

Here's What's Happening at Baldwin Community UMC!

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU:

Lord's Pantry and Summer Lunch Program:

During this pandemic, it has been more important than ever to make sure God's people are fed. Susan Eyrolles and her team will be distributing from the pantry on **Thursday, June 25th at noon**. The Summer Lunch Program will be starting on June 22nd and will include breakfast for the next day. If you are in need or would like more information, contact Susan at 412-882-9300 x229.

Online Book Study:

On Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Pam will be leading a 5 week study on So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo. This study will be starting on **Monday, June 15th** so get your copy of the book today. It is available to purchase in many places including Audible, Amazon, and ChristianBook. Email pgardner@baldwincommunityumc.com to sign up.

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.

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. This weekend's worship will be the first weekend of "Stories and Spiritual Practices of the Underground Church". Worship materials were sent earlier in the week. If you need them to be sent again or provided in a non-electronic manner, let us know.

Sing-along Vespers:

Tune in on the Facebook page on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** to worship through music. 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Vacation Bible School:

Are you creative, good with kids, or have a volunteering spirit? We are looking for a team to help put together this wonderful program. Whether you want to be in front of a camera or behind the scenes, there is a role here for you! If you are interested in participating in the planning team, please contact Justin at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com.

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. Team members are starting their training as early as next week.

Prayer Requests:

Please keep the following people in your prayers – Deanna Akers, Lou Denes, Marion McMahan, Stacey Schroeffel, and Arthur Stuart, as well as our home-bound individuals – Karen Apel, Sylvia Buehl, Judy Campbell, Charlotte Cappel, Dorothy Carson, Marjorie DeJohn, George Edwards, Charles Fassbinder, Mildred Gibson, Dee & Regis Heilman, William Ivey, Ruth Keeler, Virginia Kraft, Jim Marshall, William Miller, Lois Molt, Hazel Monahan, Lillian Nicholl, Robert Pease, Stell Reid, LaVerta Sander, Cassie Trushel, Richard Weigel, Blaine White, Robert Wozniak, and Norma Young.

We remember the lives of Tex Lance and William J. Kelly and pray for their friends and families as they mourn these losses.

NOTES:

Suspicious Emails:

Our staff has received a few emails that appear to come from Pastor Pam, asking us to do things such as buy gift cards or send her our personal information. Please know that this is a common tactic used by scam artists. If you ever receive something like this, mark it as spam and do not reply or click any links within the message. An easy way to tell that it is not actually the staff member would be to check the email address from which it was sent. It might say their name but if you put your mouse over it, the actual address is not a Baldwin Community UMC address. We have no reason to think that our system has been compromised.

UPCOMING 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.

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. Upcoming topics include:

- 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

Contact Justin at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for information on joining the class.

Children's Sunday School:

Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Leo Butcher will be gathering together the children of the church for a time of fun and sharing. This is a great opportunity to see each other's faces and spend some time having fun together!

Contact Justin at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for information on joining the class.

Proverbs Bible Study:

As part of our phased re-opening, the former Panera group will be meeting in Wesley Hall on **Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m.** This will be their 4th session of Proverbs: God's Guidebook to Wise Living. Contact Carol Coyle at cclh22@gmail.com for more information.

Acts Bible Study:

The first in-person meeting of the Acts Bible Study will be on **Monday, June 22nd at 12:30 p.m.** Contact Mary Lou Englert at mlenglert2002@yahoo.com for more information.