



# The Spire

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 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 ~ 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...

There is always a sense of opportunity and excitement when you get a fresh start. I sensed some of that this past Sunday, as we began a New Year together in worship. I saw some new faces in the crowds and I had several conversations about making some new commitments to study, growth and membership.

I haven't been one to make New Year's resolutions at the beginning of a year. Maybe I like to keep my options open or I maybe I just like to procrastinate... The reality is that I like to do new things and make changes, not just between Christmas and New Years! I think if you work on developing some core beliefs and practices, you will begin to see opportunity for growth and change as something you can do several times a year!

As we start 2010, we are taking some time in worship to study and reflect on some of the core values that drive our faith and our church. When we understand the core value that "*all people, especially the lost, matter to God and therefore matter to God's church*" it affects how we relate to our neighbors and friends who don't know Christ. It affects the way we greet someone we don't know on Sunday morning or whether we help someone load their groceries in the store parking lot.

When we live out the value that "*we need to continually grow in Christ*" we will take a second look at the classes being offered in this Spire or join a small group as part of our "Connecting Sundays". When you decide that the "*ministries of BAUMC extend beyond our walls*" then you might be reading this in Louisiana as part of our VIM trip this month or serve in the homeless shelter on January 27!

I think the first step to creating change in our lives and changes in our world, is to build a solid core on the bible and biblical values that need to be at the foundation of who we are.

Looking forward to the new things that God will do through each of us in 2010!

In Jesus,

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns". Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

## THANK YOU

- I greatly appreciate your recent donation of \$6,000.00 to Harford Habitat for Humanity. Your contribution will be applied to our current Faithworks Build and will help us continue the work of building, renovating and repairing homes for low-income families in our community. Thank you for being a part of our ministry. This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Habitat for Humanity in Harford County. Your support unites us in service to our community. With gratitude, **Joann C. Blewett, Executive Director, Harford Habitat for Humanity**
- Bel Air UMC, you've been a blessing to me all year with food and I know God will bless and increase your church and members. **Edith Mohan, a senior food delivery recipient**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Manna House served 4,353 meals and distributed 3,402 bags of groceries to guests in 2009?
- 175 individuals came to Ice World on New Years Day for the ice skating sponsored by Children and Family ministries?
- Attendance at all of the Christmas Eve services was 2,129?
- The Blood Drive will be held on January 11 in the Community Room?
- Cindy Caldwell will be touring the Holy Land with her seminary class from January 2 – January 15?

## NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME

The New Year is a great time to join one of our choirs. All the choirs sing at the 9:20 service.

**The Cherub Choir** – Grades Kindergarten thru grade 2  
Rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in room 102.

**The Wesley Choir** – Grades 3 thru 5 rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in room 130.

**The Chancel Choir** – High School -Adult rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in room 103.

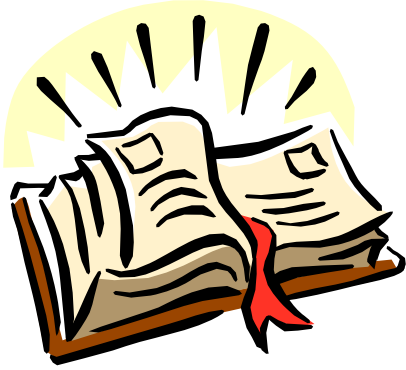


## PARENTS NIGHT OUT FEBRUARY 12, 2010

On February 12, (just in time for Valentine's) from 7 :00 – 10:00 PM, the Children's Christian Center (CCC) will entertain your children while you shop, catch dinner and a movie or just relax. **Space is limited and registration ends January 29.** Please call the CCC at 410-420-8304 for more information or to register your child/ children. We hope your child/ children will be able to join us.

Sponsored By the Children's Christian Center of Bel Air UMC.





