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# BALDWIN COMMUNITY NEWS

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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## Welcome, Inspire, Nurture, and Serve together

This summer has been a whirlwind of activity and community spirit at Baldwin Community United Methodist Church. Our congregation has been buzzing with events that unite us in service, celebration, and faith. On June 1st, volunteers from our church rolled up their sleeves for a successful clean-up day. The grounds have never looked better, thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who gave their time and energy to beautify our church environment. Continuing our commitment to service, many volunteers have been preparing daily lunches for approximately 200 area children in need. This kindness has nourished and showed our community's love and care for its youngest members.

Another highlight of our summer was the "Start the Party" summer camp from June 24th to 27th. Filled with fun activities, learning, and spiritual growth, the camp was a memorable experience for all who attended and the numerous volunteers. The joy and laughter heard throughout the church grounds were genuinely heartwarming. Our annual participation in Caste's Fireworks Night was an evening to remember, as families and friends gathered to enjoy a spectacular display.

On July 13th, Open Mic Night showcased our community's talent and was a successful fundraiser for the upcoming Youth Mission Trip. The talent on display was impressive, and the funds raised will help support our youth as they embark on their mission. Our youth will be in Mexico, MO when this newsletter arrives at your house. This trip promises to be a transformative experience for these teens as they engage in service and deepen their faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 28th! We will have a unified worship service at 10 am, bringing our entire congregation together in one service. Following the service, our Leadership Team will hold a Town Hall meeting. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to discuss important matters concerning our church's future. Starting in April, we have been hosting a monthly Dinner and Discussion. These evenings have been a wonderful opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation, enjoy a meal together, and strengthen our bonds. It's not too late to join. The next gathering is August 13th at 6 p.m. Bring a side or a dessert to share.

We are excited to announce that we will create a new pictorial directory in late September. This directory will help us connect faces with names and strengthen our sense of community. Sign-ups will start soon. If you are interested in helping with this short-term project, please attend the organizational meeting on August 13th at 10 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room. Get ready for our annual Kickoff on Sunday, September 8th. This event marks the beginning of our fall programs and is always a joyous celebration filled with activities for all ages. Register at the church office.

Finally, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the many pastors who have stepped up to preach during Pastor Pam's time of rest and renewal. Your dedication and support have been invaluable, and we are grateful for your leadership during this time. As we continue through the summer and look forward to the exciting events ahead, we are reminded of the strength and vibrancy of our Baldwin Community UMC family. Together, we are making a difference in our community and growing in faith and fellowship. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey!





# FALL KICKOFF

- 10 AM: Childcare Center, Sunday School, and Youth Ministry Mornings
- 11 AM: Chancel Choir
- 5 PM: Family Picnic with food, drinks, fellowship, kickball game, and more

Register at church office.

# BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC



SEPTEMBER 8  
**2024**

# Upcoming Events

**REGISTER NOW**

**DINNER AND DISCUSSION**

**AUGUST 13 AT 6 PM ASBURY HALL**

BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE! SIGN UP HERE




Join us at the next Dinner and Discussion where we'll explore the fifth half-truth from Adam Hamilton's book: "Love the sinner, hate the sin." We will provide burgers. Please sign up to bring a side or dessert using the QR code. New attendees are always welcome! Come for fellowship and a delicious meal. We'll meet in Asbury Hall on August 13th at 6 p.m.

We have some exciting news to share! A new pictorial directory is being planned for late September. An organizational meeting is set for August 13th at 10 a.m. If you can offer some short-term help with this project, please contact Ria in the church office. Alternatively, there is a form in the narthex and Asbury Hall that you can fill out to volunteer.

Photo sessions are:  
 September 26th: 2 - 8:30 p.m.  
 September 27th: 2 - 8:30 p.m.  
 September 28th: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Your Church, Your Values, Your Ministry**



**Pictorial Directory Dates:**  
 August 13th at 10 am - Volunteer Meeting  
 September 26 - 28th - Photo Sessions

**FALL KICKOFF**



**SEPTEMBER 8 2024**



**BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC**

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11 AM: Return of Chancel Choir

5 PM: Family Picnic with food, drinks, fellowship, kickball game, and more

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# CALENDAR

## July 2024

- 20th-26th - Youth Mission Trip, Mexico, MO
- 21st - Guest Preacher: Deryl Larsen, 9 and 11 am
- 24th - Beverly's Community Baby Shower, 11 am
- 26th - Lord's Pantry Distribution, 12 pm, Circle
- 28th - Unified Service, 10 am and Town Hall, 11 am
- 29th - Yoga Flow, 7 pm, Asbury

## August 2024

- 1st - Yoga Flow, 9:30 am, Asbury
- 4th - Guest Preacher: Deryl Larsen, 9 and 11 am
- 5th - Yoga Flow, 7 pm, Asbury
- 8th - Yoga Flow, 9:30 am, Asbury
- 11th - Guest Preacher: Justin Pearl, 9 and 11 am
- 12th - Yoga Flow, 7 pm, Asbury
- 13th - Dinner and Discussion, 6 pm, Asbury
- 15th - Yoga Flow, 9:30 am, Asbury
- 18th - Youth-led Worship, Allison Popieski, 9 and 11 am
- 23rd - UMM Scholarship applications due
- 23rd - Lord's Pantry Distribution, 12 pm, Circle
- 25th - Pastor Pam returns to worship, 9 and 11 am
- 28th - Blood Drive, 1 - 6 pm, Wesley

