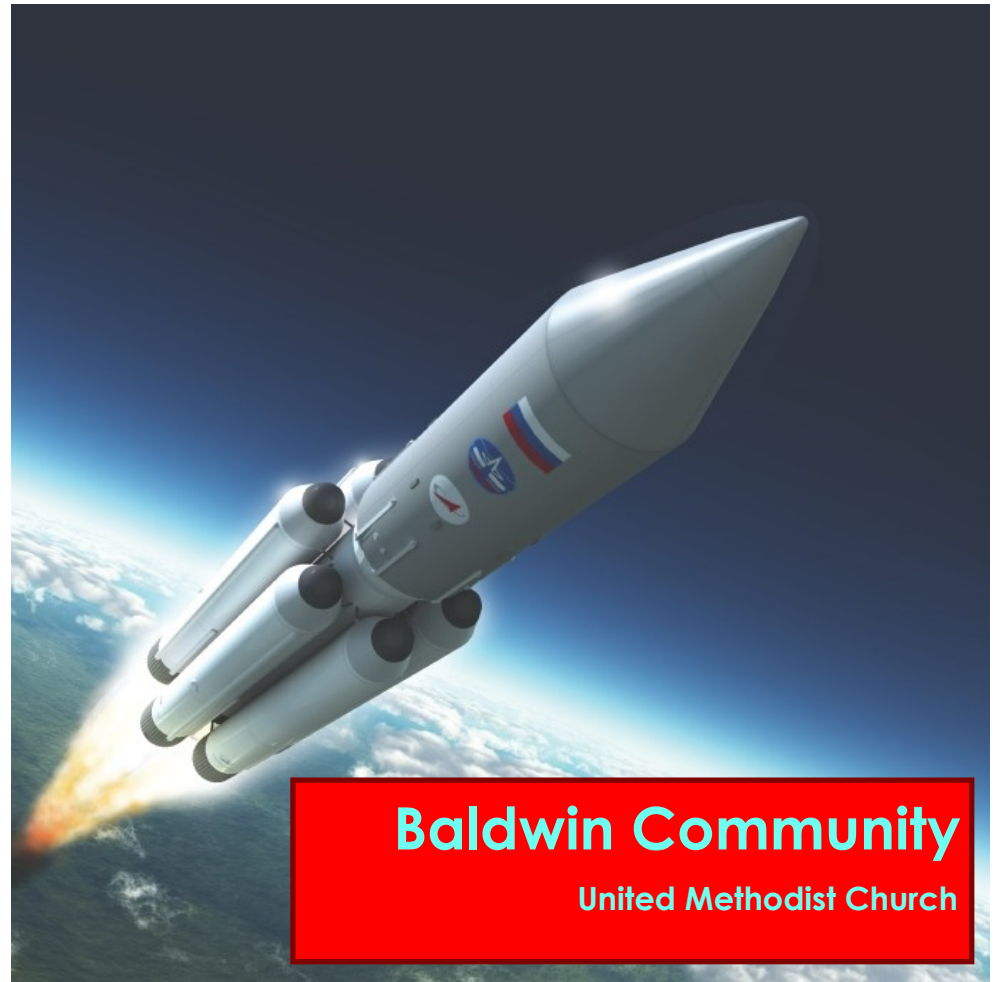
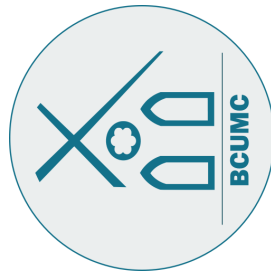


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"Prepare to Launch"

- Making Christ known throughout our community
- Exploring the boundaries of faith and discipleship
- Dreaming big dreams

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Registration

We look forward to having you join us for a few of the events that are enclosed in this discipleship booklet. We'd love to know if you are planning to join us at events, so if you don't like registering by computer fill out the following form and drop it in the mail or an offering plate. We'll add you to our participant list. Thank you!

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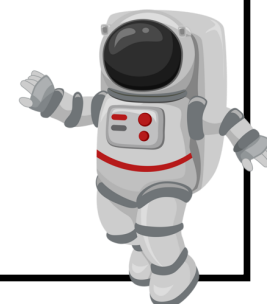
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Phone/text:

Email:

Register me for:

Any questions? Topic ideas?



