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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 ~ Contemporary

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Corner of Wheel & Emmorton Roads)

5:00 PM ~ Traditional

HopeVine (Off Site Ministry)

Rev. Stan Cardwell

(cardwells@baumc.com)

Sunday Christian Learning

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 BAUMC

*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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From The Pastor...

I am writing this on Ash Wednesday morning, as I wonder at how fast Lent came this year. Maybe it was the weeks of snow drifts, no school and being house bound that made it seem the cycle of Lent happened before many of us were ready for it. I think it is good for us to reflect on what this season of Lent means for us. It is the time where we walk through the grief of Jesus' last days before his crucifixion. As we read Jesus' personal conversation with his disciples in the upper room (John 13: 1-38), we imagine the joy of friendship coupled with the sadness of a friend's imminent betrayal. As we enter into the darkness of Jesus' arrest, trial, and beating (Mark 14: 32-1547), we weep with those first Christians and we grieve in our Peter-like betrayals.

The tradition of Lent- a forty day sacrifice- is one way of mourning the death that sin has caused in our lives. As we see Jesus perfectly withstand Satan's temptation in the wilderness, we admit our own shortcomings, our own inadequate sacrifices. This period of "giving up" has a profound way of recalling our desperate need for Jesus Christ.

It is also the time when we are reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we have to renew our faith in Jesus Christ.

At the Ash Wednesday service I will say, "I invite you, in the name of the Lord, to observe a Holy Lent, by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; and by reading and meditating on the Word of God." So take this time we have left in Lent to prepare and be changed by the power, grace and love of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus,

Special Services Leading Up to Easter

March 14

New Members Joining; Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 21

Cantata by the Chancel Choir (9:20 service only): *Covenant of Grace* by Joseph M. Martin

March 28

Palm Sunday

Holy Week Services

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

April 1 - Holy Thursday Service – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Communion, Stripping of the Altar

April 2 - Good Friday – all day

There will be no formal services in the Sanctuary. Instead, join us in McComas Hall for a *Labyrinth*—a self-guided time of meditation and spiritual renewal.

Good Friday Services - Mt. Carmel Chapel - 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

April 3 – 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.

April 4 - Easter Sunday Services

Linwood Sanctuary - 8:00 and 9:20 AM

Ignite Worship Service - McComas Hall - 9:20 AM

WoW Worship Service – McComas Hall – 11:00 AM

Mt. Carmel Chapel - 10:00 AM

THANK YOU

- Thank you for your generous contribution. With the generous support of people like you, we are able to deliver nutritious meals to homebound elderly, disabled and convalescing individuals who are unable to shop and/or cook for themselves. Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support. **Faye Carey, Director, Resource Development, Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland**
- Thank you for your financial donation to Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center. This outreach to the community requires a team effort. Those of us who work day to day on the front lines depend on you who pray and support the center financially and through material donations. You help form the strong foundation on which this ministry stands. Together we give God the glory for rescued lives, new lives in Christ, and changed lives. **Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center.**
- We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support of our program through your recent contribution. All your charitable donations are used to help provide a safe environment for women and children as they work towards a new beginning. Thank you for keeping Anna's House in your thought and prayers. **Cindy Hanley, Development, Anna's House.**
- On behalf of Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United, Inc., the Welcome One Emergency Shelter and the Welcome One Fellowship Center, please accept our grateful acknowledgement for your financial donation. Your on going support continues to assist us in our efforts to provide shelter, services and transportation to our clients, especially during these times of budget cuts and unstable economy. Together we can make a difference in the lives of Harford County's homeless. We thank you for your generosity and ask that the Lord continue to bless you for your benevolent hearts. **Judy Merritt, Executive Director, Faith Communities and Civic Agencies**
- Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100 percent of your contribution will go to Disaster Response, United States, through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. Because you gave, UMCOR is able to "Be There" and "Be Hope". UMCOR programs provide food for the hungry, help farmers grow plentiful and nutritious food, and support people left destitute by natural disasters and war. Your gifts go a long way to bring healing and hope to people in need. We give thanks for your generosity. This gift brings hope to those who need it most. **Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer, UM Committee on Relief and Shawn Bakker, Assoc General Secretary, The Advance.**
- It is impossible to express all the gratitude that is in my heart for all your concerns, thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. Thank you very much. It is a blessing to belong to such a caring church family. God Bless You for all your kindnesses. **Sarah Bowman**
- There are so many things for which I want to thank you. Before Mark passed away, he had been quite ill for a long time. Your support was always there. I am grateful for: The cards, prayers, and love you have shown. Visits with Rev. Carol, Shepherd Fred's constant concern and his frequent visits.

