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A Letter From the Pastor



At the beginning of her children's book, *In God's Name*, Sandy Eisenburg Sasso begins to weave her tale:

"After God created the world, all living things on earth were given a name. The plants and the trees, the animals and the fish, and each person, young and old, had a special name. But no one knew the name for God. So each person searched for God's name."

This beautiful picture book lists the many names for God—names that describe the unique qualities of God and how God acts on our behalf. Slowly people discover that the names used speak deeply to some, but not all, as the characters look for understanding and connection with one another through the use of God's name.

"And at that moment, the people knew that all the names for God were good, and no name was better than another. Then all at once their voices came together and they called God One. Everyone listened. Most of all, God."

It's the happy ending! Not only is God able to be named in community, but all hold the name of God as one perfect communion. Sasso's beautiful book taps into our deepest desire to be known by God and fellow humans, to live in a synchronicity that brings blessing and good to all.

For our next worship theme, we'll be pondering our own name for God... God is indestructible! Our strong God offers the faithful worshipper or disciple daily opportunity to rest safely in an unshakeable deity. Daily as we draw near to God we find ourselves being filled and shaped by the bedrock stability of God who has been working on our behalf since the beginning of time.

What's your name for God? How does your name for God bring blessing and goodness to all around you? How wonderful it is when God's people gather in a spirit of worship bringing God's name with them! Together we will find the indestructible nature of God living through the names we speak in unison like ... Shepherd, Healer, Creator of Life, Love, Most High, Whisperer, and so many others! Come let us worship in God's beautiful name!

Pastor Pamela S. Gardner

Let's stand and sing!

We celebrate that we've been able to take the step of singing hymns in the sanctuary for worship recently! You will also notice other changes in the sanctuary soon—the return of the hymnals and cushions to the pews.

We also celebrate being outside for 8am worship on the first Sunday of each month. While outside, it is good to be together without face masks on, to be able to greet one another and enjoy worship and fellowship together.

As the pandemic loosens its grip on Allegheny County, we will continue to take steps toward normalcy. Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask in the church building for a little while longer to help protect the unvaccinated (especially children) and the immunocompromised.

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BALDWIN COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FAMILY FUN FEST

★ SATURDAY, JUNE 26 ★
11 AM - 2 PM

KONA ICE LIVE MUSIC CARNIVAL GAMES CRAFTS FOOD

★ 5001 BAPTIST RD, WHITEHALL ★
BALDWINCOMMUNITYUMC.COM

Opportunities for Growth

TOP 10
**UNITED
METHODIST
BELIEFS**

8:30 AM — 9:30 AM
JUNE 13—AUG 22

BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC
WESLEY HALL AND ONLINE (ZOOM)
CONTACT: JPEARL@BALDWINCOMMUNITYUMC.COM

**YOUTH
WEEK**

SERVICE | FUN | GROWTH

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 19-23

Fill Your Cup

Come be filled by God's love and be inspired to overflow into others' lives!

Open to all women of BCUMC

Please join Abigail Circle's gathering and be filled by a time of encouragement, a little laughter and great fellowship

Forbes Pavillion at South Park
Saturday, October 2nd, 2021
10:30 to 2:30

Cost \$20.00
The cost includes retreat and lunch

RSVP by Sept. 19th, 2021 to Paula Turek
pturek401@hotmail.com

Pre-pay cash to Bonnie Deal or cash only day of retreat

Please remember to wear your mask

We'll have delicious café treats and deepen our friendships as we take time to fill our hearts and lives with God's love.



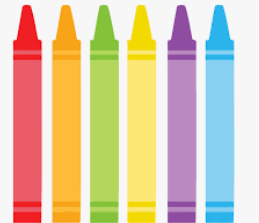
If your teen is interested in being a part of the 2021-22 Confirmation class, contact Mike Daly or the church office.



The heart of Reconciling Ministries is welcoming and affirming people of every gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and so much more. We pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

If you'd like to join a small group based on this, please e-mail Barbara Gjerstad at wildirishrose@gmail.com and let her know.

Accolades



Congratulations to the 2021 Preschool graduates!