**GREETINGS
EARTHLING**

Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday "The Problem with Dust"

February 26th— Noon in the Chapel, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

What is the problem with dust? It gets everywhere! The same can be said of sin. Sin doesn't confine itself to the places where we think we are able to control it, but it extends slowly into every part of our lives doing untold damage along the way. The season of Lent helps us clean our lives up.

Maundy Thursday "Watch Those Dials: Anger"

April 9th — 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Our anger has done immeasurable harm to the people around us. In our harried, rushed pace we get short with one another and resentful at the blessings others are receiving. Let's bring our anger back into perspective as we remember Christ's final hours.

Good Friday "Watch Those Dials: Pride"

April 10th — 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

The "grand-daddy" of all sins is pride. Pride is the launch pad of every one of the seven deadly sins we have been considering throughout Lent. Good Friday invites us to put our pride away and reach for humility as followers of Christ.

Holy Saturday "When Words Fail"

April 10th — 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

What is left to be said after Jesus' death? Bring your Lenten focus words you received at the beginning of Lent for one last consideration and prayer. When will we be able to sing alleluia again?

Discipleship at Baldwin Community UMC!

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have."

1 Peter 3:15

Preparing for "Launch 2020" has been a joy! Being a child of the space era of the 1960's and 70's, I enjoy watching rockets being launched into space. YouTube videos are bountiful for those who could watch recordings for hours. I'm always heartbroken when the video clip shows a rocket exploding on the launch pad — all of the hours dedicated, all of the hopes and dreams embedded in invisible ways, and all the work gone in one fiery moment of destruction.

You and I might not be rocket scientists, but we know the pain of watching our dreams, if not our lives, blowing up right before our eyes. The grief we feel is immense and real. It takes determination and resilience to go back to the beginning to start over again, building from the ground up something new and exciting. I hear resilience in the verse shared above that no matter what we endure, we will be called to give a hopeful response to how we persevere through our challenges.

Our Spring Discipleship Booklet is full of opportunities for you to grow in faith and spiritual maturity. Lent is a great time to build deep resilience as we set apart holy time to pray, adjusting and imagining what our lives can look like in Christ. What an opportunity for us to use our days with holy intention! Let's engage our dreams and begin to act on our imaginings so that every answer we give for why we hold faith in Christ Jesus might open up for ourselves, our friends and neighbors, or strangers looking for a place, a wild, wonderful universe full of new reason for hope!



Pastor Pam

Children + Family Discipleship

Family Movie Night — *Paddington*

March 6th, 6:30-8:30pm, Wesley Hall

Easter Egg Hunt

Details Forthcoming!

Baldwin Community *Family Feud* Game Show!

May 2nd, 3:00-5:00pm, Asbury Hall

Youth Sunday — Youth leading Worship

Sunday, May 31st

Vacation Bible School — *Jonah and the Big Whale*

July 5th-9th



DEEP BLUE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday during the 9:30am Engage Worship

Pre-K-K, Room 202 — 1st-5th, Asbury Hall

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

Lecture series

We believe that we can model 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 issues that invite wise conversation as we become the church that cares. Our gatherings will begin at 4:00pm and conclude with a simple supper.

Presenters:

February 2nd — Dr. Justin Pearl, Human Sexuality in the Bible and the 21st Century Church, Chapel

March 1st — Sister Janice Vanderneck of Casa San Jose — Immigration and Our Southern Border, Asbury Hall

Upcoming conversations about clean water rights in Pittsburgh and beyond, interfaith sharing, and our Bhutanese neighbors are being organized. Have an idea for a great conversation? Let us know! We would be happy to invite dynamic leaders into our conversations.

The Reading List

Book Club Series

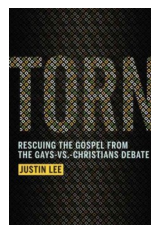
What books might help us digest the conversations that we are hosting at Baldwin Community UMC? Join us for a monthly book discussion on the third Sunday each month at 4:00pm in the church parlor.

February 16th — *Torn* by Justin Lee

March 15th — *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor

April 19th — *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy* by Anna Clark

May 17th — *A Short History of God* by Karen Armstrong



Outreach Opportunities

Service Sunday

March 22nd at 9:30am in Asbury Hall

Gather with us for an opening devotion time on this special Sunday in Asbury Hall, followed by a variety of service opportunities around the church. We will be packing Easter boxes, sprucing up the church facilities and more as we prepare for Easter. All ages are welcome!

