

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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**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:

I am looking forward to several things coming up in the month of November!

The first of those is the UMW's annual Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. I hear it has a great reputation for being delicious. I'll be there.

The second is the very next morning. That is the Church's annual celebration of All Saints Sunday. Here is what THE UNITED METHODIST *BOOK OF WORSHIP* says about it:

All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read.

Invitations have been extended to family members of those we will be remembering in prayer on that day. It is a great day of the church year.

There are two other events coming that are of importance:

The first of those is a **special church conference** (*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, ¶246.7 and 246.8, and ¶248). The purpose of this special church conference is to consider the purchase of a parsonage. While one of these has not been necessary for some time, circumstances are now different, and we have made that request. After a diligent search, the Trustees have found an appropriate house. This purchase needs the consideration of a special church conference. This will also affect the salary package and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will be discussing that. The special church conference will be **Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.** Our thanks goes to those who have done so much toward this effort and to all for their consideration.

Then will be our **annual church conference, Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m.** This annual meeting is to be the connecting link between the local church and the general Church. Its responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating the mission and ministry of the church, receiving reports, and adopting objectives and goals for the coming year.

As these are determined to be church conferences, all members are invited to be present and participate. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Dennis Ackerman will be here to conduct both these meetings. I invite your participation, please!

We will also be hearing about the mission and ministry of this church during worship in the coming weeks. Our stewardship team, headed by Bill and Anita Neuenswander, have put together an opportunity for us all to make our financial commitment to Christ and His Church and to support the ministry of the church in this way. Debbie and I will be making ours to be a part of this effort. I invite yours to this as well.

I'll be continuing my series on stewardship through that, concluding it on November 20. On that Sunday, we hope to wrap up this effort.

Also that day, we will celebrate Bible Sunday and present Bibles to our third graders, it will be Christ the King Sunday, that *"is also the last Sunday of the Christian year, is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation* (again from THE UNITED METHODIST *BOOK OF WORSHIP*), and it is Thanksgiving Sunday, celebrating all God's blessings.

All of this is significant to our faith and our church and our ministry. Again, I look forward to it all! May you know God's blessings this month and always.

**SHALOM,
Paul**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Laura Dickinson, Chair. (594-2658)

FOOD PANTRY - THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE! Each week we welcome new families to the Food Pantry as a supplemental resource to their family food needs. With the increasing need, the reserves we have historically experienced have dwindled and we currently have little reserve. We thank each and every one of you for the continued support you provide to the Food Pantry which allows us to open the doors each Saturday and provide food to those in our community who are experiencing food poverty. Thank you all!

1 in 6 Americans live in households that are food insecure (USDA).

BISHOPS ROUNDUP – This annual event is November 19th. We are lucky as the gathering event occurs at the Lawrence fairgrounds. The Kansas East Conference gathers food, clothing, funds and other items through the individual churches in the Kansas East Conference on this one day each fall and then distributes those items to a variety of missional sites throughout Kansas as well as national and international programs. The youth in the conference converge on fairground on Friday evening for an overnight youth event followed by the Saturday morning creation of a human convoy for the movement of items delivered. It is quite a sight to see!!! All are welcome!!! The Bishop is generally in attendance for the 10:30 am worship service. If you have never been, it is a great opportunity to see the connectional system of the United Methodist Church at work.

We will be “rounding up” school kits, health kits, clothing and other items throughout the October and November for the Bishops Roundup. Items included in kits will be on display in an area in the Narthex, along with other information about this important event.

It's Turkey Dinner Time

Saturday, November 5 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall

Adults: \$8.00

Children (5-11): \$4.00

For home delivery, call

594-6612 on Saturday, November 5 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

You're invited to...

Ruth Ann Nutt's 90th Birthday Celebration

At the Lumberyard Arts Center

On Sunday, November 13 from 3 – 5 p.m.

No Gifts Please

Thank you!

The Church made bearing our loss much easier, and I am very proud of you all. I hope those of you who were there heard the part of the eulogy, "Christmas and Easter at the church with an interpreter especially for Steve, were happy moments for him, along with the kindness of the congregation." Rev. Babcock did a wonderful job and was there for us when needed; Kathleen and Carolyn's music was beautiful, and the loving kindness poured out to me and my family by you all was humbling. The brunch after the service open to everyone was perfect, and I want to list those who worked so hard: Don and Ruth Ann Nutt (she did all the sandwich salad), Mary Jane Chubb, Charlene Potter, Bob and Marlene Courtney, Judy Anderson and Susan Butell. Other helpers and cookie makers were Martha Harris, Barb Bailey, Jennifer Coates, Karla Wiscombe, Nancy Richard, Kelly Bethel-Smith, Nancy Defenbaugh, Michelle Johnson, Nanette Kraus, Paula Moore, Bootsie Lauridsen, Merrie Skaggs, and Nancy Arnold. The prayers were felt, the cards and kind words soothed. Thank you isn't adequate!

Janet & Merle Venable & family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shelly Todd, Director of Children's Ministries
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3rd Grade Bible Sunday: On November 20th, the 3rd grade students in our congregation will receive bibles during our worship service. This is a special event in the life of our church. If your child is a 3rd grader, please contact Shelly so we will be sure to have a bible for your child.

Children's Christmas Pageant: The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place during worship on December 11th. Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to participate in telling the story of Jesus' birth. This year's pageant is titled "Operation Christmas Child". Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and we will start rehearsing on November 6th. We hope that all of our children can be a part of spreading the Good News!

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, Director of Youth Ministry
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Saturday, November 5: U.M.W. Turkey Dinner
3pm-8pm **Fundraiser for 2012 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 6:
3:30-5:00pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm Sr. High Youth Group

*** RSVP due today for November 18-19 Conference Youth Lock-In/Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger. ***

Sunday, November 13:
3:30-5:00pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm Sr. High Youth Group

Friday, November 18 – Saturday, November 19:
8pm Fri **Conference Youth Lock-In (in conjunction with the Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger)**
to 1:00pm Sat **Friday @ Lawrence 1st 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 7. Bring \$5 for pizza on Fri night.
Adult Sponsors/Drivers will be needed. Please let me know if you are an adult with a reliable vehicle who is excited to participate in this event with our teens!

Sunday, December 4: Baker University Vespers (not a Youth Ministry sponsored activity)

Sunday, December 11:
3:30-5:00pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm Sr. High Youth Group

Thurs., Nov. 17 7 - 9 p.m. Annual Church Conference