

# 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

October 2012

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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:

Oh, the month of October! Some good things come in October.

The first of those is *World Communion Sunday* on the first Sunday of the month. Here is some information about it, from the UMC web site:

In 1940 the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established World-wide Communion Sunday as a global, interdenominational event. Prompted by the impact of World War II, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. In 1971 The United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program (begun in 1944, now the **World Communion Scholarship Program**), the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. In 1980, Chaplains and Related Ministries was moved to World Service funding, but the World Communion Sunday offering continued to assist racial- and ethnic persons pursuing various avenues of ministry.

Half of the offering provides **World Communion Scholarship** for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic graduate students. Thirty-five percent of the receipts support Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for racial- and ethnic persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Please come and be a part of this world wide event on October 7.

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Thank you all for your good feedback on the sermon series on United Methodism. As I told you last month, there had been many requests to learn about United Methodism from those who are new to our denomination, some who would like to refresh, and some who have never had the opportunity to learn. There are some who have told me that they are life-long United Methodists and are learning things that they did not know. That is a good thing!

The series continues and concludes this month. On October 7, again *World Communion Sunday*, I will be sharing about United Methodist understandings of the sacraments; on October 14 the subject will be the things we emphasize as United Methodists.

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During the month of October we will also be hearing about the stewardship of our gifts, in particular the difference that our gifts make in the lives of people. We will hear about that from youth, from Sunday school teachers, from the trustees, and from the staff. Our financial gifts do make a difference!

In general, the definition of stewardship is the conducting, supervising or management of something, particularly something that has been entrusted to us. God has entrusted the church and her ministry to us. We are called to do all we can and the best we can in that discipleship effort.

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I want you to know that I celebrate being a part of this church and all of our ministries. I also celebrate the God who sustains us in those ministries and in life. All too frequently, it seems, we are confronted by life with unanswered questions. That can be troubling. What I have come to believe is that God does uphold us, strengthen us, and lead us forward even when so much is senseless. Thanks be to God for loving us so much.

And thank you all for what you do and what you are as First United Methodist Church in Baldwin City, Kansas!

**SHALOM,  
Paul**

## MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

**FOOD PANTRY** – With fall, folks begin moving back into the rhythm of school and work and the food pantry has seen the workings of many hands throughout the summer to sustain through the lean season. Individuals and organizations have begun to plan food drives for the coming season of harvest and bounty. Thank you to all who support the Community Food Pantry in time, food, monies and prayer!

**CROP WALK - We walk, because they walk – Ending hunger, one step at a time.** – When: September 30 at 1pm Where: Baldwin First UMC Who: **YOU!** Please participate in this annual event to address local and global poverty issues. You can walk, provide financial sponsorship for those walking and/or join in the prayer and vision for a future without hunger and poverty!

**UNICEF Trick or Treat History** – 1950, Trick or Treat for UNICEF is born! A Pennsylvania family starts a Halloween movement by collecting change for children left vulnerable by World War II; 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaims October 31 “National UNICEF Day” in perpetuity; 2005, The Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina spur U.S. kids to raise a record-breaking \$18.25 million through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF – five times 2004’s amount – helping UNICEF aid victims of both disasters. What will 2012 be in the UNICEF history book?

**BISHOP’S ROUND-UP FOR HUNGER, NOVEMBER 17...** The round-up is an opportunity to show God’s blessings by meeting the need for food, clothing and other necessities. Sharing together in small ways can make a huge difference in peoples’ lives. This year, the round-up will be Nov. 17 at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Lawrence. New HUGS items—hats, underwear, gloves and socks—are needed as well as new or gently used washable coats and maternity clothing.

*If you're going to care about the fall of the sparrow you can't pick and choose who's going to be the sparrow. It's everybody. **Madeleine L'Engle***

**BIBLE STUDY** ... I will be leading a bible study using Adam Hamilton’s new book **Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go**. We will be meeting at Baldwin 1st on Tuesday nights; October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All nights in the church library except for the 9<sup>th</sup> in the chapel.

