

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

April 2013

***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:

I hope everyone's Lenten journey happened in a meaningful and faithful way. It certainly came to a dramatic and momentous close. I am grateful for all of those who helped it happen.

Thanks to Abby Clem, Austin Kraus, Clay Thomas, and Doug Cheek for their part in getting ready to bring us the Passion story on Palm Sunday. Thanks to the children who worked so hard to bring us the Call to Worship that day and Kelley Bethell-Smith for organizing them. I was disappointed that snow kept so many away that day; and thanks to Kathleen Thomas for stepping in when some could not get here.

Our Holy Thursday meal and Service of The Last Supper went so well. The food we ate, the fellowship we shared, and the service we experienced will nourish us for some time to come. My thanks to the Worship Team and United Methodist Men for providing so much of the food we ate. Much went into preparing it. The service with candles, scripture, communion, and remembering the other events of that night in Jesus' life was moving and memorable. Many remarked that we perhaps we should do that every year. Maybe we will.

Thanks also to the Chancel Choir, director Dr. Matthew Potterton and our organist Gary Keller for a moving Good Friday service.

And, thanks to all, especially the children, for being a part of our Easter morning. The children re-organized their Call to Worship from Palm Sunday for a different Easter celebration. Once again we were able to say, "Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed, hallelujah!!" The breakfast, the egg hunt, the music, the sunshine, and the people (320!) all made for a grand morning. And now, Happy Eastertide!

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Yes, we are now in the season of Eastertide, or the Great Fifty Days.

"The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22 –23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles[are used]because the early church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the Resurrection. . . . The origin of the English word Easter is disputed but may come from the Anglo–Saxon spring goddess Eastre and her festival. Pentecost comes from the Greek pentekoste, which means "fiftieth." It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which Greek–speaking Jews called the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1). Early Christians also used the term Pentecost to refer to the Great Fifty Days as a season. . . . Use the colors of white and gold and materials of the finest texture for paraments, stoles, and banners. . . . Flowers of all colors are appropriate. (from THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP)

Easter is also more than one day, more than the Great Fifty Days. It is every day, it is our way of living as disciples of the risen Christ. It is every day. We are the Easter people, not by our own doing, but by the resurrection of Christ our Savior. He was dead, but lives again. He is our resurrected Savior and the head of the body, the Church. I hope you will leave your Easter decorations where they are and continue to celebrate that "Christ our Lord has risen, our joy that hath no end!"

Thank you Baldwin First United Methodist Church!

**SHALOM,
Pastor Paul**

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

Imagine No Malaria – Thank you to all who made March a month of saving lives in the form of a simple bed net. During the children's time at the March 17th worship service, the children challenged the congregation to raise \$2000 in donations to be forwarded to the United Methodist Imagine No Malaria initiative for the purchase of bed nets. The sale of tickets for the St. Pat's Day pancake dinner, donations made throughout March and dollars given to honor Pastor Paul's walk around the city's perimeter total approximately \$1500. Special thanks go out to Pastor Paul for a symbolic walk on a cold, wet and dreary day to raise awareness and funds for this project, Kelley Bethell-Smith for her coordination efforts and the congregation for supporting this important life-saving initiative.

Sinco De Mayo Taco Dinner – The annual taco dinner will occur in Fellowship Hall on May 5th immediately following the worship service. All funds raised will go toward the New Mexico youth mission trip this summer. Come enjoy good food and support the youth in their mission outreach.

Baldwin Community Food Pantry – A March 18th meeting of representatives from area churches was held at BFUMC to discuss ongoing coordination and support for the food pantry. Area churches provide great support with food, volunteers and other resources. The group is looking at ways to collaborate efficiently to improve this important community service.

Scouting for Food – April 13th – The Boy Scouts will support the Food Pantry in the annual food drive, Scouting for Food. Empty grocery bags will be distributed on April 6th, to be filled with items and left out for the scouts to pick up on April 13th and returned to the food pantry.

In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same. Albert Einstein

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY ... We will have the All Church Birthday Party on Sunday, April 28 – after church in Fellowship Hall

UMW

Donna Curran, UMW President, 594-2381

Wed., April 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Sarah Circle meets at Judith Tanner's
Wednesday, April 17 – 1:30 p.m. – Dorcas Circle meets at Vintage Park
Thurs., April 25 – 7:00 p.m. – Eve Circle meets at Barbara Pressgrove's

PRAYER CHAIN ... Anyone interested in being on the prayer chain; a service to flood requests with prayers, please call Linda Ballinger at 594-3194 and leave a message.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On April 4th, and every Thursday thereafter, the Spiritual Growth Committee is starting a revolving and continuing study group. Born in our Wesley Heritage, our intent is for all of us to be enriched in the Word. The first subject will be the Gospel of Matthew, led by Tom Kleist. There will be other leaders with varied ways and means of study. We hope to see you there - 7:00 p.m. in the library.

