



The Spire

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 in McComas Hall

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Corner of Wheel and

Emmorton Roads)

7:00 PM

HopeVine

(Off Site Ministry)

Rev. Stan Cardwell

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Sunday School-KINGDOM KIDZ

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

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Hello Congregation and Friends,

Can you believe it has already been a year since the failure of Lehman Brothers propelled our country and the world into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression? While the first signs of a recession ending recovery are beginning to be seen, I'm sure most of us feel that it will take a lot longer before we will begin to see our own personal recovery.

It was about this time last year when we had just struggled through the summer, having taken some extraordinary measures to manage the church's finances. I am happy to say that 2009 has been better. The church staff and ministry leaders have led the way by more tightly managing expenses right from the beginning of the year. While our giving this summer has been lower than expected, we are hopeful that by year's end we will, with your help, have once again met not only all of our financial obligations but our mission and ministry needs as well.

To see the whole story, however, we need to look away from the numbers and focus on how, through your generous gifts, we have been able to do some wonderful things in service to God in our community, our nation and our world. Your gifts were invested in helping the local hungry through Manna House, the local needy through Pass It On and the Congregational Relief Fund, and the local homeless through our financial and volunteer support of Harford County's homeless shelter.

Your gifts supported mission trips to Baltimore city to provide hope where there is usually little to be found. It supported the teams we sent to south Louisiana and south Texas to help those who have suffered more than most of us.

Finally, your generosity is helping to build a clinic in Africa, spread the Word of God in Russia and support countless other missions by leveraging your gifts through the Baltimore-Washington Conference to do far more than we could do alone.

None of this would have been possible without your generous giving. When we've asked, you've responded with your time, talents and your treasure – and now we're asking again. Each year during our stewardship campaign we ask you, our church, to search your hearts and make a pledge that honors what God has done for you and supports God's work in our community, nation and world. Each year, many of you do just that by pledging a portion of your hard earned income to support the ministries and missions of BAUMC.

In the coming weeks, the pastors of BAUMC will once again be preaching about stewardship. I almost said our obligation for stewardship but that would be wrong. Stewardship isn't about obligation, it's about fulfilling our desire and our need to honor God for all of the blessings God has given us. All that we have and all that we receive are gifts from God. We are but stewards of God's gifts and God will reward us for good stewardship. In Luke 6:38 we are told *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* In Malachi we are also told *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."*

God is asking us to trust in Him and put Him to the test. So in the coming weeks I am asking that you to search your hearts and make a pledge to honor God's gifts by continuing to support the good works being done on God's behalf through BAUMC, your church.

This year, our Finance Team will be holding two dessert meetings to share with you our vision for the 2010 budget and ways in which we can make a difference for Christ in our community, our nation and our world. It is our hope that this discussion will help you to better understand our commitment to be good stewards of all that you give. The Finance Team Dessert meetings will be held on Sunday, November 1, and Tuesday, November 3. Please look for details in the bulletin and eSpire.

In Christ's service,

Tony Ciampaglio, Chairman Finance Committee
tonyciampaglio@comcast.net

Kevin Hoy, Treasurer
Kevin.s.hoy@wellsfargo.com

Up And Coming

- **Friday, October 2 ~ Children & Family Ministries Annual Hay Ride.** Contact Joni Behrendt, behrendtj@baumc.com for ticket information.
- **Wednesday, October 7 ~ Roast Beef Dinner** to benefit the Lightner Library 5:00 PM in McComas Hall. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 5 – 11 and ages 4 and under are free.
- **Saturday, October 10 ~ Spirit of Adoption Seminar**
- **Saturday, October 24 ~ Group Life Conference**
- **Friday, Saturday, November 6-7 ~ Youth Dodgeball**
- **Saturday, November 7 ~ Prayer & Praise Service,** 6:30 PM at Bel Air UMC
- **Wednesday, November 11 ~ Thanksgiving Turkey Mission Dinner** 5-7 PM, in McComas Hall.. **Silent Auction** items including African crafts and an assortment of attractive gift baskets will be available. The proceeds will support the medical clinic of **Chabadza- Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe.** Tickets \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 yrs.
- **Saturday, November 14 ~ Focus On Parenting Simulcast,** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Did You Know?

