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START OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

BCUMC **KICK-OFF** **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**
SERVICE AT 11
WITH PICNIC
TO FOLLOW



**FOOD, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP,
BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS AND MORE**

BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC
5001 BAPTIST ROAD

We are so excited for this year's Kick-off event. Join us for an all-church service on Sunday, August 28th at 11:00 a.m. with Bible Sunday for the 2 year olds and 2nd graders and a Blessing of the Backpacks. After service, we will move outside for a picnic with games, food, and fun. We have decided to try something new this year with a cornhole tournament. Find a partner and start practicing. All levels are welcome!

BALDWIN COMMUNITY NEWS



A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION



AUGUST 2022

Summer Wrap-up

By Pastor Pamela Gardner

**"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain
a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12**

What a spectacular summer we have had at Baldwin Community UMC - just the right amount of busy balanced with rest and peacefulness. Once again, we were able to prepare lunches for children in our community. We hosted a successful New Creation camp, shared plans and started preparations for the new Leadership Council to begin January 1, welcomed Franklin Mosley to our music ministry, and introduced our teens to many caring ministries during Youth Week. What an amazing blend of established ministries with the addition of new dreams and visions!

In this newsletter, you will find a wealth of opportunities you might choose to include in your late summer and early fall calendars. This transitional time when as we are numbering our days, we realize the new wisdom being offered to us throughout the fall months. Are you ready for a Bible Study? Eager to volunteer to serve in our new organization? Are you looking for something to do that will make a difference in someone else's life? I pray that you will find a way to engage and grow in your faith journey as we each make closer to the heart of God.

On August 28th, we will celebrate the work that God is doing at Baldwin Community UMC on Kick-off Sunday. This day will mark the beginning of a new choir and praise band season, Sunday School classes, awarding our 2-year-old and 2nd Grade Bibles. All of this will be followed by a picnic outside in our circle. We've invited Millie's ice cream and other food trucks to join our picnic and corn hole tournament. On this day, we will discover that the heart of wisdom may just be the ability to delight in one another and praise God with recreating spirits filled with joy. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! See you at the party!



**New Creation Sports Camp was
a blast! Thank you to all who
helped make it a tremendous
success.**

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**Read more about the
return of Caste Village
Fireworks Night inside
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Adult Discipleship



Join us weekly at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor to journey through the Bible from Genesis to Revelations. Together, we will learn how to see the Bible as a single story in which we are invited to participate.

For many of us, we don't have to think much about the wording of The Lord's Prayer as we know this prayer by rote, but what if we stopped to think about these simple petitions Jesus taught his disciples as a way to see the world through God's eyes? To observe the things that God cares about? Join Pastor Pam in the newly designed parlor on Sundays at 3pm from September 11th through October 16th. We will be using Carolyn Arends' outstanding devotional to immerse ourselves in this extraordinary prayer of faith. Sign up in the Narthex/Asbury or reserve your copy by calling the church office.

**THE UNIVERSE
IN 57 WORDS:
A STUDY OF
THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
Sept 11th - Oct 16th
Parlor



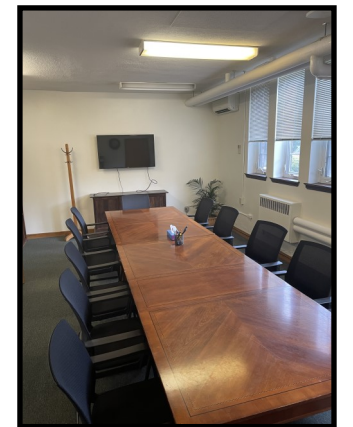
"Abundant Grace" Women's day retreat is planned for Saturday, Oct 1, 2022 at the Forbes Pavilion in South Park. It will be hosted by the UMW Abigail Circle but open to all women of the church. We hope you'll be able to join at this special event of scripture, prayer, hospitality and grace. Contact Mary Lou Englert at 412-831-2452.

**Lighthouse Bible Study—
If the Bible speaks it, we
teach it!**

**Thursdays at 2pm in the
1st Floor Conference
Room**

Contact Karen Kleinhampl at
412-884-5417 for more
information.

Tell Me Somethin' Good



The staff has been working hard this summer cleaning up and transforming some of the spaces in the building. Be sure to stop in to see Wynne Hall (Choir Room), the Parlor, and the First Floor Conference Room. Special thanks to Susan whose amazing decorating skills created both warmth and professionalism in these spaces.



