



# The Spire

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June/July 2010

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### **Sunday Worship Services**

**Bel Air UMC** (21 Linwood Avenue)  
8:00 & 9:20 AM\* ~ Traditional  
9:20 AM\* ~ "Ignite" Youth Worship  
11:00 AM\* ~ "The Vine" Contemporary

### **Mt. Carmel Chapel**

(Corner of Wheel & Emmorton Roads)  
5:00 PM ~ Traditional

### **Sunday Christian Learning**

(21 Linwood Avenue)  
**KINGDOM KIDZ**  
9:20 & 11:00 AM BAUMC  
Infants-Grade 5 & Adults

**11:00 Confirmation**  
(September-January)

### **Adult Christian Learning**

9:20 & 11:00 AM

\*Childcare Provided

We, the congregation of Bel Air UMC, are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ, as we *SHOW* all people the way to the Father, teach them to *KNOW* the Son, Jesus Christ, and prepare them to *GROW* in faith and ministry, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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Dear Church,

Our sermon series, "10,000 Steps," is challenging us to look for ways, during the 10,000 steps we take each day, to use some of those steps to point people towards Jesus Christ. It might be a word of encouragement, an act of kindness or just stepping up and meeting a need. Jesus told us that we are a blessing when we give a cup of cold water in His name. (Matthew 10:42). Please accept the invitation below, as we are going to bless our community in some special ways this summer.

In Jesus,

## **THE INVITING TEAM**

**Of Bel Air United Methodist Church  
Request The Honor Of Your Presence  
Beginning Friday, June 25 & Saturday June 26  
(Time To Be Determined By Group Leaders)  
To Participate In Local Outreach Ministries**

### **At a grocery store parking lot ministry**

- *Help load groceries into cars and return shopping carts*

**-OR-**

### **Honor a public service organization**

- *Help supply items, assemble and deliver gift basket*

**-OR-**

### **Children's balloon ministry**

- *Donate balloons, blow up balloons, make pet character balloons, be a clown to help pass them out at a local park*

Rev. Hidey mentioned in his message on June 6<sup>TH</sup> that there would be opportunities for us to extend our love for Christ outside the walls of our church building. Hear more about these projects during minute messages at the church services on Sunday, June 13<sup>TH</sup> and June 20<sup>TH</sup>. The projects will begin the week end of June 25<sup>TH</sup> and continue on a scheduled basis thereafter, so if you are not available on that week end, you still have the opportunity to serve at a later date.

Please RSVP through the bulletin insert on June 13<sup>TH</sup> or 20<sup>TH</sup>, a team leader will contact you for training and further coordination of the project you select or contact Bob Sherman at [rsherm@verizon.net](mailto:rsherm@verizon.net)

*Bob Sherman*  
Inviting Team Leader

## DID YOU KNOW?

- We have a Prayer and Praise service at the church on the First Saturday night of each month?
- PACK RAT has donated the storage container in the parking lot for storage of furniture for our Furniture Ministry?
- June 26 is the last Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing until September?
- The May Blood Drive netted 40 units of blood from 45 willing donors?
- The next Blood Drive will be on July 12 in McComas Hall?
- 187 Children have registered for Vacation Bible School?
- Adult volunteers are needed to staff Kingdom Kidz at 9:20 during July and August? Contact Joni Behrendt, behrendtj@baumc.com

## THANK YOU!

•Thank all of you for your generous prayers and gifts to help us bring Michelle and Laz home from Uganda. This ordeal has been far more difficult than we could ever imagine, but it is also growing us in ways never dreamed of. And it is drawing us closer as a community. I caught a glimpse of Acts 2 where the "believers shared everything in common and no one had need." through your generosity. I also know that now Laz will belong to all of us – all of us will celebrate his homecoming and delight in the gifts he will bring to this community. Hopefully this will be SOON. And if soon, perhaps we'll be able to take some of the leftover money you have shared to create an adoption fund for others who feel called to this adventure. Again thank you. Our hearts swell with love at your generosity.

*The Cardwell Family*

## SHEPHERD MINISTRY

**Did you know** the Shepherd Ministry of BAUMC, formerly called the Lay Pastor Ministry, started with only 10 members in 1995?

