



The Spire

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Easter is that much more joyous when we remember the events that lead up to it. Take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered to get closer to Jesus to remember both His death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday, April 1

• **Prayer Labyrinth – Noon – 8:30 PM McComas Hall**

During Holy Week, the faith community and core leadership of the 11:00 worship service will be setting up and hosting a prayer labyrinth. A labyrinth is not a maze - it is a winding one-way path that moves the walker into its center and then back out. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice that removes distractions and allows for reflection and emptying. Our labyrinth will be a self-guided walk with stations containing scriptural reflection focusing on Jesus' last week of ministry in Jerusalem. It will bring to life key moments in Jesus' call to the cross. The prayer Labyrinth will be located in McComas Hall. Transport yourself 2000 years into the past to wear the dusty sandals of Jesus Christ in the last week of His earthly life in order to reflect, engage, grow spiritually and obtain timeless life lessons.

• **Service – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary**

Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 2

• **Prayer Labyrinth - Noon – 8:30 PM**

(There will be no formal services in the Sanctuary)

• **Mt. Carmel Chapel**

12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 3

• **Prayer Labyrinth – 9:00 AM – Noon McComas Hall**

• **Saturday Night Prayer and Praise 7:30 PM**

Outside (Near Linwood Entrance) and Sanctuary

This service is based on the ancient Easter Vigil which the early church held to observe and celebrate all the events of Holy Week. Note the later than usual starting time as we will begin outside (weather permitting) at sunset and enter into the sanctuary by candlelight.

Easter Sunday Services, April 4

• **Linwood Sanctuary - 8:00 and 9:20 AM**

• **Ignite Worship Service - McComas Hall - 9:20 AM**

• **The Vine Worship Service – McComas Hall – 11:00 AM**

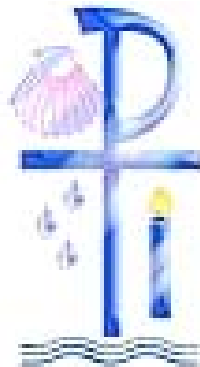
• **Mt. Carmel Chapel - 10:00 AM**



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Pass It On Ministry supplied 111 \$20 shoe vouchers from Payless Shoesource for those in need of shoes? That Payless gave us a \$224 discount on the vouchers?
- The next mission dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 21 and will be a spaghetti dinner to benefit Boy Scout Troop 777?
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-June 25 and registration forms are available from the church office?
- 40 new members joined our congregation on March 14?
- April 14 at 4:00 PM is the deadline to submit High School Scholarship applications to the church office
- The youth Gulf Coast Mission Trip is June 27 – July 3?
- The March Blood Drive resulted in 42 units of blood being donated?
- The WoW Service has a new name, "The Vine"?
- Over 200 children & adults attended the Puppet Show Family Night March 21st?

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM



*We Welcome
Into The
Community Of Faith*

*Matthew James Bishop
Trevor Richard Evans
Lila Jean Hodgson
Jordan Phillip Huna
Brady Ryan Newll
Nevaeh Leigh Walls
Chase Alan Weisman*

*"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

*Interested in membership at Bel Air UMC?
Contact Lisa Wolf, wolfi@baumc.com or
410-838-5181, ext 17.*

PERENNIAL HOPE

*Donate your flowers to benefit the Zimbabwe Medical Clinic.
We are looking for:*



Hosta
Ice Plant
Daisies
Cone Flower
Black-eyed Susans
Liriope
Lily of the Valley
Iris

And any other perennials



Drop your plants at the curbside between McComas Hall entrance and the Sanctuary on **Sunday, April 25 and May 2** as you arrive for worship.

- Pot your plant or place it in a cardboard box or plastic bag
- Provide a label with the plant's name, flower color and preferred growing conditions

Questions, Please Contact Bev Talbot

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN CENTER NEWS

The **Children's Christian Center (CCC)** is an **Early Learning Center** providing quality care in a nurturing Christian environment. The CCC provides structured care with both an educational and Christian curriculum. Our three, four and early five year old programs include theme based activities, age-appropriate projects, independent choice and opportunities for indoor and outdoor play.

REGISTRATIONS FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW OPEN

Weekly field trips, themes and special program days on-site are part of the experience. Registration is simple: Register for the whole summer or just for the days or the weeks you need.

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED

Our classes promote school readiness skill such as:

1. The recognition of eleven basic colors.
2. The recognition of six common shapes.
3. The recognition of numbers one through twenty.
4. The recognition of the child's own first and last name.
5. The introduction of capital and lower case letters.
6. The introduction of printing the letters of the alphabet.
7. The introduction of printing the child's first and last names.
8. The introduction of common sounds of each letter.
9. The introduction of sight words.

Our Before/After school program offers homework assistance and crafts or projects with weekly Bible lessons on Fridays.

Through interactions with their peers, the children have an

opportunity to learn and share, to encourage each other, to respect the rights of others and stand up for their own rights.



For more information please call 410-420-8304.

