

What's Happening at Baldwin Community UMC

May 22, 2020

Happy Memorial Day. Stay safe!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU:

Vacation Bible School:

Just because we can't leave home, doesn't mean God isn't calling us to the path of discipleship. *Journey of Faith* is this year's *online* Vacation Bible School. Students from Pre-K to 5th grade are encouraged to join us each morning from June 22-26th at 10:00am for an action-packed adventure as we travel through the Bible and think about where God might be leading us. Exploring some of the most exciting travel stories in the Bible—from Abraham to Paul—students will learn that the life of faith is an exciting, challenging, and hope-filled journey. Activities include story time, music, crafts, games, and more. To register your students, contact Justin Pearl at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com or 412-882-9300 x213.

Masks and Toilet Paper Available:

The United Methodist Women have been working hard to make masks and have donated some to our congregation. In addition, we have extra rolls of toilet paper here at the building. If you are in need of a washable mask or toilet paper, call Ria Fruscello in the church office, and she will make arrangements to get it to you. 412-882-9300 x210

Online Worship:

Worship with us live on the website or Facebook page. Join us on **Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., and Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** You can even watch it later if you miss the live feed.

Sing-along Vespers:

Are you missing music? Tune in on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for Sing-along vespers. The talent will be provided by Phil Aley, Mike Clarke and Helen Akers. Special thanks to Dave Stout for all the hours he is putting in to record the music and format the videos. In lieu of providing song sheets, the words for the singalong will be shown on the screen. We will also add the videos to our YouTube page.

Upper Room:

The May/June Upper Room devotionals have arrived at the church. If you are in need of one, let us know, and we can make arrangements to get it to you safely.

New YouTube Channel:

The YouTube Channel is up at www.youtube.com/BaldwinCommunityUMC - please subscribe and share.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Volunteers Needed:

The Health and Wellness Task Force is seeking volunteers to assist with greeting people, reminding them of protocols to follow, taking attendance, sanitizing high touch points after events, etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Ria Fruscello in the church office.

Celebrating Our Graduates:

As we approach the end of this unconventional school year, we would like to recognize those students who are graduating from high school or college. Please send all graduation notices to Justin Pearl, jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com so we can recognize their achievement.

100th Birthday Card Party:

Norma Young is turning 100 on May 28th. Wouldn't it be awesome if she could receive at least 100 cards to commemorate this special day? Please consider sending one to her in time for her birthday. Norma's address is 1009 White Pine Trail, Pingree, IL 60140.

OTHER NEWS:

A Time to Mourn:

The National Council of Churches USA will hold a public online memorial service on **Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** to mourn the 300,000+ people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID 19 pandemic. Use [this link](#) to register.

Bread for the World:

This year's annual Bread for the World Advocacy Workshop, originally scheduled for April 19 was postponed due to the pandemic's guidelines restricting public gatherings in Pittsburgh. The delay has opened up an opportunity to invite Rev. Eugene Cho to be with us for our first virtual workshop (a Zoom event) on **Saturday, May 30 from 1:30 – 3 PM**. Rev. Cho, the new president-elect of Bread for the World, will introduce himself to the SW PA Bread Team and all workshop attendees and provide an update on the current efforts of Bread for the World and how our Pittsburgh Bread Team and network of congregations can play an active role. This year's Bread for the World focus is twofold: global nutrition for mothers and young children and domestic child nutrition programs reauthorization.

All are welcome. Those interested in participating in the May 30 advocacy workshop are invited to register at <https://bread2020.eventbrite.com>. To obtain more information, contact Myra Mann at 412-882-6252 or mannm36@yahoo.com

UPCOMING ZOOM CLASSES AND MEETINGS:

Our church has a Zoom account that can be used by any of the group leaders in order to make meetings easier. This resource does not require the use of a computer as you can dial in to a call from any phone. Contact Pastor Ginger Thomas at gthomas@baldwincommunityumc.com if you'd like to schedule a meeting using our Zoom account. Our Zoom account information should not be shared on social media. Contact your group leader for the password. Some of the information for upcoming events is shared below.

Baldwin Family Feud:

At Baldwin Community, we like to focus on our many wonderful families but now the time has come to answer a simple question: which of these families are true champions? This can only be answered with Baldwin Family Feud. On Sunday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m., families and friends will gather together on the battlefield of Zoom to discover what it takes to be the greatest champion. This is an all-ages event in which families will play together as a team. Individuals are welcome to join a team or play as their own team. Register at bit.ly/baldwinfeud by May 30th.

Adult Sunday School:

In a time of global pandemic, it is easy to feel that we are living in apocalyptic times. Are we living through the book of Revelation? Some ask. But, contrary to our popular imagination, the book of Revelation is not a text about the end of the world. It is a text about living as a faithful witness in our own complicated world; it is about finding hope in a time that feels

hopeless. This message of faith and hope could not be more relevant to our current situation. For that reason, starting on May 17th, at 11:00am, we will be reconvening our weekly Bible study working its way through this beautiful and inspiring text. Since we were only a few weeks into the study when we were interrupted, we will restart the study from the beginning. So, for our first week, we will introduce the context of the book and discuss the first eight verses. Email jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for Zoom login information.

- May 17: The Legacy of Revelation — Rev. 1.1-8
- May 24: What is an “Apocalypse”? — Rev. 1.9-20
- May 31: Seven Letters — Rev. 2-3
- Jun. 07: Seeing God — Rev. 4-5
- Jun. 14: Seven Seals and Four Horsemen — Rev. 6-7
- Jun. 21: Seven Trumpets — Rev. 8-11
- Jun. 28: A Menagerie of Beasts — Rev. 12-14
- July 05: Seven Bowls — Rev. 15-16
- July 12: Final Victory — Rev. 17-20
- July 19: A New Heaven and a New Earth — Rev. 21-22

Panera Small Group:

This small group Bible study on *Proverbs: God’s Guidebook to Wise Living* is using Zoom for their meetings. Their next meeting will be on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Coyle at cclh22@yahoo.com if you’d like to be included or would like more information.

Children’s Sunday School:

Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., starting on May 17th, Leo Butcher will be gathering together the children of the church for a time of fun and sharing. Each week, we will ask the students to bring something to share with the group. For our first meeting, on the 17th, students should bring their favorite stuffed animal (or if they don’t have one, a doll or an action figure) to share with the group. This will be a great opportunity to see each other’s faces and spend some time having fun together! Email jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for Zoom login information.