A Christmas card written during a church service that we received from a young lady named Athena. The card cheered us up during the Christmas season. Thank you Athena; a get well card from Jacen who is in the 3 and 4 year old Sunday School class. The bright yellow coloring made us both happy. Thank you, Jacen; the beautiful green prayer shawl which Rev. Carol brought for Mark. He used it everyday; cards we received from the Caring Ministry letting us know your prayers were continuing; delicious casseroles we had for meals; the beautiful Celebration of Mark's Life for his funeral that Rev. Carol conducted; the luncheon after Mark's funeral service which Alice Archer and her committee so kindly prepared. These and many more things make it comforting to be surrounded by Christian friends. Thank you, **Janet Plakatoris**

MINISTRY & MISSION

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

by Margaret Metz

In 1965, when I was Chairman of the Commission on Missions, precursor of our Volunteers in Mission, we decided to do something special to demonstrate in a tangible way, how our gifts to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing were being used.

The Methodist Board of Missions in New York pointed us in the right direction to make contact with a student in the USA, who was being supported by a One Great Hour of Sharing scholarship

The student was Jung Ho Yoon, D.D.S. from Seoul, Korea. Dr. Yoon was doing advanced study at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School in Philadelphia. He was a devout Christian and was active in his Methodist Church in Seoul.

During the weekend of March 20, 1965, Dr. Yoon was a guest in our home and he participated in the Sunday services in our former Methodist Church on Main Street. His sermon not only conveyed his great appreciation for his scholarship but also his strong Christian faith.

When Dr. Yoon returned to Korea, he soon became Dean of the Dental School at Yonsei University in Seoul. Our friendship with him continued for many years. He was one of many foreign Methodist students who benefited from the One Great Hour of Sharing program. We can rest assured that our annual One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are well spent.

We will be taking an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on March 14. The One Great Hour of Sharing also underwrites the overhead for the United Methodist Committee on Relief; which means 100% of your giving to Advanced Specials (such as donations to Hurricane relief and Haiti, etc.) goes directly to the relief effort. Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile ministry.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO MISSIONS?

Now is the time for young women between the ages of 18 and 30 to apply for short-term, volunteer-mission service in the 2010 Global Justice Volunteers program of United Methodist Women. The deadline to apply is March 15. The areas of service are Asia and Africa. The program offers young people the opportunity to live internationally for six weeks and explore the issues of justice and its advocacy.

Download applications at <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw>.

RUSSIAN OUTREACH

BAUMC will send a mission team to Voronezh and Orel during the first two weeks of August along with our partners in ministry, Trinity United Methodist Church (Prince Frederick, MD). The trip will include hands-on construction work at Camp Crystal and teaching and encouragement at our sister church, Millennium UMC. If you believe that God is calling you to participate in sharing Christ in a region that remains heavily Communist and hostile to Protestant Christianity, please contact Pastor Carol (pazderskyc@baumc.com, 410-838-5181) for more information.



STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

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 1PM. 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 parishes. You may register for the workshop by calling the church office, 410-838-5181.

GRIEF MINISTRY

The Grief Support Group of BAUMC meets monthly on Sunday afternoons to help those in our congregation and community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We provide a caring, Christian place where you learn valuable information about the journey of grief and where you can express your feelings in confidence. Also, you gain insight by listening to others who have gone through or are currently dealing with many of the same issues.

The **Grace Team** is the group of people who run the Grief Support Group and we are looking for those people who have grieved the loss of a loved one and would like to reach out to others. If God has called you to share your knowledge and your heart with hurting people, or you would like more information, please contact Susan King Rev. Carol in the church office.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

We are excited to bring to our church community the great promise, vision and purpose of the new BAUMC Endowment Fund. God is calling all of us to respond with purpose and action as we consider our future together. As you look back, you can see how actions and choices made years ago have benefited your life today. You might have planted a seedling that has grown into a huge shade tree where you have enjoyed the cool breeze on a summer's day.

Similarly, endowment gifts are like seeds we plant in a field of dreams for our church. We help to cultivate a future of love, grace and faith, enabling current ministries to grow and new programs to blossom and bear fruit.

