

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

September 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:

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The United Methodists are coming to Baldwin City First United Methodist Church. In a sermon series about them, that is. Will you come, too?

Since I arrived here over 1 year ago now, I have been hearing several requests to learn something about United Methodism. There are some who are new to our denomination, some who would like to refresh about it, and some who like to talk about it (including me!). That led me to think that I could make some sort of class presentation about it.

However, after several other conversations, it seemed to need wider presentation than to those who could come to a special class on it for several evenings. So, I asked others about the possibility of doing a series of sermons on the topic, and it received lots of positive feedback. So, such a series will begin this September. Here is the schedule:

September 9 – *The Founders*, Zechariah 3:1-3

September 16 – *What IS the Method?*, 2 Timothy 3:14-17

September 23 – *Salvation: Not Fire Insurance*, Ephesians 2:1-10

September 30 – *3 Simple Rules*, Colossians 3:12-17

October 7 – *The Sacraments*, Titus 3:3-8, Luke 22:14-20

October 14 – *United Methodist Emphases*, Matthew 28:16-20

During that time we will sing many of the hymns of the Wesleys, some unknown (*Where Shall My Wondering Soul Begin; Jesu, Thy Boundless Love to Me*), some known, but not well known (*Spirit of Faith, Come Down; Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast*), and some well-known (*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Love Divine; All Loves Excelling; And Are We Yet Alive!;* and *A Charge to Keep I Have*). We'll sing a few other related hymns, too.

Realizing that some might like more depth or an opportunity to ask questions, a class may still be offered, but gatherings will be held in the library as soon as I can get there after worship each Sunday.

Would you like to do more reading? Here are some suggestions: John Wesley's sermons, 144 of them, on the internet at gbm-umc.org/umhistory/Wesley/sermons; or *Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit* by Albert Outler; or *John Wesley's Theology Today* by Colin W. Williams; or *On the Threshold of Grace: Methodist Fundamentals* by Donald W. Haynes; or *The Book of Discipline, 2008* (or the 2012 one when it comes out).

I'm looking forward to it!

As always thank you for who you are as Baldwin City First United Methodist Church!!

SHALOM,
Paul

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

MISSIONS Chairperson, Laura Dickinson

CROP Walk - Please note the date and location have changed. The date is September 30th and the starting location will be Baldwin First UMC. The path for the walk will wind through Baldwin City. Walkers will gather in Fellowship Hall at 1pm on September 30th and begin walking at 1:30pm.

Historically, the walkers began at Vinland Grade School and walked the unpaved county road north of the school for two or four miles. The trek was to remind us of many walking unpaved roads or trails daily to access food and water. With the school closing, the venue of the walk has been changed.

Baldwin City and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Ending hunger one step at a time." CROP Walkers will be proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites here in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks. This year, 25% of the funds raised will return to the Baldwin City Community Food Pantry and other Southern Douglas county food ministries.

Please join in an event that makes a difference globally and locally!

FOOD PANTRY – Continued thanks and gratitude to all those who make the Community Food Pantry a living reflection of our faith.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10

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.

UMW CIRCLES

September 12 – 9:30 a.m. – Sarah Circle meets at Jean Lawson's

September 19 – Noon Luncheon - Dorcas Circle meets at Anita White's

September 27 – 7:00 p.m. - Eve Circle meets at Coleen Burgess'

UMW Five Rivers District Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 22

8:00 - noon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

*A New Year for Sunday School: Sunday, September 2nd marks the beginning of our new Sunday School year for Preschool and Elementary aged children. 3 year olds are invited to join Preschool Sunday School. KDG students will move upstairs to the K-1 Sunday School classroom. 2nd grade and 4th grade students will also move up to new Sunday School classrooms. What an exciting time as new classes of students and teachers are formed. The Sunday School staff is looking forward to a wonderful new year with the kiddoes, leading them to know more about God, Jesus, and God's GREAT BIG love for all of us!!

* A reminder that Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Preschool through 3rd grade students gather in the Chapel for a time of singing, sharing, and prayer. 4th and 5th grade kids report directly to their Sunday School classroom. When Sunday School dismisses at 10:30, parents are asked to pick up Preschool, KDG, and 1st grade students from their classrooms. 2nd grade through 5th grade will be dismissed from class and asked to meet their parents in the Chapel (or the snack room as they like to refer to it!).

*New Teachers in the KDG-1st grade Sunday School class: The Sunday School staff at Baldwin FUMC welcome Beth O'Neil and Brian Williams to our KDG-1st grade Sunday School team. They join Rose O'Dea in leading our K-1 students. We are so excited to have Beth and Brian on our Sunday School Staff!

*3rd Grade Bibles: It is tradition at Baldwin FUMC that our 3rd grade students receive a bible in November. This year, 3rd graders will be presented Bibles on November 18th during our morning worship service. If your child is a 3rd grader this year, please contact Shelly so that she can be sure to order your child a Bible. These Bibles are sponsored by members of our church family. If you would like to sponsor a Bible for a 3rd grader, please contact Shelly. Typically, Bible sponsorship is between \$25 and \$30.

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sunday, September 2: *No Youth Group due to Labor Day weekend*

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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.

September 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
1st Saturday	9:30 a.m.	United Methodist Women Executive Board – Library

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Tues., Sept. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mission – Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Sept. 6	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee – Library
Mon., Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Team - Library
Sun., Sept. 16	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Coffee Talk – “ <i>Understanding the Budget</i> ”
Sat., Sept. 22	8:00 – Noon	UMW Five Rivers District Fall Meeting
Sun., Sept. 30	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk - begins at Baldwin First UMC
Sat., Oct. 20- Sun., Oct. 21		Maple Leaf Festival
Saturday, Nov. 3	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Tues., Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference
Sun., Dec. 2	4:00 & 7:30 p.m.	Baker University Vespers - Sanctuary