



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



On Jan 23, Baldwin First had our very first-ever Leadership Board meeting. The truth was, it was a nervous time for everyone gathered. Our church has been around for 168 years, and spent most of that time doing the business of the church in a specific way. We are bound to have big feelings about a change in our patterns. I won't tell you not to feel anxious about this. I also won't tell you not to feel worried about leaning into a 6 week season without me in worship and meetings while I am on spiritual renewal leave. What I will say instead is that I trust in the new thing God is doing here, in this place, at this moment. I will instead encourage you in the words of social media influencer Elyse Meyers "Do it scared!"

I will be continuing to lead actively until February 14, and will return to my duties on March 28 (in time for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter). While I am gone, here are some of the things you can look forward to:

- Excellent Pastoral Care coverage by two United Methodist elders in our area, Rev. Kevin Hopkins and Rev Ken Parker.
- Meaningful Worship is organized and led by our congregation with guest preaching, much of which comes from within the gifts of our own community.
- A Lenten Series that will dive into the Beatitudes and explore questions about what Jesus means when he says "The Kin(g)dom of God is near" and why it was central to his ministry.
- Collaborations that bring the best gifts of Baldwin First, Ives Chapel, Edgerton and Eudora UMC together.

I am so grateful for a grant from the Great Plains Conference that will cover the costs of this renewal leave, and the resources they've provided for our transition to a single Leadership Board model as well as for so many who have said "yes" to the Spirit's prodding to try new things. I am filled with joy and excitement and hope for not only the time to tend my own soul but also for what God is doing with this time in the life of our congregation!

Grace and Peace to you all,
Rev Amanda Baker

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Laura Dickinson
(July 12, 1957-Jan 19 2023)

*Memorial Services are
Feb. 4, 10:00AM at
Baldwin First UMC Reception
to follow at the Lumberyard
Arts Center.*





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

The 2022 Budget: \$159,300 (with the average contribution Of \$13,275.00 needed each month to meet the budget: \$13,275.00). Total contributions received for the month of December was \$31689.16.

The 2023 budget is \$167,943.49 (with the average contribution amount of \$13,995.25 needed each month of this new year to meet this budget)

Contributions can be place in the plate in the narthex. To donate online go to <https://baldwinfirst.org/give-online> please indicate your designated area of funding when donating online

Optionally you can text amount to 855.905.1967 or scan the QR code



Attention Community Seniors! for ages 55-105

Come to an Introduction gathering on Tuesday, February 14th in Baldwin First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 1-2PM.

Help us plan a monthly Gathering of Seniors for fun and creative programs.

Please RSVP to the church Office, 785.594.6612. with your name. Leave a message if need be.



PLEASE NOTE: Food Pantry Hours will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month 9-10:30AM. Contact Nancy Arnold (narnold448@gmail.com) or Susan Butell (for more information on Food Pantry and if interested in serving with LINK (the latter is a quarterly event).

Community Youth Group
(Baldwin1st, Eudora, Edgerton & Ives
Chapel UMC's)

"Cookies & Cards" (making valentine cookies & decorate cards for homebound members) meeting Feb 12, at Edgerton UMC (2084 M 130th Rd, Edgerton) 6:30-8:00pm.



Stay connected with Youth Group
Updates with the "Band" App at:
<https://band.us/n/a8a777s7s0y5c>
or by scanning the QR code provided.

Fat Tuesday

The text "Fat Tuesday" is written in a large, bubbly, orange font with a purple outline and small white dots. To the right of the word "Tuesday" is a golden masquerade mask with purple and pink feathers.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed
February 21, 5:30 to 7 pm
Fellowship Hall
Donations accepted



10:45am on Sunday's

Journey's Class

Are you interested in laughter, conversation, prayer, coffee, and a weekly lesson from the best Book of all? Join the Journeys adult Sunday school class right after church each Sunday. We meet in Beek's Memorial Chapel behind the sanctuary and we would love for you to join us! On February 5 we will be starting a new study so it's a perfect time to join in!

Lamplighter's Class

The Lamplighters continue on the pilgrimage we have been on for several weeks. Although virtual, the journey is more than 1,500 miles and we are doing it primarily on foot! The author of our study did the actual route on foot and the insight he provides makes clear that the physical, emotional and intellectual trek seeking a better understanding of faith requires much of each of us. We have just passed Great Saint Bernard and are finally in Italy for the rest of our journey on the Via Francigena. Come join us! We meet in the Church library.



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

Feb 1 Care Giving Group meeting 1 pm
in Fellowship Hall

Feb 4 UWF meeting 9:30am
Feb 5 UWF Sunday

Feb 12 Community Youth Fellowship
at Edgerton UMC (2084 N 1300 Rd,
Edgerton) 6:30 - 8PM

Feb 14 Valentines Day
Senior Fun Gathering Time, 1 to 2PM
Fellowship Hall

Feb 16 Federal Holiday

Feb 19 Transformation Sunday

Feb 20 Leadership Council Meeting
7pm

Feb 21 "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Feed in
Fellowship Hall

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday (at Ives
Chapel)

Feb 26 First Sunday of Lent

***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 for the Vine need to be in the office by the evening of Church Council (the 4th Monday of every month). If you prefer to get the newsletter electronically, please provide your email address to the office (594.6612 or office@baldwinfirst.org) to help alleviate mailing costs.
Church office hours 9-2, Monday-Thursday

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