

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

October 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:

An important part of the ministry of each pastor is visiting the sick, the injured, those hospitalized, those in care centers, and others in need. However, in the last several years much has changed in this regard. Many surgeries are outpatient surgeries, hospital stays are short, many times people are in and out quickly. Recovery continues, though!

In these recent years my experience has been that some folks are in the hospital and out of it before I know about it. So, I am making a request of you: if you know of someone who is in the hospital, who is having surgery (or had it!), or is undergoing treatment of some kind, will you please let me know? When I know I can respond. Caring is so necessary in our world and I am called to do so. With your help, we can do this!

A couple of important things are coming our way early in October. The first of those is World Communion Sunday, October 5. World Communion Sunday began in the 1930's as a faithful response to economic and political threats around the world. The future was not at all certain. So the day was conceived in order to do something both real and symbolic, to make the statement that God is God, no matter what threats there are.

This is a special offering Sunday of our denomination and others. This Special Offering Sunday "offering proceeds provide scholarships for international and United States (racial- and ethnic-minority) graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations." It is an opportunity for us to make a difference.

Another important event will be Youth Sunday on October 12 at the 10:45 service. I always look forward to this Sunday when we celebrate youth, experience their faith witness, and hear about their mission trip. This year their trip was to Pensacola, Florida, and some of those who experienced it will be telling about it. I have already heard a little bit about it and I look forward to hearing more. Please join us that morning for Youth Sunday!

I also look forward to our community's annual Fall celebration, the Maple Leaf Festival. We will be hosting the usual chili feed, sponsored by our United Methodist Men. This year the proceeds will benefit the Community Emergency Fund. Some of our mission team members and others who help with the Emergency Fund will be giving aid to make this work. At the same time our United Methodist Women will hold their annual bake sale. I hope you will be able to get here to support these.

I know that the Festival always presents a challenge to get to the building on Sunday morning. But we can meet the challenge! I hope you'll still be able to get around things and come to worship on the 19th and celebrate God's love and creativity!

"Dear God, thank you for the changing of seasons. Forgive us when we complain that winter is too cold or summer is too hot, or that we don't like the wind and cool rains of spring. Help us to remember beautiful autumn. May our lives be like an autumn tree, always growing upward to heaven, branches reaching out to God, leaves falling like our years. Amen (from *Flames of the Spirit*, edited by Ruth C. Duck)."

As always, I am grateful to be a part of Baldwin First United Methodist Church! Blessings to you!

**SHALOM,
Paul**

WE SUPPORT BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BY OUR PRESENCE

	<u>August 31</u>	<u>Sept. 7</u>	<u>Sept. 14</u>	<u>Sept. 21</u>
Early Service Attendance	0	44	52	46
Sunday School Attendance	39	44	41	45
Late Service Attendance	97	82	97	84

BY OUR GIFTS

GENERAL FUND (received)	\$2,651	\$6,719	\$2,322	\$2,301
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*GIFTS NEEDED EACH WEEK - \$5,335

YTD INCOME	\$ 171,922	\$ 178,886	\$ 181,208	\$ 183,509
YTD EXPENSE	\$ 176,780	\$ 179,962	\$182,266	\$190,496

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)

LINK – BFUMC will be serving at LINK on December 6, 2014. IF you are interested in assisting, please visit with Nancy Arnold or John Beins.

Maple Leaf Chili Feed – This year the Chili Feed will benefit the Community Emergency Fund. The UMM and Missions will be donating all proceeds to CEF. Maple Leaf involves so many working in a variety places *throughout the weekend to create a great festival in Baldwin City. If you are looking for a fun activity, want to be in service and benefit those in need in our community, we invite you to help with the Chili Feed. All are welcome and the tasks vary. A sign up will be posted in the Narthex. Another place to sign up to help is a website, Sign Up Genius which can be accessed at:*

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054aafac2aa02-bfumc>

CHILI FEED ... The Missions Team, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women will again be combining their efforts to hold the annual chili feed and bake sale during Maple Leaf. This year the chili feed and bake sale will be Saturday, October 18, in Fellowship Hall. The chili feed will be from 11:00 to 1:00. The bake sale will be from 9:00 to 1:00. All the proceeds from the chili feed will go toward the Community Emergency Fund. Members of the Community Emergency Fund board will also be helping this year. In addition to the chili, we will be serving hot dogs, chili dogs, vegetable soup, coffee, water and pop. We hope everyone in the congregation will make a special effort to come join us that day for a good meal and to help provide resources for a good cause.

- Missions Team / UMW / UMM

Donna Curran, UMW President



Saturday, October 4

UMW Executive Meeting – Library

Wednesday, October 8
Wednesday, October 15
Thursday, October 23

9:30 a.m. - Sarah Circle – Ruth Ann Nutt's
1:30 p.m. - Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
7:00 p.m. - Eve Circle – Ruth Dickinson's

FELLOWSHIP ...