Thank you to Tony Rollett for serving as our guest organist. We are forever grateful for your time and talent.



Congratulations!



We are proud of our graduates!:

- **Alysa Zirngibl** (Baldwin High School) will be attending Washington and Jefferson College (Psychology)
- **Kelly Katilius** (Bethel Park High School) will be attending University of Pittsburgh (Biology)
- **Grant Clark** (Keystone Oaks) will be attending Point Park University (Multimedia Graphic Design)
- **Allyson Ivey** (Loyola University Chicago) will be playing professional softball in Munich, Germany.
- **Dr. Lauren Paladino** (UPMC Shadyside) will be working at the Sports Medicine Institute.

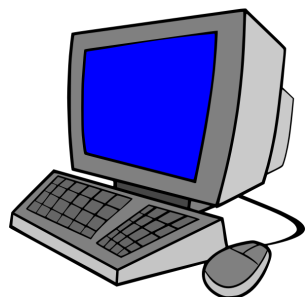
Mark Your Calendars



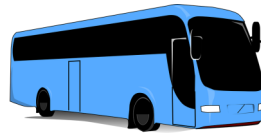
Save the date for Baldwin Community's Blood Drive to be held on Sunday, August 15th. A sign up booth will be available at the Family Fun Fest as well as in the Narthex starting in July.

Keep in touch!

We are eager to reconnect with our church family and are planning a lot of fun and enriching events. We want to make sure YOU are included! Our church calendar and latest announcements can be found on the church website. In addition, we send a weekly email blast with a copy of the worship bulletin and a list of upcoming events. To be included or to change any of your information on file, contact Ria in the church office 412-882-9300 x210 or info@baldwincommunityumc.com.



Baldwin Community United Methodist Church



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Canton Spectacular

Saturday, November 13, 2021

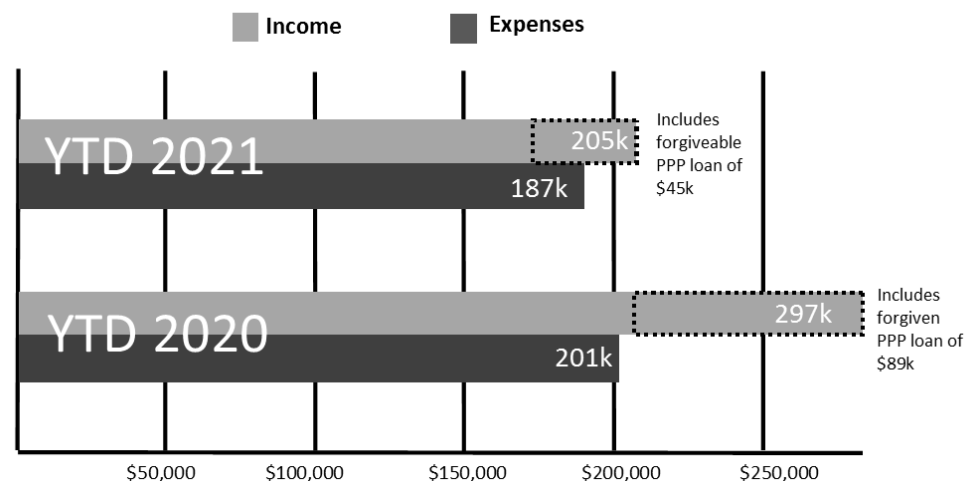
Travel to **Canton, OH** where you will meet your guide to start the day at **Heggy's Candies**. There will be plenty of time for shopping in downtown Canton. **Arts and Starks Boutique** is one of the 6 unique boutiques that are open. Enjoy an Italian family style feast at **La Pizzeria** before departing for the **Canton Palace Theater**. Enjoy the 2 hour musical variety show featuring **Jay Spencer** on the historic Kilgen Pipe Organ, a live orchestra, and musical and dance numbers that will get you into the holiday spirit!

Cost per person—\$132

Forms are available in the Narthex and on the bulletin board near the church office. Call Elaine Lewis with any questions at (412) 885-4560.

