

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 2012

***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.

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.

August is a good time to go forward. We go forward toward all those changes and beginnings and possibilities and decisions. We go forward as the people of Israel went forward through the sea. We go forward as David went forward, praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10)." We go forward as the disciples of Jesus did after Jesus' resurrection, guided by the Holy Spirit. We go forward as our predecessors in this church did in 1932 to build a new building. We go forward from the past to the present to the future, led by God!

I am thankful to all of you for the welcome and support you have given to Debbie and me in our first year here. As I look back over the year it has been a time of moving, discovering, learning, celebrating, accomplishing, and seeking. There are many things that have been done. There are many other things in front of us, in our future, that await us to discover them. I do not know what they are yet, but I know who does!

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!

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 to make it the church it will be!

**SHALOM,
Paul**

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

FOOD PANTRY - The outreach of the Baldwin Community Food Pantry is supported by many individuals, agencies, churches and organizations working collaboratively to feed people in our area and truly reflects the spirit of community. On July 27th, the food pantry served 52 families representing 178 individuals. Five of the families were new and had not visited the pantry previously. This is a sampling of one Saturday in a year of Saturdays. Thank you to all who support the Community Food Pantry in time, food, monies and prayer!

CROP WALK - We walk, because they walk. - Dust off your walking shoes and mark your calendar for the last Sunday afternoon in September. The annual CROP Walk will occur to help address hunger locally and globally. A portion of the funds raised return to the local food pantry each year. Further details will be provided as we near the date.

"You can do something I can't do. I can do something you can't do. Together let us do something beautiful for God." - Mother Teresa

BALDWIN CITY SENIOR WHEELS ... If you are 60 years or older, and you need a ride to medical appointments, club meetings, grocery store, hair appointments, pharmacy and more, call Linda at 785-594-3376 or 785-331-6101 to schedule your trip! In Baldwin City and between Baldwin and Lawrence on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or by special appointments.

SEWING FOR HAITI ... We completed 12 little dresses and prepared 25 little pairs of shorts cut from T-shirts and prepared 12 dresses to sew next session. 16 people participated ages 5 - ?. Next sewing session to be announced. - Linda Ballinger



*Old Fashioned Potluck Picnic on the
lawn
Sunday, August 26
after church*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

*SKY VBS: What a wonderful week we had at SKY VBS (July 8-12)! Over the course of the week, approximately 125 children ages 3 through 5th grade soared to new heights with God! We learned that EVERYTHING is possible with God and that we can TRUST GOD no matter what! A popular station this year was the NEW Imagination Station....a science experiment station where the kids participated in hands on activities to reinforce the Bible theme of the evening!

A HUGE THANKS to all of the adults and youth who served in a variety of capacities at SKY! What an amazing VBS Staff and what amazing kids! If you missed out on the opportunity to sponsor a child for VBS, your sponsorship will still be a blessing! God is sooooo good!!

*Mark your calendars: Kingdom Rock VBS, July 7-11, 2013

*Rally Day (Sunday School Kick-off): Join us on Sunday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m. as we kick off a brand new year of Sunday School! Come meet our wonderful Sunday School teachers and enjoy a fun time celebrating the 2013-2014 Sunday School year!!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, Director of Youth Ministry
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Sunday, August 5:

3:30-5pm: Jr Hi Youth Group
6-8pm: Sr Hi Youth Group

Sunday, August 12:

3:30-5pm: Jr Hi Youth Group
6-8pm: Sr Hi Youth Group

Sunday, August 19:

3:30-5pm: **Jr Hi Youth Group/KICK-OFF PARTY for NEW YEAR!**
6-8pm: **Sr Hi Youth Group/KICK-OFF PARTY for NEW YEAR!**

Sunday, August 26:

9:30am: Preparation for Youth-Led Service
10:45am: Youth-Led Service/Highlight of Mission Trip
(please arrive at 9:30 for preparation)
3:30-5pm: Jr Hi Youth Group
6-8pm: Sr Hi Youth Group

Sunday, September 2:

No Youth Group due to Labor Day weekend

Saturday, September 8, 5pm to Sunday, September 9, 9:30am:

5:00pm: PROJECT REVOLUTION @ Worden UMC (new location)
District Wide Lock-In and Youth Rally

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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 2012

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

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Sun., Aug. 26	after church	Old Fashioned Potluck Picnic on the Lawn
Sun., Sept. 30		CROP Walk
Sat., Oct. 20- Sun., Oct. 21		Maple Leaf Festival
Saturday, Nov. 3		Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Sun., Dec. 2		Baker University Vespers - Sanctuary