- Rosedale Federal Bank on Churchville Road donated \$1000 to our Neighbors in Need/Senior Food Basket Ministry?
- The next Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 AM?
- The September Blood Drive resulted in 39 units of blood being donate?
- Did you know we have a support groups for those who are grieving, Grief-Share that meets on Tuesday evenings and Grief Support that meets the third Sunday afternoon of each month?
- Did you know that our Divorce Care group meets on Wednesday evenings for those who are rebuilding their lives after divorce?
- Did you know that we have almost 100 people on the Alpha Course?
- Did you know that we want to send a goodie box to our college students, but we need an address before we can mail them?
- Did you know that the Confirmation Class meets in the Sanctuary and WOW worship in McComas at 11:00 each Sunday?
- Did you know that we serve 250 seniors every month with our Senior Food Baskets and we need donations of single serving cans?
- Did you know that Carol McCormack has retired from leadership of the Russia Outreach Committee after six years of devoted, faithful service? Well done, Carol!

Welcome To The Family



We Welcome Into The Community Of Faith Through Baptism

*Anabel Jane Barcena
Audrey Frances Bullerman
Peyton James DeCoursey
Katelyn Marie Hann
Nathan Travis Smith
Jocelyn Alyce Winter*

“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, wolf@baumc.com or
410-838-5181, ext 17.

Let's Celebrate And Give Thanks!

- Thankyou for your kindness and thoughts of sympathy and prayers in our time of sorrow.
The Family of Elaine Lapouraille

- This year has brought so many changes! I miss seeing all of you on Sunday mornings. Now that I'm serving as pastor at Mt. Vernon UMC in Whiteford, I am at Bel Air UMC only on Mondays and Tuesdays. It is a challenge to serve two churches while going to school, but it is an important step forward, and a good fit for my family as well.

I am now in my fourth year at Wesley Seminary, and I want to thank you again for all the ways you support me, from your encouraging words and prayers to your generous giving to the Seminary Scholarship Fund. Every time I drive into the Wesley parking lot, I give thanks for the privilege to be there, learning and growing as a pastor. I know it would not be possible without you.

I continue to work with the District Committee and my candidacy mentor in the journey toward ordination, and my graduation target is still the same: May, 2011. As I am now under pastoral appointment, my internship has changed from the Hopevine Off-Site Ministry to Mt. Vernon UMC, and I am happy to say that Rev. Peggy Groseclose has agreed to be one of my Ministry Learning Partners, a kind of mentoring relationship facilitated by Wesley Seminary.

So thank you, again, for the financial help you are providing through the Seminary Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your many words of affirmation and the many prayers you pray to strengthen my family and me. I hope you will come and visit us on a Sunday at Mt. Vernon—we worship at 10 am, and I would love to see you there!

Cindy Caldwell

- Thank you for being available to support the soldiers, airmen and families of the Maryland National Guard. As a "Partner in Care Congregation" your prayers and assistance greatly encourage our hearts. I look forward to visiting you in the months ahead.
COL Wm. Sean Lee, Joint Force HQ Chaplain
- Many thanks to Rick Schulte, Wes Jenkins, Barbara Mitchell, and the others who moved my apartment while I was in the hospital. I appreciate what you did for me, and I don't know how I would have survived without your help.
Helen Lowe
- I'm sorry I haven't written sooner to thank you for the many notes that have been sent to me. I certainly have appreciated all of them. I miss church a lot but I cannot walk as well as I'd like to. Please tell everyone that I, Jessie, said hello and God bless everyone. Thank you everyone at Bel Air United Methodist Church.
Mrs. Jessie K. Wells.
- To the pastors, members and Disaster Recovery team: You're truly a blessing, may God multiply the goodness you have sown. Thanks so much for your hard work.
Ardis Bundage and Rosemary Hudson.

***"I am the Church,
You are the Church,
We are the Church together..."***

Missions Corner

Russian Outreach Trip to Millennium UMC and Camp Crystall in Russia

Pastor Carol Pazdersky and Rob and Carol McCormack of the BAUMC Russian Outreach Committee recently returned from a 16-day trip to Russia that was led by Pastor Charles Harrell of Trinity UMC in Prince Frederick, MD. Trinity UMC and BAUMC are partnering in the support of Millennium UMC in Oryol, Russia, whose pastor is Rev. Lev Mikhailov. They traveled with 15 others, mostly from churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference who are supporting other Russian churches.