## September 2024

- 8th - Child and Youth Discipleship returns, 10 am
- 8th - Kick off Sunday Picnic, 5 pm
- 10th - Dinner and Discussion, 6 pm, Asbury
- 11th - Jonah for Normal People, 7 pm, Parlor
- 18th - Jonah for Normal People, 7 pm, Parlor
- 22nd - Healing Service, 6 pm, Chapel
- 25th - Jonah for Normal People, 7 pm, Parlor
- 26th - Directory Photos, 2 - 8:30 pm, Parlor
- 27th - Lord's Pantry Distribution, 12 pm, Circle
- 27th - Directory Photos, 2 - 8:30 pm, Parlor
- 28th - Directory Photos, 10:30 - 5 pm, Parlor

### Support Groups:

- Al-Anon: Sundays, 8 pm
- Gamblers Anonymous: Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Fridays, 7 pm and Saturdays, 12 pm



### Bus Trips:

- August 5-8: "Smoky Mountains"
- November 9: "Three Redneck Tenors"

Contact Elaine Lewis at 412-885-4560 for more information.

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Be sure to follow us on social media for the latest news. We also send a weekly email. Subscribe by emailing Ria at [info@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:info@baldwincommunityumc.com).

# Noteworthy

Bread for the World's annual Advocacy Summit took place in Washington, D.C., on June 10th and 11th this year. It is a time set aside to learn more about the reality of Domestic and International hunger and the role of government and local institutions; a time to worship together and then go to "Capitol Hill" and meet with our Senators and Representatives. Each year, they are a diverse group, representing many states and many denominations. They met staff members in the offices of Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman. Myra Mann participated in this year's event. Words cannot adequately describe the presence of the Spirit in our learning, advocating, and, most of all, worshipping together.

"Hunger should be a litmus test for how a country, neighborhood, and community are doing"

~Rev. Dr. Gabriel Salguero and Rev. Jeanette Salguero

Myra wishes to thank all the BCUMC members who wrote or emailed our two PA Senators and their U.S. Representatives. You can advocate to end hunger by calling, emailing or writing your representatives. Bread.org has fantastic resources if you don't know what to say or need to know more about the issues.



We are proud of being able to provide healthy lunches for three local camps for children this summer.

**Sign up to help with Daily Bread on August 4th!**

## 2024 Laity Memorial Educational Award

In appreciation and recognition of their contributions to the life and history of Baldwin Community United Methodist Church, the men of BCUMC establish this annual post-secondary award in memory of the Laity of this church. There may be one or more recipients, regardless of gender, who are on the active roles of the church. The awards shall assist the recipient's educational development regardless of his/her choice of vocational study.

This Church's active members and clergy are eligible to submit the required application. Forms are available in the church office and can be emailed to Jerry Rohland at [jerz217@comcast.net](mailto:jerz217@comcast.net), attention 2024 Laity Award. Completed forms should be submitted to the Methodist Men at the church office or emailed to Jerry by 4 p.m. on July 26, 2024.

# Worship

**TOWN HALL**  
*and Unified Worship*

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

**10 AM - WORSHIP**  
**11 AM - TOWN HALL**

We are excited to invite you to join us for a special unified service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 28th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our entire congregation to come together in worship and fellowship.

After the service, we encourage you to stay for a town hall meeting with our leadership team. During this meeting, we will discuss important church issues, share recent wins, and talk about the future of our church. Your input and presence are valuable as we continue to grow and serve our community. If you have any questions for the Leadership team, email them to [info@baldwincommunityumc.com](mailto:info@baldwincommunityumc.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

**July 28th & August 4th:**

Rev. Dr. Deryl Larsen

**August 11th:**

Dr. Justin Pearl

**August 18th:**

Youth-led with Allison Popieski

**Jonah for Normal People:**

A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY  
LED BY PASTOR PAM GARDNER

**September 11th, 18th, 25th**  
Parlor

Jonah's encounter with a big fish is one of the Bible's most widely recognized—and misunderstood—stories. Join Pastor Pam for a Wednesday evening study focused on exploring the context behind the story and considering the questions Jonah's early audience faced: questions about the relationship between justice and mercy, what it means to be a worshipper of Yahweh (and who gets to be one), and what happens when God doesn't act how we would like. Sign-ups will begin soon. Mark your calendar for September 11th, 18th, and 25th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The book is available on Amazon.

Our next Healing Service will be on Sunday, September 22nd at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

**HEALING SERVICE**

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
**6 PM**  
**CHAPEL**



**BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC BLOOD DRIVE**

**AUGUST 28**  
**1 PM - 6 PM**  
**WESLEY HALL**

# Kid Creation Summer Camp



“Start the Party” Summer Camp was held from June 24th - 27th. Thank you to all the wonderful congregants who spent their time, talent, and treasure to help create wonderful memories for the kids. We had a great time partying with everyone!