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Pamela Gardner
Senior Pastor

Happy Fall!

Welcome to this changing season as trees show their splendor, sweaters share the joy of coziness, and the flavors of the season dazzle our senses with comfort. For me, fall is a favorite time of the year to celebrate the

bounty of the summer and immerse our senses in impossible wonders. Several weeks ago, we celebrated Catch Up Sunday by sharing the miraculous story of the mustard seed. Across the countryside of Israel, mustard grows abundantly in the absence of rain or loamy soil. Growth from this small seed into a plant 5-6 feet high in barren conditions seems impossible! God created this scrappy, wild plant to do impossible things without the expected and necessary blessings for growth. Impossible!

A few weeks ago, you were invited to write down 6 impossible prayers that you long to have answered in your lifetime. Perhaps you are praying for the revival of our church, reconciliation between differing parties, healing within your family, physical well-being, specific blessings for your family members, peace, and any number of impossible prayers. Once you have written down your prayers, begin to converse with God about your desires rested within each request. Pray with all earnestness.

And then, as we often do, place your list of 6 impossible prayers in a place you know that you will return to some day and forget about them. Leave the mysterious answer to your prayers in the hands of God. You have prayed all the words that need to be said, now it is time for wondrous things to germinate unseen.

Several months or years from now, your prayer list will fall out of your bible, journal, or secret place where you keep important things. Review your list. Reflect on the prayers that were answered and the changes that occurred within and around you in

order that these prayers be answered. Our God operates unseen on our behalf all the time. We only see the results of our prayers when we engage in the act of reflection. Here's the thing... reflection takes a long time as we call into play the virtues of patience, trust, and obedience to wait impossibly long times for our prayers to be answered. In the meantime, let's ponder the beginning of Psalm 116, "I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he has inclined his ear to me; therefore, I will call upon him as long as I live."



The Youth Group recently enjoyed a weekend of nature, friendship, & fun.



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Register Now:
bit.ly/SPOOK2021



Oct. 23
2:00-4:00pm

SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT & COSTUME CONTEST

Candy donations are being accepted until Sunday, October 17th.
Bins are in the Narthex, Asbury Hallway, and near the church offices. Thank you!

Discipleship



Dr. Justin Pearl
Youth & Discipleship
Coordinator

What if I told you we weren't created to rest from our work but actually to work from our rest? That the best life is unhurried and unrushed. That discipleship isn't one more thing we have to do, **it is everything we get to do.** Jesus is everywhere and so are your opportunities for discipleship. We have so many exciting and rewarding happenings here at Baldwin Community UMC. On Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m., Sunday School is available for both children and adults. Pre-K through 5th grade are meeting in a brand new classroom in the 2nd floor office hallway, and adults are convening in Wesley Hall. Pre-registration is not required. Confirmation classes are beginning soon in the Youth Room along with New Member classes.

Starting in November, there will be a book club focusing on the religious symbolism and allegory in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. We will even have an opportunity to watch the movie together.

Did you know that you can sponsor a Bible for our October 17th Bible Sunday? Let Justin know if you are interested in helping to purchase a picture Bible for our 2 year old children or an adult Bible for the 2nd graders or if your child hasn't received their Bible yet.

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Sunday School is Back!

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

**BIBLE
SUNDAY**
October 17th

Story Bibles
for two year
old children



Adult Bibles
for second
graders

An Advent Book Club

**Advent in
Narnia**

SUNDAYS 4:00pm
Starting Nov. 14th

Register: jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com

Confirmation and New Member Classes will be starting soon. Any further questions about new members, please contact Bonnie Deal, bdeal@baldwincommunityumc.com. Confirmands will need to register with Justin at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com.



How You Can Help



The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe. TNC is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a celebration event on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 6 pm, at Dutlih UMC in Cranberry Township. Tickets are on sale now!

