

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 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:

This is my first opportunity to say that I have been reappointed to be the pastor at Baldwin First United Methodist Church for another year.

I am **SOOO** glad about that!

I celebrate that!

Being here is good.

Debbie and I are happy to be living in this community, to be a part of it, to see faces we recognize and know names, to be able to come to and participate in community events, and to be able to say that we live here!

Most especially, I am blessed to be the pastor of this church; we have so much that is positive that is going for us, we have such a rich history, and we have a bright future. Being the pastor here is a privilege and something I never dreamed would happen.

As I begin my fourth year of ministry here, it is so good to be able to examine the life of the faith and to explore the nature of ministry with all of you.

Thanks be to God!

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; some will enjoy some parts of it and not other parts. 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 we go forward together as The Church, as the First United Methodist Church. Thanks be to God!

**SHALOM,
Paul**

WE SUPPORT BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BY OUR PRESENCE

	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20
Early Service Attendance	0	34	25	36
Sunday School Attendance	42	43	52	53
Late Service Attendance	103	82	145	66

BY OUR GIFTS

GENERAL FUND (received)	\$3,317	\$6,981	\$7,657	\$2,846
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***GIFTS NEEDED EACH WEEK - \$5,335**

YTD INCOME	\$ 130,886	\$ 137,867	\$ 145,724	\$ 148,570
YTD EXPENSE	\$ 128,668	\$ 135,854	\$138,877	\$149,584

We support many missions for our church by giving designated gifts to Missions, Youth, Children and Special Offerings through our conference.

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

VBS - We had a wonderful week in Workshop of Wonders; Imagining with God, Building with God, Growing with God, Working with God and Walking with God. The children brought food for the Pantry during the week as their missional focus. They also constructed a church with their personal reflections on God, which can be viewed in the Narthex for a few more weeks.

FOOD PANTRY - During the summer months this year, the Food Pantry has experienced higher numbers of persons served than at any earlier time in Food Pantry history. Consequently, the supplies are depleted regularly. The generosity of the community of Baldwin sustains the Food Pantry with donations of time, food, dollars and prayers. We Give Thanks!

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY meeting - September 8th at 7pm - Fellowship Hall

LINK - BFUMC is serving at LINK on September 6th - If you are interested in helping serve or making a dessert, visit with Nancy Arnold or John Beins.

CROP WALK - September 28th, 1pm - Begins at BFUMC and follows a route through Baldwin. Sign up to walk and work toward ending hunger at home and abroad! Sign-up sheets will be available after August 18th in the Narthex.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
- Maya Angelou

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ... We will begin our next Disciple Bible Study series Thursday, August 28. This study will be on the book of Romans. You do not need to have participated in any of the previous series in order to join us in this study. Each series stands alone and is not dependent on the material we have studied in the other books of the Bible. The cost of the participant book is \$14.00. You can pay when we meet on the 28th. I do need to know who will be taking the class in order to know how many books to order. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to be included. We meet each Thursday evening at 6:30 in the church library. Most sessions last about 1 1/2 hours. The study on the book of Romans is an 8 week course. If you have any questions, call me at 594-6864 or email me at bjclementine@centurylink.net. We hope to see you on the 28th. - Bill Clement



Saturday, August 2	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting - Library
Thursday, August 21	6:30 p.m.	UMW General Meeting

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

RALLY DAY (Sunday School Kick-Off): Hey, Kids! Join us on Sunday, August 24th at 9:30 for "RALLY DAY"! We will be kicking off the new Sunday School year! Come meet your Sunday School teachers and take part in fun activities that celebrate the excitement of fun things to come in Sunday School as we learn about God, Jesus, and how to share HIS Good News in our part of the world!



Ministry Opportunity! Are you looking for somewhere to be in ministry within our church? Do you have a big heart for kids and an even bigger heart for God? Are you teachable, trainable, and open to learning as you go along? If you answered yes to any of those questions, we NEED you in our KidMinistry at Baldwin FUMC! We are in need of Sunday School teachers (Preschool and K-1 classes) and Children's Church leaders (1 Sunday a month, teaching ages 3 yrs through 5th grade) for the 2014-2015 School year. Please prayerfully consider being a part of a very rewarding area of ministry of the church. Jesus said "Let the little children come to me and hinder them not, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Come be a part of leading the little children to a knowledge of their creator God! Contact Shelly at 785-594-2921 or by email ksl1987@embarqmail.com. I am also on Facebook!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

August 3

3:30- Jr High Youth Group
6:00-Sr Hi Youth Group

August 10

3:30- Jr High Youth Group
6:00-Sr Hi Youth Group

August 17

3:30- Jr High Youth Group
6:00-Sr Hi Youth Group

August 24

3:30- Jr High Youth Group
6:00-Sr Hi Youth Group

August 31

No 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.

**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 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
Last Sunday of the Month	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
- Sanctuary	10:45 a.m.	Combined/Blended Worship notes
1 st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions – Fellowship Hall
2 nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
		Finance – Chapel
4 th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
Each Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Beginning August 28)
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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Sat., August 2	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting - Library
Sun., Aug. 3	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Aug. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mission – Fellowship Hall
Sun., Aug. 10	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Aug. 11	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
Sat., Aug. 16	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Sun., Aug. 17	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Aug. 18	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
		Finance - Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 21	6:30 p.m.	UMW General Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Care Givers – Library
Sun., Aug. 24	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School – RALLY DAY
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., August 25	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
Thurs., August 28	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study
Aug. 31 (last Sunday of Month)	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School

