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BALDWIN COMMUNITY NEWS

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR PAM

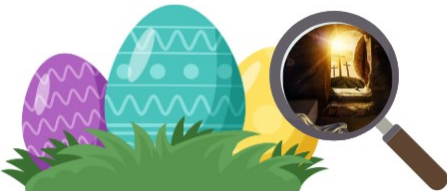
What follows Easter?

Do we simply put away our Easter decorations and get on with our summer plans? In the church, we talk a great deal about the 40 days of Lent, but did you know there are 50 days of Eastertide?

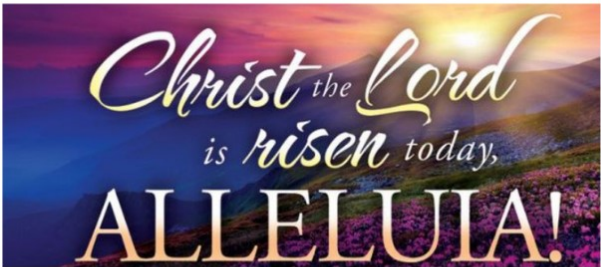
Eastertide is the season between the religious celebrations of Easter and Pentecost, where we are invited to embrace the miraculous works of God. As Easter people, we recognize the mystery and wonder of Jesus' bodily resurrection from the tomb, not just on one Sunday each year for every Sunday since the first Easter is a resurrection celebration.

This year, in the season following Easter, we will look for signs of resurrection in worship, our church and daily life. Our worship theme, "Easter Eggs: looking for Signs of Resurrection," will help us see that Easter was not just a one-time event, but the power of resurrection looks to burst into our lives all the time! Moments of joy, connection, mystery, coincidence, revelation, curiosity, and wonder are not mere accidents of being human but avenues where divine revelation might be trying to gain our attention. Together, we will find glimpses of Easter in scripture as we read the post-Easter gospel lessons. If you have a good eye, you might be lucky enough to find Easter eggs tucked in our communications, popping up in fellowship gatherings, or around the church building offering surprises intended to inspire and sustain joy in Christ.

Christ is risen! May Baldwin Community UMC bravely point to signs of resurrection for others to discover and experience the goodness of God.



On February 11th, we held a special event dedicated to celebrating the success of our long-standing preschool program. During this gathering, preschoolers showcased their enthusiasm through joyful singing. The Preschool Celebration also served as an opportunity to honor and express gratitude to the dedicated teachers who play a crucial role in nurturing the growth of these young children. It was a heartwarming occasion that brought the church and preschool communities together to appreciate the innocence and faith of the little ones and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of their teachers.



This Easter, your offering will be used for our Music Ministry. Read more inside about our upcoming organ restoration and the recent concert series that was used as a fundraiser for this mission.

68th Annual United Methodist Men's Flapjack Festival



**All-you-can-eat pancakes
and sausage
April 6th 8 am - 1 pm**

**\$10 adults (14+)
\$5 kids (3-13)
Free for kids 2 and under**

**Tickets available:
At the church office or
before/after services in
March**

I.C.Y.M.I.



Jessica Speer took part in the WPAUMC Guatemala Cultural Immersion Journey in early March. "This trip has served as a reminder to me that God has given each of us a unique gift and mission that he has called for us to fill. We just don't know how God will use the small steps we take, the seeds we plant to make an impact in this world." -Jessica



We started hosting monthly evenings modeled after the Wednesday Night Live of the past. We are calling it "Dinner and Discussion" now.



"Prepare Your Wandering Heart" was full of symbolism and inspiration as the hearts of our participants were readied for the Lenten season.



Pastor Pam and Franklin Mosley were "twinning" at the organ recital held here on February 24th. This four part 412 Organ Recital Series was a tremendous success, raising money for each church and their respective music ministry programs.



Our Children's Sunday School learned a lot about the events leading to Christ's resurrection over the past few weeks, including this Palm Sunday lesson.



Worship News

Holy Week SCHEDULE

March 28 Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM SANCTUARY
March 29 Good Friday Service	7:00 PM SANCTUARY
March 31 Easter Sunday (Casual)	9:00 AM ASBURY HALL
March 31 Easter Sunday (Traditional)	11:00 AM SANCTUARY

As the arrival of Easter draws near, communities around the world are preparing to commemorate the profound events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday. These sacred days hold immense significance in Christian tradition, serving as a time for reflection, prayer, and celebration. In anticipation of this holy season, we invite you to join us for a series of worship services designed to deepen your connection with the divine and foster a sense of spiritual renewal.



Easter Eggs: Looking for Signs of Resurrection

Starting on
April 14th

In literary terms, "Easter eggs" are a little extra something that authors hide in their books for their fans to find. An Easter egg can be a character, a place, an object, or a bit of dialogue. Remember that Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, leading to Pentecost. We will use this time to explore the Easter eggs of the resurrection. Join us on Sundays at 9 am for our casual service in Asbury Hall or at 11 am for a traditional service in the Sanctuary.

