

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



Maundy Thursday

7pm
Livestream

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Good Friday

7pm
Baldwin First

Easter Sunrise

7am
Sullivan Sq.

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Easter Sunday

9:30am
Baldwin First

April 6-9, 2023

EASTER MORNING
*Sunrise
Breakfast*

AFTER 7 AM EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP - BALDWIN FIRST

Easter

egg hunt & brunch

Easter Sunday - 10:30 am

**Baldwin First United Methodist Church
Leadership Board**
recently approved February 20, 2023 Minutes

Mission: The Mission of Baldwin First United Methodist Church is to love and serve God and our neighbors as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Attendees:

Board Members: Doug Cheek, Chair, Ryan Berg, Coleen Burgess, Mike Curran, Joanne Kite, Cynthia Perez, Brad Peterson, Pam Sharp, Kathleen Thomas ; Attendees via Zoom: Nancy Arnold , Recording Secretary: Katherine Cook

Opening Prayer by Doug Cheek

Doug opened the meeting at 7:03 with a reminder of our mission and prayer

Spiritual Formation offered by Pam Sharp. Pam shared events occurring at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky where students are leading a revival.

Leadership Equipping by Joanne Kite. Joanne recognized the difficulty in transitioning to a new format. Members of the board as well as team leaders need to make sure to set the right tone and reinforce that all actions are coming without judgment since all members of the congregation are needed to make the church successful.

Review of New People

It has been suggested that we need to get the attendance books back in the pews so we can reach out to visitors and those who might enjoy further contact. It was further recommended that we make the welcome table more welcoming and find additional ways to convey hospitality.

Packet and Consent Calendar Items

Doug received a document from Linda detailing care givers, congregation support, and senior gatherings.

Lenten Activities and Easter:

- Ash Wednesday will be observed at Ives Chapel
- There will be a video to commemorate Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday will be observed at 7:00 p.m. at Baldwin First
- Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Sullivan Square with services following at Baldwin and Ives.

The trustees report by Mike Curran specified concerns including repairs from water damage, the fire alarm status, electric doorbell system, three leaking windows at the parsonage, the need to level the air conditioner pad at the parsonage, and the addition of a radiator cage in a Sunday school classroom. Mike will survey additional items that require attention in the coming week.

New leadership teams as of this meeting:

- Adult Ministries
- Caregivers-Linda Ballinger and Bob Ford
- Children's Ministries-Donna Curran
- Fellowship
- Hospitality
- Maintenance-Darrin Lawrenz
- Missions
- Technology-Frank Perez
- Youth Ministries-Angela Murry
- Worship-Kathleen Thomas

Team leaders will be responsible for defining, documenting and presenting information. They will be invited to attend the board meeting on March 20th where the leadership team can review progress. With the goal of inviting congregants to join teams and increase participation in small groups, there will be a 'Town Hall' meeting and 'fair' in conjunction with a brunch to be held directly after church in April.

Generative and Strategic Work

Joanne moved and Ryan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of January's meeting.

- Organist—Pastor Amanda has been working on a job description and has someone in mind for the position. Cynthia and Pam agreed to collaborate to create a job description. Mike followed up on trying to identify a volunteer choir director; the board will ask Kelly Bethell-Smith to lead a choir.
- Statistical look at trends:
 - Budget— Doug will send the budget information from 2022 to be reviewed by members of the board

(Leadership minutes continued)

Attendance

- Average in-person attendance was 67 in 2022
- 2023 averages 64 each week including on-line viewers (there may be some discrepancies on actual counts)

Capital Campaign (tabled until March)

Communication – What decisions are made and who is responsible for communication of information

New Items of Business

Brad clarified the process of counting money; it should be two people from different households. Brad suggested that members of the board rotate to join Mike until a more permanent solution is found.

Brad indicated there are monies in restricted funds for tuning the piano. The tuner will submit an invoice that can be approved by the board. In the future, tuning will be scheduled every six months.

Closing Prayer

Brad Peterson offered a closing prayer at 8:45 p.m. March 20th is the next meeting.

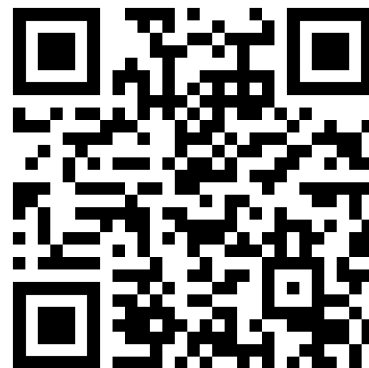
Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Cook

Most Current Financial Update (Note: this is posted after the Minutes of the previous month have been approved):

The 2023 budget is \$167,943.49 (with the average contribution amount needed of \$13,995.25 , about 8.3%, needed each month to meet the budget). February contributions were \$7660.00, about 10.9% of the 16.6% needed at this time, for a total thus far of \$18,301.00 in contributions.