ENDOWMENT INFO

What is an Endowment?

- A way to return God's love through extended church, family and friends to future generations.
- A gift that keeps on giving – aids current ministries through use of income, while the principal is allowed to grow. A continuation of our principles of Christian stewardship, recognizing that all we have is a gift from God.

We hope that our new Endowment Fund can be an important part of your decision making process as you prayerfully consider how to give proportionately from your accumulated resources during life and at death.

**Your Gift Can Have A
Lasting Impact On The
Work Of Christ Through
The Church**

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We have three new Stephen Ministers being commissioned on April 11 at the 9:20 service. Their last class was on March 17. We enjoyed the addition of a student from Churchville Presbyterian; Dave Petr. Dave will be a Stephen Minister at his church. We will all miss Dave's great faith, wonderful humor and great helpfulness with all our Audio Visual challenges. The Stephen Ministry course classes are 50 hours, during which time the class become very close friends.

We will be hosting a Caring Ministry Workshop for the Stephen Ministries of St. Louis. The workshop will be on Saturday, April 17 from 8 AM to 1 PM. There will be three sessions: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, An Introduction to the Stephen Ministry and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. Refreshments will be served. All of our Stephen Ministers will be working at the workshop to answer any questions you may have. If you have an interest in the Stephen Ministry this would be a wonderful event to attend. There is no cost to members of our church and \$15.00 per person for members of other congregations. You may register for the workshop by calling the church office, 410-838-5181 or contact Jodi Lovell (yakonermi@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to our congregation's list of participants. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for personal growth and to learn more about Stephen Ministry!

RUSSIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

Gift to Russian Outreach Ministry In Memory Of Joe Boone

The Rev. Lev Mikhail is the pastor of Millennium UMC in Orel, Russia, our partner congregation. Below are excerpts of a letter from Lev and his wife, Nadya, which will allow you to get to know their family and their congregation. In future editions of the Spire, you will read testimonies from members of Millennium UMC and see what amazing things God is doing in Russia.

"Nadya and I were born and raised in Samara. I acknowledge Christ at the Samara United Methodist Church in 1993 and Nadya in 1995. Vladislav Spektorov was the pastor (you could read about him in the book "The Transformed Lives"). After graduating from the technical university I came to a decision to dedicate my life to God and enrolled the seminary. In 1998, during my third year of studying we got married.

After graduating from the seminary in 1999 I received an appointment to Orel to establish a new Methodist church. When we came to Orel we did not know anybody and it was a real evangelistic adventure for us! During the whole year we were holding church services and different evangelistic occasions, but only several old people came. Despite such a bad result, we continued praying every morning and evening for those people with whom God acquainted us in that town.

Exactly within a year God brought a lot of students who liked our Methodist church services and Bible study. We had an opportunity to rent a very convenient space, a big hall for evangelistic occasions, small hall for services and a little room for Bible study and keeping equipment at all our disposal at an office building downtown near the University. Different events took place four times a week. We were really glad to see that some people missed none of the meetings. A lot of people came across the Methodist church during those five years of such a productive ministry.

By 2005 rent prices had changed significantly and we are unable to rent space. It is a great test for us. Now we are having meetings in our own flat. No other evangelical church in our town allows renting by the hour for church services. (It is only in this town because in Samara and other towns it wouldn't be a problem.) We have been praying for several years about the solution to our need. We believe that God wouldn't leave us alone!

Thanks to that, our church now is closer to early Christianity. We learned to love each other, to be one friendly family where all the needs are fulfilled. During the times of changes, some people left us avoiding difficulties and others went to different towns. We never prevent people from following their purposes outside of our town and our church. I'm very grateful to God! All things work together for good to them that love God!"—Lev and Nadya

God has blessed Bel Air UMC with a faithful partner church that diligently works to bring the Word to the people of Orel. Their ministry with college students has even allowed them to send "missionaries" into the world as the students take Christ with them wherever they go after graduation. Please continue to hold our Russian brothers and sisters in prayer.

Videos of Rev. Lev's family and church activities can be viewed on Facebook. Pastor Carol has a copy of the book that Lev references, The Transformed Lives, available for loan. If you feel God calling you to mission and ministry in Russia, our congregation is looking to send a team August 2 – 16, 2010. Please contact Pastor Carol for more information. Do not let finances hold you back – we are planning fundraisers to help defray the cost of travel.

In the early 1950's, Joe Boone was just out of college and teaching at Dunlap High School in Covington, VA. A young student, Charles "Chuck" Bradley, felt the influence and encouragement that Joe was destined to provide to hundreds of students in the future.

"Chuck" kept in touch with Joe and was always interested in Joe's favorite projects, including the Russian Outreach Ministry. In 1995, Joe traveled to Russia with another church group. His experience inspired others at BAUMC, and resulted in the establishment of the Russian Outreach Ministry.