**Did you know** that today we number over 30 members, but even with that number of people, we still need more Shepherds? There are over 2000 members and only a few clergy to care for all the congregants. God calls the body of Christ to care for one another, and that is the essence of the Shepherd Ministry.

**Did you know**, last year alone, members of the Shepherd Ministry visited or contacted members of our church over 1100 times? We become friends with our "sheep" and contact them through phone calls, emails, cards, and getting together.

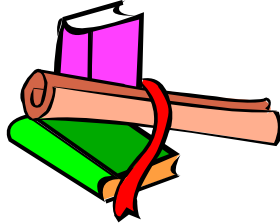
Are you thinking that you would like to "give back" by participating in a ministry at church but not sure how your talents fit in? Please pray about your involvement and if you would like more information about this ministry please contact Rev Carol Pazdersky.

•The gusty winds came, but the flowers – and the sales – bloomed anyway at our 5th Annual *Mother's Day Festival of Flowers*. The festival was enjoyed by many and proved to be quite successful. The event was made possible by the support of various mission and ministry groups including the Russian Mission Team, Grace Connections, BAUMC library, Flower Mart and Mission small group, and Chabadza. Many thanks go to the teams for their participation and hard work. Of course, the event could not have been possible without the support of the BAUMC members. Your commitment to the mission and ministry work of our church is sincerely appreciated. Thank you!!

## BAUMC SCHOLARSHIP

The Bel Air United Methodist Scholarship Team is pleased to announce the 2010 College Scholarship Award recipients:

Gregory Klock  
Christina McAuley  
Maria Spoerl  
Jillian Udem  
Kevin Van Deusen  
Evan Vinciguerra  
Tyler Parrish  
Valeria Swartz  
Hannah Ward



The BAUMC college scholarships have been given to 124 young people amounting to \$63,530. Congratulations to our 2010 award recipients!

## JULY PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

Come and celebrate our God and country on Saturday, July 3 at 7:00 PM in the community room. Our guest speaker will be Gary Johnson who will talk about our founding fathers and their beliefs. We look forward to seeing you there.



## THE GRAPEVINE-NEWS FROM THE FRONTVINE

Have you ever walked up to a stranger and told them "God loves you"? What if you could offer those words along with a cold bottle of water or a cup of hot coffee? That's what core leaders of the Vine did on Sunday morning before worship on June 6. Armed with wagons filled with coffee dispensers and condiments, rolling coolers filled with iced water bottles, and cards that shared "God loves you – no strings attached," our small group descended on Shamrock Park and, in prayer, served the thousands who were running in or supporting runners in the 5K Bel Air Town Run. It's amazing how offering a free gift opens doors to touch people with the love of Jesus Christ.

Mother Theresa said "Small things done with great love will change the world." What if we, as God's ambassadors, would intentionally do the small acts of service to love the people of Harford County into a relationship with Jesus Christ? We (Vine leaders) took this first step so we could show you the way. There's a parade coming up in July (I think it's the fourth?) that marches right past our church. What can we do to serve those who set up along this parade route? How can we show them the love of God – no strings attached? How about helping harried folk with their shopping carts at the Abingdon Giant? Or offering a prayer ministry for the volunteers of the Abingdon Fire Hall?

In early August, we'll be serving others at the Harford County Farm Fair by hosting a diaper changing station, again offering creative ways to let people know God loves them – no strings attached. (Just to clarify - this does NOT include changing diapers!) but it does mean we will offer free supplies and encouragement to parents and grandparents. Want to be part of the planning? Contact Rev. Stan at [thevinehc@gmail.com](mailto:thevinehc@gmail.com)

We hope you will catch the vision of what hundreds of servants can do with small acts of kindness to change our world. Look soon for ways to join us in God's work. Our bulletins and e.newsletters will have more details.

# PLANNING & CARING FOR YOU & YOUR LOVED ONES



This was the title of the seminar held here at the church on Saturday, May 22, 2010. And the information shared was just as informative and educational for those approaching their "golden years" as it is for those who are or will be caring for them.