The Family Fun Fest closed out a wonderful week of New Creation Sports Camp.



Sharing the Vision Sunday was well-attended & enjoyed.

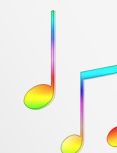
Trustees Report

Construction of the much anticipated ADA accessible toilet room near the Sanctuary will begin in the coming weeks. This single occupant toilet room, which was funded by the Growing Faithful Ministries Fund, will be completely wheelchair accessible and also feature a new baby changing station.

Choir News

Have a musical gift? Got a song in your heart? Help BCUMC make a joyful noise by joining the music ministry!

Email Franklin Mosley, Director of Music Ministry, for more details.



Outreach News, from Jessica Speer:

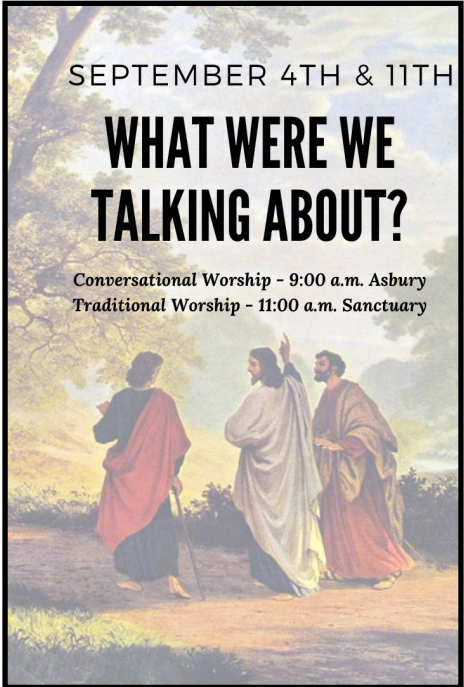
During my experience at BCUMC one of the things that I have learned is that the church has a passion for being a positive presence within the Community. I have also learned that the church community values being a part of the Caste Village Fireworks Night and sees this as a great way to be a positive influence within our community. This year, the Outreach team was excited to partner with other ministry groups within the church to put on an event. Both the Men's Ministry and Abigail Circle provided food to those throughout the community for donation as a way to further support the ministries they do throughout the year. While the event was smaller than previous years (an effect of the pandemic I'm sure), what I can say is that Baldwin definitely shared God's love through our presence. Thank you to all those who made donations of cookies and other food items, and especially thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help support this event. We look forward to seeing how we might continue to grow and live into the church's mission.

Looking Ahead in Worship

SEPTEMBER 4TH & 11TH

WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Conversational Worship - 9:00 a.m. Asbury
Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary



If these windows could talk...



SEPT 18TH - OCT 16TH
9 - ASBURY
11 - SANCTUARY




Upcoming Guest Preachers:

- **Oct 24th:**
Keegan Osinski
- **Oct 30th:**
TBA

September 4th & 11th: “What were we talking about?": Since conflict and tension are a part of normal life, let's have another conversation on how to manage our feelings and differences in community. The better we can listen to scripture and one another, our church community will become strong, resilient, and open to ministry to all.

September 18th—October 16th: “If These Windows Could Talk": When we look at the stained-glass windows in our sanctuary, what is the story being told? For several weeks, we'll acquaint ourselves with those included on the Baptist Road side of the sanctuary, figures like Harry Emerson Fosdick, Walter Rauchenbush, George Washington Carver, and more. Why are they in our sanctuary? What is the story wanting to be told?

October 24th: “On the Wedding Garment": Join us on this exciting Sunday as our guest, Keegan Osinski, shares the relationship between the parable of the wedding garment and John Wesley's understanding of holiness. As contemporary Christians, what are the garments we are called to wear as we profess faith and invite others to come experience life in Christ? What are we truly all about?




Be sure to check out the Annual Conference report at bit.ly/BCUMCConfReport. Thank you Barbara Gjerstad for your hard work!

Finance Committee Report

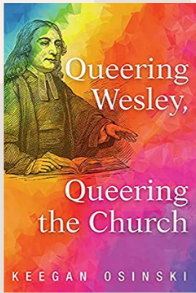
The Finance Committee, with the assistance of our investment manager Fort-Pitt Capital Group, has been working on an Investment Policy Statement (IPS). The purpose of this IPS is to establish a clear understanding between BCUMC and the investment manager as to the investment goals and objectives applicable to Baldwin Community's endowment portfolio. The IPS will be reviewed annually and, if appropriate, can be amended to reflect changes in the capital markets, individual Portfolio objectives, or other relevant factors.

