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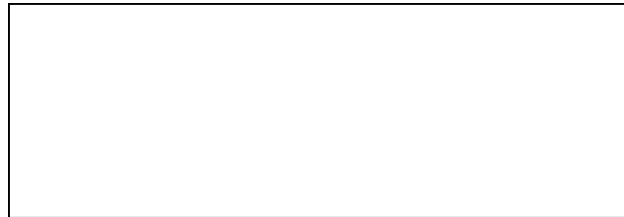
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Safe Sanctuaries

The Baltimore-Washington Conference is committed to ensuring that all children and youth involved in local church or annual conference Ministries may participate in an environment of safety and spiritual growth. In that light, Bel Air United Methodist Church ("BAUMC") has developed policies and procedures to protect the children and youth involved in our ministries.

The congregation of BAUMC recognizes the need to have formal, written policies and procedures to help (i) prevent the opportunity for the occurrence and/or appearance of abuse of children and youth and (ii) protect Workers from false accusations and/or suspicions. The following policies and procedures are not based on a lack of trust in Workers, but instead are intended to protect our preschoolers, children, youth, Workers and the entire church body. Workers are required to follow these policies and procedures.

Therefore, as a Christian community of faith and a United Methodist congregation, we pledge to conduct the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth as well as all Workers with children and youth. We will follow reasonable safety measures in the selection and recruitment of paid and volunteer Workers, we will implement prudent operational procedures in all programs and events, we will educate all of our Workers with children and youth regarding the use of all appropriate policies and methods (including the nature and indicators of abuse and prevention), we will have a clearly defined procedure for reporting suspected incidents of abuse that conforms to the requirements of state law, and we will be prepared to respond to media inquiries if an incident occurs.

In all of our Ministries with children and youth, this congregation is committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ so that each child will be "surrounded by steadfast love,...established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal" ("Baptismal Covenant II," *United Methodist Hymnal*, p.44).

Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist congregations, we have adopted this policy for the prevention of child abuse in our church and require **all workers with children and youth, employee and volunteer**, go through a time of training and submit forms for background checks. The next training session will be **Tuesday, June 2, 7:00-8:30 PM**. Contact Joni Behrendt (behrendtj@baumc.com) for more information.



New SPIRE Deadline – If you have information for inclusion in the Monthly SPIRE, please send the information to jonesj@baumc.com or 410-838-5181, ext 10 by the first of the month for inclusion in the following month's SPIRE.



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BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June-July 2009

From The Pastor...

Take A Good Look!

"But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." James 1:25 (NLT)

It has been a wonderful blessing that I have had the privilege to shepherd Bel Air UMC for ten years as of July 1. We've had our moments of celebration and also our moments of struggle and sorrow. Through it all, my experience here at Bel Air has changed me for the better through both the joy and the pain.

This new sermon series, "Take A Good Look!" based on James 1:25, will be a time of reflection and study on where we have been in ministry over the last 10 years, the challenges we face because of the many changes in our society and finally, to look at the choices we must make in order to continue to become a Kingdom building disciple-making church that transforms our neighborhoods and world.

May 31 - Look Back - Time to Celebrate

"God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Messiah" Acts 2:36 (NIV)

On Pentecost, Peter reviewed all that God had done in human history that culminated in the out pouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the CHURCH. The early church's story is OUR story. Will we embrace and claim Peter's message as our own? Is Jesus Lord in both your dying moments and your resurrection victories? We will look back and reflect on both the good times and hard times that helped form us in our Journey with Jesus.

June 7 - Look Around - See the Challenges

"Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Acts 2:12-13 (NIV)

Peter spoke to a society that didn't really get what was happening in the church. There was confusion and outright mockery toward the message that Peter was telling them about Jesus Christ. Should we expect any different attitude today? Are you willing to have your faith pour out into the streets, your workplace, your neighborhood without fear of refection? What will it take for Bel Air to be a church filled with Good News sharers?