Please join us for appetizers and desserts, and to hear more about TNC's future from our local leadership and special guests by video from Nyadire. Tickets are \$25 each or you can buy a package of 8 for \$160. For more information or to purchase a package of tickets, please contact TNC's Debbie Little at deborah.littleo@gmail.com. TNC was formed after a group of Pittsburgh residents visited Nyadire on a mission trip and returned with a passion to support the Mission and build lasting relationships with the people there. Working closely with local leaders at the Mission and United Methodist Church leadership in Harare, Zimbabwe, TNC provides support for 12 programs focused on three areas: Health, Orphans, Education/Relationships.

OUTREACH NEWS

As our summer begins to wind down and the school year is just beginning, the Outreach team is also starting back after a brief summer break. We are calling on all those individuals who have a heart for helping others or reaching out to the community to join our team or attend one of our many events.

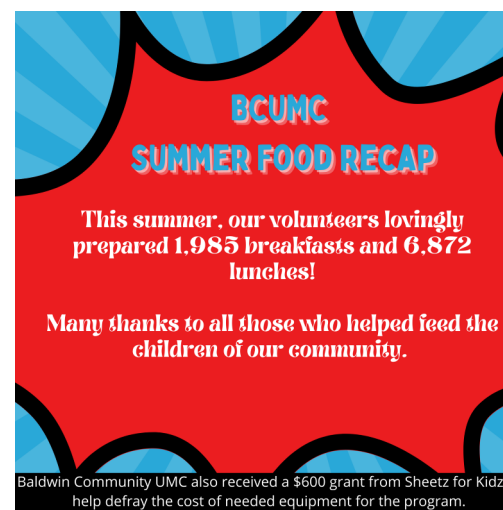
The rescheduled Thanksgiving Day event will hopefully be sometime in the Spring or Summer of 2022. Outreach will be gathering officially in the beginning of January to gather a collective voice of area churches and/or community organizations to further discuss and plan a day to give thanks to God. If you have any interest in this event or in learning more about the team, please contact Jessica Speer.



Service Sunday

October 31st
9:00 am

**WORSHIP WHILE WE WORK IN SERVICE OF GOD TO
MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.**



BE A PART OF THE TEAM!

Job Openings: <https://baldwincommunityumc.com/about-us/employment/>

Volunteer: bit.ly/BCUMCvolunteer




Mark Your Calendars

Baldwin Community UMC

BOWLING

All Ages



Princess Lanes
540 Weyman Rd,
Pittsburgh, PA
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Sunday, Oct. 17, 4:00-6:00pm
\$10/Person

Register Now:
bit.ly/BOWLINGBCUMC



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Pete's Dragon

(2016)



FRIDAY, NOV. 12TH
7PM
CHAPEL

Coming soon: Disciple Bible Study!

Hanging of the Greens



Sunday, Nov. 21st
4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/9—BCUMC Work Day
- 10/9—2nd Saturday Stillness
- 10/17—Bible Sunday
- 10/17—Reception for Ginger
- 10/17—Bowling
- 10/23—Spooktacular
- 10/24—Youth Halloween Party
- 10/31—Service Sunday
- 11/7—All Saints Sunday
- 11/13—BCUMC Work Day
- 11/12—Movie Night
- 11/13—2nd Saturday Stillness
- 11/14—Book Club begins
- 11/15—Charge Conference
- 11/21—Hanging of the Greens



Keep in touch!



Angels will be available beginning in Advent. Watch for further updates in the email blasts, social media, and our next newsletter.

Preschool



Jamie Carr
Preschool Director

Baldwin Community Preschool is excited to be back for our 2021-22 school year. We happily welcomed 214 students into our program this year. We also have 5 new teachers/aides added to our staff. A lot of positive changes are happening!

We have had quite a busy summer preparing the preschool for this year. All of the classrooms have been freshly painted, the carpets cleaned and the floors waxed. The preschool hallway has been brightened with a new coat of paint on the walls and ceiling. We have spent a lot of time converting the parlor into an additional classroom and are so pleased with how well it turned out. We are so grateful that we are able to use that space this year and we didn't have to turn away the 30 students that are enrolled in that class. The teachers used so much creativity in each of their rooms to make an inviting space in which our students are excited to come. A big shout out and thank you to Bob Lee and Ed Kraft and other volunteers and members of Trustees for working so hard to make all of this happen. Please visit the preschool classrooms when you come to the Sunday services.