If interested please call 785-760-3254 or e-mail to let me know. You can buy the book online at Cokesbury or Amazon or I can order for the group once I know how many to expect and save on shipping. I would like everyone to have read the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter for the night of Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are contemplating if this might be a good study for you, please join us. After reading the book over several times I truly think there is something for everyone in this study. My e-mail is [mralston59@gmail.com](mailto:mralston59@gmail.com). Hope to see you there. Marvé Ralston

## UMW CIRCLES

**October 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Sarah Circle meets at Wanda Samuels’**

**October 17 – 1:30 p.m. - Dorcas Circle meets at Vintage Park**

**October 25 – 7:00 p.m. - Eve Circle meets at Jean Baldwin’s**

**UMW BAKE SALE** ... will be from 9:00 to noon on Saturday, October 20, in Fellowship Hall

**MAPLE LEAF CHILI FEED & DESSERT BAR** ... The Maple Leaf Festival is just around the corner. The Missions Team and United Methodist Men will once again hold the annual Chili Feed in Fellowship Hall. The United Methodist Women will also have their great dessert bar set up on the stage. This year’s “Feed” will be Saturday, October 20, 11:00 – 1:00. The menu will include chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, vegetable soup, water, pop, coffee and topped off with something from the UMW dessert bar. We hope you will make plans to join us for this event. All profits from the Chili Feed go toward carrying out the mission and ministries of the church. We will have members from both the Missions Team and UMM working to make this year’s “Feed” successful, but we can always use additional volunteers. Even if you are not on the Missions Team or a part of UMM, we could still use the extra help. Please contact Bill Clement at 594-6864 or Laura Dickinson at 594-2658 if you would like to give a little bit of your time for a worthy cause. -Bill Clement

### **It is time for our Annual Turkey Dinner**

**When: Saturday, November 3, 2012**

**Time: 5:00-7:00 pm**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Cost: Adults \$10:00**

**Children: 5-11 \$5.00**

**Under 5: free**

**Calls for meal delivery will begin Sat. 4:30 by calling the church: 594-6612**

**SEWING FOR HAITI** ... Please mark your calendars for Nov 10th & 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM in Fellowship Hall to continue sewing for children in Haiti. Please call Linda Ballinger at 594-3194 if you will be attending and if you can furnish a sewing machine and some other items needed for this project. Linda can give you the necessary items when you call.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

\*There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** or **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** on **October 21<sup>st</sup>** due to the **Maple Leaf Festival**. Enjoy the weekend as a family!!

\***3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of Baldwin First United Methodist Church will receive bibles in a special ceremony during the worship service on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you are the parent or grandparent of a BFUMC 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, please notify Shelly so that a bible can be ordered in honor of your child. Bibles are sponsored by members of the BFUMC congregation. If you would like to sponsor a bible for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, please contact Shelly.

\***Children's Sunday:** The kids of BFUMC will be assisting with the worship service on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Kiddoes will serve as greeters, ushers, acolytes, liturgists, and sing with the praise band! We hope that all the kids can come be a part of this service!

\***Ministry Opportunity!** ! The BFUMC Children's Ministry Department is in search of a Sunday School teacher for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School class. As a Sunday School teacher, an individual assists one Sunday, lead teaches one Sunday, and is off duty the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Sunday School teacher manuals are user friendly and we provide on the job training! ☺ All Sunday School teachers are required to complete a Safe Spaces training, through which a background check will be conducted through the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church. If you are feeling a tug on your heart to serve God and the children of BFUMC, PLEASE contact Shelly! ☺

## CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, Director of Youth Ministry

(594-0345) 785.766.5803 or [eva3d@embarqmail.com](mailto:eva3d@embarqmail.com)