June 14 - Look Ahead - Make the Choice

"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Acts 2:36(NIV)

At the conclusion of Peter's message, the Holy Spirit convicted those who were listening and they cried out, "What now?" Peter said, "Turn your life around and be counted with Jesus." 3000 responded. Before disciple making and transformation comes the call for repentance – life change and commitment. It is my prayer that the congregation of Bel Air UMC would ask of themselves the same question that the people gathered that day asked. "What shall we do?"

Will you ask yourself, "What shall I do, so that I can be a disciple of Jesus Christ?" or "What shall I do, so that I can make disciples of Jesus Christ?"

Bel Air Church is at a key juncture in our Journey with Jesus. The path ahead will be steeper, harder, rockier and narrow, but what we will see God do in us and through us will be worth the effort that Jesus is calling us to do.

Please join with me in prayer, as we ask for the guidance and direction of the One who is called "The Way!"

Looking forward to the next 10 years!

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Sunday Worship Services

Bel Air UMC

8:00 & 9:20 AM

Traditional

9:20 AM

"Ignite" Youth Worship

11:00 AM

Contemporary

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Corner of Wheel And

Emmorton Roads)

7:00 PM

HopeVine

(Off Site Ministry)

Rev. Stan Cardwell

(cardwells@baumc.com)

Sunday School

9:20 & 11:00 AM BAUMC

Infants-Grade 5 & Adults

11:00 Confirmation

(September-January)

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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Welcome To The Family 2009 Confirmation Class!

Below is a list of the 2009 Confirmation Class who were received into membership of Bel Air UMC on February 8, 2009. Orientation and Registration for the 2009-2010 Confirmation Class will be on August 16 and August 30.



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| Caitlin Nicole Bechtel | Hunter Hoffman Kothenbeutel | Hunter Reid Ryan |
| Jessica Leigh Benson | Michael Robert Krause | Hannah Elizabeth Schlegel |
| Samantha Candy Bittle | Abigail Mae Langenfelder | Adam Joseph Schneiderhan |
| Jenna Kathryn Buettner | Kevin Matthew Lapouraille | Sarah Qiucheng Schulte |
| Allison Brooke Caldwell | Samuel Joseph Lewis | Amanda Noelle Sellers |
| Edward Alexander Caldwell | Jason Curtis Marasa | Allison Michelle Sengstacke |
| William Clay Caldwell, III | Andrew Glenn Mayer | Kimberly Grace Shannahan |
| Daniel Gray Cardwell | Emily Lauren McAuley | Andrew Lee Small |
| John Grant Caspero | Abigail Megan McSorley | Ellie Marie Stimax |
| Megan Ann Caudill | Arthur Edward Millner | Benjamin Douglas Struve |
| Michael Ryan Chojnacki | Mazie Rose Minefwski | Alexander Gregory Swartz |
| Joseph Paul Denver | Bridget Louise Neff | Thomas William Swearman |
| Brian Robert Doheny | McKenzie Noel Parrish | Brian McKay Tenerowicz |
| Asher Norris Flint | Tyler James Peacher | Lydia Nicole Thompson |
| Patrick Allen Hall | Theodore Frederick Plass | Jessica McLeod Uline |
| Matthew Griffin Hoerr | William Douglas Pratt | Nicole Mackenzie Weidner |
| Sean Robert Hudson | Hunter Tyler Rawson | Taylor Michelle Weidner |
| John Richard Jennings, III | Amanda Kate Roberts | Riley Caitlin Williams |
| Carson Scott Kalama | Chandler William Robertson | Victoria Rose Wimbley |
| Katarina Elizabeth King | Zane Hunter Rutt | Angela Gail Woolcott |

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

Up And Coming

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held Tuesday, June 2, 7:00-8:30 PM. All workers with children and youth who have not taken the training must attend. (See article Page 6)

Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Waterfront in Baltimore on June 4, 5 and 6. Pastors and Lay Members will be attendance to review the past year, work on legislation for the upcoming year and to set the Agenda for the New Year for the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference.

