

Baldwin Community UMC
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United Methodist Church

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“The Welcoming Community”

**Making Christ known throughout
our community**

**Exploring the boundaries of faith
and discipleship**

**Fall Edition
2019**

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Fall Lay Servant Ministries School

Roots of Faith (800 Main St. Sharpsburg, PA 15215)



October 5 and 12 from 9:00am to 2:30pm

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| Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries | Mary Ellen Dickson |
| Lay Leaders Lead in Worship | Rev. Valerie Wilson |
| Called to Preach | Rev. Pamela Gardner |

November 1 (5:30-9:00pm, dinner at 5pm) and November 2 (9:00am-2:30pm)

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| Lay Servants Lead in Dismantling Racism | Rev. Bob Wilson |
| | Peggy Ward |

Lay Servant Ministries is a program to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is ‘gifted’ with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts.

Classes are open to all. The cost is \$25 (which includes the class book/ materials). Childcare is provided. Please register and pay for your class before September 23rd. You may register at www.wpaumc.org/Pittsburgh or by contacting Pastor Pam for a form.

Worship Opportunities

Chancel Choir

Thursdays, 7-8pm in Wynne Hall (the choir room)

The Chancel choir is open to anyone who loves to sing and who loves the Lord! Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm. This choir provides musical leadership for our traditional 11:00am Sunday worship. No audition is needed.

Contact: Phil Aley

Advent Decorating Planning

October 2 at 7pm, Church Parlor

Pastor Pam is looking for dreamers and visionaries who love to make beautiful things happen around the church. The setting can certainly help us go deeper into a worshipful place. Who doesn't want to come into the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and have their breath taken away? Everyone interested in being a part of decorating for the holidays is invited. Rumor has it that there might be Christmas cookies at this meeting!!!

Contact: Pastor Pam

Upcoming Worship Themes:

Advent 2019 Calm and Bright: 200 Years of Silent Night

January 2020 One.

Lent 2020 Glittering Vices

Welcome to the new look of Discipleship at Baldwin Community UMC!

As we begin a new adventure at Baldwin Community UMC, my prayer is that we can begin a community-wide and individual commitment to Christian discipleship. How can we create renewed passion for spiritual disciplines, sacred practices, and devotion that can bring about real, discernable change in our lives? Discipleship is our lifelong commitment to engage in a vibrant, ongoing conversation with God. Discipleship is a lifestyle of commitment and blessing.

We know that Christian discipleship is done in the presence of a supportive, loving community. However, in church and society, the "gospel of sin management," so popular in our times, instructs us to present a public persona that emphasizes paying attention to orthopraxy (right actions) and orthodoxy (right thinking) so rigidly we dare not think or act outside boundaries set by others. Rigid controls stoke our worst fears of being left out, wrong, becoming an outsider, or labeled unchristian.

The older I get the more I value the wisdom of John and Charles Wesley as they created a whole new experiment in discipleship starting with the Holy Club at Oxford. Healthy discipleship possesses both a personal and social component balancing what we think God is saying to us with the blessing and wisdom we gain from being in sacred community. John Wesley was convinced that an isolated Christian was not the full embodiment of Christian personhood...we need each other to grow! And so, I invite you to find a place at Baldwin Community UMC where you can thrive and grow!

Pastor Pam

Children's Discipleship

DEEP BLUE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K through 5th Grade
Every Sunday during the
9:30am Engage Worship

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Kickoff Sunday

Sept. 15th, 6:00pm

BBQ, Music, Kickball! Don't miss it!

Jingle Jam

Nov. 24th, 5:00pm

All-ages hanging of the greens!



The Church of the 21st Century: Conversations in the Church that Cares

Lecture series

What happened to the art of conversation in church and culture? Are we no longer able to share our thoughts or opinions outside the need to polarize ourselves in categories of right or wrong, moral or immoral, sacred or profane? Look back over human history and you will observe that the church was once a place of vibrant conversation and discernment impacting culture and society. What happened?

Speaking to the Methodist experience, the church followed the culture around it without offering a better way, prophetic voice, or witnessing faith despite division and dissent. How can we present a different way? We believe that one way is modeling healthy Christian conversation where respect and listening open a new way of being in the world. This lecture series will address a wide variety of topics and issue that invite wise conversation as we become the church that cares.