Diversity and Inclusion Team



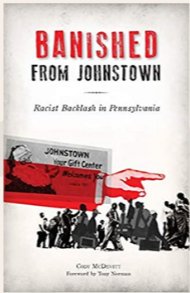
We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status. Joining the group is an acknowledgement that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities, and as followers of Jesus, committing yourself to the pursuit of justice, pledging to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

Team Book Study




1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
Parlor

An Evening with Cody McDevitt



Wednesday, Sept 28th
7:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Dinner & Lecture with Keegan Osinski



Saturday, Oct 22nd
5:30 p.m.
Asbury

Book Recommendations

Adults - All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack by Tiya Alicia Miles

Adults - Subtle Acts of Exclusion by Tiffany Jana

Kids - Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller

Pre-Teens - New Kid by Jerry Craft

We also recommend the 2 books listed above that we are fortunate enough to have the authors booked to speak with us.

For more information, contact Barbara at wildirishrose@gmail.com.

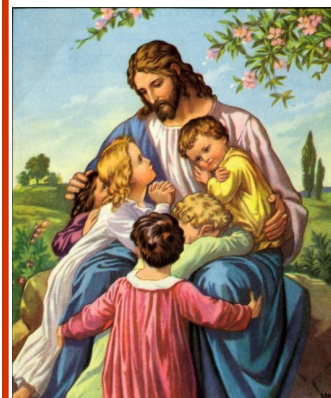
Child/Youth Discipleship

YOUTH

GROUP

BALDWIN COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAYS JR. HIGH 5:00 | SR. HIGH 6:30



Do you have a 2 year old or a 2nd grader? This year, they will be receiving a Bible as part of August 28th's Kick-Off Sunday. Please contact Justin Pearl so we can make sure we have enough for all.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group will begin their fall programming on September 11th. 5th—8th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and 9th—12th graders will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They gather in the Youth Room (access from back parking lot) unless otherwise noted. To be added to the email list for Youth Group News or to learn more about Discipleship, contact Justin at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com.



Baldwin Community Preschool is seeking a Lead Teacher for the 2022/23 School Year (2-year-old program)

Bachelor's Degree in Education is required!



Contact Jamie Carr at jcarr@baldwincommunityumc.com

Pre-K through 5th graders

Sunday School & Children's Choir
10:00 a.m. Sundays



Nursery available Sundays
8:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Meet the nursery staff at the Kickoff on August 28th. Nursery reopens on September 11th.

Our Church Calendar

- August 3rd—Diversity & Inclusion Book Club starts, 7pm (Parlor)
- August 25th—Lord's Pantry Distribution, noon (Circle)
- August 28th—Kick-Off Sunday Service & Picnic, 11am (Sanctuary/Outside)
- September 4th—Baptismal Class, 10am (1st Floor Conference Room)
- September 5th—Office closed/ Labor Day
- September 6th—Safe Sanctuary Training, 10am (Asbury)
- September 7th—Abigail Circle Meetings begin, 10am (Wesley)
- September 8th—Preschool Parent Kickoff Night, 6:30pm (Asbury)
- September 11th—Adult/Children's Sunday School begin/Nursery reopens
- September 11th—Lord's Prayer Study begins, 3pm (Parlor)
- September 11th—Youth Group resumes (Jr. High, 5pm/Sr. High, 6:30pm)
- September 17th—Working Meeting, 10am (Chapel)
- September 18th—Listening Post, after both services
- September 22nd—Lord's Pantry Distribution, noon (Circle)
- September 28th—Banished from Johnstown Speaker, 7pm (Wesley)
- October 1st—Abundant Grace Women's Retreat, 9am (South Park)
- October 20th—BCUMC Church Conference, 7pm (Chapel)
- October 22nd—Dinner and Lecture with Keegan Osinski, 5:30pm (Asbury)

Anyone holding a leadership position should plan to attend Working Meeting on Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. On the following day, all are invited to stay after worship for Listening Post. Information on the new Guiding Principles can be picked up in the Narthex or Asbury Hall when you come for worship.

Baldwin Community UMC's Church Conference will be held this year on October 20, 2022, at 7pm in the chapel. Join us for the momentous vote on our new Leadership Board that will make our ministry nimble and visionary for years to come! Also, hear from our District Superintendent answering questions regarding our baptismal covenant...how do renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sins? How do we resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? How do we confess Jesus Christ as our Savior? We are looking forward to a hearty conversation!