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Guided by the Holy Spirit

Pastor Pamela Gardner

What does the Holy Spirit do? How does this part of the Trinity function differently from the rest? The historical church has grown quite comfortable in relationship with God and Christ Jesus, but when pushed to define the action of the Holy Spirit, we grow uncomfortable, without words. It seems as if the Holy Spirit is the forgotten part of God. Won't you join us in worship at the first part of Pentecost to consider how the Holy Spirit interacts and resources each Christian with gifts that empower us to love and ministry? Together, we will explore how we can best understand and receive the power of the Holy Spirit as life-supporting empowerment to serve and grow in grace. I invite you to participate in the:

24/7 Prayer Initiative — Using the prayer model "Help Me/Help Us/Help Others/Thank You" let's open our hearts and minds to the Spirit's guidance as we pray daily this simple prayer. In this simple prayer form, we will be able to speak our prayers to God and watch how the Holy Spirit works within our prayers for good. Will all our prayers be answered? Probably not, but those that are will be astounding to us! To watch how God moves through our prayers is a rich blessing. (For more resources, check out 24-7prayer.com). If you would like to start your own 24/7 prayer group, please reach out to Pastor Pam or Justin to get started.

Sharing the Vision — July 10 at 10 am — On this one service Sunday, our church leaders will be sharing in worship how God has been leading us to create a simpler administrative structure, a vision captured in new ministry focus, and a revival of Growing Faithful Ministries. Exciting times are ahead for Baldwin Community UMC. May God's blessing fall richly upon us! Throughout the rest of the newsletter, consider the ways you observe the power of the Holy Spirit at work in each activity and special moment being planned for our church. My prayer is that you will find a place where you can become involved in ministry and service. We have so many opportunities for greater involvement, exploring your giftedness, and offering praise to God made known to us in three ways...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Children's Choir has been such a blessing at services. What a fantastic group of singers!

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The Youth Group made meals for our local Ronald McDonald House families recently.

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JULY 1, 2022 | 5:30-7:00 PM
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COMMUNITY FUN FEST

BBQ | MUSIC | ICE CREAM | BOUNCE HOUSE | FACE PAINTING | AND MORE





Summer of 2022 is shaping up to be a busy one here. Be sure to get your calendar out and mark down the dates on page 5 of this newsletter.

Membership classes are starting June 8th but it's not too late to sign up. Call Pastor Pam to register.

Church Leadership is invited to attend a Livin' the Dream Workshop on June 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Caste Village Fireworks Night will be on Friday, June 24th. The church will be participating in some capacity. More details to come via email and bulletin.

One of the most exciting weeks of the summer will be our New Creation Sports Camp beginning on Monday, June 27th and ending with a Community Fun Fest on Friday, July 1st.

Sunday services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with the exception of July 10th which will be a Sharing the Vision combined service at 10:00 a.m.

5th—12th graders are invited to participate in Youth Week on the week of July 25th. Contact Justin Pearl for more information on this or the weekly Youth Group on Sunday evenings.



Save the Date" for the BCUMC Women's Retreat Abundant Grace for Saturday, Oct 1 at the Forbes Pavilion at South Park. It is open to all women who are interested in this opportunity of growing in faith and fellowship. Look for details in August!



The Diversity and Inclusion Team (formerly called "Reconciling") has gained status as an official Reconciling Committee. This team welcomes and affirms 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 ourselves to the pursuit of justice, pledging to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed. This group will be kicking off a new book study on Queering Wesley, Queering the Church on July 20th at 7:00 p.m. with a fun event. Contact Barbara Gjerstad for more details at wildirishrose@gmail.com.

Tell Me Somethin' Good



Congratulations to this year's confirmands and new members who were received into membership on Sunday, June 5th:

Confirmands: Emily Rose Domhoff, Allison Rose Gintner, Nathaniel Owen McWilliams, and Mackenzie Rae Stout

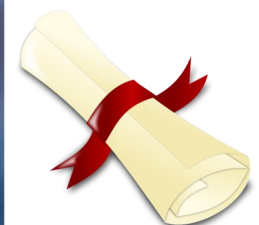
New Members: Kayleigh McDermott and Lori McDermott

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the Director of Music Search Committee are pleased to announce that Franklin Mosley has been chosen as the new Director of Music for Baldwin Community United Methodist Church.

Mr. Mosley will begin his duties on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the 11:00 a.m. service. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in voice from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Music degree from Boston University.

Franklin is originally from Carlisle, moved to Pittsburgh in 2017, and currently lives in Dormont. He is a warm, engaging person with great enthusiasm for his work and we look forward to his musical contributions to Baldwin's ministry.

Join us on June 19th to meet Franklin in person! If you are interested in joining chancel or handbell choir, Franklin would love to meet you and discuss the ins and outs of music ministry.



Kudos to our two graduates: Kayleigh McDermott and Keegan Rohland.

Kayleigh is graduating from Baldwin Senior High School. As an athlete, Kayleigh played softball for all four years that she attended Baldwin. This fall, Kayleigh will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania. There, she will be studying Criminology with the aim of pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Keegan is also graduating from Baldwin Senior High School as a distinguished graduate. As a student, Keegan served as the senior captain of the Varsity Swim and Dive teams; as the vice president in the National Honor Society; and as the executive board assistant for the Honors Highlander choir. She was also involved in the BCUMC Youth Group, Girl Scouts, and Baldwin's Preschool Education Program. This fall, Keegan will begin studying nursing at the University of Pittsburgh.

We wish them both success in all of their future endeavors.

Looking Ahead in Worship

June 12th—July 3rd: *The Forgotten Part of God* will focus on reacquainting ourselves with the Holy Spirit. Services will be at 9:00 and 11:00.