Mission Dinner – Come and enjoy a delicious chicken dinner on Wednesday, June 10 in McComas Hall. The dinner will benefit the mission projects of the youth of Bel Air UMC. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Grief Support will meet on June 14 at 3:00 PM in Room 115. Grief Support is open to all members of the congregation and the surrounding community who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

Graduation Day is Here! Congratulations to all the graduates of the congregation and to their families. Local graduation dates are as follows:

June 1 – Aberdeen High School and Edgewood High School

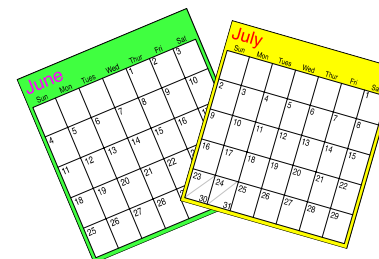
June 2 – Bel Air High School

June 3 – Havre de Grace High School, North Harford High School

June 4 – C. Milton Wright High School, Joppatowne High School

June 5 – Harford Technical High School, Fallston High School.

Calling ALL GIRLS, grades 6-12! The REVOLVE TOUR, September 25, 26 at Mariners Arena in Baltimore. Cost: \$70/person. This includes ticket, lunch and transportation. Questions email firthc@baumc.com or call 410-838-5181 x18. Deposit of \$35 to save your spot!



Youth Happenings



June 12 – Middle School Dodgeball Tournament. Cost is \$5 per player and 6 players are needed per team. Registration is from 4:30 – 6:00 pm with games starting at 6:15 pm. At least 4 of the 6 players MUST be middle school age - the others middle school age and up. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

June 13 - Senior High Dodgeball Tournament. Cost is \$5 per player and 6 players are needed per team. Registration is from 2:30 – 4:00 pm with games starting at 4:30 pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

July 4 – Sno-Ball Stand – During the Bel Air Parade, we will be making and selling over 25 flavors of sno-balls (some with marshmallows). Set-up will begin at 2 pm. If you can help, please contact Tom Hodges (hodgest@baumc.com).

July 6 – 13 – Guatemala Mission Trip. We will leave on July 6th and need drivers to take us to BWI Airport around 3 am. We will need drivers to pick us up at BWI on July 13th at 5 pm. Contact Tom Hodges (hodgest@baumc.com or firthc@baumc.com) if you can help.

July 27 – 31 – Baltimore Mission Trip. Each year we spend a week in the inner city of Baltimore trying to make a difference in the lives of the people who live around the Agape House. We will lead morning VBS for over 90 children and during the afternoon we have skills classes like cooking, sewing, sports and jewelry making. We also sponsor a street preaching ministry night and help feed the locals as well as passing out clothing and food bags. Registration for this trip is still open and the cost is \$75. Please contact Tom Hodges (hodgest@baumc.com) if you would like to attend.

From The Church Office

Can you help us locate lost members of the congregation? If you have a current address please call the church office, 410-838-5181, or e-mail Lisa Wolf, wolf@baumc.com.

