

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

July 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:

Ah, July! This is the month that brings us fireworks, celebrations, picnics, reunions, harvest, summer camp, mission trip, mosquitoes, chiggers, Bible School, tomatoes, watering, outdoor concerts, the mid-summer classic, looking at the stars, vacations and, of course, heat and humidity. Ah, July!

As I write this we are deep into Vacation Bible School here at the church. What a great week we are having. There is lots of energy, many volunteers (thanks!), more than 100 children who are learning how to "STAND STRONG" because of God's love. We are a part of God's Kingdom, built on the rock of faith given in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Again, many **thanks** go to so many who come in the evenings to help and be a part of a wonderful experience.

There are other summer church experiences, too. We had two youth attend Institute at Baker University in June. One returned requesting the sacrament of Baptism, which was done on Sunday morning, June 30. I will be going to the July session of Institute, leading a group and teaching a class. We have two more young men who will be going to Camp Chippewa. And 35 youth and adults will be in Mescalero, New Mexico, for a week to share in a mission trip.

During the month of June we heard a couple of people share on Sunday mornings about giving to the church. Each one shared something about giving being a response to the love they have experienced from others, which was reflective of God's love. They also shared that they gave to the church so that others could have faith experiences similar to what they have experienced. You have heard and responded well. **Thanks** to those who spoke and **thanks** to so many who have responded so positively. **Your gifts make a difference:** keeping a Sunday School going where children, youth and adults can learn to know God; keeping a thriving youth program going, where some have experienced God "working in wonderful ways"; supporting the many witnesses of the church in the community; and giving support to the many caring ministries and fellowship experiences we have, to mention a few that are so important.

During July, I hope each of you has some time to rest, vacate, and renew. The heat gives us a good excuse to rest some. Vacation time is good (or so I am repeatedly told!). Renewal of our selves in body, mind, and faith is a good thing. August will come to us soon enough and bring changes, new things and new ways of living for some, different activities, and some more heat.

As always, thank you all for being who you are, for responding to God's call to discipleship, and for being the Church that God calls us to be and to become.

**SHALOM,
Paul**

FINANCE UPDATE ...

Bill DeMoss, Bookkeeper

BUDGET INCOME		<u>Year to Date</u> \$111,630.77
	BUDGET EXPENSE	
APPORTIONMENTS		\$10,000.02
WORSHIP		66.14
MUSIC		727.72
ADULT		153.18
CHILDREN		3,303.32
YOUTH		6,595.40
PERSONNEL		71,608.22
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		23,390.96
TRUSTEE		7,471.90
PARSONAGE PROPERTY		<u>4,062.43</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$127,379.29
	RESTRICTED GIVINGS	
CONFERENCE		613.00
ADULT		302.00
CHILDREN		425.08
YOUTH		17,015.09
MISSIONS		<u>5,247.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$23,602.47

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL - Fill the ARK Project ... The Missions team is offering the opportunity to participate in filling an ark for Heifer International. There will be a table in the Narthex with a miniature ark and additional information about the Heifer International organization. The United Methodist Church has long partnered with Heifer International.

Loose quarter in your pocket? "Pig poles", "sheep poles", "cow poles", tubes on a wooden base, which when filled with quarters represent the purchase a particular animal in filling the ARK for Heifer International. With each completed pole, we will place the representative animal in the ARK for which funds have been raised.

The mission of Heifer International is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. Since 1944, Heifer has helped more than 12 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in sustainable agriculture. The impact of each gift is multiplied as recipients agree to Pass on the Gift by giving one or more of their animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another in need.

As it was for Noah, this ARK represents hope and new beginnings. The animals can provide nutritious food, income and self-sufficiency for families and communities.

Food Pantry - Thank you for the generosity of donations through the slim months of summer and for the peanut butter and jelly, a staple food item for hungry kids at home during the summer. During the summer months, Ives Chapel is sponsoring an additional bag of food each week for those families who have children in the household. The bag includes some fresh food items and milk every week.

On July 15, the Community Food Pantry group will have its third meeting in the Chapel at 7pm. This is a collaborative effort from the area churches to address food poverty issues in Baldwin City in creative and efficient ways.

Humankind did not weave the web of life. We are but one strand within it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.-Chief Seattle

Thank You

I would like to thank the members and friends of First United Methodist who have so faithfully prayed for Richard and me this last year. The cards and words of encouragement have been such a help. The prayers have made the treatment go very well. I have had many, many good days.

We appreciated the cards and notes celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. Thank You!

Joy and Richard Wellman

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shelly 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! Make the check out to First United Methodist Church and please write “Children’s Ministries” in the memo line. Thank you for your prayerful support!!

***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 Sunday School teachers in the following classrooms: Preschool, KDG-1st grade, and 2nd/3rd grade. 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!

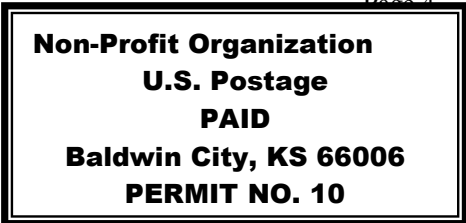
CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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| Sunday, July 7 | <u>12:00pm:</u> Youth Mission 2013 WorkCamper Tool Packing Party |
| July 7–July 11 | <u>5:30-9:30pm nightly:</u> Children’s Vacation Bible School / Service Opportunity |
| July 13–July 21 | Youth Mission WorkCamp 2013 trip to Mescalero, New Mexico. |
| Sunday, July 28 | <u>12:00pm:</u> Youth Mission 2013 WorkCamper Tool “<u>UN</u>”-Packing Party |
| July 14–July 20 | Institute Session 2: Intentional Christian community experience, sponsored by KS East Conference Council on Youth Ministry. For students completing 8-12 grades. Held at Baker University. |

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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.
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**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.

July 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
2nd 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
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park

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Sat., July 6 **7:30 a.m.** **United Methodist Men – Vintage Park**

July 7 – July 11 **6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** **Vacation Bible School**

July 13 – July 21 **Youth Mission WorkCamp 2013**

Sat., July 20 **7:30 a.m.** **United Methodist Men – Vintage Park**