During this first seminar, everything you need to know about Long Term Health Care Insurance and Medicare Insurance; Companionship and Home Health Care Alternatives; and Care for the Elderly including options for Respite, Nursing Homes, and Assisted Living was discussed by experts in their respective fields. Jim Paradise and Debbie Englar represented the church's Endowment Committee and briefly discussed the purpose of the Endowment Fund and ways to support the fund including specific bequests. The Endowment Committee has also made available a planning document entitled "The Basics for Personal Recordkeeping." This is an excellent starting point for individual and family planning, to include emergency, medical, personal, financial, and property information. Alice Archer shared a copy of the form "Personal Preferences Concerning My Final Arrangements." She explained that this form can assist family members through prior planning and is used by the ministers to honor your wishes for your funeral arrangements.

**Copies of both the recordkeeping document and the funeral planning form are available through the Church Office.**

Due to the interest and numerous questions for each of the topics, there was not enough time for Diane Sengstacke to fully discuss Elder Law; the importance of having a Will, General Power of Attorney, and Health Care Directive. Because of the importance and requests to cover these topics and how they affect you and your loved ones, ***we are planning to hold another seminar in the Fall.*** These topics are not just for the elderly. They are for everyone – those caring for elderly parents/aunts/uncles, those with minor children (i.e., picking a guardian for the children if both parents pass away), as well as ourselves.

Planning for your future will help save your loved ones the difficult decisions they may face in the absence of knowing your wishes and prepare you for what you may need to understand about this process. This information will also benefit those that are presently caregivers for parents or loved ones.

For further information about this seminar, contact Diane Sengstacke at [hometitle@hotmail.com](mailto:hometitle@hotmail.com). For information about the Endowment Fund, contact Jim Paradise at [ajparadise@comcast.net](mailto:ajparadise@comcast.net).



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

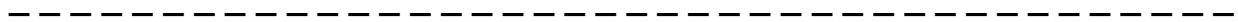
Please help BAUMC's Outreach to the Abingdon VFD



We are seeking donations of 3 large baskets, colored cellophane to make the baskets more gift-like; also items for each basket. Please leave items in bags marked "Outreach Baskets for Abingdon VFD" at the Welcome Desk area by June 22.

- 1) Items for basket no.1 - Fresh FRUIT: apples, pears, peaches, oranges, grapes, bananas, etc.
- 2) Items for basket no. 2 - Individually-wrapped snacks: crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, candy, etc.
- 3) Items for basket no. 3 - Nuts and Cheese: Cans/bags of nuts or trail type mix and small-to-medium cheese of all kinds; Pepper Jack, Sharp, Colby, Swiss, etc.

We will be presenting our Thank You/Friendship Baskets at Abingdon VFD's meeting the evening of June 25 where 50+ volunteers will be present. We will also leave a prayer box and instructions for sending e-mail prayer requests, going forward, so we can stay connected and collect general and specific prayer concerns.



Name & Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ I can contribute by June 22, 2010:



Amount and check each: Basket Cellophane Type/Fruit Type/Snacks  
Type/Cheese Type/Nuts

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**Thank you for your generosity!!**  
*Debbie Engler, Inviting Team*

# VIM AND BAUMC YOUTH



VIM and the Youth Group are again going to Galveston, TX to help rebuild homes and lives, and to spread the love of Christ. The group will be leaving June 26th and returning July 3rd.

So far there are about 15 folks going. If you are interested, please contact Tony Vinciguerra ([tlvincig@zoominternet.net](mailto:tlvincig@zoominternet.net)) or Andy Hessenauer ([andyhess1@msn.com](mailto:andyhess1@msn.com)).

## 4TH OF JULY AT BAUMC

### Come Celebrate The 4<sup>th</sup> Of July At BAUMC!

Place your chairs or blankets on the lawn and enjoy the parade. You may park in the church parking lot for a donation to **Volunteers in Mission (VIM)**. **Harford Habitat for Humanity** will sell hot dogs, soda and chips! The **Exit 412 Youth Ministry** will have a sno-ball stand. Join us as we celebrate the birth of this great nation and support missions of the church.



## FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

### Endowment Mission Statement

We, the people of Bel Air United Methodist Church seek to be part of Christ's family bound together in our concern for each other, our community and peoples of the world.