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| Kevin D. Allensworth | Trudy Mellott |
| Joshua D. Arteaga | Travis D. Metz |
| Michelle A. Brown | Terrence J. Meyers |
| Linda Ann Casey | Jessica R. Moog |
| Pamela J. Charlton | Brian E. Narizzano |
| Alyson Ciuffo | Christopher M. Norton |
| James N. Cochran | Amanda P. O'Connell |
| Carol Cole | Jack B. Parker |
| Mary Ruth Collins | Kurt M. Parker |
| Larry G. Cook | Michele Phelps |
| Robert W. Cook | Kimberly M. Preston |
| Kaitlyn G. Cooper | Robert Preston, Jr. |
| Jeffrey A. Coy | Christopher Puma |
| Thomas E. Davis | John D. Reed |
| Jeffrey DeMott | Amber M. Ringold |
| Justin A. Ethier | Mary Catherine Rose |
| Susan Fleming | Claudine M. Rupperecht |
| Tiffany N. Fox | Bryan Schindler |
| Timothy J. Garress | Jeffrey Schirmer |
| John Gettings | Ashleigh A. Schmitt |
| Kenneth W. Gibson | Shawn M. Sears |
| Mona Greenie | Carol Shaefer |
| Michael S. Gregory | Gregory Shlikas |
| Tiffany Handren | Sandra L. Siegert |
| Carolyn M. Hedlund | Gerald A. Simmons, Jr. |
| Christopher M. Hedlund | Claudia Smith |
| Doug Heeter | Christopher G. Sorger |
| Sandra L. Heim | Kathy Staniewicz |
| Kathleen Humbert | George B. Sterling |
| Amy M. Hypes | Benjamin C. Synnott |
| Regina M. Johnson | Clara Taylor |
| Catherine Joynes | Joseph C. Thomas |
| Douglas P. Keane | Kelly Traband |
| Thomas S. Kelchner | Cory M. Turnbaugh |
| John Kramar | Kimberly K. Vincent |
| Sally J. Law | Louis J. Wagner |
| Jeff G. LeMoine | Rebecca Walker |
| Adam R. Letschin | Karl E. Wickman |
| Daniel Lewis | Michael Willard |
| David C. Lloyd | Caley C. Williams |
| Cheryl Macomber | David A. Williams |
| Gregory Manning | Jennifer K. Williams |
| Michael T. Mark | Jennifer S. Williams |
| Linda M. Martin | Matthew J. Winaker |

For almost 12 years Bel Air UMC has been blessed by the ministry of Cindy Caldwell as a member of our staff. Effective July 1, 2009, Bishop John R. Schol has appointed Cindy as a part-time local pastor to Mt. Vernon UMC in Whiteford, MD. The Staff Parish Relations Committee met with Cindy, where she explained how this was an important step in her calling to become a full-time pastor in the United Methodist Church. We confirmed her choice and laid hands on her and prayed for her as she adds a new place of ministry. This does mean some changes to her role here at Bel Air. She will continue to serve our church in a half-time capacity. We knew that when Cindy followed her calling to ordained ministry, that at some point she would leave our staff and serve somewhere in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. We believe that having this change occur in a part time way, will give us some more time to discern next steps for our ministry in the area of Adult Discipleship.

Jane Russell, Chairperson ~ Staff Parish Relations Committee

Missions Corner

The **Chabadza Mission Team** has achieved an exciting first, and is preparing for an even more exciting second. In May, we made our first shipment of medical supplies to the Chitora Clinic, and the temporary clinic at the Munyarari Mission. We collected, packed and shipped \$50,000 worth of life-saving supplies. Better still; the experience we gained will enable us to make even larger shipments in the future.

On June 19th, members of the mission team will make our second trip to Zimbabwe. Dave and Bev Talbot, along with members Kim Provenza, Rose Booze, Rev. Carol Pazdersky and Jeff O'Neill, will dedicate the temporary Munyarari, and help with preparations for construction of the permanent facility. Along with meeting our friends in Zimbabwe, the Chabadza team will offer nursing, engineering and other expertise.

We thank you for your support in helping to make this trip possible, and ask for your prayers for our safety and success during our 10 days in Zimbabwe.

Guatemala Mission Trip, July 6-13. The youth of Bel Air UMC will be leading a VBS in a public school for over 400 kids in the mornings and in the afternoon they will do service projects around the school. The evenings will be filled with worship opportunities. **Youth attending the Guatemala Mission Trip are:** Phil Alexander, Allison Caldwell, Dan Cardwell, Rachel Cardwell, Rebecca Cardwell, Curtis Crabtree, Joel Huna, Greg Klock, John Krouse, Rachel Lovell, Christina McAuley, Mazie Mineski, Sarah Schulte, Lindsey Springer, Abby Stephens, Amie Stephens, Ellie Stimax, Emma Stimax, Brian Tenerowicz, Blair Udem, Evan Vinciguerra, Kim Young. **Adults attending are** Cindy Caldwell, Stan and Michelle Cardwell, Cheryl Firth, Catherine Flanders, Ruth Flanders, Tom Hodges, David Hughes, John Krouse, Elizabeth Lomax, Jodi Lovell, James Stephens, Jr., Lois Stimax and Nancy Udem.

