



# The Spire

**BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 2009

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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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## From The Pastor...

### Spring=Change

I just love the changes that Spring brings. The daffodils sprout from the cold soil, and it seems overnight the forsythia and the cherry trees bloom. Birds appear, the weather warms up and it feels great to be alive.

### Spire=Change

I just love the changes that we are making to the Spire. It will be shorter, so you won't get bored reading my complete Charge Conference report. It is smaller, so we will save lots of money on paper and printing. It will celebrate some of the good things God is doing, as well as promoting areas where you can serve to change lives. And eventually, we hope to give you the opportunity to receive this via email, instead of snail mail! Let us know what you think!

Change isn't always easy, but we know that Easter celebrates the fact that all who follow Jesus are being changed by the power of the resurrection in our lives!

Happy Spring And A Belated Happy Easter!

In Jesus,

## Worship Schedule For May 2009

**May 3** – Rev. Doug Hollida will be preaching on how to get the most out of worship with the sermon, **"Get Worship."** Scripture is Psalm 40:1-10.

**May 10** – Rev. Carol Pazdersky will preach on the Festival of the Christian Home. Message from John 4:7-21, **"One of the Family."**

**May 17** – UMW Sunday. The United Methodist Women will be presenting the services with a special speaker.

**May 24** – On this Memorial Day Weekend, United Methodist Pastor and Army National Guard Chaplain Will Butler will be our guest preacher.

Rev. Hidey will be preaching at Rev. Butler's two churches. **Graduation Recognition Sunday** will be observed at the 9:20 and 11:00 services.

**May 31** – Pentecost: The day which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives and the birth of the church! **"Celebration"** Rev. Barry Hidey, preaching. Red geraniums will decorate the Sanctuary which you will have the opportunity to purchase. During the service, we will hear the Scripture read in multiple languages. Wear something red if you have it and be sure to come for this special service as we welcome new members.



*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4*

## Welcome To The Family

***We would like to welcome to our congregation the following new members who joined our church family:***

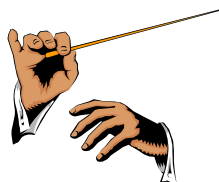
Sharon Babcock  
Dorothy Frances Bell  
Mary Alice Calder  
Kevin Foss  
Kristen Foss  
Bettye A. Frantz  
Reynold Peter Masterson  
Rita Jean Stevenson  
Michael Walker  
Joshua Nathaniel Walker  
Marissa Marie Walker  
Gregory Wheeler  
Suzanne Wheeler

***We welcome into the Community of Faith through Baptism:***

Savanna Lyn Cornes  
Annabel Claire Hoagland  
Audrey Anna Lucas  
Logan David Ludwig  
Addison Mae McCracken  
Lydia Nicole Thompson

## Welcome New Chancel Choir Director

Mr. David Tramontana has been serving as our Interim Chancel Choir Director. While we continue to grieve at the passing of our friend and former director, Dave Smith, we are very blessed to say that Dave Tramontana has accepted the permanent position as our Chancel Choir Director. Dave received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and holds a Master's Degree from Peabody Conservatory. In addition to being the Choral Director at Havre de Grace High School, since 2003 he has been the director of the nationally known "Cor Comraeg Rehoboth," Rehoboth Welsh Choir. Dave and his wife Courtney, have three children. Please make Dave and family feel welcome.



## Calling All Techies

You know who you are! The 11:00 worship service is looking for a few more team members to serve about once a month to prepare and run the things that we put on the screen for the worship team, sermon and general announcements. If you can do PowerPoint and have a heart to make our service connect with seekers, young at heart or unchurched, please contact Doug Hollida at [hollidad@baumc.com](mailto:hollidad@baumc.com)

## Did You Know?

- \* The number of Monthly Senior Food Deliveries has jumped from 225- 250 due to increase need?
- \* We had 500 youth participate in the recent Dodge Ball Tournament? (The next tournament will be held on May 15-16.)
- \* On May 15, 85 children will graduate from The Tiny Tot School?
- \* Over 30 different families participated in the "Let's Learn About Lent: A Journey To The Cross" experience?
- \* Over 1400 people attended the Easter celebration services at Bel Air UMC and Mt. Carmel Chapel?
- \* Over 100 youth and adult volunteers are needed to provide leadership in Vacation Bible School?
- \* Bel Air UMC celebrated its volunteers with a special appreciation reception April 19 and will celebrate Sunday school teachers on May 3?
- \* Bel Air UMC will host a "Parenting Simulcast" November 14, 2009?
- \* The OSM Team (Off Site Ministry), "HopeVine" provides services of worship weekly in homes?
- \* The Children's Christian Center of Bel Air UMC is about to begin its 9th year of ministry?
- \* The children's Sunday school classes have donated all offering this year to different ministries in the community and around the world?

*Interested in membership of Bel Air UMC? The next **New Member Class** will be held May 6 and May 13 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Narthex. Contact Lisa Wolf, [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com) or 410-838-5181, ext 17.*

## Let's Celebrate And Give Thanks!

God does listen and God does answer prayers!!! I want to thank all the prayer chain participants for lifting me up in prayer during my recent illness. Bill and I are so grateful for every one of you and all the members of our church. I remember being a little reluctant when Cheryl asked me to work with her on the prayer chain, but I have been so blessed with this ministry. Again, thanks to all. With God's love. **Andrea Whitcomb.**

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all you've done to support me in my surgery. The prayers, the calls, the casseroles and your many words of encouragement have supported me tremendously. My sincere thanks! **Joe Huber.**

I would like to take this time to thank you from the bottom of my heart for truly being the Body of Christ as I went through my surgery and recovery period. Never would I have ever dreamed that this experience would have turned out like it did. Your continued prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and meals over the past three months were greatly appreciated by both Buddy and I. I don't know what we would have done without you. All I can say is God is good and so are you! I returned to work on January 12 and things are improving, just much slower than I would like but at least the worst is behind me. Thank you again for everything! **Angie Wilson.**

We have also recently received three thank you notes on behalf of the homeless shelter for donations of time, money and materials.