The trip was a wonderful Christian experience. The presence of six talented young people, ages 16 to 23, added to the energy and joy of the group. The various members of the group bonded and intermingled, and everyone had a feeling of being included.

Devotions were held each day, in the morning and evening. A song book had been prepared for the trip, and a member provided accompaniment on her guitar. The devotions gave purpose to the day in the morning and sharing and closure in the evening.

There were two purposes of the trip for most of the travelers. The first was working at Camp Crystall. The group worked in teams doing painting, paneling, framing, drywall, gingerbread trim, and a sauna foundation. The camp is composed of a cluster of run-down buildings on ten wooded acres. It is being groomed to be a multi-denominational worship center, and it is important to the whole district, including Millennium UMC.

The primary purpose for the BAUMC and Trinity UMC travelers was visiting and worshipping with Rev. Mikhailov and his congregation in Oryol. After a tour of Oryol, the group had a wonderful evening. The older members gathered for dinner with Rev. Mikhailov in his small apartment with his wife, Nadia, and their four children. They prepared a sumptuous feast. Gifts were exchanged, and the children received Hannah Montana dolls and toy dump trucks. Meanwhile, the younger members were invited to the homes of two young married couples for the evening. Afterwards they were ecstatic, and more than one stated that that evening's experience made the entire trip worthwhile.

On Sunday, our second reward came with the worship with Rev. Mikhailov and his congregation in a rented room of an office building. Their gratitude and joy were obvious, as they celebrated their tenth anniversary as a congregation. Nadia sang, and members of the congregation accompanied her lovely voice with guitar and keyboard. Pastors Carol and Charles gave interwoven messages about backing up faith with service. And everyone sang hymns familiar to all. The BAUMC and Trinity UMC travelers now feel that they have a great relationship with an outstanding young pastor and his wife who are working to spread God's word despite many handicaps.

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.



Rev. Charles, Rev. Lev & Nadia, and Rev Carol

Russian United Methodist Church District Youth Director Visits BAUMC



On August 23rd, Ekaterina (Katia) Guseva attended services at BAUMC and spoke at the Ignite service. Katia is from Voronezh, Russia, and is the youth director for the Black Soil District. The district is roughly the size of France. Millennium UMC in Oryol, which BAUMC supports in partnership with Trinity UMC, Prince Frederick, MD, and Camp Crystall, near Voronezh, are both located in the Black Soil District.

During the Ignite service, Katia showed slides of Camp Crystall and spoke about the camp, how in 1993 she came to Christ and the Russian United Methodist Church, and her perceptions of the differences between Russian and American people and their worshipping. She also answered questions from the congregation.

Katia currently works as a translator for a Russian oil company. She has visited the United States several times in the past and was winding up a one-month stay. She came here this time for a General Board of Global Ministries Youth Meeting in Nashville. Before coming to BAUMC, she attended services and visited people in various Maryland churches (Trinity UMC, Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville, and Rockville UMC) who have known her as a translator and camp director from previous visits to Voronezh and Camp Crystall.

While in Bel Air, she stayed with Rob and Carol McCormack, members of the BAUMC Russian Outreach Committee. For more information, e-mail Carol at robncarol@comcast.net.

WE ARE LOST!

We are looking for addresses for the following list of members. If you know where they are will you please contact Lisa Wolf in the church office, wolf@baumc.com or 410-838-5181, ext 17? Thanks for your help!

