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# Baldwin Community News

A United Methodist Church

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*“Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise Him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant.” ~ Psalm 135:1-3*

Reading the book of Psalms is an invitation to praise at all levels of our lives. When we are burdened and challenged, our psalms of praise invite us to unburden our souls to sing God’s praise. When we are blessed and life is rich, our psalms walk alongside our joy-filled prayers to lift our gladness for all to hear. When we are living through transitional times, God’s praise fills our mouths as we wait on the next place to arrive. Keeping our spirits attuned to praise is a daily commitment we bring before God to see, witness, and celebrate the goodness filling the world around us.

We have so much to be thankful for as a congregation! We have had an enormous summer. The summer lunch program has packed more than 200 lunches a day and distributed them to children and families throughout our neighborhood. Excitement and energy filled the church halls during New Creation Art Camp, Family Fun Fest, and Youth Week. What a difference from last year at this time!

With the arrival of our new Sunday morning schedule, you will see in this newsletter many opportunities for you to engage Baldwin Community UMC for growth and renewal. Classes, small groups, opportunities to serve, and worship will give us the spiritual resources necessary to live a life immersed in praise. As an additional resource, we are inviting the congregation to creatively think about how you might memorize the verse above and join with the

Children’s Time in worship planting the Word of God in our hearts and minds. The scholar, Dallas Willard, believed that one of the most important things a Christian disciple could do was memorize scripture as sacred words shape our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Let’s start! “Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord...” Let’s lift our praise to God all month long for this is a good and pleasant thing to do!

Pastor Pamela S. Gardner



New Creation Art Camp was held June 21—June 25. Approximately 80 children and about 2 dozen volunteers spent the week creating, singing, learning, and playing. What a fun week!

## New Sunday Worship Schedule

CASUAL  
9AM  
ASBURY

Discipleship  
Hour  
10am

TRADITIONAL  
11AM  
SANCTUARY

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# Discipleship

## Sunday School Returns! Sept. 12th



**Pre-K-5th Grade**  
**Sundays, 10:00**  
**2nd Floor Sunday School Room**

## YOUTH GROUP



**SUNDAYS, 6:00PM**  
**YOUTH ROOM**

We have many new and returning discipleship opportunities. The addition of the 10:00 Discipleship Hour makes it easy to attend either after the 9:00 Casual Worship or before the 11:00 Contemporary Service. For your convenience, the nursery will remain open during Discipleship Hour.

Email Justin Pearl with any questions at [jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com) or call 412-882-9300 x213.



# How You Can Help

## BALDWIN COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION



for Lord's Pantry  
families

**DONATE IN WORSHIP**  
**ON AUG 22**

[BALDWINCOMMUNITYUMC.COM](http://BALDWINCOMMUNITYUMC.COM)

The Lord's Pantry requests items to fill backpacks for their families. **Items needed:** backpack, box of pencils, 1.5" binder, box of colored pencils, pencil sharpener, pack of ruled paper, sanitizing wipes, and a box of tissues.

## BLOOD DRIVE



### Baldwin Community United Methodist Church Summer Blood Drive

**SUNDAY, AUG. 15**  
**8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
WESLEY HALL  
5001 BAPTIST ROAD  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call 412.209.7000 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Find us @vitalant. ☺☺☺

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, go to:  
[DonateBlood.CentralBloodBank.org](http://DonateBlood.CentralBloodBank.org)  
- Choose Donor Login if you donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank previously.  
- Or choose New Donor if you have not donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank previously.  
At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down on the far right scroll bar and enter group code: G0110006 to schedule your donation at the Baldwin Community United Methodist Church blood drive.  
OR, call 412.209.7000

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED



Please consider giving blood on Sunday, August 15th at the BCUMC Summer Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Appointments are preferred. Call Vitalant at 412-208-7000 to sign up. Thank you for helping to save lives!



## Offering of Letters

This month, we are focusing on the Bread for the World Offering of Letters campaign. This campaign is important so that all of us can communicate with our Federal Representatives and Senators and let them know that we need as much funding as possible for the programs that Bread for the World sponsors, in the United States and all over the world.

Information about this campaign will be presented during worship services this month and in the narthex. In addition, there will be a new class during Discipleship Hour beginning on September 12th.

### Worship Volunteers:

We are still looking for more volunteers for tech crew, hospitality, and greeter/usher ministry. Sign up in the narthex.



### Musicians Needed

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Chancel Choir is accepting new members. They meet in the choir loft 10 minutes prior to the 11:00 service. Please contact Lori Deal at 412-650-2776 with any questions.

Are you a drummer, vocalist, or have other musical talents that could be utilized in the 9:00 a.m. Casual Service? Consider joining the Worship Band. Call Mike Clarke for more details at 412-527-7529.