## Up And Coming

**Harford County's Homeless Shelter 2nd Annual 5km Run/2km Fun Walk** will take place on May 9 beginning at 9:30 AM at the FCCAU Emergency Shelter. For registration forms or online registration, go to [www.runforshelter.info](http://www.runforshelter.info).

**Blood Drive on May 11 from 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM in McComas Hall.** We received 52 units of blood in March. Thank you! You may sign up for an appointment on the bulletin board across from the church office. And of course, walk-ins are always welcome. Please consider donating the gift of life.

**The Next Wednesday Mission Dinner will be held on May 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in McComas Hall.** This will be a turkey dinner to benefit the Russian Outreach Ministry. Tickets will be on sale at the door and prices are adults 12 years and older \$10, children ages 5 -11, \$6 and children 4 years and under are **FREE**. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and support the Russian Outreach Ministry.

**Graduation recognition Sunday will be held on May 24.** Please contact the church office at 410-838-5181 and provide your graduate's name and school as well as which service, 9:20 or 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary, they will be attending that day. We want to recognize the accomplishment of your graduate!

**EXIT412 Student Ministries 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth On Mission Golf Tournament.** The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 30 at Ruggles Golf Course, APG, MD with registration beginning at 12 Noon and tournament starting at 1:00 PM. In addition to a great day of golf, there will be chances to win BIG Stuff!! **Deadline for registration is Sunday, May 12.** Single

Entry is \$100, 4 person team - \$400. Contact Tom Hodges @443-617-2842 for more information. All proceeds will go towards the mission trips this summer to Guatemala and Galveston, Texas.

**Crocodile Dock 2009 Vacation Bible School will take place June 22 - June 26, from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon-.** It will be a week of fun, song and learning. Registration is underway and the deadline for registration is **Friday, May 29** at 4:00 PM. VBS is open to ages 3 (must have completed one year of structured preschool) through grade 5. Limited space is available in the Pre-school classes and the classes will close as they are filled! Cost is \$20 per child. Registration forms can be found at the church office or online at [www.baumc.com](http://www.baumc.com).

**The Tiny Tot School** is registering for its 2009-2010 school year. There are openings available in the 3 and 4 year old programs. Anyone interested please call the school at 410-838-6399.

**National Day of Prayer Service May 7 at 7PM at Mt Carmel Chapel** We will be joining thousands of other Christians throughout the country celebrating the National Day of Prayer. This years theme will be **"Prayer...America's Hope!"** based on Psalm 33:22 "May your unfailing love rest upon us. O Lord, even as we put our hope in you." The National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity for the community of faith to take advantage of our right to publicly gather, pray for our nation and leaders and to worship God. We are encouraged by scripture to keep all elected officials in our prayers. 1Timothy 2:1-2

**Harford Habitat for Humanity (HHH)** is hoping to complete 5 to 6 new homes this year. Bel Air United Methodist Church construction volunteers should try to participate as much as possible. The next project will be over the next few weeks when a house constructed by Harford Tech High School will be moved to a lot in two pieces and placed on a foundation using a crane. Once the house is on the lot, it will require finishing work inside and landscaping outside. If you are interested in assisting (Fridays and Saturdays in May) please contact HHH's volunteer coordinator, Michaelann Meehan at 410-638-4434. The next project will be **Faithworks 4** --- likely to start in this Fall.

**Construction Volunteers Safety Training:** No specific expertise is required to volunteer. If you are interested in working on the any HHH construction site, a brief safety training class is required in advance (at the same time you complete an application, learn about the organization and sign a waiver). If you have participated in HHH's safety training in the past, no need to attend again. The next Safety training class will be held on May 21 at HHH's offices at 205 Hays Street, Bel Air MD (7:00 - 8:00 PM). Please RSVP for this training class by calling the Habitat office.

## Group Life Update

During our "Season for Connecting," we offered 24 different small group opportunities, and started 11 new groups. We are delighted to report that 67 people joined groups for the first time, and 15 new leaders ventured out to offer the gift of community in their homes. New groups formed around hobbies, serving, social justice, Bible study, fitness, friendship, and more. Those groups are now meeting regularly, building friendships, and growing closer to Christ through relationships with others. The best part is, if you didn't get connected in January, the opportunity never ends. You can get started in group life at any time by calling the church office, visiting our "Connecting Station" in the church lobby, or at [www.baumc.com](http://www.baumc.com)



# Mother's Day Festival of Flowers

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Bel Air United Methodist Church**

- Assorted hanging baskets, tropical plants, annuals, perennials
- Designer pots, planters, handcrafted birdhouses
- Home baked goods, cookbooks
- Youth group car wash
- Flea market
- Mother's Day greeting cards and assorted cards
- Barbecue beef and other savory delectables
- Fair Trade coffee and chocolate
- Live Music by Faith Under Fire

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



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District Superintendent—Rev. Dr. Karin Walker

**BEL AIR UMC STAFF**

Lead Minister—Rev. Barry Hidey  
Associate Minister—Rev. Carol Pazdersky  
Off-Site Minister—Rev. Stan Cardwell  
Director of Worship & Arts—Rev. Doug Hollida  
Director of Children & Family Ministries—Joni Behrendt  
Director of Student Ministries—Tom Hodges  
Director of Adult Discipleship—Cindy Caldwell  
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## ***New SPIRE Deadline***

*If you have information for inclusion  
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5181, ext 10 by the first of the  
month for inclusion in the following  
month's SPIRE.*

