



BALDWIN COMMUNITY UMC

Survey Results

Name: Barb Brown, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

I was baptized here in 1955, so since then.

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Dr. David Wynne

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

The music Ministry, many wonderful musicians, choir directors, organists, teaching Sunday School. I taught 4th Grade for many years. Establishing and leading the Outreach Committee Programs.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Singing with other church choirs, the Craig Courtney music event. Good Friday service and combined churches at Hamilton, where we walked the cross down Baptist Road.

What do you like best about attending here?

The music program and Franklin Mosley

What, if anything would enhance your worship experience?

Sermons that are more personal that I can connect with

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes, family, but it's been a while

Name: Anonymous, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

Approximately 7 years

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

When I won the chili contest with my white chicken chili and when I took classes with Pastor Brad to become a member

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Daily Bread: We went to the Northside many times to feed the homeless - very gratifying!

What do you like best about attending here?

Congregation

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

No

Name: Fred and Arleen Gealey, attends both services

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

We have been members since fall of 1970 - nearly 55 years-WOW!!

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Arleen - baptized at Morningside Methodist Church and confirmed there. Fred - baptized and confirmed at Central Christian Church in New Castle, PA

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

Each Sunday morning as Fred and I came to church then Sunday School the next hour. We brought our 4 children after they were born. Each Sunday too. We came together until they went to college. Our "Merrimac" group was terrific - "Merry Married Couple" - We went to Jumonville for winter weekends and met once a month on Sunday evenings with speakers. We manned a Coffee Hour in Wesley Hall between services. We put on a play. Prayer group is very important, met twice a month. Dinner for the Homeless. So good to do. We have many fond memories.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Each event is special. We always meet new believers and that is so important. We all encourage each other, and our lives are even more blessed. Each person, whether silent or talkative, reflects their faith through their lives.

What do you like best about attending here?

It makes us take important time to really concentrate on God and our lives. Circle is very important to me and all that we do in Jesus' name through the church and it's groups. We can accomplish so much together.

What, if anything would enhance your worship experience?

More action activities - putting our faith into action, even as part of our Sunday services - packing baskets for "shutins", distributing children's books to young families, etc. We could celebrate as a church family certain birthdays, graduations, new baby, etc.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes.

Name: Karen Kleinhampl, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

53 years

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

My daughter was married at BCUMC 25 years ago. Beautiful service.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

We had Wednesday dinners years ago. Such a great social event. And also had a chef!

What do you like best about attending here?

Without a doubt, making so many friends. It's my church family.

What, if anything would enhance your worship experience?

I truly like Franklin, but I love the old time hymns we don't sing much anymore.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes, quite a few over the years. Some friends returned; others didn't.

Name: Anonymous

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

60 years

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

My fondest memory was over 50 years ago when my kids were in the Children's Choir. It was the Christmas Eve service, and they walked down the aisle in their red robes. Also, I treasure the time spent with Jack Aupperle.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Christmas Eve services. Love the church decorations and the beautifully decorated altar. Also, I served on every committee in existence in the church and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow church members.

What do you like best about attending here?

Friends although not many left, Bible Study, and being a teacher and student in Disciples class

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes, I have - several times

Name: Bill and Ann Ivey, unable to attend now

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

We joined in 1967 but attended for a couple of years before too.

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Our children, Earl, Mark, Debbie, and Jody were confirmed here. Mark, Debbie, and Jody were also baptized here..

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

Bill - being in the choir, music

Ann - Active in WSCS-UMW: President and U-President one time. Had about 15 Circles - monthly general meetings. Special programs at each meeting plus 50 cent lunch, prepared by a Circle. Very good attendance!

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Christmas Eve Worship Service. Our old bazaars in the fall - by UMW. A lot of hard work but FUN!

What do you like best about attending here?

We are homebound. Appreciate newsletter and weekly mailed programs. We also enjoy cards and home visits from the Silver Seekers!

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes, when family would visit, they would attend.

Name: Anonymous, attends both services

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

5-6 months

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Was not baptized at BCUMC

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

The first time I was attending at BCUMC and the first time Pastor Pamela preached on Matthew 25:14-30

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Worship because it helped me with my faith

What do you like best about attending here?

Serving, Volunteering

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes

Name: Anonymous, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

Member since 8th grade confirmation in Spring 1972

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Confirmation - Dr. Warman, Ron Huebert, Rev. Rulong, Rev. Reamer

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

University of Life dinner and programs on Mondays

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Men's Flapjack Festival at its peak in the 70's and 80's

What do you like best about attending here?