Allensworth, Mr Kevin Dwight	Mellott, Ms Trudy
Arteaga, Mr Joshua Daniel	Metz, Mr Travis D.
Baer, Ms Michele Lynn	Meyers, Mr Terrence Joseph (TJ)
Brown, Mrs Michelle A.	Moog, Miss Jessica R.
Buettner, Ms Andrea Jane	Narizzano, Mr Brian Edward
Casey, Miss Linda Ann	Norton, Mr Christopher Michael (Chris)
Charlton, Ms Pamela Jean (Pam)	O'Connell, Miss Amanda P.
Cook, Mr Larry G.	Parker, Mr Jack Barry
Cook, Mr Robert William (Bob)	Phelps, Ms Michele
Davis, Mr Thomas E. (Tom)	Preston, Miss Kimberly M. (Kim)
DeMatteo, Jack	Preston Jr, Mr Robert
DeMott, Mr Jeffrey	Puma, Mr Christopher
DePinho, Mr Keith Alan	Reed, Mr John David
Fleming, Mrs Susan	Reynolds, Mr Brett Wesley
Fox, Miss Tiffany N.	Ringold, Mrs Amber M.
Garress, Mr Timothy James (Tim)	Rose, Ms Mary Catherine
Gettings, Mr John	Schirmer, Mr Jeffrey
Gregory, Mr Michael Steven	Sears, Mr Shawn Michael
Handren, Tiffany	Siegert, Ms Sandra Lynn
Hedlund, Miss Carolyn Miller	Simmons Jr, Mr Gerald A. (Jerry)
Hedlund, Mr Christopher Miller	Smith, Mrs Claudia
Heeter, Mr Doug	Sorger, Mr Christopher G. (Chris)
Heim, Mrs Sandra Lee (Sandy)	Staniewicz, Ms Kathy
Heuman Jr, Mr Philip W. (Phil)	Sterling, Mr George B.
Hill, Eriksson W.	Strausser, Mr Edwin F. (Ed)
Hughes, Mr Richard Lee (Dick)	Synnott, Mr Benjamin Creel (Ben)
Humbert, Mrs Kathleen	Taylor, Mrs Clara
Hypes, Miss Amy M.	Thomas, Mr Joseph C.
Johnson, Mrs Regina M. (Jean)	Traband, Kelly
Joynes, Catherine	Turnbaugh, Mr Cory Matthew
Keane, Mr Douglas Paul (Doug)	Vincent, Ms Kimberly K. (Kim)
Kelchner, Mr Thomas S.	Wagner, Mr Louis J.
Kramar, Mr John	Walker, Ms Rebecca
Law, Ms Sally J.	Wickman, Mr Karl E.
LeMoine, Mr Jeff G.	Willard, Mr Michael
Letschin, Mr Adam Robert	Williams, Mr Caley Charles
Lewis, Mr Daniel	Williams, Mr David A. (Dave)
Lloyd, Mr David C.	Williams, Miss Jennifer Karin (Jenny)
Manning, Mr Gregory	Williams, Jennifer Suzanne
Mark, Mr Michael Thomas (Mike)	Winaker, Matthew Joseph (Matt)
Martin, Ms Linda M.	

"Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27



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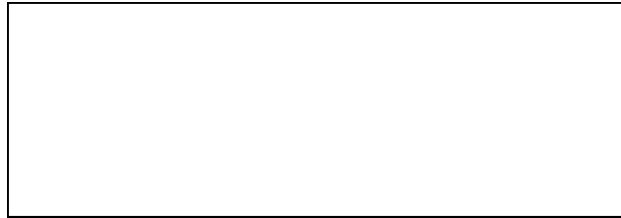
CONFERENCE STAFF

Bishop—Rev. Dr. John R. Schol
District Superintendent—Rev. Dr. Karin Walker

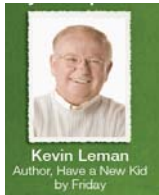
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Director of Worship & Arts—Rev. Doug Hollida
Director of Children & Family Ministries—Joni Behrendt
Director of Student Ministries—Tom Hodges
Director of Adult Discipleship—Cindy Caldwell
Church Administrator—Jim Schepers
Bookkeeper—Phyllis Kordek
Pastoral Administrative Assistant—Judy Jones
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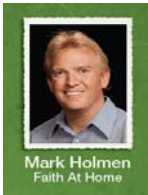


Kevin Leman
Author, *Have a New Kid by Friday*

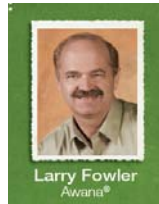
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A special Children's Program will be provided by the Bel Air UMC **Tiny Tots** and **Children's Christian Center** staff at no additional cost for Infants-Grade 5. **Deadline for Children's Program registration is 4 PM Friday, October 30, Limited space available so sign up early!**

Sponsored By Bel Air UMC Children & Family Ministries For More Information Contact Joni Behrendt, 410-838-5181 or behrendtj@baumc.com

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