

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 2014

***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:

Many thanks to all those who woke up early so many times on a Sunday morning this winter to come scrape ice and/or snow off our walks so we all could get into the building. Much of the precipitation we had arrived on a Saturday evening or a Sunday, beginning the Saturday before Christmas. It was much work by several, sometimes while the precipitation was still happening and while still dark and cold. Thank you all so much! It is appreciated.

April brings us the week that we in the Christian faith call Holy Week. It is THE week that makes all the difference for each of us, for all the church, and for our salvation. It is a week of sharp contrasts and hard, jolting realities.

It begins on Palm Sunday, April 13. We will celebrate that day the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. It was a joyous celebration, a demonstration of loyalty to our LORD. We, too will wave our palm branches, sing and shout "Hosanna!", and invite the triumph into our hearts.

And that day is also Passion Sunday. We will also join in dramatic reading and singing of the Passion story from the Gospel of Matthew. We will remember the betrayal, the denial, the abandonment, and the crucifixion; and we will depart in silence to head to our Holy Week.

You are invited also to our Holy Thursday observance, April 17. This will be much like we did last year, in the Fellowship Hall, where we will gather around the table and light candles and eat much as the disciples did that night and celebrate the Last Supper of our Lord with his disciples. And we will go to the garden to pray, we will hear as he is arrested, and we will veil the cross.

On Good Friday, April 18, there will be a special evening service, featuring hymns for the day, anthems from our choir, and reproaches at the cross.

"Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb . . . (John 19:41-20:1)"

In Holy Week, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, how he gave his life on the cross, his body and his blood, in willing sacrifice for us.

As we remember this, will you also remember to give to Christ and His Church?

Thank you all for being the caring church that you are, for seeking to be the Church that Christ calls you to be, and for being people of the faith.

**SHALOM,
Paul**

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

LINK - BFUMC will be serving on April 5th. If you would like to assist with a dessert or in serving the meal, please visit with John Beins or Nancy Arnold.

CINCO DE MAYO - On May 4th, Missions and the youth will team up to serve our annual Mexican feast. Proceeds from the dinner will assist the youth in their fundraising efforts for the summer mission trip.

Lunch will be served after the second service and is a free will donation.

*Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. - **Maya Angelou***



Donna Curran, UMW President (594-2381)

9:00 a.m., April 12	UMW Executive Board – Library
9:30 a.m., April 9	Sarah Circle – Ruth Ann Nutt’s
1:30 p.m., April 16	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
7:00 p.m., April 24	Eve Circle – Delma Hitchcock’s

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Observance – Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 18 @ 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast Potluck during Sunday School hour Easter Egg Hunt for preschool through 5th grade during Sunday School hour – 9:30

(If you would like to donate, please contact Donna Curran at 594-2381. Thanks.)

10:45 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

UMW Salad Dinner

April 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

(Bob Morse will be talking about World Malaria Day)

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

Hey, Kids (and Mom/Dad)!! Come join us for Fun, Friendship, and Faith Building at Sunday School!! Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. We have 4 Sunday School classes: Preschool, KDG-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th. Preschool, KDG-1st, and 2nd-3rd grade gather in the chapel area of the church from 9:30-9:45 for a time of singing and sharing, after which they are dismissed to Sunday School. 4th and 5th grades go directly to their Sunday School class to get busy with a fun hour of learning! The fun wraps up at 10:30. Please come check out the fun at Sunday School!!

Our Sunday School Staff:

Preschool: Jean Baldwin, Samantha Cheek, Donna Curran

KDG-1st: Kevin Kropf, Beth O'Neil, Vonna Torneden, and Brian Williams

2nd-3rd: Brad Peterson, Shelly Todd

4th-5th: Angela Murray, Becky Thomas, Gayla Waymire

*Don't miss out on special activities on Palm Sunday (April 13) and Easter Sunday (April 20) during our Sunday School hour!

***Are you looking for a ministry area in which to serve at BFUMC?** Do you love kids?? We NEED you in KidMinistries at BFUMC!! We are looking for 2 Sunday School teachers to join our 2nd-3rd grade Sunday School team. Please see Shelly if you are interested in joining this exciting ministry area!

*Save the date: **Workshop of Wonders VBS**, July 6-10 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please consider being a part of an exciting week of VBS by being a ministry partner at VBS! Adults and JR/SR High Youth are invited to lead as station leaders and walking leaders. It takes many hands and hearts to minister to the many kiddoes that attend our 5 day VBS. Contact Shelly to see how you can serve!!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, Sr. High Youth (594-0345) 785.766.5803
or eva3d@embarqmail.com

Sunday, April 6:

3:30-5:00pm Jr. High Youth Group

6:00-8:00pm Sr. High Youth Group

Sat, April 12 – Sun, April 13:

1:00pm Sat – 10:00am Sun

Purity Retreat

Sr. High Only. Male & Female. Overnight at Camp Chippewa. \$45.

Sunday, April 13:

12:00-4:00pm

Car Detail Fundraiser for Pensacola, FL 2014 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

PAYMENT:

Mission Trippers: WorkCamp payment due today! Make check to "FUMC/Youth Missions" for \$50.

Sunday, April 27:

3:30-5:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group

6:00-8:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday, May 4:

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 2014 Youth Mission WorkCamp to Pensacola, Florida.

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 "Group Mission Trips" for \$189.

Sunday, May 18:

3:30-5:00pm

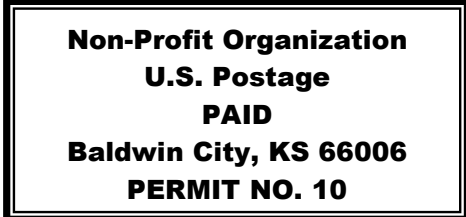
Jr. High Youth Group

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 2014

Sunday Services	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary 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
Each Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday, April 12 (this month)	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting - Library
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
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Sat., April 5	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park LINK Served at Lawrence
Sun., April 6	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Wed., April 9	9:30 a.m.	Sarah Circle – Ruth Ann Nutt’s
Sat., April 12	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting – Library
Sun., April 13	Noon	Youth Group Car Detailing Fundraiser
	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Wed., April 16	1:30 p.m.	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
Thurs., April 17		Holy Thursday Service
Sat., April 19	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Sun., April 20	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Potluck & Egg Hunt for Preschool – 5 th Grade
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Wed., April 23	6:00 p.m.	Technology & Communications Team - Library
Thurs., April 24	7:00 p.m.	Care Givers – Library
	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle – Delma Hitchcock’s
Fri., April 25	6:30 p.m.	UMW Salad Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Sun., April 27	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Tues., April 29	6:00 p.m.	Endowment Fund Committee – Library

Thurs., May 2

7:30 p.m.

Baker University Spring Concert – Sanctuary