Online donations can be done at <https://baldwinfirst.org/> or scan the QR code below please indicate your designated area of for donation.





Confirmation

Confirmation is an opportunity for young people (usually around 7th/8th grade) to spend a season learning in depth about the bible, the Christian faith, and what it means to be United Methodist. At the end of the course, students who have participated will all receive a certificate of completion, and have the opportunity to decide, with the pastor, if they are ready to take vows of membership in the UMC. Once decided, this will happen in a worship service, along with a remembrance of their baptism if they have been baptized earlier in their lives, or will accompany baptism if they have never been baptized.

Participants are asked to prioritize the meetings, as there are many sports/activity seasons and confirmation is, for most folks, a once in a lifetime faith journey.

We will meet as follows:

- Sunday **April 2**, 2023 2PM at **Eudora UMC** (2084 N 1300 Rd, Eudora), Kickoff meeting with parents.
- Sunday **April 16**, 2023 2PM at Eudora UMC
- Friday April 28, 4PM through Saturday April 29, 5pm a Service and Learning retreat at Camp Chippewa
 - Sunday **April 23**, 2023 2PM at **Baldwin First UMC**
 - Sunday **May 7**, 2-4PM at Baldwin First UMC
 - **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WILL BE IN REGULAR WORSHIP AT YOUR HOME CHURCH ON SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023**

Additionally, each confirmand will be asked to schedule an appointment between May 7 and May 21 with their own pastor to discuss their faith journey and whether they desire to be confirmed, and or join the church.

To Register your student, click here <https://forms.gle/fxU8beZujMTZUMtN6>

PLEASE NOTE: Food Pantry Hours will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month 9-10:30AM
Contact Nancy Arnold (arnoldn448@gmail.com) or Susan Butell (sbutell@mchsi.com) for more information on Food Pantry or if interested in serving quarterly with LINK (Lawrence Interdenominational Kitchen).





BFUMC is looking for volunteers to cut the grass on the church property. Please go to the signup genius bit.ly/3TtEROZ to sign up to mow. You choose the time (it's asked to have done by Thursday of a chosen week and provide your own equipment) Thank you for your services.

Community Youth Fellowship April 30th End-of-School Celebration Baldwin City Park inclement weather will meet at Ives Chapel 6:30 - 7:30. Stay connected with Youth Group Updates with the "Band" App: <https://band.us/n/a8a777s7s0y5c> or the QR code provided.



Kenneth Phil Williams
Aug. 27, 1944 - March 8, 2023

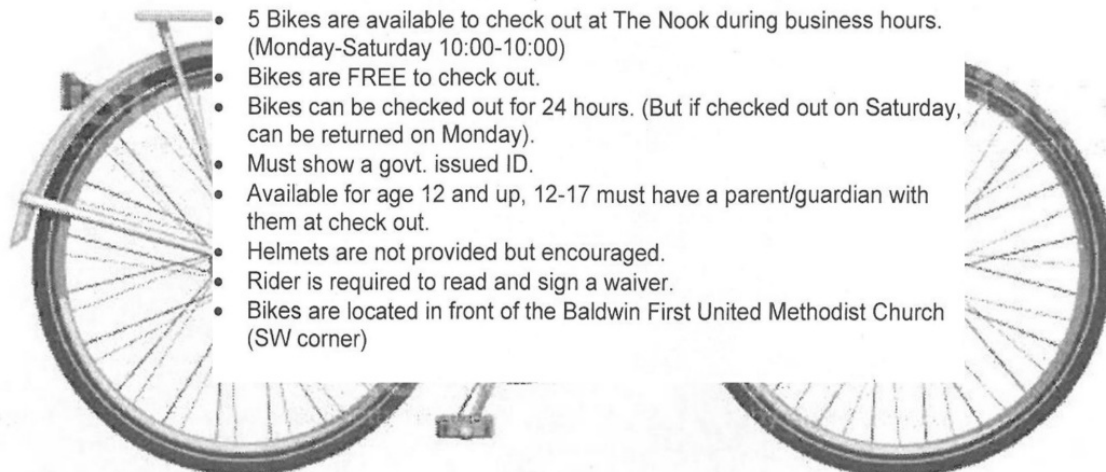
Beloved brother, husband, father and grandfather and great grandfather

Baldwin City Bike Share Program* season begins.



Free for Community Use:

Can be used for exercise, errands, or just for fun!



- 5 Bikes are available to check out at The Nook during business hours. (Monday-Saturday 10:00-10:00)
- Bikes are FREE to check out.
- Bikes can be checked out for 24 hours. (But if checked out on Saturday, can be returned on Monday).
- Must show a govt. issued ID.
- Available for age 12 and up, 12-17 must have a parent/guardian with them at check out.
- Helmets are not provided but encouraged.
- Rider is required to read and sign a waiver.
- Bikes are located in front of the Baldwin First United Methodist Church (SW corner)

*The Community Bike Share share program is an initiative started by BFUMC Healthy Congregations group .

