

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

August 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:

August is the month of changes and beginnings.

I know, usually we think of January as that time. That, of course, is the first month of a new year, the time when some make New Year's resolutions, pledge to do things anew or differently, or make the effort toward something different. A new year is a good time for all of that.

But, August is when new things begin.

There will be those who will walk into school for the very first time.

There are students who were in one grade last May who will be in a new grade, beginning in August, with a new room, new teacher, new subjects, new pencils, new books, new classmates. And, will they be able to remember what they learned last school year, to take that into new learning in this school year?

There will be some students who will not only move from one class to another, but they will move from one building to another. That will be brand new, with lots of questions, beginning with where things are, and what their places are.

There will be some students who were in high school until last May, who will be heading off to college, in different and new places, even different states, and learning new things in different ways, and some of them will be learned in the classroom. And, yes, college is hard.

There are some parents who will be entering a new phase as an "empty nest" is discovered when their youngest offspring heads to college for the first time. Some will enjoy it; some will not. For all it is a change.

Some activities that we began for the summer will come to end in August, when school starts.

Some activities that we abandoned for the summer will re-start in August, when school starts.

August is the month of changes and beginnings.

Leaving familiar things and beginning new things, re-starting old ones in new ways, figuring what one's new place is, seeking answers to questions you didn't know you had, completing things on the "to-do" list, can be overwhelming. There are so many possibilities, so many decisions.

Some of us have been through these things and some have not. It is awareness, understanding, and sensitivity that help some reach out to others. It is faith and love that help us create a sense of community and fellowship to support each other in times of need and celebrate with each other when that is appropriate. In a time of changes and beginnings and transitions, who is in need of support and perspective? How will we be the church for each other?

August is a good time to go forward. We go forward toward all those changes and beginnings and possibilities and decisions. We go forward led by God. God calls us! How will we answer that call?

It is August, the month of changes and beginnings, possibilities and decisions, and re-starting. God has some things for us. Let's go forward to August and learn what God has for us to be and do! What will those things be that God will show us?

And thank you all for what you are doing to make First United Methodist Church the church that it is; and thank you for what you will do in answering God's call make it the church it will be!

**SHALOM,
Paul**

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

Food Pantry - HELP IS NEEDED!!! The pantry has been frequented heavily during the summer months, averaging 40- 50 families each week, with new families coming every week. The food pantry shelves are bare. The stock is the lowest it has been in quite some time. Numerous food drives are upcoming in the fall months though we are weeks away from those food drives. Your support and donations sustain the food pantry and are needed presently. The food cart will be in the Narthex for donations. As always, thank you for making this outreach ministry work in Baldwin City.

Heifer International - Fill the ARK Project -The ARK has a goat and a sheep, thanks to the VBS children. Their offering during the July VBS provided for 2 full Pig Poles which represent a one goat and one sheep toward filling the ARK. Jesus said follow the children. Let us follow their lead and keep filling the poles until the ARK is full.

A table is located in the Narthex with a miniature ark and additional information about the Heifer International organization. The United Methodist Church is a long-standing partner with Heifer International.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – The UMW General Meeting (World Thank Offering) will be Thursday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Ice Cream Social
After church - August 25
On the church lawn

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DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY...We will begin the Disciple Bible Study series on Thursday evening, September 5. Starting time will be at 6:30. Each session will last about 1 1/2 hours. Our subject the first eight weeks will be some of the books of the Old Testament. You will need to purchase a manual which will cost \$12.00. Each session we will watch a video for about 45 minutes, followed by about 45 minutes of discussion. You will benefit the most from each session if you read the material the week prior to our discussion. If you wish to participate, fill out the information below and put it in the collection plate or get it to the church office by Sunday, August 11.

Name _____

Home phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

You can contact me at the following:
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRYShelly Todd, Director (594-2921), ksl1987@embarqmail.com

Kingdom Rock VBS: What a wonderful week we had at Kingdom Rock VBS!! This royally rockin' VBS took place July 7-11 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. We were blessed to minister to 120 children and their families during our 5 day VBS! This amazing ministry was through the hands and hearts of 33 adult and 35 youth volunteers! God was truly at work as everyone learned that we can STAND STRONG with God and for God! Thank you to everyone for your prayerful and financial support of this wonderful ministry!

Rally Day (Sunday School Kick-Off): Our brand new Sunday School year will begin on August 25th with our traditional RALLY DAY. Kids in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 25th. Rally Day will be a time to meet the Sunday School teachers, praise and worship God, and have lots of fun learning about Jesus at various stations...much like VBS!!

Ministry opportunities in KidMinistries: Have you been feeling a nudging from God to get involved in ministry at our church? Have the cute faces of the kiddoes been tugging at your heart? The opportunity has risen for you to follow that nudging and impact those cute faces! We have openings for a Sunday School teacher in the 2nd-3rd grade classroom. As a teacher, you will teach one Sunday, assist one Sunday, and have the 3rd Sunday off from teaching. You will receive on the job training before being set loose to teach and you will be a part of something absolutely amazing and rewarding. Contact Shelly for more information!

*Children's Church: Beginning in October 2013, our Children's Church ministry will be in need of an adult to serve as a leader once a month. Children's Church leaders teach as partners and we are specifically looking for someone who can be a leader on the 4th Sunday of the month. Children's Church leaders design activities based off of either the sermon theme or lectionary readings each Sunday. Most of the teaching resources are found through online resources. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Shelly!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRYEva Durand, Sr. High Youth (594-0345) 785.766.5803
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Sun., August 25

3:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.Jr. Hi Youth Group Fall Kickoff Party
Sr. Hi Youth Group Fall Kickoff Party**Five Rivers District Youth Rally**

Saturday, September 7 @ 5:00 p.m. -
Sunday, September 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
West Campus – 867 Highway 40, Lawrence, KS

Register by August 19 at www.5riversds.com/463145
Bring registration & \$15 fee to event

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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.

August 2013

Sunday Services	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study 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 Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Library
1 st Saturday	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting - Library
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
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Thurs., Aug. 1	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Library
Sat., Aug. 3	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park UMW Executive Meeting - Library
Thurs., Aug. 8	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Library
Thurs., Aug. 15	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Library
Sat., Aug. 17	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Thurs., Aug. 22	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	UMW General Meeting – World Thank Offering – Fellowship Hall Bible Study – Library
Sun., Aug. 25	after church	Ice Cream Social – on the church lawn
Thurs., Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Library