## ADULT CLASSES STARTING

### Starting in January

- **Disciple I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study.** Thursdays, 7:00-9:15 PM. Class leaders: Bill & Joan Stiffler. An in-depth study that covers 80% of the Bible. Daily reading and workbook preparation is required for each weekly session. Cost for participant materials: \$40, to be collected at the first class. Starts January 14.
- **Invitation to John.** Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 AM. Class leader: Sandy Miller. A short-term study in the DISCIPLE family. This 11-session study invites you on a journey through the fourth gospel. Come and see what it means to follow the Jesus who claims to be living water, the true light, the way, the truth and the life--our life. Starts January 14.
- **The Truth Project.** Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM. Class leader: Mike Rupprecht. A 13-week, DVD-based curriculum presented by Dr. Dell Tackett. Each video session gives a detailed perspective on life from a Biblical worldview. Starts January 19.

### Starting in February

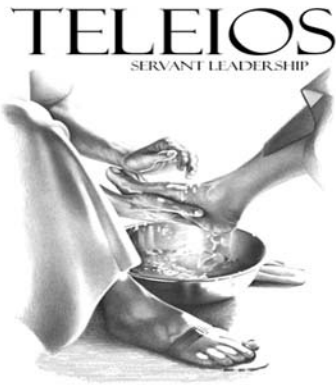
- **Habits of the Heart.** Mondays, 7:00-9:00 PM. Class leader: Al Conway. A ten week study of Christian spirituality that introduces and explores spiritual "habits of the heart." Each session includes an engaging message and interactive small group time. Starts February 22.
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To register for the above adult classes, please contact Lisa Wolf, 410-838-5181, ext. 17, or [wolfl@baumc.com](mailto:wolfl@baumc.com).

## Other Opportunities for Adults

- **Teleios.** A one-year leadership course that focuses on the development of church leaders. See the Teleios registration page for details. First Mondays, starting February 1.
- **Connecting Sundays.** Our annual celebration of small groups includes two "Connecting Sundays" where you can try out a new small group for a season. See the Small Group page for details. January 24 & 31.

# A Forum For The Development Of Servant Leaders



## First Mondays Orientation Meeting February 1, 2010 7:00 PM

Discover Your Leadership Style  
Your Spiritual Gifts  
Your unique spiritual make-up  
Your God-given passions and vision

### THE GOAL

To nurture and equip leaders for the church and its ministries by exploring the three major components of servant leadership:

***Character*** – Spiritual Formation

***Competence*** – Leadership and Vision

***Chemistry*** – Teambuilding

### THE COMMITMENT

12 monthly meetings for leadership lesson and small group discussion.

8 books by leading authors on ministry, leadership, and spiritual growth.

A day-long spiritual retreat.

3-days at the WCA Leadership Summit via satellite in Timonium, MD.

Participation in a team leadership practicum.

Ongoing commitment to servant leadership in the church.

***"I have set you an example  
that you should do as I have done for you."***

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***Please sign me up for TELEIOS Orientation February 1, 2010:***

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Returning January, 2010 . . .

## A Season for Connecting A Celebration of Small Groups At Bel Air UMC



### "Connecting Sundays" January 24 & 31

This January we will have our second annual *A Season for Connecting*, focusing on Small Groups at Bel Air UMC. Small Groups are gatherings of spiritual seekers who meet weekly or bi-weekly to encourage one another on our journey toward Christ as we study, serve, share, and grow together.

A wide variety of small groups will be featured during our "Connecting Sundays," January 24 and 31. Groups will offer a short-term trial period that will give you a "taste of community" without a big commitment.

### WATCH FOR THESE SPECIAL FEATURES:

- **A full menu of small group options.** This will be provided in advance of *Connecting Sundays* to give you plenty of time to choose the group that's right for you.
- **Opportunities to start your own kind of group.** We'll help you create, promote, and lead your small group.
- **Small group leader support.** A small group workshop will be offered Sunday, January 17, to help new groups get started. A team of coaches are available for ongoing support.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Tell us what kind of group you would like to join, and whether you would like to start one yourself. Just complete the form below and return it to the church office. Or, contact the church office, 410-838-5181, [caldwellc@baumc.com](mailto:caldwellc@baumc.com), or [beverly.talbot@comcast.net](mailto:beverly.talbot@comcast.net).