We will remain open to the challenges and opportunities of changing times. With God's guidance and with the power of the Holy Spirit, we actively commit ourselves through worship, prayer, stewardship, study, service and fellowship to:

***Grow as Christian disciples,  
Reach out to meet people and their needs,  
Help others reach a personal relationship with God,  
Go forth in mission and ministry.***

With this as our mission, we wish to encourage the Christian stewardship of accumulated, inherited, and appreciated resources. It is understood that special gifts and bequests should be made to enable the church to accomplish areas of work it might otherwise be unable to undertake. All who make gifts to the Endowment Funds will have made a lasting commitment to the long-term future of this church.

*You receive personal benefit when you invest  
in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ*

## **BAUMC SUPPORTS HARFORD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Do you remember the excitement of purchasing your new home and then the years of enjoying it with your family? Harford Habitat for Humanity is providing this excitement to 6 new families in 2010. Habitat's goal is to provide affordable quality housing to local families currently living in substandard housing. The program is designed to give families a little help toward homeownership when the cost of entry is just not within reach.



Over the years, Harford Habitat (an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International) dedicated over 43 homes to families in Harford County including one home built with sponsorship by local United Methodist Churches and four "Faithworks" projects co-sponsored by BAUMC and other local churches.

The families selected to receive a new Harford Habitat home must have income to qualify for an interest free mortgage, make a 2% down payment, and commit to "sweat equity" (250 hours of physical labor on Habitat construction projects). Funds collected from monthly mortgage payments are redeployed to new Harford Habitat projects.

### Construction Volunteers

Most of the home construction is performed by volunteers. BAUMC, through the Volunteers in Mission Team (VIM), work closely with Habitat on various new homes as well as some repair and remodeling projects.

The construction season for Harford Habitat is underway and Habitat is searching for eager construction volunteers. Specific expertise is not required as the team leader will offer assistance each step of the way.

To assist with construction, you will be required to complete a brief safety training course and sign a waiver in advance. (Both can be accomplished on-line) Also the easiest way to volunteer, go to the Harford Habitat web site ([www.harfordhabitat.org](http://www.harfordhabitat.org)) and follow the instructions for volunteering. Pick a date that is convenient and check the web site to see if construction volunteers are still needed. Also, feel free to contact me (Tim Knabe) at [ahat2002@comcast.net](mailto:ahat2002@comcast.net).

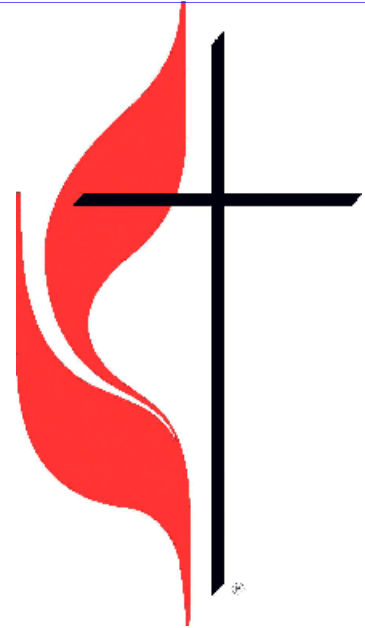
# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM



*Gabrielle Nicole Albright  
Gavin Thomas Albright  
Dawson Matthew Gorrell  
Jacob Thomas Weber  
Jaime-lyn Davis Widman*

*“Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.”*

The Baptismal Covenant Service Of  
The United Methodist Church



## DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

We have lost contact with the following members/attendees of our congregation. If you have a current address for them, please contact Lisa in the church office, 410-838-5181, ext. 17.

