



Baldwin Community United Methodist Church

CHURCH TIMES



... makes the Presence of God Real!

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2018

40 Days of Love

We Believe ...

A Disciple is a person who makes a choice to love God and then makes choices to love others.

We will ...

Love God, love others, and live authentically in this world.

We live ...

Forgiven means Forgiving others.

Loved means Loving others.

Praying means to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Many years ago I memorized Romans 5:8, "But this demonstrates God's love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." This verse was and continues to be one of my favorites. Lent and Easter are special times of the Christian year when we focus on **that demonstration of God's love in Jesus Christ**. Dr. Thomas Carruth wrote a devotional book, *Forty Days of Love* to be used during Lent. You can still find copies of it for sale. His *100 Days of Love* is available for download as a PDF online. It is free. I first read this devotional book many years ago as the small country church where I grew up had a special **emphasis each week during Lent showing God's love to others in different ways**. This year there will be something for you to do each week.

Week of February 18: Week of Loving Words from God. A scripture for each day for you to read about how much God loves you.

Week of February 25: Week of Loving Prayer. Pray for someone new each day.

Week of March 4: Week of Loving Conversations. Remember you are loved and God's love shines through our conversations. When someone starts turning a conversation in a negative or hurtful way, try to lovingly turn it around to something helpful and encouraging.

Week of March 11: Week of Loving Letters. Write (not email or text) a letter, card or note to someone to help build them up and encourage them. You may want to share how they are a blessing to you.

Week of March 18: Week of Caring/Loving Phone Calls. Call someone and tell them you are thinking of them and praying for them this week.

Week of March 25: Palm Sunday. Week of Loving/Friendly Visits. Have coffee with someone. Stop by with a baked good or small gift and tell them you were thinking about them. One idea: Invite them to one of the services this week. Pick them up on Easter Sunday.

Week of April 1: Easter. Week of Loving _____. You have been showing God's love for 5 weeks now. Fill in the blank yourself. Do something loving of your choosing. Be creative, but most of all be loving.

1 John 3: 16, 18

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

BUSINESS/BUILDING

End of Year Contribution Statement

Please be on the lookout in your email for your end of year statement of giving from the church. If you have given the church your email, we will be emailing your statement to you around Jan 29th. You may have more than one email per household, so be sure to check all emails for your statement. If we do not have your email address, we will be mailing your statement to your home address. If you do not receive a paper or electronic version by February 3rd or you are unsure if we have your email, please contact Elizabeth at the church office or via email at emeriwether@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Asbury Kitchen Renovation

Asbury Kitchen Renovation is almost complete. We have updated the exhaust hood, stove, ovens, coffee maker and added a griddle. Also, we removed the wooden cabinets and added new stainless work areas and a pantry area. We will be having a grand reopening, so keep an eye out for this event.

DISCIPLESHIP

Youth Group

Youth Mission Trip

For a third year our youth and youth leaders will be joining forces with Red Bird Missions. The past two years have been great experiences. The youth have grown in becoming disciples of God as well as in leadership skills. We have completed projects such as plastering, painting, hanging cabinets, flooring, and remodeling bathrooms to name a few. Every year it amazes me what these youth can do.

Our 2018 mission trip to Red Bird in Beverly, Kentucky will be Sunday, July 8th through Saturday, July 14th. The trip will be open to all youth grades 7 and up. There will be an informational meeting for the parents of the youth who are **interested in this trip. Flyers will also be available in the Narthex, outside the chapel, and in the church's main office.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenn Pogany at jpogany@baldwincommunityumc.com or 412.334.4245.

Save the Date

On Saturday, May 19th, the Youth Group will sponsor a Vendor Show and Food Truck event. So mark your calendars!

DISCIPLESHIP

Camp News

Finding God in the everyday! Meeting new friends and learning about faith, courage, and love are all blessings that come to the youth and adults that experience our UMC camps - www.wpaumc.org/camping/

Consider these opportunities to help this vital ministry.

Camp Scholarship Offering

This is our tenth year for this awesome opportunity to bring kids to Christ! Last year, we had 28 campers attend camp, thirteen used scholarship money. On average, camp costs about \$450 for a week. Without our scholarship fund, some kids would not get to go. Thank you to those who gave! Watch for your opportunity to give during our Campership Weekend!

Scholarship Requests

If you're interested in a scholarship for one of the United Methodist camps, please do the following:

1. Register for your camp by May 1st.
2. List Baldwin Community UMC on your registration form.
3. Complete the scholarship form and turn it into the Church Office by May 6th.

