

# **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)*

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Pastor: Rev. Paul Babcock

November 2014

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***The Mission of Baldwin First United Methodist Church is  
to love and serve God and our neighbors as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

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## **PAUL'S PAGE:**

On Tuesday, November 11, we will hold our annual church (charge) conference.

"The charge conference shall be the connecting link between the local church and the general Church and shall have general oversight of the church council. . . . The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council . . . . elect officers . . . . inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of the lay servants and certified lay speakers related to the charge and recommend to the district and/or conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries those persons who have met the standards set forth for a local church lay servant . . . . set the compensation of the pastor . . . receive and act on the annual report from the pastor concerning the membership . . . . (*The Book of Discipline, 2012, ¶247*)." And "To encourage broader participation by members of the church, the charge conference may be convened as the church conference, extending the vote to all professing members of the local church present at such meetings (*The Book of Discipline, 2012, ¶248*)."

So, all of you are invited to this annual meeting. Again, Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Some of you may remember that on Sunday, October 5, I challenged Baldwin City First United Methodist Church to another ice bucket challenge. Perhaps you heard of this challenge during the late summer that was used to raise a great deal of money for the ALS cause. I was glad to be challenged in that way and accepted it. So, I have issued it in another way now, for another cause.

Here's the deal: during the month of June, July, and August, the Church averaged just over \$23,000 of giving in those months. **FOR SUMMER MONTHS, THAT IS GOOD GIVING HERE!**

I celebrate that.

I rejoice in that.

I am proud of you for that.

Please pat yourselves on the back for that.

Then came September. September's giving was well less than half of the summer average.

So, I challenged you in this way: if you are able to average in October, November and December what you did in June, July and August, then on Sunday, January 4, 2015, I will take an ice bucket over my head. Carolyn Groves, Lay Leader, and John Thomas, head of the Finance Committee, have agreed to pour this over me that day.

October has come and gone and giving in that month was better than September's, but not up to the three months before that. In order to meet the challenge, the Church will need to give an average of just under \$28,000 in November and December. Can this be done? YES! I intend to get wet on the first Sunday of January.

Why should we do this? Why should we give? One answer is we give to financially support the ministry of First United Methodist Church.

There are better answers than that, though. **Giving is what disciples of the Christ do. We give to show that God is the LORD of our lives. We give because God has given and for us to give is to say thanks to God for God's gifts. We give because we are blessed when we give. We give because when we give, we receive again from God** (adapted from *Christianity Today*).

So, will you help meet this challenge? With God's help and our willingness, it CAN be done!

**SHALOM,  
Paul**

## WE SUPPORT BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### BY OUR PRESENCE

	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>	<u>November 2</u>
Early Service Attendance	40	25		62
Sunday School Attendance	40		45	43
Late Service Attendance	130	31	114	86

### BY OUR GIFTS

<b>GENERAL FUND</b> (received)	<b>\$5,586</b>	<b>\$1,019</b>	<b>\$1,659</b>	<b>\$9,410</b>
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\*GIFTS NEEDED EACH WEEK - \$5,335

YTD INCOME	\$ 197,370	\$ 198,389	\$ 200,048	\$ 209,512
YTD EXPENSE	\$ 203,510	\$ 210,085	\$211,200	\$215,929

*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)

**BISHOPS ROUNDUP** - The annual Bishop's Round-up Against Hunger is a time for United Methodists to join together and provide for people in need. **The 2014 round-up will be Nov. 15** at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, Kansas. A project of the Board of Global Ministries, the Round-up gathers supplies like food, health kits, cash, layettes (baby kits), birthing kits, diapers, clothing, paper items and bedding for around 30 missions and agencies. In total, the supplies and donations earned from this event value near \$400,000 a year. BFUMC UMW are donating school kits, school bags and pies for the meal. If you would like to participate by donating funds or kits, the information will be provided in the Narthex and on the bulletin board at the basement entrance.

**LINK** - BFUMC will be serving at LINK on December 6th. Please visit with John Beins or Nancy Arnold if you are interested in assisting with serving, providing desserts or helping that day.

**Match \$1 million on UMC #GivingTuesday** The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries announced that on Dec. 2, 2014, it will match up to \$1 million in gifts made online to any project through The Advance as part of UMC #Giving Tuesday. Last year's record of \$6.5 million raised online through this effort. Donated funds will be matched dollar for dollar up to the first \$1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on Dec. 2, 2014, between 2 a.m. EST and 11:59 p.m.

UMC #GivingTuesday is part of an international movement that builds on the recent U.S. shopping traditions of Black Friday, Local Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. It offers an opportunity to start off the holiday season by giving instead of getting through supporting organizations that have been researched and approved by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. And 100 percent of all gifts made through The Advance are given directly to the designated project.

Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 850 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. Donors can also provide support for any of more than 300 missionaries. Together, the projects meet a range of needs, from helping survivors cope with natural or civil disasters to helping communities build churches, feed and educate children, and equip hospitals and clinics.

Since its founding in 1948, The Advance has helped channel more than 3 million gifts totaling more than \$1 billion to thousands of projects and ministries. To make a contribution, donors will go to [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) on UMC #GivingTuesday and donate online to any of the hundreds of projects and missionaries listed there.