July 10th—August 21st: *24/7 Prayer* will be using a simple prayer form model. Consider doing these things to prepare for this Summer worship series:


- Download Lectio 365 onto your phone
- Dedicate 5-15 minutes daily to prayer using the Help Me/Help Us/Help Others/Thank You model
- Consider starting or joining a small group to pray together.



24/7 Prayer

*Help me.
Help us.
Help others.
Thank you.*

July 10 - August 21




“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

~Romans 15:13

When you pass by the church, we hope you will be reminded to pray for the people of Ukraine.



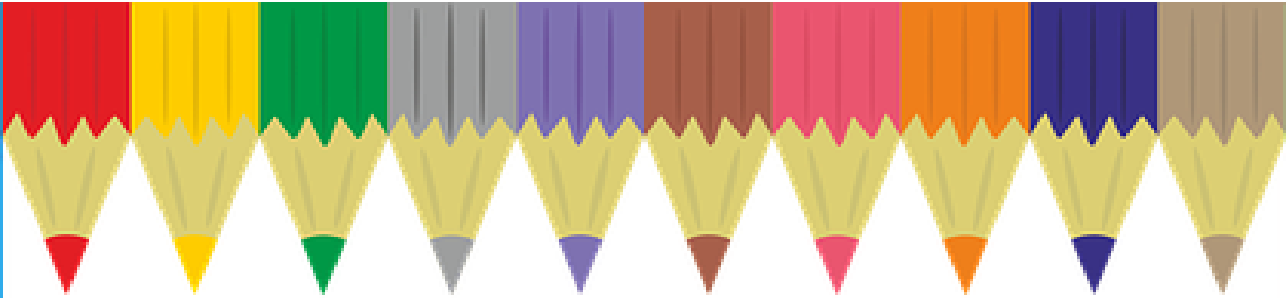


We stand with Ukraine

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

FATHER GOD, KING OF ALL NATIONS, WE CRY OUT TO YOU NOW FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE. WE ASK YOU TO RESCUE THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE FROM THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES THAT THEY MAY LIVE WITHOUT FEAR BEFORE YOU ALL THEIR DAYS (LUKE 1:74-75).

KYRIE ELEISON – LORD HAVE MERCY.



Happy Summer from the Preschool!!

We did it! We can't believe we are already finished with this school year! It was another successful year! The students have learned so many things, mastered their daily routines and made a lot of friends. We were ecstatic to be able to make masks optional more than half way through the school year. It was wonderful to see those smiling faces again! We are so happy to report that we yet again have met all of the challenges associated with having preschool during a pandemic.

We thoroughly enjoyed our preschool graduations for the 110 students who will be moving on to Kindergarten in the fall. The parents were so grateful that we were able to hold these special ceremonies. We will miss our graduates dearly and know they will do amazing throughout the rest of their school careers. We are blessed to be able to be their first teachers.

We are already making preparations for the 2022-23 school year. We currently have 204 students enrolled for the Fall, with all of our two and three year old students returning and welcoming new ones. We have a few spots left in our 2 year old class and a long waitlist of children who want to be a part of our program. We pray and hope that we can start this upcoming school year off without any challenges.

As always, we appreciate continued prayers for the Preschool children, staff and families.

Have a great summer and we can't wait to see everyone in the fall!

Jamie Carr, Director



Opportunities to Serve



You may have noticed new areas set up in the narthex and Asbury Hall. We invite you to check them out to see where you can help. Current opportunities are:

- June 6-August 5: Susan and her team could use help with the Summer Food program. Responsibilities include making lunches, delivering to sites, and distributing to community members
- June 27th—July 1: New Creation Sports Camp needs many adult and youth volunteers to help this special week be a tremendous success.

Please consider giving your time and talent to Baldwin Community.

Baldwin Community UMC is once again planning to engage the community during Fireworks Night in Caste Village on Saturday June 24, 2022. There will be great food, tasty desserts and a few family fun games. We hope to see you there. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event in anyway, please contact Jessica Speer at jessicaspeer83@gmail.com or by phone at 724-699-4885



TRAINING DAY

All volunteers to train either:

Sunday, June 12th at noon
or
Monday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 8th—7:00 p.m. Membership classes begin
- June 12th—12:00 p.m. Sports Camp Volunteer Training Day Option 1
- June 13th—7:00 p.m. Sports Camp Volunteer Training Day Option 2
- June 18th—9:00 a.m. Livin’ the Dream Leadership Workshop
- June 23rd—12:00 p.m. Lord’s Pantry Distribution
- June 24th—Caste Village Fireworks Night
- June 27th—July 1st—New Creation Sports Camp
- July 1st—5:30 p.m. Community Fun Fest
- July 10th—10:00 a.m. Sharing the Vision Sunday
- July 20th—7:00 Diversity & Inclusion Team Kickoff Event
- July 25th—29th—Youth Week
- July 28th—Lord’s Pantry Distribution
- July 31st—9:00 a.m. Fellowship Sunday
- August 2nd—Daily Bread Volunteer Opportunity

OFFERING UPDATE:

Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked and support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change.

These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God’s people everywhere. The amounts we collected for our last Special Sunday were:

UMCOR general fund: \$5,403 and Ukraine: \$6,560

June 5th is UMC Student Sunday and June 12th is Peace with Justice Sunday.

Keep updated on events on our social media pages!



The United Methodist Men’s Flapjack Festival was a tremendous success. Thank you to all who planned, volunteered, and attended. Stay tuned for information on the United Methodist Men’s Laity Memorial Educational Award program scholarship.

The deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is Friday, July 22nd. For weekly bulletins & announcements, email Ria Fruscello by Monday of the week you’d like it to appear.

Don’t forget to check the narthex for registration forms for the upcoming bus trips.

Call Elaine Lewis with any questions or for more specifics at 412-885-4560.