UWF Spring Salad Supper



*United Women in Faith
(UMW)
All women of the Church
Is invited to the
Spring meeting
"Mosaic of Faith"
Bold Women of Faith
April 23, 6 pm
Fellowship Hall
BFUMC*

*Our mission this meeting is to
fill Mother's Day gift bags
for the food pantry
You can sponsor a bag for \$7*

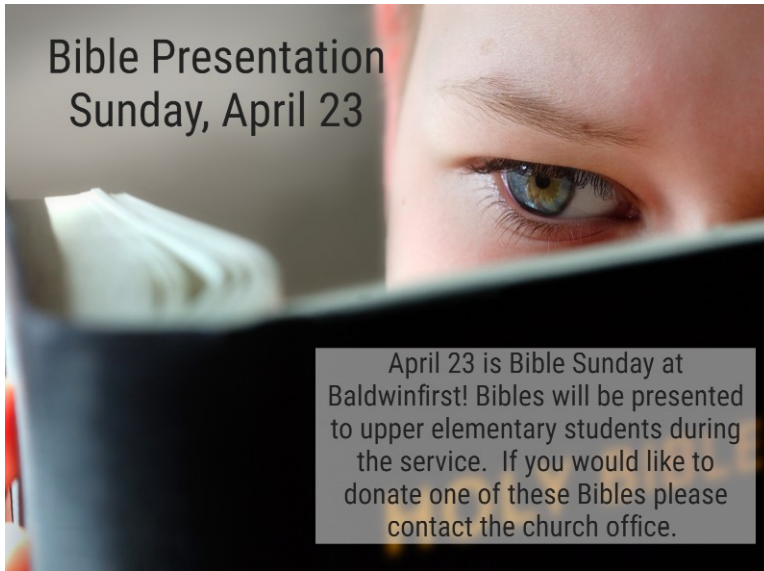
*Please bring a salad to share
(12 servings)*

*A piece of fabric that represents
a part of your faith
(needs to be no smaller than 4x6)*

*A scripture that has helped you
in your faith.*

*This will be placed in the gift bag you
will put together during the meeting*

Bible Presentation Sunday, April 23



April 23 is Bible Sunday at Baldwinfirst! Bibles will be presented to upper elementary students during the service. If you would like to donate one of these Bibles please contact the church office.



2023 Annual Conference June 7-10, La Vista, NE.

The 2023 Annual conference will be held Wednesday through Saturday June 7 - 10 at the La Vista Conference Center in La Vista, Nebraska (near Omaha, about 3.5 hours from Baldwin City). Watch for lodging and registration information to be made available from the Great Plains Conference.



***Worship Services 9:30 AM
(in person and live stream)***

April 2 Palm Sunday Holy Week begins
Confirmation Kickoff Mtg for Parents
2PM at Eudora UMC

April 5 Caregiver Group meeting 1PM
in Fellowship Hall

April 6 Maundy Thursday online
stream

April 7 Good Friday Service 7pm
BFUMC

April 9 Easter "He Has Risen!"
Sunrise Service 7AM Sullivan Park
Easter breakfast afterwards at BFUMC
Easter Worship Service 9:30 BFUMC
Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School
hour

April 12 Senior Gathering 2-4PM in
Fellowship Hall

April 17 Leadership Board Meeting
7PM

April 22 L.I.N.K.

April 23
BFUMC Bible Presentation Sunday
UMC Native American Sunday
Confirmation Mtg 2PM at BFUMC
UWF Spring Salad Supper 6:00pm

April 30 Youth Community Fellowship
"End of School Celebration" 6:30-
7:30PM

***Church Streaming & Zoom Meeting
Links Directory***

*Note: Links are accessible in the email version of
this newsletter, the links are not available on
the website version of the Vine due to PDF
format.*

***9:30AM Sunday Worship
Live Stream:**

<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>

or at

<https://www.facebook.com/baldwinfirstumc>

Sunday School and Small Groups are
meeting at 10:45a.m. on Sundays unless
otherwise announced:

Adult Classes: Journey's (Beek's
Memorial Chapel), Lamplighters
(Library), Children's Sunday school,
PK-5th grade (upstairs), B.L.A.S.T.
crew, for middle and high schoolers
(Youth Room downstairs)

***For ALL scheduled CHURCH
meetings there is an
optional Zoom Mtgs:**

<https://zoom.us/join>

mtg ID #: 9644607669



News items or pictures for the church newsletter, The Vine, is due by the 4th Monday of every month. If you prefer to get the newsletter electronically, please provide your current email address to the office (785.594.6612 or email baldwinfirstumc@gmail.com) to help save on postage costs.

Please call office upon arrival for access to the building.

Church office hours 9am-2pm, Monday-Thursday,

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