Scholarship forms will be available in the Church Office as of April 1st.

SUPPORT Clean Closets for Campers

Spring is here! Time to clean those closets and help our kids go to camp! Donate your unwanted clothes, hats, purses, shoes and belts, and damaged items too. Money from these donations benefits our Camp Scholarship Fund. You can drop-off your items in the collection bins, located by the church entrance.

Preschool News

This February 13, 2018 we will begin registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Our process is very simple: complete a registration form with the fee and put it in the mail. We are always glad to provide a tour of the school, and until all classes are full, we will continue to register children. We would be glad to mail you a form or they can be found on the Church website. For more information contact Carol Barringer 412 440-0509 or cbarringer@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Weed Whackers

Do you like to get your hands dirty? Do you like to see the flowers bloom and the weeds disappear? Have we got a group for you!!

Weed Whackers is a volunteer team of garden lovers who work together to make our church building and grounds **look beautiful by maintaining and improving the exterior gardens. We'll meet in late February to make plans for the** spring and summer plantings and, yes, weeding. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge of plants, pick up some tips, get to know other Baldwin Community UMC members, and help take care of the green space that welcomes us to worship every weekend.

To join us, watch the bulletin for our first meeting of 2018; contact the office 412-882-9300.

OUTREACH

Thank You

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation at BCUMC for their generous donations in 2017. You made possible the following:

- **Served numerous local families through our Lord's Pantry** – generally between 50 – 60 families each month. Your donations help clothe clients for the winter with coats, nourish their bellies, and feed their spirits. In addition you **helped the Lord's Pantry sponsor a Breakfast with Santa for the children of the families they serve.**
- Allowed BCUMC to provide clients at 8th Avenue Place with fellowship and someone to talk to in their time of need. The Outreach Team sponsored a Christmas Dinner for 117 people. Your donations helped send children from 8th Avenue Place to Jumonville this past summer.
- Helped the Team donate to Bread for the World. Your letters written for the Mailing of Letters were delivered to the appropriate congressional offices in Washington D.C.
- Helped the Outreach Team with donations to the Nyadire Connection which is located in Zimbabwe, Africa. Your donations are now helping students that are in the Hearing Impaired Program. The Outreach Team has continued to sponsor three children; members of the congregation are sponsoring children as well. Watch the bulletin for information on sponsoring a child in the program.
- Helped numerous families send their children to Jumonville this past summer through the Campership Campaign.
- Helped families with preschool students in need of scholarships to our Baldwin Community Preschool.
- Send boxes to our college students and our military personnel with snacks while they are away from home. This lets them know we support them, we want them to succeed, and that we are thinking about them.
- Send funds to UMCOR to assist with US Disaster Relief. You can specify where 100% of your donation goes to through UMCOR. Their website is: www.umcor.org.
- Allowed our own Youth Group to participate in a Mission Trip to Redbird, Kentucky. These mission trips help the youth realize the needs in our country. The trips also provide a way for them to have more fellowship with our Youth Leaders and each other.
- **Helped families from the Lord's Pantry, Ward Home, Lydia's Place, Eighth Avenue Place, and Sojourner House** provide a better holiday for their children.
- Send veterans at the local VA Hospitals Valentines and Christmas cards to make their days a little brighter.
- Helped feed the homeless and under-employed on the Northside of Pittsburgh with a hot meal and fellowship through the Daily Bread Feeding Program. The Outreach Team will serve meals four times this coming year. Watch the bulletin for information about volunteering for this ministry.

This year you have a choice to give an Easter Flower in honor or memory of a loved one **OR** give \$10.00 or more to the Lord's Pantry, in honor or memory of a loved one. The Easter Flowers and the Lord's Pantry each have their own form.



Easter Flowers

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Plants are \$10.00 each. Tulips # ____, Hyacinths # ____, Lilies# ____, Daffodils# _____

Please print your requests CLEARLY

In Loving Memory of _____

GIVEN BY _____

In Honor of _____

GIVEN BY _____

Deadline to order: March 19, 2018

Please mail this form and payment to the Church OR place form and payment in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.



Easter Lord's Pantry Donations

Name: _____ PHONE _____

\$10 Lord's Pantry Donation # _____

Please print your requests CLEARLY

In Loving Memory of _____

GIVEN BY _____

In Honor of _____

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OUTREACH

Silver Seekers

The **“Silver Seekers”** are a volunteer group of dedicated, loving, and devoted members of this church. They visit and minister to more than thirty shut-ins, those who belong to this church but who are unable to attend worship and other activities.