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## CONFIRMATION

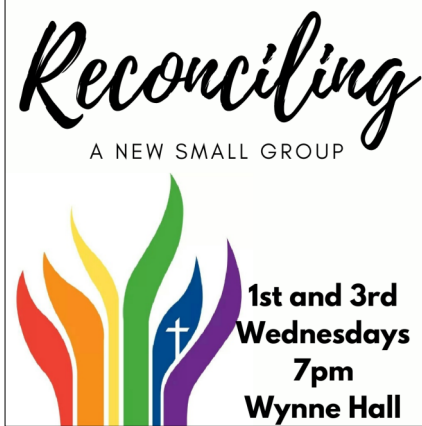
**Sundays, 10:00am**  
**Students 7th-8th Grade**  
Contact: [jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com)

"Train up a child in the way they should go,  
And when they are old they will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6



# Mark Your Calendars



Our new Reconciling small group invites you to a conversation, starting August 18. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month to discuss *Claiming the Promise: An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study Resource on Homosexuality*. Our goal is to work toward a welcoming, inclusive church. Join us in Wynne Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more info, contact Barbara Gjerstad at [wildirishrose@gmail.com](mailto:wildirishrose@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

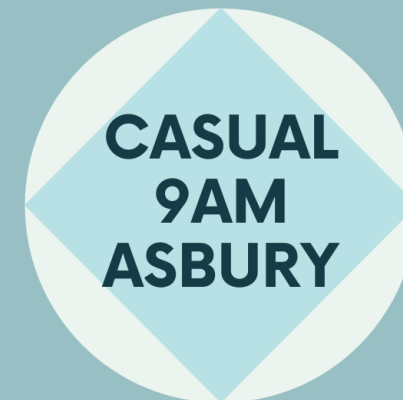
- ◆ 8/8—Meet the Staff Sunday
- ◆ 8/8—Walk!
- ◆ 8/14—BCUMC Work Day
- ◆ 8/14—2nd Saturday Stillness
- ◆ 8/15—Blood Drive
- ◆ 8/18—1st Reconciling Meeting
- ◆ 8/22—Youth Day/Blessing of the Backpacks
- ◆ 9/5—Circle Sunday
- ◆ 9/11—2nd Saturday Stillness
- ◆ 9/12—Kickoff Sunday Picnic
- ◆ 9/12—Children's Sunday School resumes
- ◆ 9/19—Catch Up Sunday
- ◆ 9/19—New Member class begins
- ◆ 10/3—Final Circle Sunday
- ◆ 10/9—2nd Saturday Stillness

Follow us!



# Worship with Us

## New Sunday Worship Schedule



Discipleship  
Hour  
10am



BEGINNING AUG 1

Thank you to everyone who shared in the worship discernment process. In doing so, you helped to determine our next steps in how we worship here at Baldwin Community UMC. On Sunday mornings, Casual worship is in Asbury Hall at 9:00, followed by a Discipleship Hour, and the Traditional service will be at 11:00 in the sanctuary, including live-streaming.

### Circle Sunday:

September 5th—Back to School  
October 3rd—Blessing of the Animals

### Second Saturday:

August 14th—Finding Rest in God  
September 11th—20th Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance  
October 9th—Embracing Beauty



**Canton Spectacular Bus Trip**  
**Saturday, November 13, 2021**  
Cost per person—\$132



Forms are available in the Narthex and on the bulletin board near the church office. Call Elaine Lewis with any questions at (412) 885-4560.

## Name Tag Orders

We are now taking orders for name tags for the entire congregation. Please return this form in the collection basket or mail it to the church Attn: Ria Fruscello. Include your contact info so we can let you know when your tag is ready.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL or PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND SATURDAY STILLNESS



**Celebration!**

RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRIES

BALDWIN COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 1-15, 2021

9AM CASUAL OR 11AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE



# Church News

## Meet the Staff Sunday



August 8th

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## Staffing News

We are pleased to announce that we have added two staff members. Karen Hritz and Laura Mae Benestelli will be staffing the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Bryan Engel, Tech and Media Coordinator, has been hired as the new marketing director for Allegheny County. We celebrate this new opportunity with Bryan, yet we regret that this change will not allow him to continue as our church’s tech and media coordinator. Best wishes, Bryan!

On Sunday, August 8th, we will be having a Meet the Staff celebration at both services. Please plan to join us!

Job opportunities are available on our website.



Kelly Katilius and Britney Zimmer have been awarded United Methodist Men’s Laity Scholarships this year. Kelly will be studying at Pitt, and Britney will be at Slippery Rock. Congratulations! We are so proud of both of you and wish you well in all your future endeavors.

## Financial News



Envelope Offering:  
YTD - \$196,183.61  
Envelope Budget:  
YTD- \$189,533.27

Just a reminder that we will be having our Catch Up Sunday on September 19th for those of us who may have fallen a bit behind on our giving and need the “Catch Up”.

Thank you for your generosity to BCUMC!

# Summer Recap



### NEW MEMBER CLASS FORMING

If you are interested in making Baldwin Community UMC your home church, we would like to invite you to attend the new member classes.

Classes will held on Sundays beginning on September 19th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and will be held in Wynne Hall on the 1st Floor.

Sign up by September 15th by contacting Bonnie Deal, at [bdeal@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:bdeal@baldwincommunityumc.com) or Pastor Pam Gardner at [pgardner@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:pgardner@baldwincommunityumc.com).

## Catch Up Sunday

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