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CONNECT-GROW-SERVE-GO at Baldwin Community UMC



Dear Members and Friends of Baldwin Community UMC,

It's bittersweet as I approach my retirement. It has been a pleasure serving as your pastor. You are a blessing to Robin and me. We will remember you with great warmth in our hearts. We've developed supportive friendships that have been a strength to us, friendships that we greatly value.

I have enjoyed the time we shared, whether it was worship, visiting in hospitals and homes, or living different experiences of life together.

Baldwin church is blessed with many wonderful volunteers and leaders serving in so many ways. Our outreach into the local community and expanding outwards from here impacts so many individuals and families. Your work does make a difference in the world.

We have experienced the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit together. I've enjoyed growing with you in our small groups. The Ragamuffins and the Devoted Disciples will always hold a special place in our hearts. It's been great to see other small groups and ministries develop and make a difference in what I call "Body Life." It's when we live the Christian life "with" each other. We study together, pray together, and care for each other in a deeper way that can't be experienced in worship. May you all continue to grow in His love.

I've had the privilege to work with some fine pastors in my time here. Your support is praiseworthy. Thank you.

I am excited about what God has in store for you. Baldwin Community United Methodist Church is a strong body of faith with a great heritage. I look forward to hearing about how God is using you in new and exciting ways.

Robin and I are looking forward to spending more time together. We are moving to Erie, a place we served for 11 years. Yes, it's cold and it snows a lot, but we love it!

In Jesus' Love and Service,
Pastor Brad

2019 Spring
Newsletter



CONNECT
Join us for
Worship

Saturday
In the Chapel

5:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship

Sunday
In the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m.
Early Worship

9:30 a.m.
ENGAGE Worship

11:00 a.m.
Classic Worship

EVERY STORY
HAS AN END.
BUT IN LIFE,
EVERY ENDING
IS JUST A NEW
BEGINNING.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Kohlton Mason Adomaitis	Lydia Marie Gintner
James Robert Bathe	Grace Elizabeth Harmon
Gavin Joseph Clarke	Skylar Alexis Kelly
Alex Joseph Fedak	Owen David Pogany
Genevieve Angel Freeman	Elijah Christopher Traud

2019 CAMPERSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are happy to award camperships to the following children and youth to attend Jumonville and Camp Allegheny this summer:

Julia Burger	Katelynn Burger
Allison Gintner	Nathaniel McWilliams

Have a great time at camp!

**PAMELA S. GARDNER
NEW SENIOR PASTOR**



In July, we will be pleased to welcome The Rev. Pamela S. Gardner as our new Senior Pastor. She comes to Baldwin Church from Wesley Church in Erie, PA where she has served for the past seven years.

Pastor Pam has a degree in Christian Education from Houghton College and a Master of Divinity from The Theological School at Drew University. She currently serves on the Board of Ministry, the Board of Discipleship, the Conference Committee on Disability, and Erie United Methodist Alliance Board. In past years, she has served as a Mission Ambassador to the Missionary Conferences, the UMW School of Mission, Olmsted Manor Board, and recently attended the Renovare Institute for Spiritual Formation.

In her free time, Pastor Pam enjoys embroidery and her three rescue dogs (Jack, Jasper, and Jedd).

Pastor Pam’s first weekend at Baldwin will be July 6th -7th when she will preach at all services. There will be a reception in Asbury Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service, where the congregation will have an opportunity to greet Pastor Pam and welcome her into our church community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee

Fresh Market

In an effort to distribute more fresh food to our pantry clients, Baldwin Community will be joining with other food pantries in the area to offer fresh produce provided by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

This endeavor will take place here at Baldwin on the third Thursday of the month on the following dates: 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, and 10/17 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will join with volunteers from other pantries to provide this opportunity. Volunteers will be needed in all areas such as set-up and clean-up, registration, distribution, and runners.

If you are able to help, please contact the church office and leave your name and phone number.



2019 Laity Memorial Educational Award



In appreciation and in recognition of their contributions to the life and history of Baldwin Community United Methodist Church, the men of BCUMC established this annual post secondary award in memory of the laity of this church. There may be one or more recipients regardless of gender who are on the active roles of this church. The awards shall be used to assist the educational development of the recipient regardless of his/her choice of vocational study. All active members and clergy of this church are eligible to submit the required application. Forms are available in the church office and on the church website or send an email to Jerry Rohland at jerz217@comcast.net, attention: 2019 Laity Award. Completed forms should be submitted to the Methodist Men at the church office by Sunday, June 16th.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Meet John Barone, Financial Administrator

I was born and raised in Whitehall, and my mom still lives in the house in which I grew up. I have lived in Pleasant Hills for the past 20 years. I am South Hills through and through. I graduated from Duquesne and have worked in finance for 23 years. I am a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in Pleasant Hills. I enjoy spending time with my family more than anything in the world. I dote on my nephews and nieces! I am a sports fan and am an unabashed Marvel movie guy! I am looking forward to using my gifts and experience to serve BCUMC.

Meet Bonnie Judy, Office Administrator and Assistant to the Pastors

I have been married to the Rev. Bruce R. Judy for forty-one years. We have four children: Justin, Jacob, Hannah, and Caleb, and seven perfect grandchildren: Elijah, Samuel (deceased), Jonathan, Lydia, Leviticus, Owyn, and Jordyn. I often wonder how we managed to get perfect grandchildren from imperfect children?! We also have two dogs: Clancy and Stella (they are not perfect)! If you would like to know more, please feel free to stop in and say hello. I look forward to a long and blessed working ministry with Baldwin Community. United Methodist Church. Praise the Lord!