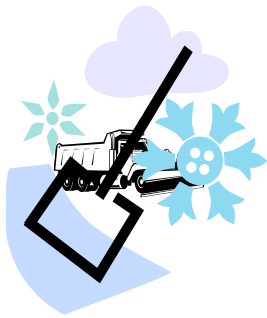
On January 9, 2009, Joe went home to the Lord. Recently, Rita Boone, Joe's widow, received a check for \$500.00 in memory of Joe from "Chuck" Bradley and his wife. It was designated to the Russian Outreach Ministry.

We are very grateful for this generous gift and will use it to further our mission, as it moves in new directions in Russia. Many difficulties confront any effort by Protestant churches to minister to the Russian people. We are sharing in support for the Rev. Lev Mikhailov, Pastor of Millennium UMC in Oryol, Russia. Rev. Lev ministers to a congregation which includes many college students. The church is very much in need of adequate space in which to worship.

Despite the difficulties of ministry in Russia, it is truly a place with millions waiting to be led to discipleship for Jesus Christ. We welcome any in our congregation who might feel called to this ministry.

*Slava-bowga – Glory to God
Eleanor Packard
Russian Outreach Ministry*

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE



Are you beginning to feel Spring in the air yet? The approach of Easter and the warmer temperatures are beginning to turn our thoughts to Spring and the renewal of life. The recent rain we had has pretty much washed away the last remaining piles of snow and our memories of the blizzards of 2010 are beginning to fade. However, we still have to deal with a lingering reminder of this past winter – the impact of the whopping snow removal bills.

The cost of snow removal this year exceeded our planned amount by about \$30,000. So our challenge is how we manage these additional snow removal costs. Unless we are able to raise an additional \$30,000, it will impact our ability to serve God in our congregation, community and beyond.

Once again, we are trusting in the continued support of our congregation to help us raise these funds. The Finance Committee is asking you to make an extra gift so that we can cover this additional cost. Please mark your gift for Snow Removal or use the April Offering Envelope "Catch-up" to make your extra gift. \$30,000 is a little more than we receive in our weekly offering, so a place to start is to give a typical week's donations. Please let your heart guide your gift. As always, your contributions are appreciated and will make a difference in the work of BAUMC.

Thank you!

Tony Ciampaglio, Chair – BAUMC Finance Committee

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- **Confirmation Reunion** – Friday, April 23 from 7–11 PM followed by the famine lock in for 8th through 12th grade youth. The hours for not eating are Friday, 7 AM until Saturday at 7 AM. Drinking water is allowed.
- **Middle School Dodgeball Tournament** – Friday, April 30 in McComas Hall. Registration from 5:30 – 6:00 PM, tournament begins at 6:15 PM.
- **High School & Up Dodgeball Tournament** – Saturday, May 1 in McComas Hall. Registration from 2:30 – 4:00 PM, tournament begins at 4:15 PM.



BAUMC SCHOLARSHIP

Bel Air United Methodist Church offers scholarships to high school seniors who are members of the church and who will be entering their first year of college in the fall. This program is administered by the BAUMC Scholarship Team under the area of Christian Education. Application forms are available at the Information Desk. All required information must be submitted to the Church Office by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14. Questions may be addressed to Joan & Bill Stiffler. Scholarship recipients will be announced during Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 16.

VBS NEWS

Ahoy, Maties!

Vacation Bible School is getting ready to set sail:



**JUNE 21-25, 2010
9AM-NOON**

VBS is open to all children Age 3 (who have completed one year of early childhood education) through those who have completed 5th grade. Registrations are in the mail and available at the church or on the website. Preschool classes close as they are filled and the deadline date for Kindergarten-5th Grade registrations is Friday, May 28. A \$20 non-refundable registration fee must accompany any completed registration form. For more information contact Joni Behrendt (behrendtj@baumc.com).



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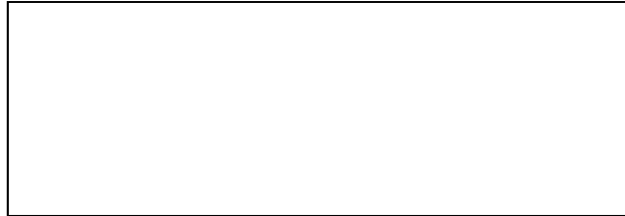
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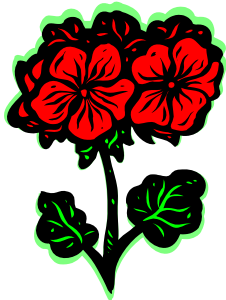
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Mother's Day Festival of Flowers **Saturday, May 8th - 9AM-3PM**

Bel Air United Methodist Church

- Assorted hanging baskets, tropical plants, annuals, perennials
- Designer pots, planters, handcrafted birdhouses
- Children's flower potting station (for Mom!)
- Home baked goods
- Mother's Day greeting cards and assorted cards
- Barbecue beef and other savory delectables
- Habitat for Humanity picnic table building project

**Proceeds Support Local, National,
And International Missions**

*A festive event sure to appeal to your gift and
gardening interests!*