

Here's What's Happening at Baldwin Community UMC

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU:

Worship Info: This weekend will be the final one in the “Underground Church” series. The next series will be “Restoring Hope”, and worship materials will be sent via e-mail blast next Friday. If you need a printed copy sent to you, reply to this email or call Ria in the church office. Beginning on the weekend of August 1st & 2nd, worship will be offered on Facebook and our website on Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. from the Chapel and live streamed to both sites from the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. In addition, we will be offering an in-person outdoor vespers on Wednesday evenings soon. Stay tuned for more details!

Congratulations to our Graduates: Baldwin Community would like to recognize our 2020 graduates, who finished up studies this past spring. Graduation is an incredible accomplishment, and we are very proud of our students. This year's graduates are Britney Zimmer and Austin Zirngibl. In the upcoming newsletter, Austin's name autocorrected to Justin. Please pardon the error. Cards of congratulations can be mailed to the church under the name of the student, where they will be collected and forwarded to the students next month.

Laity Award Applications due soon: 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 active in 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 or send an email to Jerry Rohland at jerz217@comcast.net, Attn: 2020 Laity Award. Completed forms should be submitted to the Methodist Men by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Campership Funds Available: With a few camps still in session this summer, we have extended the deadline for scholarships. Contact Ria in the church office for a form if you'd like to apply. rfruscello@baldwincommunityumc.com

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Building Regulations: Please remember that if you need to enter the building for any reason, you must wear a mask. Sanitizing stations are set up beside all the doors as well, for your safety and ours. The staff is working mostly from home but are available by phone within their normal business hours.

Job Opening: Baldwin Community United Methodist Church seeks to hire a part-time (12 hours/week) Tech and Media Coordinator to implement and manage digital multimedia and audio-visual technology in live and online worship, manage technology and media throughout the ministries of the church, and own and manage the church's online presence across platforms. Ideal applicant will have strong skills in project management and problem-solving, and will become actively engaged and involved in supporting the ministries and values of the church. A full job description can be found at baldwincommunityumc.com/about-us/employment. To apply, email cover letter and resume to Hiring@baldwincommunityumc.com. Applications will be considered immediately.

Plastic Collection for Whitehall Community Lions Club: Let's help this wonderful organization provide a bench for the community by collecting plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, produce bags, and more. Weigh what you collect and let the club know then you can arrange a pick up or you can drop it off to various locations such as Giant Eagle, Kohls, or Home Depot. Your upcoming newsletter will have more information about the program. Contact MaryAnn Belles 412-833-3450 or via email at lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Prayer Requests: Please keep the following people in your prayers – DeAnna Ballard, Lou Denes, Arleen Gealey, Marion McMahan, Stacey Schroeffel, and Arthur Stuart, as well as our home-bound individuals – Kareen Apel, Sylvia Buehl, Judy Campbell, Charlotte Cappel, Marjorie DeJohn, George Edwards, Charles Fassbinder, Jim Foster, Betty Gregor, Dee Heilman, William Ivey, Ruth Keeler, Virginia Kraft, Jim Marshall, William and Helen 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 life of Mildred Gibson and pray for her friends and family as they mourn her loss.

UPCOMING CLASSES AND MEETINGS:

Proverbs Bible Study:

Proverbs Bible Study meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Contact Carol Coyle for more information. Cclh22@yahoo.com

Men's Ministry:

Men's Ministry has started their book study on Making Your Case for Christ. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Contact Mike Daly for more information. Mrdaly6@gmail.com

Youth Group:

Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, July 26th at 6:00 p.m. through Zoom. Contact Justin for more details at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group:

This group who formerly met at Eat 'n Park will be relocating to Wesley Hall or outside, depending on the weather. They will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Contact Becky Rohland for more information. brohland@comcast.net

Recovery Groups:

Small groups have started back to meeting at the church, with volunteers helping to ensure safety protocols are followed. Due to distancing restrictions, several groups have relocated their meeting space within the building. Upcoming recovery meetings are as follows:

AA – Saturday, July 25th at 12:00 p.m. in Asbury Hall

Al-Anon – Sunday, July 26th at 8:00 p.m. in Asbury Hall

GA – Tuesday, July 28th at 7:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall

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.

Online Adult Sunday School:

The last session for the current study is this Sunday, July 26: A New Heaven and a New Earth — Rev. 21-22

Contact Justin Pearl at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for log-in information.

NEW STUDY ANNOUNCED!

According to St. Paul, hope is one of the central Christian virtues. But what are we hoping for? And is it about going to heaven? What, to put it most simply, is the central message of Christianity all about? In this time when things are not what they once were; as we wait to see what comes next; Baldwin Community would like to take some time to look forward and think about where it is all going. Starting August 2nd (11:00am), the Adult Sunday School class will be taking a weekly look at this question through a book study of N.T. Wright's Surprised by Hope. Books to accompany the study are available in the church office from 9am-noon on weekdays or by appointment. To register for the class, go to: <https://bit.ly/baldwinhope> or contact Justin Pearl at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Online 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 Pearl at jpearl@baldwincommunityumc.com for log-in information.