Even though we are still wearing masks this year, we know there are smiles behind them. We are blessed to be able to provide preschool for so many children in the surrounding communities. Still being in the midst of Covid, these children need a routine, normalcy, social interaction and the necessary skills to prepare them for the next level of their schooling. Last year we had a very successful year during these uncertain times, and we pray that this year will be the same. Please add the teachers, students and families to your prayers.



Church News

BAPTISMS:

Bruce Connor Grebner	3-28-2021
Charles Michael Costanzo	4-4-2021
Carley Layne Nagy	5-16-2021
James Richard Lucot	7-25-2021
Alessia Maria Lista	6-27-2021
Micah Anthony Magrini	8-08-2021
Layla Grace Behr	9-19-2021

DEATH OF MEMBERS:

William DiCarlo	8-13-2020
Connie J. Aunes	3-13-2021
Linda J. Jopinko	3-24-2021
Theodore A. Turek	3-28-2021
Suzanne R. Malcolm	5-2-2021
Margaret Baumann	6-13-2021
Carol R. Reynolds	7-14-2021
R. Blaine White	7-10-2021
Robert J. Wozniak	9-3-2021
Elizabeth Gregor	9-11-2021
Nancy L. Theodore	9-16-2021
Marjorie DeJohn	9-30-2021



Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or attended the 3rd Annual Kickoff event. We had a fantastic time!



Worship with Us



We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Asbury Hall for a Casual service and at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for Traditional worship. Live streaming is available for the 11:00 service. The current worship theme is "Bridge Builders", and the next theme will be "Connect"

Saturday evening worship will be offered on October 9th and November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

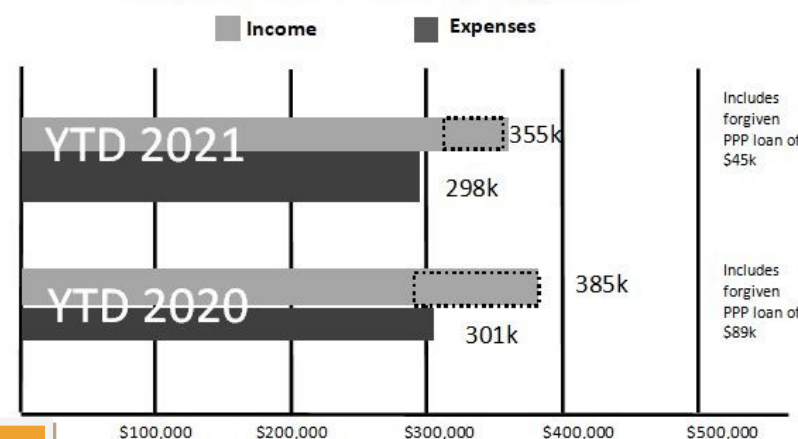
Thank you to Dr. Wayne Earnest for being our guest organist.

Please join us on Sunday, October 17th for A Celebration of Ministry: Rev. Ginger Thomas. We will gather outside between the two services (10:00 a.m.) to enjoy fellowship, treats and beverages, and to have an opportunity to thank Ginger for the last 3.5 years of ministry here at Baldwin Community UMC.

All Saints Sunday will be on November 7th at the 11:00 service. Letters to family members are going out this week. We invite everyone to come to honor all the members who passed away this year.



FINANCIAL REPORT January - August 2021



Mark your calendar for November 15th at 7:00 p.m. for the Charge Conference, being held here at the church. There will be a chance to meet our new District Superintendent, Deborah Ackley-Killian, hear the pastor's report, and participate in the election of new officers.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY:
REV. GINGER THOMAS**

**OCTOBER 17
10AM- 11AM**