Lynne Adams  
Joshua Arteaga  
Michele Baer  
Linda Casey  
John Clayton IV  
Larry Cook  
Robert Cook  
Megan DeMatteo  
Jeffrey DeMott  
Keith DePinho  
Donald Edwards  
Susan Fleming  
Tiffany Fox  
John Gettings  
Tiffany Handren  
Carolyn Hedlund  
Christopher Hedlund  
Sandra Heim  
Philip Heuman  
Eriksson Hill  
Kathleen Humbert  
Catherine Joynes  
Douglas Keane

Thomas Klencher  
John Kramer  
Sally Law  
Jeff LeMoine  
Adam Letschin  
Daniel Lewis  
David Lloyd  
Gregory Manning  
Michael Mark  
Linda Martin  
Trudy Mellott  
Terrence Meyers  
Jessica Moog  
Karen Neeper  
Amanda O'Connell  
Jack Parker  
Kurt Parker  
Michele Phelps  
Kimberly Preston  
Robert Preston  
Christopher Puma  
John Reed  
Brett Reynolds

Mary Rose  
Jeffrey Schirmer  
Sandra Siegert  
Claudia Smith  
Gregory Smith  
Kathy Staniewicz  
Karen Steiger  
George Sterling  
Edwin Strausser  
Benjamin Synnott  
Joseph Thomas  
Kelly Traband  
Cory Turnbaugh  
Kimberly Vincent  
Rebecca Walker  
Bradley Walls  
Karl Wickman  
Michael Willard  
Caley Williams  
David Williams  
Jennifer Williams

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS



**June 15** - Sr. High Pool Party / Crab Feast - Langenfelder's house 6:30-9:30 p.m. Invite your friends!

**June 15** - Middle School Pool Party / Crab Feast - Langenfelder's house 6:30-9:30 p.m. Invite Your friends!

**June 26-July 3** - Mission Trip to Galveston, TX.

**July 4** - Sno-Ball fundraiser 4 p.m. - end of parade. If you can help...email Pastor Tom!

**July 25-30** - Baltimore Mission Trip...you can still go if you let Pastor Tom know a.s.a.p.!!

## RUSSIAN MINISTRY NEWS



On Monday, May 12, 2010, **Rev. Eduard Khegay**, a Russian pastor who has spoken at BAUMC several times in the past, received his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary after three years of part-time study. He retained his position as Assistant to the Eurasian Area Bishop in Moscow while commuting back and forth to Wesley twice a year to attend two week sessions.

The graduation ceremony was held in the Washington Cathedral. Eight members of BAUMC attended the ceremony. Also attending were Bishop Hans Vaxby, leader of the UMC Eurasian Area, Rev. Jim Athearn, UMC GBGM Russia Initiative Coordinator, Rev. Vladimir Shaporenko, GBGM Russia Initiative Staff Liaison, and Eduard's wife and eight-year old daughter.

Following the ceremony, Rev. Khegay hosted a dinner for his family and friends. Several members of the BAUMC Russian Outreach Committee presented Rev. Khegay with a red clerical stole.

Rev. Khegay was given a full scholarship to attend Wesley. This is the first time such a scholarship has ever been given. Along with several other churches, BAUMC contributed funds to cover his international travel expenses.



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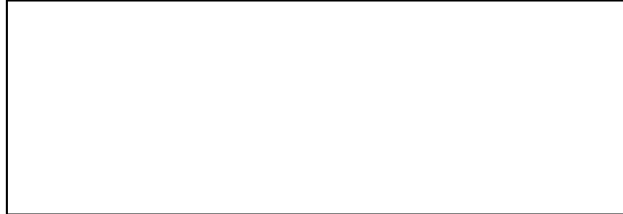
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**United Methodist Women NEWS**  
**The Bel Air United Methodist Women (UMW)**  
**Invite All Women Of All Ages**  
**To Our Annual**  
**UMW Mother/Daughter Picnic**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**in the Fellowship Room (Room 202) Of BAUMC**

Our theme is "My Favorite Book."  
Bring your book with you and be prepared to tell us why it's your favorite!  
(While we know that The Bible is the greatest book,  
we ask that you share another book with us this evening.)  
We'll also be sharing information about the UMW Reading Program.

**Dinner will be provided, so please RSVP to Lisa Foley at**  
**[lafoley1@verizon.net](mailto:lafoley1@verizon.net) no later than July 11.**

***SPIRE Deadline** – If you have information for inclusion in the Monthly SPIRE,  
please send the information to [jonesj@baumc.com](mailto:jonesj@baumc.com) or 410-838-5181, ext 10 by the first of the month*