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. -Martin Luther*



**Saturday, December 6, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – UMW SOUP DINNER**

*(We will have a variety of soups)*

**\$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under**

*(Cost includes Soup or Mac & Cheese, Drink and Dessert)*

***The Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 23 after church – Come and help with the Hanging of the Greens (lunch will be provided). Contact Donna Curran or Kelley Bethell Smith – if you would like to help decorate our lovely church.***

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shelly Todd, Director (594-2921), [ksl1987@embarqmail.com](mailto:ksl1987@embarqmail.com)

**\*KidMinistry Sunday School:** Hey, kids! Want to hang out with other awesome kids and learn more about our even MORE AWESOME God?? Well, Sunday School is the place to be! Sunday School begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:30. Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade gather together in the chapel to spend 15 minutes worshipping and praising God together. Afterward, they go to Sunday School class with their teachers. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades go straight to Sunday School for fun and learning.

**Here is our 2014-2015 Sunday School staff:**

**Preschool = Donna Curran, Samantha Cheek, Sherry Broers**

**KDG-1<sup>st</sup> Grade = Kevin Kropf, Beth O'Neil, Brian and Courtney Williams**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade = Brad Peterson, Marvé Ralston, Vonna Torneden**

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade = Angela Murray, Becky Thomas, Gayla Waymire**

See you soon in Sunday School!!

**Children's Church Resumed!!** Our Children's Church program is back in session after taking a summer break. Children's Church takes place during the 10:45 church service and is open to kids ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Kids begin in sanctuary and remain with their parents until after the children's sermon. After the children's sermon, the kids go to Fellowship Hall (located in the church basement) with the Children's Church leaders and take part in activities that teach them about God and HIS great big love for us all. We do not have Children's Church on Communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month) in order that children can experience communion with their families.

**Our 2014-2015 Children's Church leaders are:**

**Meredith Kropf, Sherry Broers, Tricia Enright, Michelle Patterson, Teri Ediger, and Cynthia Perez**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible recognition:** The church will honor 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of our church with their own Bible on Sunday, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** during the 10:45 worship service. Please let Shelly know if your child/grandchild is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade so enough Bibles will be sponsored and ordered. Thanks so much!

**KidMinistry Christmas Program:** The BFUMC KidMinistry will present a Christmas Program on December 14<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 worship service. This program will feature our Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade kiddoes. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 16 from 3:30-4:30 in the Sanctuary. Rehearsal dates are November 16, 23, 30, and December 7<sup>th</sup>...all at 3:30 in the Sanctuary. I would like 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to report for rehearsal on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join us beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>. Dress Rehearsal will be at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please email Shelly at [ksl1987@embarqmail.com](mailto:ksl1987@embarqmail.com) if your children will be participating in our annual Christmas Program.

**Did you know?** All individuals who work with children and youth at Baldwin FUMC complete a biblically-based boundary awareness and abuse prevention program titled Safe Gathering. Through this training, a back ground check is completed for each adult and teen over the age of 16 who works directly with children and youth. Our church tries its best to have 2 workers in a classroom/nursery and when that is not possible, we have a policy of keeping the door to the room open at all times. It is our prayerful intent at BFUMC to create a safe environment where our children and youth can grow in their knowledge of God and Jesus.

## CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Sunday, November 2:**

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

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

**Sunday, November 9:**

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

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

**Sunday, November 16:**

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

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

**Sunday, November 23:**

**12:00pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> String Meeting** Student Leaders gather for training, preparation and prayer.

**6:00pm**

**"God's Not Dead" Movie Night** A free movie night for the entire community.

**Sunday, December 7:**

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

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

**Sunday, December 14:**

**3:30-5:00pm**

**Youth Christmas Parties! -- ANDREW NIGHT**

**Jr. High Party**

**6:00-8:00pm** Sr. High Party

Youth (Jr. High from 3:30-5; Sr. High *and* YG Alums\* from 6-8) gather for a Celebration & a twist on the white elephant gift exchange! Don't forget a wrapped white elephant gift!

### Spring/Summer Event Dates:

**January 11, 2015: Youth Group begins again after Christmas Break.**

**March 20 – March 21, 2015: "FEARLESS" Dare2Share Event in Kansas City, MO**

**March 27 – March 29, 2015: Young Christians' Weekend at Silver Dollar City**

**July 12-16, 2015: VBS – Vacation Bible School**

**Summer, 2015: Youth Mission WorkCamp 2015**

Summer, 2015: Institute at Baker University

**INSTITUTE is for all students going into the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, plus graduating seniors. The week is filled with silliness, friendship, and opportunities to build a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Cost is expected to be around \$350.**

### Questions, please contact:

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SR HIGH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Bruce Cromer 785.865.8938; Sharilyn Cromer 785.331.7702; Joanne Morgan 785.760.1301

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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.

**November 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
	10:45 a.m.	Combined/Blended Worship - Sanctuary
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions – Fellowship Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
		Finance – Chapel
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
Each Wednesday	6:30 -7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1 <sup>st</sup> 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., Nov. 1	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
	9:30 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting – Library
Mon., Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.	Mission – Fellowship Hall
Wed., Nov. 5	6:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Mon., Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
Tues., Nov. 11	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference – Fellowship Hall
Wed., Nov. 12		<b>NO CANTATA REHEARSAL</b>
		<b>NO CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
Sat., Nov. 15		Bishop’s Roundup
	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Mon., Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
		Finance – Chapel
Wed., Nov. 19	6:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Nov. 20	7:00 p.m.	Care Givers – Library
Sun., Nov. 23	after church	Hanging of the Greens
Mon., Nov. 24	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., Nov. 26	6:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Nov. 30	10:45 a.m.	Combined Service
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee - Library
Sat., Dec. 6		LINK Served in Lawrence
	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	UMW Soup Dinner – Fellowship Hall