- Sunday, September 30:** **"CROP Hunger Walk" Community Service Project: *We walk because they walk.***  
**1:00pm** Meet at Baldwin 1<sup>st</sup> UMC to walk CROP Walk. Be sure to collect donations before walk!
- Saturday, October 6:** **7:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - CIA (Christians In Action) Conference-Wide 1-Day Youth Mission Event, Chanute, KS** - Meet at Baldwin 1<sup>st</sup> to ride to Chanute for a day of serving the Chanute community.  
*Registration due by 9/16. Just \$10 for participation. Wear jeans, YG shirt, work gloves, jacket.*  
**Adult Sponsors/Drivers & Vehicles will be needed.**
- Sunday, October 7:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group**
- Sunday, October 14:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group**
- Wednesday, October 17:** **Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Chalking**  
**5:30pm** **Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip -- YOUTH**  
 Youth meet at the Lumberyard Arts Center to receive instructions on designating booth spaces in the downtown area (chalking numbers for booths). Work may be needed Thursday evening too.
- Thursday, October 18:** **Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser**  
**8:30am** **TAPING -- Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip -- YOUTH**  
 Youth meet at the Lumberyard Arts Center to receive instructions on designating booth spaces in the downtown area (taping booths in the middle of the street).  
**5:30pm** **CHALKING -- Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip -- YOUTH**  
 Booth work may be completed on Wednesday evening, but if not, work may possibly be needed Thursday evening as well. If so, Youth meet at the Lumberyard Arts Center to receive instructions on designating booth spaces in the downtown area (chalking numbers for booths).
- Thursday, October 18:** **1-Day Youth Mission Event, Joplin, MO**  
**TIMES TBA** Details to come. **Adult Sponsors/Drivers & Vehicles will be needed.**
- Saturday, October 20:** **Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser – Parade Security**  
**10am-12:30pm** **Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip -- PARENTS**  
 Parents of Youth needed to work as Parade Security! Meet at the Lumberyard Arts Center to receive instructions and 'fancy orange security' vests.
- Sunday, October 28:** **Youth-Only Fall Fun Night**  
**5-8pm** All Youth (combined Jr. High & Sr. High) will meet at Peggy & Matt Keller's for fellowship and fall fun with a hayrack ride, bonfire, hot dogs, S'Mores, and Capture the Flag!!
- Saturday, November 3:** **U.M.W. Turkey Dinner**  
**3pm-8pm** **Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip**  
*(various times)* Youth and parents will be needed throughout the day to assist the UMW (United Methodist Women's group) with preparation, taking orders, serving, cleaning.  
*Please plan to work at least a 2-hour slot between 3-8pm.*
- Sunday, November 4:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group**  
**5:00-7:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group: Multiple Youth Group Food Drive/Fun Night!** *Details to come.*  
**\*\*\* RSVP due today for November 16-17 Conference Youth Lock-In/Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger. \*\*\***
- Sunday, November 11:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group**
- Friday, November 16 – Saturday, November 17:**  
**8pm Fri to 1:00pm Sat** **Conference Youth Lock-In (in conjunction with the Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger)**  
**Friday @ Lawrence 1<sup>st</sup> UMC/West Campus & Saturday @ Douglas County Fairgrounds**  
 Youth (grades 7-12) will meet at FUMC parking lot to ride to Lawrence for a conference-wide Youth Lock-in Friday and a service project on Saturday! Bring bedding for sleeping on the floor and **warm**, work clothes for working on Saturday. *RSVP by November 4. Bring \$5 for pizza on Fri night.*  
**Adult Sponsors/Drivers & Vehicles will be needed.**
- Sunday, November 18:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group**
- Saturday, December 1:** **Serve @ Smokey's Barbecue, Wellsville, KS: Fundraiser for 2013 Youth Mission Trip**
- Sunday, December 2:** **Baker University Vespers (not a Youth Ministry sponsored activity)**
- Sunday, December 9:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Youth Group** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Youth Group**
- Sunday, December 16:** **3:30-5:00pm - Jr. High Christmas Party** **6:00-8:00pm - Sr. High Christmas Party**  
 Youth (Jr. High from 3:30-5; Sr. High \*and YG Alums\* from 6-8) gather for a Celebration & a new twist on the white elephant gift exchange! Don't forget a wrapped white elephant gift!

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<p><b>Non-Profit Organization</b>  <b>U.S. Postage</b>  <b>PAID</b>  <b>Baldwin City, KS 66006</b>  <b>PERMIT NO. 10</b></p>
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**Return Service Requested**

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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.**

**October 2012**

<b>Sunday Services</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School/Bible Study</b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship – Sanctuary</b>
<b>1st Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Missions – Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees – Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>3rd Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SPPRC – Library</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Finance – Chapel</b>
<b>4th Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Council – Chapel</b>
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Saturdays</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>United Methodist Men – Vintage Park</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>United Methodist Women Executive Board – Library</b>

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Sun., Sept. 30	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk – begins at Baldwin First
Sat., Oct. 20- Sun., Oct. 21		Maple Leaf Festival
Sat., Oct. 20	9:00 a.m. – noon	UMW Bake Sale – Fellowship Hall
Sat. Oct. 20	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Maple Leaf Chili Feed & Dessert Bar – Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 3	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Tues., Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference
Sat., Nov. 10 and Nov. 17	10 am – 2 pm	Sewing for Haiti – Fellowship Hall
Sat., Nov. 17		Bishop’s Roundup
Sun., Dec. 2	4:00 & 7:30 p.m.	Baker University Vespers - Sanctuary