Russian Outreach Trip to Millennium UMC and Camp Crystall in Russia On July 26th, Rob and Carol McCormack and Reverend Carol Pazdersky will leave on a 16-day trip to Russia. They will travel with 14 others, most of whom are Volunteer In Mission (VIM) members of various churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference who are supporting Russian churches.

In 2008, BAUMC formed a partnership with Trinity UMC, Prince Frederick, MD, to share support of Millennium UMC in Oryol, a city near Voronezh in southwest Russia. For the BAUMC and Trinity UMC travelers, the main purpose of this upcoming trip is to visit with Reverend Lev Mikhailov, pastor of Millennium UMC, his wife Nadia, their four children, and the congregation. This will be the first visit to Millennium UMC by any of the American churches that have supported it, and everyone there is eagerly awaiting the experience.

Reverend Charles Harrell, pastor of Trinity UMC, is leading the trip. The itinerary includes spending a day in Moscow, before going to Camp Crystall. VIM work and fellowship are planned for a week at the camp, and it is expected that the group will also tour Voronezh and attend local church services. Midweek the BAUMC and Trinity UMC travelers will go by bus to Oryol, about four hours away, to spend several days visiting Millennium UMC and become acquainted with the city. Upon leaving Voronezh, the group will tour Moscow for a day, and most of the group will take another overnight train to St. Petersburg. There they will tour the city and visit the churches supported by Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville and Faith UMC in Rockville. The group will return home on August 10th.

The Baltimore Washington Conference normally has a trip to Russia planned every year to work at Camp Crystall and visit its sponsored churches. Anyone interested can call the BAUMC church office or e-mail Carol McCormack at robncarol@comcast.net.

In addition to the different Mission Teams heading out in ministry this summer, pray for the following three of our college students who will be serving the Lord in different parts of the world.

Harry W. Claridge

I will be traveling to Tanzania, Africa on July 1st as part of a mission's trip through Global Mission Awareness. The trip will last for two weeks. We will be preaching, praying, healing, and will be in fellowship with many of the locals. We will be traveling to churches around Tanzania and will be pouring the love of God onto people who may otherwise never hear or feel that love. I hope to be able to be a vessel for the kingdom over in Africa. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity and I look forward to telling you all about it when I return.

Brittany Kappauf

I leave for Moshi, Tanzania (the Kilimanjaro region) on June 18th and return home July 16th. The first two weeks of my trip I will be serving on a leadership team, helping prepare for the rest of the trip participants to arrive. Most of this work will be logistical although I will have some opportunities to minister/speak at local churches.

The remaining two weeks of the trip is outreach. We will be taking part in a "Bless Africa Day" where we hand out items to locals such as shoes and clothes. For the rest of the time, we will be doing outreach in orphanages, as well as villages working with a partnering medical outreach. We will also have opportunities to speak in local churches, help lead pastoral leadership training seminars, and minister to others in healing, impartation, speaking, and deliverance at various conferences throughout the two weeks. The trip is through Global Mission Awareness.

Damon Vinciguerra

This summer, for 3 months, I will be working at a Young Life camp in Buena Vista, Colorado. Young Life is an outreach ministry to high school students. Its mission is to share Jesus with kids who are in environments that don't support or foster the love of Jesus. We try to show kids that you can have fun and love Jesus all at the same time. Young Life has over 20 amazing camps all over North America. These camps include ropes courses, horseback riding, parasailing, water tubing, huge water slides, go karts, Frisbee golf, a pool, amazing food, volleyball and a week full of solid, non-stop fun. Twice a day all the kids meet in the Club Room to sing songs, watch skits and hear a speaker tell them about the love of God through Jesus and how he fits into their lives. My job at this camp will be to run all the technical equipment in the club room. I am very fortunate to get this position, and I am thrilled to be working behind the scenes for an entire summer, serving God in a way that shares his love with the future of this

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome To The Family Through Baptism



Mitchell Lee Barber
Cindy Lee Barcase
Anthony John Ciampaglio
Brayden Michael Clark
Olivia Gail Dagilas
Jacob Andrew Fowlie
Paige Baldwin Gantert
Brandon Michael Hudson
Ethan Thomas Hudson
Sara Elizabeth Kohlbus
Grace Evelyn Magness
Sarajane Elizabeth Roarty
Nicholas Samuel Tilghman

Let's Celebrate And Give Thanks!