- Tom Kleist

CHILDREN'S MINISTRYShelly Todd, Director (594-2921), ksl1987@embarqmail.com

*Save the date: Kingdom Rock VBS is coming to Baldwin FUMC!! July 7th-11th!! Our evening VBS runs from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and is offered to kids in Preschool through 5th grade (last grade completed). At Kingdom Rock, kids will learn that with God, they can STAND STRONG against ANYTHING! Invite every kid you know to join in on the fun and fellowship!

*VBS ministry opportunities: Last year at SKY VBS, we ministered to 125 children. To do this, we had an AMAZING and LARGE staff of wonderful adults and youth! This year, our prayer is to minister to as many, or MORE, children!! Adults and youth are needed as station leaders, walking leaders, registration helpers, and technology “engineers”. 😊 Please let Shelly know if you would love to be a part of this AMAZING, FUN, and REWARDING week!!

*VBS Sponsorship: Our congregation has the opportunity to help transform the lives of our community children and families! Kingdom Rock VBS is a FREE event to our community kids. We are able to do this through the generosity of congregation members who show support by sponsoring children for VBS. The cost of sponsorship for one child is \$15. Our prayer goal is to minister to 130 children at Kingdom Rock. I am confident that the BFUMC congregation will help us meet this financial goal! Thank you for your prayerful support!!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRYEva Durand, Sr. High Youth (594-0345) 785.766.5803 or eva3d@embarqmail.com
Hannah Schaake, Jr. High Youth - HannahMSchaake@stu.bakeru.edu

Friday, April 5, 4:00pm – Sunday, April 7, 6:00pm:

**4pm Friday
to 6pm Sun****Young Christian's Weekend in Silver Dollar City; Branson, MO**

Be a part of amazing concerts by Christian rock groups, hear inspiring messages from some of the most respected youth speakers of our time, and thrill your heart with over 30 rides and attractions!

Total Cost = \$155+ food \$. RSVP with ticket cost \$45 due 3/17. Hotel/transportation cost \$110 due 4/5.

Sunday, April 14:

3:30-5:00pm**Jr. High Youth Group****6:00-8:00pm****Sr. High Youth Group****PAYMENT:****Mission Trippers: WorkCamp payment due today! Make check to “FUMC/Youth Missions” for \$50.**

Sunday, April 21:

12:00-4:00pm**Car Detail Fundraiser for Mescalero, New Mexico 2013 Youth Mission Trip**Youth work in 2-hour shifts to detail *interior* of cars to raise funds. Reservations needed!**3:30-5:00pm****Jr. High Youth Group****6:00-8:00pm****Sr. High Youth Group**

Saturday, April 27:

3:30pm**Serve @ Smokey's Barbecue, Wellsville, KS: Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip**

Youth will sign-up to provide serving and clean-up at the restaurant for this fundraising opportunity. Funds raised will go towards Youth Mission WorkCamp to Mescalero, New Mexico.

Sunday, April 28:

3:30-5:00pm**Jr. High Youth Group****6:00-8:00pm****Sr. High Youth Group**

Sunday, May 5:

12:00pm**Missions Committee Taco Bar Fundraiser**

All Youth will assist Missions Committee to provide set-up, serving, and clean-up for this all-community fundraising lunch. Funds raised will go towards 2013 Youth Mission WorkCamp to Mescalero, New Mexico.

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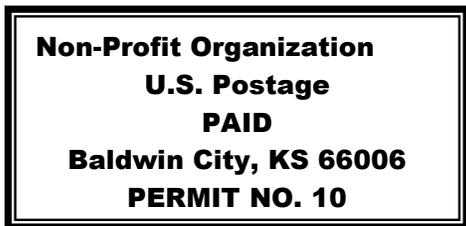
Sunday, May 19:

3:30-5:00pm**Jr. High Youth Group****6:00-8:00pm****Sr. High YG/Sr. Celebration Night!**

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Return Service Requested



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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.

**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.

April 2013

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
2 nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
	7:00 p.m.	Finance – Chapel
4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Chapel
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Library
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
1 st Saturday	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women Executive Board – Library

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Wed., April 10	9:30 a.m.	Sarah Circle meets – Judith Tanner’s
Thurs., April 11	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Library
Sun., April 14	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation
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