Meet Jamie Carr, Preschool Director

I am honored to be the new Director of Baldwin Community Preschool beginning June 10th. I have been a teacher here at the Preschool for 18 years and have taught all age groups. I am a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a degree in elementary education. I have been happily married to my husband, Tim, for 26 years and have 3 beautiful children, Tim Jr., Olivia and Adelynn. My Christian faith is always foremost in my life and I truly believe that God’s will is what brought me to this position. I look forward to continuing to work with the preschool children, parents, and teachers, and making new connections with the church staff and congregation.

Meet Dale Callender, Tech and Media Coordinator

I am Dale Callender, Jr., born and raised in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. I am an aspiring artist and have been nearly my whole life. I am also a musician and have performed in many ensembles and bands spanning many genres of music. I have been performing, entertaining, and creating for audiences on and off for about 23 years. I am the father of two astonishing boys, and the step-father of three incredible kids, one of whom is severely disabled. He brings a great light to every day and makes me appreciate all I have and all I can do.



FIREWORKS!

The Caste Village Fireworks will soon be upon us giving us another opportunity to support our church! Please email or call Mary Ann Belles if your group is interested in setting up a booth or table the evening of the fireworks. An organizational meeting will be scheduled the beginning of June to discuss the evening. Please contact Mary Ann at 412-833-3450 or via email at maryann.belles@verizon.net.



MUSIC NEWS

SUMMER MUSIC AT BALDWIN – GIVE IT A TRY!

Summer Choir will continue throughout the month of June through July 7th, which is Reverend Pamela Gardner's first Sunday. Every Sunday the choir meets in the choir room to prepare the music for that particular day. The summer is a great time for you to give the choir a chance to see if you'd like to join us in the fall. All you have to do is show up on any given Sunday at 10:15 a.m. (to sing for the 11:00 a.m. service).

Then, beginning with the weekend of July 14th, we will begin solos, both vocal and instrumental. If this is something you'd like to do, please contact Phil at 412-302-8653 for all the details and the weekend you'd like to be put on the calendar. This opportunity will extend through Labor Day.

We certainly could use more singers and instrumentalists, so come and join us!

**LIFTING GOD IN SONG OR MELODY IS ONE OF
LIFE'S JOYS!!**

CHRISTIAN YOGA

Beginning May 29th, 2019, Christian Yoga will meet in Asbury Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays during the summer. This Christian approach to yoga focuses on becoming physically and spiritually healthy. Through movement, music, and spiritual inspiration, Christian yoga gives us a powerful way to worship God with our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls. Class fee is \$6 per class. Prepaying for 6 classes is also available for \$30. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

It's not too late to make reservations to join us in Ohio Amish Country during the Christmas Season at Schrock Farm Village. The cost is \$132 per person, and reservations and full payment must be made before November 3rd, 2019. For more information you may contact Elaine Lewis at 412.885.4560 or grab a flyer from the bulletin board across from the Receptionists' office.



BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for worship bulletins and the church newsletter are being coordinated by Bonnie Judy. Send submissions to bjudy@baldwincommunityumc.com.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR THE NEELS

Pastor Brad's last Sunday is June 9th. Please join the SPRC in celebrating his and Robin's ministry with our congregation at a 12:00 p.m. reception that day in Asbury Hall.

OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach team continues to assist the local community and regional and international needs through your generous donations. We would like to thank the congregation at Baldwin Community UMC for your continued support.

The Lord's Pantry has served an average of forty-eight families over the last few months and will continue to serve needy families throughout the summer months. The Lord's Pantry serves local families on the 4th Thursday of the month. Volunteers are needed on the Lord's Pantry truck unloading day, on pantry day, and for the Fresh Market that begins on Thursday, June 20th, 2019. Please check your bulletin every week to see what items are needed and contact Susan Eyrolles to sign up for volunteering at seyrolles@baldwincommunityumc.com or by calling 412-882.9300 x.229.

Volunteers served and supplied desserts at the Daily Bread on Sunday, May 26th, 2019. The next Daily Bread will be Sunday, July 28, 2019. Please mark your calendars. Please contact Liz Pollock at 412.308.6066 or you can email her at locksleys@yahoo.com.

The College/Military Boxes were distributed and enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations. The Outreach Team will be collecting items again in the fall for the college students and care packages for the military.

The hearing impaired students at the Nyadire Connection have received their backpacks. Our container made it across the Mozambique border just in time before it would have been in the path of Cyclone Idai. Most all of the donations were collected through Baldwin Community UMC's backpack drive.

Thank you to the congregation of Baldwin Community United Methodist Church for your continued support. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant."*



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLOSET



Did you know Baldwin Community United Methodist Church has a medical Equipment Closet? Our medical equipment loan closet has wheel chairs, shower seats or chairs, commodes, a variety of walkers, crutches, canes, and toilet seat risers for short term loan and then return. Please call the church office at 412.882.9300 or Men's Ministry if you or someone you know is in need. Also call if you have equipment to add to the available equipment list.



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