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. The blessings we receive from God, including our intellect and ability to earn wages, allow us to provide for ourselves, our families and the annual needs of our congregation and other charities. Planning for the distribution of accumulated, inherited, and appreciated resources is a vital step in completing our stewardship plan.

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. The gifts to the Endowment Fund will connect us to the legacy of those who have come before us and help us to leave our own legacy for the future that God has for Bel Air UMC.

The objective of the BAUMC Endowment Fund is to conserve the principal and utilize the investment income to meet the mission objectives of BAUMC. This would include but not be limited to:

- Mission
- Discipleship and Church ministries
- Buildings and Property maintenance

Consider how much you have been blessed by God and how you can extend God's blessings to others. For more information please contact Jim Paradise at ajparadise@comcast.net

BAUMC SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Application Guidelines

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The next mission dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 17 beginning at 5:00 PM in McComas Hall? Did you know that the dinner will be corned beef and cabbage in recognition of St. Patrick's Day and will benefit youth missions?
- There will be a puppet show on March 21 at 4:30 PM followed by a Sundae Buffet sponsored by Children and Family Ministries?
- A GREEN CLEANING PARTY will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 7-9 PM at BAUMC? Come enjoy an evening of socializing, food, and fun while creating some eco-friendly house cleaning products to take home with you. Sponsored by the Bel Air United Methodist Women (UMW), this is a pre-paid event at \$5 per person. To reserve your spot, call Colleen Dombroskie at colleendombroskie@comcast.net by March 16. Everyone is welcome!
- We have raised \$9,914.45 for Haiti relief? Let's continue to give, so we raise at least \$10,000!!
- That 43 youth were confirmed on February 21?
- That over 25 adults and youth and 8 snow blowers helped to clean our sidewalks twice? Thank you!!!
- We are updating our BAUMC Purple Pages (a yellow pages type of directory) where our BAUMC family could identify other church members that have goods and/or services you may be in need of? If you have a business you would like to promote in the BAUMC "Purple Pages", we would love to hear from you. This guide will be published by church members and is not to be construed as formally sponsored by the church. Contact Rick McGhee at rmcghee@zoominternet.net.

BAUMC STAFF NEWS

Don Sandefur, our Building Superintendent/Custodian Superintendent for the past 11 ½ years is retiring from his position this month with his last day on the job Sunday, February 21st. Please take the time to thank Don for all his years of service and things he has done to maintain and improve our facility. His address is 825 High Plains Dr, Bel Air, MD 21014. Although much of Don's work has taken place behind the scenes the most visible things he has done recently include the beautiful oak facing and crosses on the McComas stage and the welcome center station in the Narthex.

Thank you, Don, and enjoy your retirement... it is well earned!!



With the retirement of Don Sandefur as our Building Superintendent/Custodial Supervisor, we have been left with a large set of shoes to fill and the Lord has blessed us with Rick Schulte to fill them. Rick, a member of our church, comes to us with a background in facility maintenance and cleaning and you can see the beautiful quality of his work in the refurbished room 202. Further, Rick has been both a member of and President of our Board of Trustees for the past several years so he is very familiar with both our facilities and the systems that support them as well as how the governing body responsible for our facilities operates. Please take time to say "hi" to Rick and welcome and wish him well in his new role as our Building Superintendent/Custodial Supervisor.



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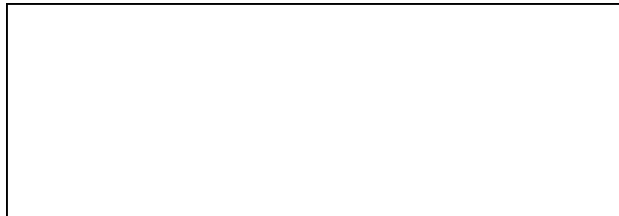
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Chabadza Zimbabwe adopts its theme for 2010

WE'RE ON THE MOVE...in Munyarari



We're on the move in 2010 working to compile and send much-needed medicines and medical supplies to the Munyarari Clinic...***on the move*** to raise funds for a vehicle that can be used to transport the very ill to/from Old Mutare Hospital and our clinic. ***On the move*** to bring another Mother's Day Festival of Flowers to BAUMC in May. So please consider the world beyond our immediate community of BAUMC, as one that reaches as far as the Lord will bless His mission to the hurting, sick and needy in Munyarari, Zimbabwe. Please open your hearts to help keep our mission alive and ***moving forward in 2010!!!*** Thank you to ALL for your support and we ask for continued prayers for the Lord's blessings for Zimbabwe.

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.