Sunday, October 26 we will have a potluck after church with a carved pumpkin contest – then at 1:30 Trick or Trunk!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRYShelly Todd, Director (594-2921), ksl1987@embarqmail.com

***KidMinistry Sunday School:** Hey, kids! We are so excited for a brand new Sunday School year and are especially excited for you to be a part of it! Sunday School begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:30. Preschool through 3rd 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. 4th and 5th 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-1st Grade = Kevin Kropf, Beth O'Neil, Brian and Courtney Williams

2nd-3rd Grade = Brad Peterson, Marvé Ralston, Vonna Torneden

4th-5th 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 3rd 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

3rd Grade Bible recognition: The church will honor 3rd graders of our church with their own Bible on Sunday, November 16th during the 10:45 worship service. Please let Shelly know if your child/grandchild is in 3rd grade so enough Bibles will be sponsored and ordered. Thanks so much!

New faces in the nursery: We have 4 new nursery attendants in our church nursery. Our church staffs the nursery through Baker University. **Our new nursery staff is Kayleigh Stiff, Morgan Giudicessi, Logan Pope, and Jacob Henderson.** There will be 2 attendants in the nursery each Sunday. Our church nursery is open to children from birth through 5 years old.

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 background 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

Sunday, September 28:

12:00pm

3rd String Meeting Student Leaders gather for training, preparation and prayer.

1:00pm

"CROP Hunger Walk" Community Service Project: *We walk because they walk.*

Meet at Baldwin 1st UMC to walk CROP Walk. Be sure to collect donations before walk!

3:30-5:00pm

Jr. High YG- ANDREW NIGHT

6:00-8:00pm

Sr. High YG- ANDREW NIGHT

**** RSVP/\$50 deposit due for 2015 Group WorkCamp Youth Mission Trip. ****

Sunday, October 5:

3:30-5:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group

6:00-8:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group

Saturday, October 11:

5:45am to

BIG DAY OF SERVING: 1-Day Youth Mission Event, Kansas City, MO

6:00pm

Meet at Baldwin 1st to ride to Kansas City for a day of serving the community.

Registration due by 9/21. Just \$50 for participation. Wear jeans, YG shirt, work gloves, jacket.

Adult Sponsors/Drivers & Vehicles will be needed.

Sunday, October 12:

9:00am

Preparation Meeting for Youth-Led Worship Service

10:40am

Youth-Led Worship Service, highlighting the 2014 Pensacola, Florida Mission Trip

12:00pm

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group Pizza Lunch

Wednesday, October 15: Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Chalking

5:30pm

Fundraiser for 2015 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 16:

5:30pm

Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Chalking

Fundraiser for 2015 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).

Saturday, October 18:

10am-12:30pm

Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Parade Security

Fundraiser for 2015 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 26:

5-8pm

Youth-Only Fall Fun Night -- ANDREW NIGHT

All Youth (combined Jr. High & Sr. High) will meet at The Morgan's for fellowship and fall fun with a bonfire, hot dogs, S'Mores, and Capture the Flag!!

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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.

October 2014

Sunday Services	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary Sunday School/Bible Study Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary
Last Sunday of the Month	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study Combined/Blended Worship - Sanctuary
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 Wednesday	6:30 -7:00 p.m. 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Each Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study - Chapel
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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Sun., Sept. 28	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Sunday School Combined/Blended Worship CROP Walk
Tues., Sept. 30	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee - Library
Wed., Oct 1	6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal & 7:00-8:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 2	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Chapel
Sat., Oct. 4	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7 – 9 p.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park UMW Executive Meeting – Library Bingo Night – to benefit Community Emergency Fund - Intermediate Center
Wed., Oct. 8	6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal & 7:00-8:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 9	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Chapel
Tues., Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee – Library
Wed., Oct. 15	6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal & 7:00-8:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 16	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Chapel
Sat., Oct. 18	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Maple Leaf Bake Sale – Fellowship Hall Chili Feed – Fellowship Hall
Wed., Oct. 22	6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal & 7:00-8:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 23	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Baker University Chapel – Sanctuary Disciple Bible Study - Chapel
Fri., Oct. 24	7:30 p.m.	Baker University Concert - Sanctuary
Sun., Oct. 26	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. after church	Sunday School Combined/Blended Worship Potluck (<i>with a carved pumpkin contest</i>)
	1:30 p.m.	Treat or Trunk – Parking Lot
Tues., Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee – Library
Wed., Oct. 29	6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal & 7:00-8:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 30	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study - Chapel Care Giving Team - Library