4pm—Introductions and Presentation

4:35pm— Q & A

5pm—Simple Dinner

Presenters:

October 6 — Rev. Kelli Smith

Pittsburgh District Missional Strategy Team

What are our ministry priorities in the Pittsburgh District?

November 3—Rev. Pamela Gardner

The cost of non-discipleship in the church

December 1—Rev. Dawn Hand, Pittsburgh District Superintendent

What can we expect from our next General Conference Session?

Events next door at Caste Village Shops:

Oct. 19th—Spooktacular

Noon-2:00pm

Dec. 7th—Holiday Lights Festival

5:30-7:30pm

Outreach Opportunities

Service Sunday “Thanksgiving in a Box”

November 17th at 9:30am in Asbury Hall

Gather with us for an opening devotion time on this special Sunday in Asbury Hall, followed by packing Thanksgiving Boxes for the Lord’s Pantry Thanksgiving distribution. Choose where you would like to serve by filling boxes or creating a card or placemat to include warm wishes in each box. All ages are welcome!

Contact: Susan Eyrolles

We would like to make **Service Sunday** a regular event! Do you have ideas on how we might help our community and neighbors? Let us know! Drop an email to Pam, Ginger, or Justin. Let’s see what we can do to reach our community!

College and Military Boxes

The Outreach Committee is looking for the names of college students and active military to send a gift box in support of their work. Names need to be received by October 31st. If you would like to donate to a gift box, place your non-perishable item in the donation bins in the narthex. Boxes will be packed on November 3 following the 11am service.

Contact: Paula Turek

Youth Discipleship

Kickoff Sunday

Sept. 15th, 6:00pm

BBQ, Music, Kickball! Don't miss it!

Parsonage Painting Service Project

Sept. 21st, 10:00am, Parsonage

An opportunity to give back to the church!

First Regular Youth Group Meeting

Sept. 22nd, 6:00pm

Jingle Jam

Nov. 24th, 5:00pm

All-ages hanging of the greens!

Weekly Youth Group:

6th through 12th Grades

Sundays, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room

Contact: Justin Pearl

FB: facebook.com/bcumcyouthgroup



Sessions 7-12

LEADER GUIDE

Adult Discipleship

Bible Study—“IMMEDIATELY!” The Gospel of Mark

2nd + 4th Sundays, 4:00pm, Parlor

Join us as we walk through the first, shortest, and most exciting of the gospels. What’s Jesus’ hurry? What is a “messiah”? Why does it all end so suddenly?

Contact: Justin Pearl

Men’s Ministry—*Ten Men of the Bible*

2nd + 4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm, 2nd Floor Conf. Room

A new study is beginning in September on how God used imperfect people to change the world. We will follow the study guide by Max Lucado, *Ten Men of the Bible*.

Contact: Mike Daly

Eat’n Park Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 9:00am, Rt. 51 Eat’n Park

Contact: Becky Rohland,

Small Groups:

Devoted Disciples — The Gospel of John

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm at the King residence

Contact: Steven King or Sam and Sandy Young

Panera Small Group — “What can I say when...?”

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Caste Village Panera

Contacts: Carol Coyle or Barb Semich

Adult Discipleship

Women’s Bible Study—*Do what you have the POWER to do*

Mondays at 12:30pm Sept 16-30, Oct 14-Nov 4

There are several unnamed women in scriptures who meet Jesus and are changed forever. Who are they? How did Jesus treat them? Get your copy of the study book from Janise Daly or the church office.

Contact: Pamela Gardner

Christian Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am in Asbury Hall

Looking for a place to relax and unwind from the cares and work of the day. Join the Christian Yoga group to stretch out those knotted muscles!

Contact: Barbara Gjerstad

The Reading List

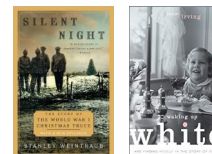
Book Club Series

What books might help us digest the conversations that we are hosting at Baldwin Community UMC? Join us for a monthly book discussion on the third Sunday each month at 4pm in the church parlor.



October 20 —Christianity After Religion: The End of the Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening by Diana Butler Bass

November —no meeting



December 15 —Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce by Stanley Weintraub

January 19—Waking up White by Debbie Irving