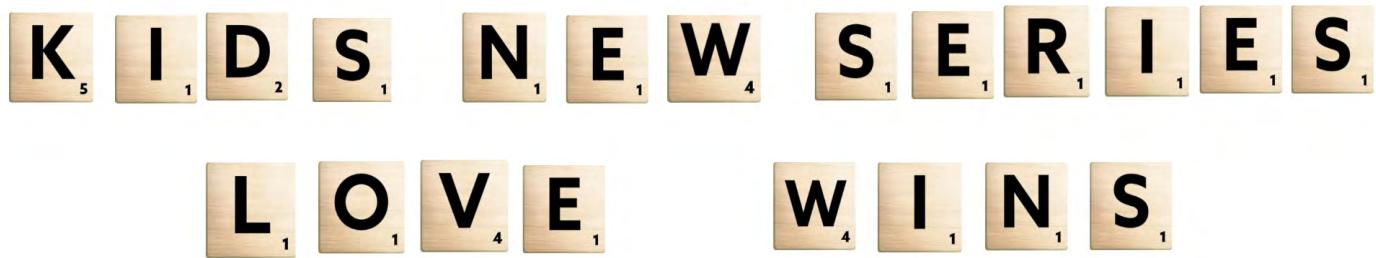
31 bathroom

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

March BAUMC KID'S MINISTRY



We will have a life size scrabble board in Rm 101.
During our Kid's ministry time on Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.
We will have our lessons in tiles.
But the Winner of the game is Jesus.
Love wins this Easter!



**VBS (Vacation Bible School) is set for
July 24 - 27
9 am - 12 Noon**

MARCH YOUTH EVENTS

Weekly Sunday Events

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

10:30am High School Bible Study



Spring Retreat

April 21-23
Camp Pecometh
\$125



<https://belairumc.com/Springyouthretreat>



Confirmation

Wednesdays, February 22-March 29
6-7:30pm

Youth Group Game Night

Sunday, March 5
4:30-6pm



Youth Group Hike

Sunday, March 19
3:00pm

Summer Missions

June 25-July 1
\$400



<https://belairumc.com/2023YouthSummerMissionTrip>





**BAUMC Scholarship
Applications will be
available mid-March.**

**The Baltimore-Washington
Conference of The United
Methodist Church
Scholarship Program**

Go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

Applications are accepted online only Dec 15, 2022 - Mar 30, 2023



Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication

On January 20th, Pastor Byron and Randy Wentsel attended a dedication ceremony for a Habitat built home in Havre de Grace.

The home was a duplex and one of three built by Habitat in Havre de Grace. Our church was a sponsor of the build with our congregation providing \$10K in donations. The home will be owned by Juel, along with her teenage son, paying an affordable mortgage to repay Habitat.

The dedication had about 40 attendees along with a WMAR 2 news crew. Pastor Byron gave the opening prayer and blessed the house. Randy received the BAUMC sponsorship certificate for the church. The Habitat staff said they are blessed to have BAUMC as part of their faith. Habitat/VIM will be doing another Habitat panel build in June.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day

March 18th, 2023 Build
8 am - 3 pm
Ohio Street
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Register to Volunteer - <https://habitatsusq.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=9944>

March 5th VIM/Habitat for Humanity meeting at 10:30am in Parlor.



March 2023



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

To donate please go to

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



*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 13th at 9:30 AM to 8 PM McComas Hall

Facebook Scammer Warning

As you already know, scammers are everywhere. They can invade our email, our phones, and our social networks. Recently, some scammers have been trying to “friend” church members through the church Facebook page. I would encourage you to delete these requests and even block the sender. Don’t friend strangers on Facebook. Even be careful accepting “Friend Requests” from people you know, because sometimes those are fake accounts – people pretending to be your friend. When in doubt, pick up the phone and call your friend to ask if they’ve sent you a friend request. As always, don’t respond to requests for money or gift cards through Facebook, email, or texts. “Be wise as serpents and as gentle as doves.” -Jesus



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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 **APRIL's** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, March 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

Current addressee or



Spring New Members Class
Looking to Join?
Classes are on
Sundays, March 12, 19, & 26.
10:45 am - 12 noon.
New Members Luncheon on March 26th
following the class.

To register
[https://belairumc.com/
NewMemberClass](https://belairumc.com/NewMemberClass)
Or Scan the QR Code