The music

Name: Wayne Semich, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

13 years

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Neither done here

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

I really appreciate the power and majesty of BCUMC's organ so my fondest memory is the recent organ recital.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Again, the organ recital

What do you like best about attending here?

The faithful congregation

What, if anything, would enhance your worship experience?

Are United Methodists allowed to have communion elements more than once a month? More communion services is my answer,

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

We had friends with us on 2023's Christmas Eve.

Name: Dave Rauth, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

Since 1973

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

Serving on the Usher teams since 1973 and working with church members on multiple committees and events

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Flapjack Festivals and recently, Men's Ministry group - We had meaningful Bible Studies with the group (12 men) for 4 years.

What do you like best about attending here?

Having quiet time before each 11 am service for meditation and prayer. The concern and warmth of caring Christian fellowship of the congregation

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes! Many times.

Name: Dorothy Swaney, can no longer attend

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

Approximately 1984

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Not baptized until I was older and at McKnight Methodist Church in the North Hills

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

My husband, Frank, was in the choir. I loved the Christmas performances, The couple who sponsored us when we joined the church were lovely. Any time Jack Aupperle preached. He was such a pleasant man and I really liked his wife, too.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Church dinners and social events that brought people together for fellowship

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

My daughter-in-law came with me on occasion

Name: Paula Turek, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

I think Ted and I joined in 2012.

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

Bruce Bryson Bible Study, Retreats in Jumonville, Women's Circle

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Christmas Eve service, Cookie Walk and baking cookies. Comradery of the women involved in Circle and Cookie Walk. I am especially grateful for the beautiful memorial Pastor Pam did when Ted died.

What do you like best about attending here?

The people, the music. I loved hearing Frankling. Pastor Pam's sermons

What, if anything, would enhance your worship experience?

I no longer live in Pittsburgh and go to another church in Columbus, Ohio. Visiting BCUMC is very moving for me.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes and they declined most of the time

Name: Frank and Helen Pomilio, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

Helen since 1957, I was 13 years old. Frank since 1990 when we married

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

Dr. David Wynne when Helen started attending

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

Friendly, welcoming people. Pastors who listened to you and valuable worship experiences. I was involved with Sunday School teaching as well as many committees. We had a very active MYF. We even took a train trip to New York City. I believe I was in the first preschool here in about 1949.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Christmas Eve services and Easter worship. The Glory of God was great.

What do you like best about attending here?

The people and the music

What, if anything, would enhance your worship experience

Have a sound system that is clearer. Very hard to hear and understand sometimes what people are saying.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes

Name: Barb Semich, attends 11am/formerly Sat PM

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

13 years

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

There's not just one! Cay Brooks Memorial Service - June 2007, Our Wedding, April 2012, The Bible Studies led by Bruce Bryce

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

The 2023 Christmas Luncheon of Abigail Circle at Carbonara's. The women in this group each have a special gift. You'll never meet kinder, more wonderful women. We had fun and laughed and laughed.

What do you like best about attending here?

The preaching, the book recommendations to help me grow in faith and knowledge of all things spiritual, like Pursuing God's Will Together by Ruth Haley Barton, Heather Cox Richardson, Adam Hamilton, Oh and podcasts, too.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes, both and they have attended.

Name: Anonymous, attends 11 am

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

I have been a member since confirmation in May 1967

If you were baptized or confirmed here, who was the pastor?

The ministers were John Warman, Roger Rulong, and Mahlon Hulbert

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

University of Life as a teenager, Parents Discussion classes, Picking strawberries at the Strawberry Festival, Many long-lasting friendships, Vacation Bible School weeks

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

Christmas Eve service at 11 pm. You went into church at 11 and came out after midnight to actually start celebrating Christ's birthday

What do you like best about attending here?

The people - camaraderie

What, if anything, would enhance your worship experience?

I would like to see more of the members who have drifted away or attend other churches return

Have you ever invited a friend or family member to attend with you?

Yes

Name: Anonymous, attends both services

How long have you been attending or been a member of BCUMC?

1991

What is your fondest memory of your time at BCUMC?

I enjoyed my time as a Sunday School teacher. I really enjoyed getting to know the children.

Which event (current or past) has been your favorite? Why?

When the Contemporary service was started, it was an exciting new experience. It was filled with music and joy. I attended that service because my son was excited about it and operated the computer system.

Have you ever invited friends/family members to attend with you?

Yes