

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 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:

Hello, Everyone! So, we have come to the month of September already? We have flown through another summer, we have already had Rally Day, school has begun at all levels, and here we are!

At this time of year I usually ask people about their summer time. The answer is as usual: fast! But, 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.

For others, school activities are not directly involved, but I hope you will find a way to be supportive to those who are in school and their activities: ask how that goes, go to games or concerts, and be in prayer for students, families, teachers and all involved in education.

I hope that activities will also involve worship, Sunday School, and involvement with Christ and His Church for everyone!

For the last several months I have thoroughly enjoyed our two worship services here at the Church. Worshiping in different styles is meaningful to me as they both are informative and uplifting. Sharing the blended service on the last Sunday of the month is also a good thing.

I find it important to remember our reasons for worshiping in different ways:

- to continue to bring honor to God
- to be able to better serve our church's diverse worship perspectives and needs
- to draw more worshipers closer to God by participation
- to spur making and growing disciples for Christ for transforming the world
- to create additional opportunities to reach more worshipers where they are in their faith walk

It is my hope that you will come to worship and also find it a good experience. I certainly do! Please join me.

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

In addition, the *Disciple Bible Study* of the book of *Romans* has begun. *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. Thanks to Bill Clement for leading this study on Thursday evenings.

United Methodist Women's Circles begin their activities again, and United Methodist Men continue to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month at Vintage Park. Our Youth Groups have had their kick-off and are already going strong!

The Nominating Committee has begun their work in preparation for 2015. 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.

There are many opportunities for us to exercise and grow our faith and be in ministry here. And I look on it all as good! I invite you to be a part of it.

I am glad to be your pastor.

**SHALOM,
Paul**

WE SUPPORT BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BY OUR PRESENCE

	<u>July 27</u>	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>	<u>August 17</u>	<u>August 24</u>
Early Service Attendance	0	35	43	40	20
Sunday School Attendance	37	32	39	42	60
Late Service Attendance	85	58	75	107	144

BY OUR GIFTS

GENERAL FUND (received)	\$2,204	\$6,923	\$3,910	\$4,259	\$3,150
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*GIFTS NEEDED EACH WEEK - \$5,335

YTD INCOME	\$ 150,773	\$ 157,941	\$ 161,851	\$ 166,111	\$ 169,261
YTD EXPENSE	\$ 149,737	\$ 158,052	\$ 159,298	\$ 169,133	\$ 169,213

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 is serving at LINK on Sept 6th. If you are interested in assisting, please visit with Nancy Arnold or John Beins.

Food Pantry - When the food pantry runs out of green beans, many, many people have been served. On August 23rd, 59 families representing 201 individuals, were provided food assistance. This is a new record. Throughout the summer, Ives Chapel provided a great service to families with children with an extra bag of kid-friendly food each week. The bounty of local gardens has been pouring in each week. Civic groups, children's organizations, social clubs, local churches and many individuals keep this living ministry alive. Thank you to all who support the pantry every week of every month of every year!!

Baldwin Community Food Pantry meeting - Sept 8th in Fellowship Hall at 7pm.

CROPWalk - Sept 28th at 1:00 pm. The walk starts at BFUMC parking lot and treks through a path in Baldwin City. 25% of the proceeds are returned to Baldwin Community Food Pantry to fight food poverty locally. The remaining funds are used to fight hunger around the world. Support CROPWalk by walking, sponsoring a walker, giving online or simply lifting up people in need of food and clean water with your prayers.

God, help us to show kindness and unrivaled hospitality as the natural extension of our commitment to you. Use us to bring hope and comfort to the abandoned and forsaken corners of your creation. - From Common Prayer

CARE GIVING MINISTRIES AND SENIOR SERVICES OF DOUGLAS COUNTY ... are looking for qualified drivers, under the age of 75, to drive their van to help people in Douglas County. For more information, please call Bill Neuenswander at 785-594-3559 or email at billneuenswander@outlook.com.

Thank you.