Every week our shut-ins receive a meditation along with a copy of the Sunday bulletin to keep them involved in the worship and activities of their church.

YOU can join with us. I want to recruit YOU to become ministers to the 5th Congregation, those who are shut-ins. **A card, a personal letter, or a visit can make those whom Jesus referred to as the “neglected” to be perceived as Him in their form.**

If you are interested in contributing to this ministry or would like to know more, you can call at Janise Daly, Silver Seeker Coordinator, at mandjdaly1@verizon.net or at 412-897-8468.

FELLOWSHIP

Bus Trips 2017

Historic Zoar Village

Thursday, May 31, 2018

This trip includes transportation, guided Historic Zoar Village tour, family style lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant, ride on Monticello III canal boat, shopping at Historic Roscoe Village, meal, guide, driver gratuity and taxes.

Memphis and Nashville

Monday, August 20—25, 2018

This five day trip includes transportation, lodging, five breakfasts, three dinners plus hotel reception dinner, City Sightseeing Tour with Duck March at the Peabody Hotel, Sun Records guided studio tour, Graceland, Country **Music Hall of Fame, “Music City” guided sightseeing tour, “Hermitage,” Grand Ole Opry Show, baggage handling,** meal, guide, and driver gratuity and taxes.

Deck the Halls

Thursday, November 29, 2018

This day trip includes transportation, guided city tour of Akron, Donzelles Green House, early dinner at Papa Joes, Stan Hywet Hall and gardens for Deck the Halls event, gift shop in Carriage House, meal, guide and driver gratuity and taxes.

For costs and more details on these exciting bus trips, pick up any of the trip forms located around the church or contact Elaine Lewis at 412-885-4560.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NEW—Esther Circle

There is a new UMW Circle, Esther Circle, meeting on the second Wednesday every month in the evening. We meet in the Parlor starting at 7:00 p.m. Our main focus for service will be to support girls, pre-teen through young adult. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office. Please note, that our meeting on February 14th, will meet at 6:00 p.m. to allow members to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you then.

The Power of Women Gathering is Immeasurable

Abigail Circle is excited to announce the BCUMC Women's Retreat at Jumonville on Saturday, April 28, 2018. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend this event to "Grow in Fellowship and Spirit" in the beautiful setting that is Jumonville.

Programs will start at 12:30 p.m. and will conclude after dinner at the Dining Hall.

We will have carpools available from the church so, if you'd rather not drive or don't know how to get there, no problem! Cost is \$10.25 for dinner (if you decide to stay for the meal). More details and sign-ups to follow. See you there!

"Encourage, lift and strengthen one another. For the positive energy spread to one will be felt by us all. For we are connected, one and all."

Deborah Day

WORSHIP

Spring Music

The Chancel Choir celebrated last Thursday with a grand end-of-year party with great fellowship and lots of laughs! Thank you to all choir members for their hard work in our classic worship each week!

Now, how about all of you sitting in the pews who ought to join us? If you notice, our numbers are diminishing: there has never been a more important time for us to say: **WE NEED MORE SINGERS IN THE CHOIR!** Joining is so very easy: simply show up for our weekly Thursday rehearsals held in choir room every Thursday evening. **Special music will be planned for the upcoming Lenten and Easter season. So now, your questions should not be: "Do I want to join choir?" Your statement should be: "I think they really need me!"**

Parents of grade school kids, the same thing exists for Praise Kids Choir. This group of children will be preparing a musical celebration for Mother's Day. **Their meeting time is Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. - WE'RE AIMING FOR A START UP ON THE LAST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY!** From then till Mother's Day in May, they will meet at that time each week. Parents, it's all up to you to get them there for rehearsal!

In days gone by, it was easy to fill the choir loft every week. TODAY, IT IS MORE CHALLENGING! Choir is a great way to contribute your talent to the glory of the Lord! **COME AND JOIN US!** Call Phil Aley for more information: 412-302-8653



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Ash Wednesday, February 14

Noon—1:00 p.m. - Come and go as you wish. Ashes available in our sanctuary.

7:00 p.m. - Service of Ashes in our sanctuary.

Holy Week

Holy Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. – A service of prayer and healing in our sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Agape meal will be served in Asbury Hall

Good Friday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A remembering of the story of the death of Jesus.

Easter Weekend March 31 and April 1, 2018

A celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Sunday Early Worship at 8:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

Sunday ENGAGE Worship at 9:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

Sunday Classic Worship at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.