

The Vine

(Very Important News and Events)

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing."
(Jesus, from John 15:5)*

Pastor: Rev. Paul Babcock

July 2011

***The Mission of Baldwin First United Methodist Church is to love and serve God and our neighbors
as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

PAUL'S PAGE:

“HOWDEEEEEEE!! I'M SO PROUD TO BE HERE!”

I **am** proud to be here and glad to be appointed to First United Methodist Church, Baldwin City, Kansas! I have long known of this church: I have admired the beauty of the building since my days at Institute and as a student at Baker University; I have known of your ministry as a member of the Kansas East Conference; and I appreciate who you already are, who you have been, and what you seek to be as you respond to the call of Jesus Christ to be disciples in ministry to each other, to the community, and to the world.

Debbie and I are already grateful to the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their support in this transition. We are grateful to the members of the Board of Trustees for their work in seeking and helping us find a place to hang our hats here in Baldwin City. We are grateful to the crew who came and painted at the house where we are living. We are grateful to those who left food and flowers in the house to welcome us. Mostly, we are grateful to God for our new relationship, for new opportunities, and for bringing us to this time and place.

My thanks also go to Rev. Dr. Connie Wilson for her help in making this transition. I invite you to continue to pray for her in her transition and as she begins her new ministry. I know she will do well in it, as she did good work here.

We have been excited and looking forward to coming here and now we are here! Now we look forward to getting to know you, to learning of the important things in your lives, and to sharing ministry together. We all have been gifted and are called to share those gifts for the good of all.

We are already looking forward to Vacation Bible School this month. VBS is always a fun week for children (and youth and adults!), and a good time of worshipping, learning and fellowship. I have already heard that good things are planned and lots of help is being given to this. Thanks for that!

Now may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, bless you, keep you, strengthen you, call you, and send you, now and for ever.

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PAUL AND DEBBIE: WELCOME TO BALDWIN FIRST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND YOU GETTING TO KNOW US. TOGETHER WE'LL CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY OF "LOVING AND SERVING GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST."

Bill Clement/Council Chair

POSTPONED ... It was announced in church Sunday that there would be a potluck lunch after church this coming Sunday to help welcome Pastor Paul and Debbie. We will have an official welcome at a later time with the date to still be determined. We do hope everyone will attend worship service as Pastor Paul leads his first service and we participate in Holy Communion. See you Sunday

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

Food Pantry - Food poverty exists in Baldwin City. The food pantry is addressing an increasing need with each passing week. We have people visiting the pantry who do not have homes. Summer presents additional challenges for families with children not in school and missing the meals available in that setting. Food items in need include: protein sources (meat, nuts, beans and rice, peanut butter), canned fruits, boxed meals, canned spaghetti/ravioli, cereal and baby food. Thank you for the continuing support - allowing the pantry to be a vessel in which another may see the hands, eyes and heart of a loving God.

UMCOR. Be There. Be Hope. (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering-whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disasters. UMCOR provides emergency relief in many areas of the world. To find out more about UMCOR's ministries, please visit umcor.org. You can donate to any project by placing a contribution in the offering plate at a local United Methodist church; by sending a check to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.

In just two months, centers in UMCOR's Relief Supply Network shipped out 169,512 relief supply kits. Many of them were sent in response to the severe floods and tornadoes that have lumbered through the United States since spring. As the network of seven relief-supply centers continues to respond to both US and international requests for kits, they must replenish their supplies to prepare for this summer's Atlantic hurricane season.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shelly Todd, Director (594-2921), ksl1987@embarqmail.com

*Pandamania VBS is coming to Baldwin FUMC! The fun begins July 10th and runs through July 14th. At 6:30 p.m. each evening, kids from preschool through 5th grade (last grade completed) will gather together at our church to learn the overall message that God is Wild about us!! On-line registration is available on our church website and participants can also register upon arrival at VBS. Share the love of our wonderful God with the children in your life!!

* During High Seas Adventure VBS last summer, our church ministered to roughly 125 children! What an amazing outreach! And what is even more exciting is that we have been able to pull together our resources in order to offer VBS as a FREE outreach program. This summer, our prayer goal is 140 children and we are inviting YOU to be a part of this amazing ministry!! For a minimum of \$10, you can sponsor a child for VBS and give him/her the gift of knowing that God is WILD about him or her. If you would like to sponsor a child (or 2, 3, or 4) for VBS, simply write out a check to Baldwin FUMC, and put in the memo line Children's ministries. Checks may either be left in the church office or put in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sunday, July 3,	12:00 p.m.	WorkCamper Tool UN-Packing Party
July 10–July 14,	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Children’s Vacation Bible School / Service Opportunity
Sunday, July 17, July 24 & July 31	3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Jr. Hi Youth Group Sr. Hi Youth Group
Sunday, July 24	3:30 p.m.	Jr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Sr. Hi Youth Group
Sunday, July 31	3:30 p.m.	Jr. Hi Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Sr. Hi Youth Group

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Believing that all persons are created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ, the people of Baldwin First United Methodist Church understand that our neighbors include persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientation and identity, economic or marital status, and physical and mental condition, and are welcome to participate in the life of our congregation.

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**NEWS ITEMS FOR THE VINE NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE
BY THE EVENING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

Items received after evening of Church Council will not be in the Newsletter.

July 2011

Sunday Services	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
1st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions – Fellowship Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Fellowship Hall
3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	SPRC – Library
	7:00 p.m.	Finance – Chapel
4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Chapel
1st Saturday	9:30 a.m.	UMW Executive Board – Library
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park

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July 10-14 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**