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**MY SMALL GROUP IDEA**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

The Kind Of Group I Would Join \_\_\_\_\_

I Can Offer My Home For A Group \_\_\_\_\_ I Can Lead Or Co-lead A Group \_\_\_\_\_

**2010 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**  
*usually meets on 4th Mondays*

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## THREE STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

At Bel Air UMC, our commitment to you begins on the day of your first visit. We aspire to help you grow in discipleship, and to be there for you in the joys and sorrows of life. Membership is about *your* commitment. It is where you confirm your faith in Christ, and your partnership in the mission and ministry of our church. If you would like to become a member, the steps to membership are easy and can be completed in any order. We've outlined them below so you can decide what your next step will be.

- 1. Contact the church office.** We'll set up an informal meeting with a staff member or volunteer mentor who can help you get an overview of the mission and ministries of our church. You may want some help in deciding where and how you would like to participate. Contact Lisa Wolf at 410-838-5181, ext. 17, or [wolf@baumc.com](mailto:wolf@baumc.com)
- 2. Get connected.** Join a Home Group, an adult class, or an ongoing ministry in our church that puts you in fellowship with other members. We believe the church is made of *people*, growing and serving together to reflect Christ's love in the world. To learn more about ways to serve and grow with us, check out our website at [www.baumc.com](http://www.baumc.com), or call the church office.
- 3. Come to our 2-session Membership Class on Monday February 1st and 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 pm in Room 202.** You'll get an overview of what it means to be called United Methodist, and how you can continue to grow and serve at Bel Air UMC according to your unique, God-given design. You'll also make some new friends! When it is time to register you can complete and return the [New Member Profile](#) to the church office.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Our Stephen Ministry is working closely with our brothers and sisters at Churchville Presbyterian. Our Stephen Leaders, Connie McNey and Wanda Denver, are currently training a new group of four students to become Stephen Ministers: Cindy Graham, Jodi Lovell, and Skip Panowitz from Bel Air UMC and Dave Petr from Churchville Presbyterian Church. These students will attend a retreat on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Churchville Presbyterian Church and learn about Confidentiality and Maintaining Boundaries. Three of our Stephen Ministers (Sharon Arnett, Sandy Millner, and Patti Tooman) will provide food and other support. Dvonne and Steve Henderson (BAUMC) will provide music. Janet Wheeler (Stephen Leader) and Lonna Smith (Associate Pastor) from Churchville Presbyterian will also be present. This will be a wonderful day for both churches.





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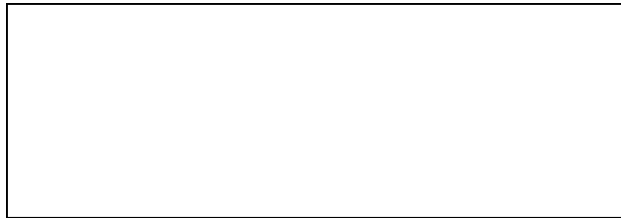
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## THE CORE VALUES OF BEL AIR UMC

### *We believe*

- ...in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, Son of God.*
- ...all people, especially the lost, matter to God and therefore matter to God's church.*
- ...loving and supportive relationships permeate every aspect of church life.*
- ...believe we need to continually grow in Christ.*
- ...in coming together as a diverse tapestry of people to praise and worship God.*
- ...our ministries extend beyond our walls.*
- ...in the power and importance of personal and corporate prayer.*
- ...biblically based teaching, inspired by the Holy Spirit, transforms lives.*
- ...all we do is to the glory and honor of God.*
- ...everyone is gifted by God and empowered and led by the Holy Spirit to do ministry.*

**SPIRE Deadline** – If you have information for inclusion in the Monthly SPIRE,

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