To the many friends at BAUMC. I wish to thank you for the get well prayers and wishes for my speedy recovery from a hip replacement. The cards, calls and visits brought sunshine which made the time go by faster and is appreciated. In God's Love **Mary Schruer**

On behalf of the Graham family we would like to thank our church family and the staff of BAUMC for all the support and love displayed during my mother's illness and at her passing. The prayers, visits and food were truly a blessing at a time when we needed them. Thank-you. **Doug and Cindy Graham**

Our family would like to thank the casserole ministry for providing food while our son was in the hospital. It was so helpful not to have to cook between running to the hospital. I want to thank Barry for visiting us in the hospital and praying with us during a very hard time. Having people in our lives that care and pray for you is truly a blessing. Thank you. **Andy, Pam and Dylan Maly-Cordell**

Members of Bel Air UMC. Thank you for opening up the church for the Porreca family to have funeral services for my wife Lorraine. Thank you for all your prayers throughout the time she was sick. Love, **Charles Porreca**

The **Mother's Day Festival of Flowers** 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 United Methodist Women, Hopevine, Manna House, FCCAU, VIM, Harford Habitat for Humanity, the Russian Mission Team, Schulte small group, Grace Connections, Exit 412 Student Ministries, Library Committee, Flower Mart Team, Mission Team and Chabadza. Many thanks go to their 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 as over \$4,000 was raised this year!

Bel Air UMC, Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Deaf Interfaith on behalf of the Deaf-Blind Camp. Your donation will enable Deaf-Blind adults to attend summer camp this June 7-12. Sincerely, **Toby Witt-Dix, Treasurer**

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Did You Know?

- * Bel Air Health and Rehab Center and Forest Hill Health and Rehab Center presented certificates of appreciation to Bel Air UMC and our volunteers who minister through music, worship, and communion?
- * June 12 is the last day of school?
- * The Men's Fellowship Breakfast group meets every two weeks on Saturday morning at 8:00 in the Community Room and June 6 and June 20 are the meeting dates in June?
- * Vacation Bible School will be held at the church June 22 through June 26?
- * Over 90 prayer shawls have been made by the Prayer Shawl Team?
- * Tom Hodges is leading the 7th and 8th grade Discovery Camp at West River from June 28-July 3 along with Dave Hughes, Greg Klock, Katrina King, Ellie Stimax, Maria Spoerl?
- * The 2009-2010 Confirmation registration forms will be available July 5, with orientation and registration August 16 and 30, 2009?
- * A Parenting Simulcast will be held at Bel Air UMC on November 14 with a special children's program provided for infants through grade 5?
- * Summer Sunday School begins June 28 with a change in format for 9:20 Kindergarten-Grade 5 classes?
- * The youth of Bel Air UMC are conducting three mission trips this summer: Local, National, International?
- The Children's Christian Center still has openings for Summer Camp ages 3 – 12? Also currently enrolling 2009-2010. Before and after school available for students of Homestead Wakefield and Bel Air Middle. For information call 410-420-8304.

Plan To Attend

July 4th at Bel Air UMC...plan to watch the parade from the grounds of Bel Air UMC. Bring your lawn chairs and your blankets and enjoy the evening. You can park in the church parking lot for a donation to Volunteers in Mission (VIM). Habitat for Humanity will sell hot dogs, and soda and the Exit 12 Student Ministry will have sno-balls in 25 different flavors and water. It's only a short walk from the church to watch the fire works so join us on the 4th and enjoy the holiday!

The UMW of Bel Air UMC invites all women to an Indoor Picnic in McComas Hall **Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 PM** for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. This year's theme is "Jewelry" so bring along your favorite or most sentimental or most historical piece of jewelry and be prepared to tell us all about it!