

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 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:

Apparently we have arrived at the month of September already. I am not quite sure how that happened so quickly. Would someone tell me, please?

I remember, just a few months ago, looking at my summer months and knowing that they were going to be hectic, filled with activity, and long. I was right on two out of three. They were not long, they were fast. Were they for you, too?

I have asked several people about their summer. Most of them have said the same thing; it was fast, but that they are ready to get back to a different kind of normal. That different kind of normal is, for many, involving school, homework, more regular activities, and for most, an organized kind of chaos. I hope that will also involve worship, Sunday School, and involvement with Christ and His Church.

A big thank you goes from me to Nancy Brown and Tom Kleist for preaching for me while Debbie and I were on vacation. I know you were in good hands with them and have heard that they did a good job. I was not surprised that they did.

There are several learning/studying opportunities for people of all ages on Sunday mornings: There are classes for pre-schoolers and elementary aged children, ably taught by good teachers who spend time in preparation for those young minds and hearts.

There are classes available for adults, too: the *Lamplighters* class meets in the library and is currently reading and discussing *The Evolution of Faith* by Paul Gulley. The *Vivian Courtney Bible Study* meets in the Fellowship Hall and uses the adult Bible study quarterly. They will be discussing Genesis in Exodus. The *Journey Class* meets in the choir room and discuss various topics; they will soon be studying *The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado.

In addition, *Disciple Bible Study I* will begin after Labor Day. *Disciple Bible Study* has been in existence for some time now and has influenced many people and helped them learn the Bible and discover the gifts they have for use in ministry. It has been taught here in previous years, but has not been here for a while. It's back! Thanks to Bill Clement for leading this study.

Congratulations to Gary Keller who has been named as the new staff person working in Worship Arts. I look forward to working with Gary in this new, additional capacity.

Thanks also to our Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee for their work on this.

The Nominating Committee will soon begin their work in preparation for 2014. The Nominating Committee is one of the required committees for the church. They find appropriate people to fill the roles of officers, committee members and chairperson, team members, and board members. It is care filled work that they do. When a member of that committee talks to you, please say yes!

The Community Food Pantry and the Community Emergency Fund are two ministries that we support here at the church. The Food Pantry provides food items for local people who are in need of them. The Emergency Fund provides assistance for those needing it for rent, utilities, gasoline, shelter, and even disaster response. Both programs are in need of resources.

Food items can be brought to the Food Pantry at any time. Financial gifts to the Emergency Fund can be brought to the church marked for that cause.

It has been a good summer. Now that September is here, I hope to see you in church!

**SHALOM,
Pastor Paul**

MISSIONS

LINK - BFUMC is serving at LINK on September 7th with assistance from high school students in the National Honor Society. If you would like to bring a dessert item or help serve, please visit with Nancy Arnold or John Beins.

CROP WALK-SEPTEMBER 29TH -" We walk because they walk", symbolizing all the people around the world who walk miles daily to get food and water. This annual Church World Service event targets food poverty globally and locally. 25% of the proceeds will return to the area food pantries. 1PM - Gathering Time 1:30 Walk begins. For the second year, CROP WALK will occur in the city limits of Baldwin City. The walk will begin and end at BFUMC Fellowship Hall. Put on your walking shoes and sponsor a walker to join in the effort to end hunger. Sign up packets are available in the Narthex.



FOOD PANTRY - Thank you to all those who responded to the need for food supplies in the food pantry, particularly in the months of July and August. This summer has witnessed a steady rise again in the numbers served each week at the Food Pantry, with new families arriving each week. The Summer Feed the Children program sponsored by Ives Chapel provided an extra bag of food each week for those families with children at home during the summer months. Thanks to all who continue to sustain the food pantry through time, donations, food supplies and prayer.



September 7 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Meeting in the Library
 September 11 – 9:30 a.m. - Sarah Circle – Ruth Ann Nutt's
 September 18 – Noon – Dorcas Circle – Anita White's
 September 26 – 7:00 p.m. – Eve Circle – Jean Baldwin's

Five Rivers District Helping Hands ~ 2013 Fall Event ~ *Discipleship is a Verb*

Objective: We will be completing several work projects around the Garnett area that were initiated by a youth ministry group. There were a few projects that time prohibited them from completing this summer. This is our chance to work together and show love to our neighbors.

When: Saturday, September 14th, 2013

Where: Meet at Garnett UMC, 124 W Oak, Garnett, KS **Time:** 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sack lunch provided

Cost: 10.00 to cover lunch and provide seed money for future "work" projects of this nature.

Please online register here by Sept. 6: <http://5riversds.com/UpcomingEvents>

You can also print a hard copy and mail it to our office by Sept. 6th from our website at the above address or go to 5riversds.com and Upcoming Events.

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What Skills Are Needed:

Here are a few possibilities but everyone will be put to use.

Painting, Carpentry, Clean-up, Childcare, Lunch and water distribution, Fellowship

You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

~ John Bunyan

Come to a Bonfire at the Welch Farm!
Sunday, September 29
6:00 p.m.

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

Kingdom Rock VBS: What a wonderful week we had at Kingdom Rock VBS!! This royally rockin' VBS took place July 7-11 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. We were blessed to minister to 120 children and their families during our 5 day VBS! This amazing ministry was through the hands and hearts of 33 adult and 35 youth volunteers! God was truly at work as everyone learned that we can STAND STRONG with God and for God! Thank you to everyone for your prayerful and financial support of this wonderful ministry!

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 a Sunday School teacher in the 2nd-3rd grade classroom. 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!

*Children's Church: Beginning in October 2013, our Children's Church ministry will be in need of an adult to serve as a leader once a month. Children's Church leaders teach as partners and we are specifically looking for someone who can be a leader on the 4th Sunday of the month. Children's Church leaders design activities based off of either the sermon theme or lectionary readings each Sunday. Most of the teaching resources are found through online resources. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Shelly!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRYEva Durand, Sr. High Youth (594-0345) 785.766.5803
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Five Rivers District Youth Rally

Saturday, September 7 @ 5:00 p.m. -
Sunday, September 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
West Campus – 867 Highway 40, Lawrence, KS

Register by August 19 at www.5riversds.com/463145
Bring registration & \$15 fee to event

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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 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 (this month the second Monday)
2 nd 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.	Disciple Bible Study - Library
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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Thurs., Sept. 5	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Library
Sat., Sept. 7	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting in the Library
		LINK served at Lawrence
Sat. Sept. 7 – Sun., Sept. 8		Youth Rally/Lock-In–Project Revolution at Lawrence 1 st – West Campus
Wed., Sept. 11	9:30 a.m.	Sarah Circle – Ruth Ann Nutt’s
Thurs., Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Library
Wed., Sept. 18	Noon	Dorcas Circle – Anita White’s
Thurs., Sept. 19	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Library
Sat., Sept. 21	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Thurs., Sept. 26	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study – Library
	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle – Jean Baldwin’s
Sun., Sept. 29	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk – Gathering Time – at Baldwin First UMC
	1:30 p.m.	CROP Walk begins