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 e-mail to Pam, Ginger, or Justin. Let's see what we can do to reach our community!

Membership Classes

Pastor Pam will be hosting membership classes for all interested in joining Baldwin Community UMC or interested in brushing up on personal knowledge of Methodism. Our classes will be at 12:15 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room on the following days:

Feb. 9—History

Feb. 23—Theology

Feb. 16—Organization

Mar. 1—Membership Vows

To register, sign up at bit.ly/baldwinmemberclass, contact Pastor Pam, or call the church office.

Youth Discipleship

Flapjack Festival Service Day

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 8:00-10:00am

Les Misérables Film Screening (PG-13)

Sunday, Feb. 9th, 4:00-6:45pm

Family Movie Night — ***Paddington***

March 6th, 6:30-8:30pm, Wesley Hall

Youth Game Day

Saturday, March 28th, 12:00-5:00pm

Service Project — Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, April 4th, 3:00-7:00pm

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 31st

Weekly Youth Group:

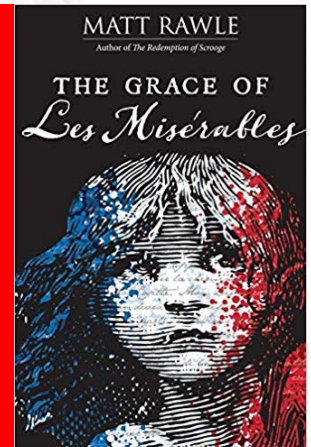
6th through 12th Grades

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

Contact:

jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com

FB: facebook.com/bcumcyouthgroup



Adult Discipleship

Women's Bible Study—*Acts of the Apostles*

Mondays at 12:30pm, Wesley Hall

Contact: mlenglert2002@yahoo.com

Study—*The Grace of Les Misérables*

Film Viewing (PG-13): February 9th, 4:00pm, Wesley Hall

Adult Study: Sundays at 4:00pm (Feb. 16th-Mar. 22nd)

Contact: jsander536@aol.com

Lecture Series on the Cross—*Beyond a Bloodthirsty God*

Joseph Smith of Steel City Theology

Mondays at 7:00pm (Mar. 2nd-30th)

Contact: jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com

Small Groups

Devoted Disciples — *The Gospel of John*

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm at the King residence

Contact: dsktjk1@aol.com or sayyoung@comcast.net

Panera Small Group —*New study begins in April*

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Contacts: cclh22@yahoo.com

Men's Ministry

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

Contact: Mike Daly, mrdaly6@gmail.com or 412-736-3025

Eat'n Park Prayer Group

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00am, Rt. 51 Eat'n Park

Contact: Becky Rohland, 412-884-3052

Adult Discipleship

Snippets!

Sundays at 10:40am in the parlor

What's a snippet? It's a small piece or brief answer. Let's have some fun by asking questions that have short answers as we gather on these Sundays for a quick 10 minute answer. Ready, set, go!

February 16th — Why do people give things up for Lent?

March 15th — Why do the altar decorations change color?

April 19th — Why do Methodists name **everything** a "conference?"

Have a question that you've always wanted to ask but there was no place to really ask it? Snippets are your opportunity to ask! Let us know by sending us an e-mail or just ask! We'd be happy to include this in our fun conversations.

Wednesday Lenten Devotions

March 4th-April 8th — 11:00-11:20am in the chapel

Gather for a quiet break in the middle of your week to pause and reflect.

On Ash Wednesday we will be distributing "Lenten focus words" which is a word that you can wrestle with God as to the word's meaning and blessing in your life. Bring your focus word with you if you would like as we pray for illumination and blessing.

Christian Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am in Asbury Hall

Contact: Barbara Gjerstad at wildirishrose@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School

Sundays 9:30-10:30 am— 2nd Floor Conference Room

Reading Revelation Responsibly (Mar. 1-May 10)

The book of *Revelation* is weird and confusing, so we often skip right over it. At this weekly study, we will see the way that *Revelation* is not just about dragons battling angels, but about daily discipleship in a complicated world.