Growing in Faith

Volunteers
needed

Flapjack Festival - April 6

- Selling tickets at services
- Serving
- Greeting
- Set-up/Clean-up

Contact Tom Gintner at
tgintner@msn.com.

Daily Bread - April 21

- Cooking/Baking
- Delivery
- Serving

Contact Wade/Deb Saucier at
wdjsaucier@gmail.com.

Kid Creations Summer Camp

- There's a job for everyone!

Contact Allison Popieski at
apopieski@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Summer Food

- Weekdays starting in June

Contact Susan Eyrolles at
seyrolles@baldwincommunityumc.com.

Diversity and Inclusion Team Recommendations for March:

Books:

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Becoming by Michelle Obama
The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Movies:

Hidden Figures
A League of Their Own
On The Basis of Sex
Norma Rae

Podcasts:

What'sHerName
Stuff Mom Never Told You



Upcoming Membership Classes:

Mondays at 7 pm: April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th in the 1st Floor Conference Room

May 19th: Profession of Faith

Children & Youth

Youth Fellowship Mixer
MISSION POSSIBLE
MARCH 24TH
6PM - 8PM
@BALDWIN COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5001 BAPTIST RD, PITTSBURGH, PA 15236
Up for a challenge? Spend the evening with other youth group members eating **Chick-fil-A** snacks, building **ideas for the Mission Trip**, and investigating the mysterious church hallways for the **Affirm Challenge**. This isn't your ordinary challenge - it's an epic opportunity to showcase your **creative gaming skills** and **emerge victorious** in the face of the unknown.
Questions? Email
a.popieski@baldwincommunityumc.com

Baldwin Community UMC
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am - 2nd Fl. Classroom
Sunday School

Our new Youth and Discipleship Coordinator, Allison Popieski, has been busy meeting our children and youth and learning more about the needs of Baldwin Community UMC. A few upcoming dates to add to your calendar are:

- **March 24th:** Youth Fellowship Mixer (6th - 12th grade)
- **April 1st:** Registration opens for Kid Creations Summer Camp (ages 4 - entering 5th grade) bit.ly/REGISTER2024KIDS
- **April 7th:** Youth Ministry Mornings begin then continue on Sundays from 10 am to 11 am (6th - 12th grade).
- **June 24th - 27th:** Kid Creations Summer Camp



START the PARTY
Celebrate the Good News
Kid Creations Summer Camp
June 24 - 27
9 - noon
Baldwin Community UMC
5001 Baptist Road, 15236

Upcoming



MEET & GREET

WITH
PASTOR PAM GARDNER

APRIL 14TH - NOON
WESLEY HALL

Are you new to our vibrant community? Whether you're curious about our church, seeking spiritual guidance, or simply looking to connect with fellow members, this gathering is the perfect opportunity to get to know each other better.

If you would like to stay connected, be sure to join our mailing list. We send weekly reminders and church member obituaries via email as well as seasonal newsletters and letters to your home mailbox.

You can also follow us on social media to stay connected.




Yoga Flow

We are thrilled to announce the return of Yoga Flow to our church building this June! After a period of separation, we are excited to once again invite our community to experience the rejuvenating practice of yoga in the heart of our spiritual home. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Mondays at 7 pm: June 17th, June 24th, July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 29th, August 5th, and August 12th

Thursdays at 9:30 am: June 20th, July 11th, July 18th, August 1st, August 8th, August 15th

Cost: \$10 per class

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All proceeds benefit local
scholarships The United
Methodist Men's Laity
Memorial Education
Award Program



Events

The Leadership Team will host quarterly town hall meetings after a unified worship service. The first one will be on April 7th. Worship will be at 10, and the meeting will follow. Questions for the Town Hall can be submitted by emailing info@baldwincommunityumc.com or using the offering plate at worship.

If you would like more information about the upcoming General Conference, Pastor Pam will be holding a prep night in the Chapel on April 2nd at 7 pm.



TOWN HALL

and Unified Worship

APRIL 7
10 am - Worship
11 am - Town Hall



GENERAL CONFERENCE PREP

April 2nd - 7 pm - Chapel



Barb Semich, our Worship Team Lead, has put together a survey about the past, present, and future here at Baldwin Community. We have seen a lot of amazing responses already!

We invite you to fill out this survey, which can be found on our website at bit.ly/BCUMCWORSHIP.

There are also paper copies in the Narthex and Asbury Hall. Return all forms to the church office at 5001 Baptist Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Surveys are due by May 15th.

Be sure to fill out your

CHURCH HISTORY/WORSHIP SURVEY




Due by May 15th!