Save the date! The 3rd Annual Picnic & kickball game will be on Sept 12th.

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Worship with Us

GOD IS INDESTRUCTIBLE

SUNDAYS AT 10A
JUNE 6 - JULY 25



Based loosely on Christian Schwarz, we'll look at Bonhoeffer's three purposes for the church: to show us the transcendence of God, to speak to a world coming of age, and to minister to people outside the church. By reshaping our understanding of the church's purpose, we can address the changes happening today.

Throughout the summer, we are offering outdoor worship in the circle on the first Sunday of each month. This casual service includes Holy Communion as well as an opportunity for fellowship after service. Bring your own chair for comfortable seating.






SECOND SATURDAY STILLNESS
JULY 10TH IN THE SANCTUARY
6 P.M.

MUSIC,
COMMUNION
AND STILLNESS

Another summertime opportunity for worship with Holy Communion is Second Saturday Stillness. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who have missed gathering on Saturday nights to have quiet worship in the sanctuary.

Our worship task force has been working hard to reimagine worship that works best for our congregation. We will be presenting three different worship options in a town hall setting. Join us in Asbury Hall on June 27th or 28th to learn more and enjoy fellowship and ice cream.



WORSHIP TOWN HALLS

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

JUNE 27 AT 11:30 AM OR
JUNE 28 AT 7 PM
ASBURY HALL
BRIEF PRESENTATION, Q & A,
AND ICE CREAM!

Summer Fun for the Whole Family



- **Hot dogs for sale by UM Men to support college scholarships**
- **Kona Ice truck sales to support summer camp scholarships**
- **Zimbabwean craft table to benefit The Nyadire Connection**
- **Bake sale by UMW Abigail Circle**
- **Prayer tent**
- **Games and activities for children and families**
- **Face Paining by Pittsburgh Party Creations**
- **Live music by our Engage band**
- **Music presentation by New Creation Arts Camp kids**
- **Art displays by New Creation Arts Camp**

Join Us!

Outreach



Imagine not being able to go to school or work during your monthly cycle because you have no sanitary protection. When team members from The Nyadire Connection learned of this problem in 2011, it led to the creation of The Girl's Empowerment Pad Program. After consulting with Zimbabwean women, volunteers downloaded patterns for sewing reusable cotton sanitary napkins, gathered fabric, collected donations, and converted electric sewing machines to manual. Now, leaders in both Pittsburgh and Nyadire continue to collaborate in order to support this extraordinary program!

TNC is a 100% volunteer, faith based, non-profit organization that was founded in 2006. This group practices non-toxic charity and sustainable development while seeking to support and sustain the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe, Africa. TNC is made up of various programs centered around education, health, agriculture, outreach, and more! Teams frequently visit the mission to collaborate with our partners in Zimbabwe with a focus on relationship building. During each visit, crafts are ethically purchased to support local artists (some from Nyadire). All proceeds from sales go to The Nyadire Connection.

Daily Bread:

We have been serving about 120 people and all orders are packaged to-go. If you are interested in baking a dessert, please wrap items individually. Liz will pick up baked items from the Asbury Kitchen for distribution on the following dates:

- ♦ June 27th
- ♦ August 8th
- ♦ October 3rd
- ♦ December 5th



Additionally, Daily Bread is collecting cases of water and Gatorade. Drop at church office by 6/30.

GET INVOLVED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE



Thursday, June 24 at 7pm - Wynne Hall (Choir Room)



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Offering of Letters

On Sunday August 1, Rich Smith from the Outreach Team will explain the Bread for the World Offering of Letters campaign during the morning worship service. This campaign is important so that all of us can communicate with our Federal Representatives and Senators and let them know that we need as much funding as possible for the programs that Bread for the World sponsors, in the United States and all over the world.

Globally, hundreds of millions of people are on the brink of starvation. And levels of U.S hunger are now higher than during the Great Depression. Proverbs 31:9 (NIV) says that we should defend the rights of the poor and the needy. As a congregation, we have been doing this in cooperation with Bread for the World and would like even more people to participate this year. Thank you for your continued support.