- Linda Ballinger, Care Giving Committee Chair



Saturday, September 6

UMW Executive Meeting – Library

Wednesday, September 10

Sarah Circle

Wednesday, September 17

Dorcas Circle

Thursday, September 25

Eve Circle

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

***Sunday School:** A new school year has begun both in our public/private schools and at Baldwin FUMC! We are excited for a new year of learning about God's great love to us through Jesus Christ! Our KidMinistry at Baldwin FUMC has Sunday School classes for Preschool, KDG-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd Grade, and 4th-5th Grade. The Sunday School hour begins at 9:30 a.m. Preschool through 3rd grade gather in the chapel for a time of music, fellowship, prayer. They are dismissed with teachers to go to class at 9:45. The 4th and 5th graders report directly to their classroom at 9:30. The Sunday School hour wraps up at 10:30. We ask that parents pick up their Preschool and K-1 kiddoes. The older elementary children meet up with parents in the chapel area. **Kids - wake those parents early on Sunday morning and join us for a FUN time at Sunday School!!**

*2014-2015 BFUMC KidMinistry Sunday School Staff:

Preschool = Sherry Broers, Donna Curran, and Samantha Cheek

KDG-1st Grade = Kevin Kropf, Beth O'Neil, Brian Williams

2nd-3rd Grade = Brad Peterson, Marve' Ralston (beginning Oct), Vonna Torneden

4th-5th Grade = Angela Murray, Becky Thomas, Gayla Waymire

**There is still a need for one more person to join our AMAZING KidMinistry Sunday School team!!*

***THANK YOU!!** The KidMinistry department of BFUMC extends a huge THANK YOU and best wishes to our wonderful Preschool Sunday School teacher, Jean Baldwin. Jean is "retiring" from her duties as Preschool Sunday School teacher after SEVERAL years of loving service to our KidMinistry. Over the years, Jean's gentle nature and sweet spirit has helped guide little ones in knowing Jesus and His love for them. She has touched many young people's lives and is deeply loved by current and former students, as well as her fellow Sunday School teachers. Please join us in thanking Jean for following God's call in ministry and being such a wonderful servant in our KidMinistry. We love you, Jean!!

Children's Church resuming September 14th: Our Children's Church ministry will resume on September 14th after taking the summer off. Children's Church is open to kiddoes ages 3 through beginning 3rd grade (3rd graders will graduate to "Big People" church in November after receiving their Bibles on Bible Sunday). It takes place during the Contemporary service (10:45) after the Children's Sermon. We do not have Children's Church on Communion Sunday (1st Sunday of the month).

Our Children's Church leaders are Meredith Kropf, Tricia Enright, Michelle Patterson, Teri Ediger, and Sherry Broers. We are looking for one more person to join this dynamic team! Can't wait to see the kiddoes on September 14th!!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, Sr. High Youth (594-0345) 785.766.5803

or eva3d@embarqmail.com

Saturday, September 6 – Sunday, September 7:

5pm Sat

to 10am Sun

"Project Revolution: OVERCOME!" District Youth Rally for grades 7-12

Bring a friend and meet at Lawrence 1st UMC-West Campus with youth from the entire UMC 5-Rivers District for an all-night party! Live music, games, food, youth-led praise and worship, and friends galore! Get a cool "Project Revolution" t-shirt with your registration! Registration for t-shirt due online at 5riversds.com/463145. Bring \$15 to event.

Adult Sponsors (for overnight) will be needed.

Sunday, September 14:

3:30-5:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group

6:00-8:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group

** If you haven't already, please bring a 24-pack of soda, juice, or sports drink to help stock the Youth Room!*

Wednesday, September 17:

6:30-8:00pm

Parents Meeting for All Youth Groupers (Jr. High and Sr. High)

Sunday, September 21:

3:30-5:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group

6:00-8:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group

**** RSVP/\$50 due today for Sat, Oct 11 BIG DAY OF SERVING EVENT in Kansas City. ****

Wednesday, September 24:

7:00am

See You At The Pole: "#NeverStopPraying" (not a Youth Ministry sponsored activity)

Student initiated. Student organized. Student led. Meet at your school flag pole to pray for your friends, family, school, community, and the world. It's all about prayer, coming together, and laying aside all labels and groups for one day, to simply engage God in prayer and connect with fellow Christians from around the world in unity around the pole. For more info check out syatp.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. ****

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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 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 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 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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Thurs., Sept. 4	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study - Chapel
Sat., Sept. 6	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting – Library
		LINK served in Lawrence
Sun., Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Sept. 8	7:00 p.m.	Mission/Food Pantry Meeting – Fellowship Hall
		Trustees – Library
Wed., Sept. 10	9:30 a.m.	Sarah Circle
Thurs., Sept. 11	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study- Chapel
Sun., Sept 14	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Sept. 15	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library
		Finance – Chapel
Tues., Sept. 16	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee – Library
Wed., Sept. 17		Dorcas Circle
Thurs., Sept. 18	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study - Chapel
Sat., Sept. 20	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
Sun., Sept. 21	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
Mon., Sept. 22	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thurs., Sept. 25	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study - Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle
Sept. 28 (last Sunday of Month)	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Combined/Blended Worship
	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk
Tues., Sept. 30	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee