

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



Just a week ago, on Feb 22, we began the season of Lent with an observance of Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a call to remember our mortality, examine our lives, and repent, or turn toward God. It launches us into an entire season of self-examination and repentance we call Lent. This year, for Lent, Baldwin First, Ives Chapel, Edgerton and Eudora UMC's are all taking a look at the same set of questions- an attempt to get at the heart of Jesus' message for the world and for us: "The Kingdom of God has come near." (Mark 1:14-15 paraphrased)

We will do this using an article by Rev. Dr. Mark D Roberts "Jesus and the Kingdom of God: What You Need to Know" found online at

<https://depre.org/jesus-and-the-kingdom-of-god-what-you-need-to-know/#introduction>

Hard copies of the document for personal devotion are available through the office with availability during Sunday worship.

Together, you'll explore important questions such as:

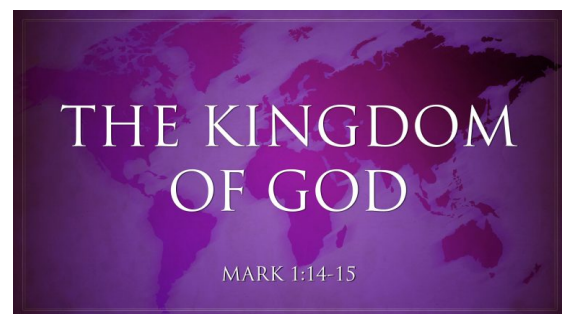
- What is the kingdom of God?
- How did Jesus proclaim the message of the kingdom?

- Where is the kingdom of God?
- When is the kingdom of God coming?
- What will life in the kingdom of God be like?
- Who will bring the kingdom of God?
- How is the kingdom of God coming?

Most exciting to me is that this Lenten season is lay-led. You will be discovering together, as co-creators of the journey, in a way that I believe will bring even greater fruitfulness.

I can't wait to return for Holy Week and to begin to learn what the Spirit has revealed in and through you in this season!

Peace,
Rev. Amanda Baker



Baldwin First United Methodist Church
Leadership Board Meeting
January 23, 2023

Our Mission:

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

705 pm: Opening Prayer was given by Doug Cheek

Doug Cheek presented the Orientation of typical meeting, expectations, and gave the spiritual formation devotion focusing on the work that has been done for the church over the last year and speaking on our sister Laura and all she did for the congregation and community. She will always be a part of our lives and a part of this congregation.

Mike Curran presented a story on how we lead in the community. He shared that a gentlemen and his son came into the church after most of the congregation had left on a Sunday and was looking for blessed water for his son who had experienced and bad dream the night before. It just so happened that on that Sunday the sermon was on Jesus baptism and we did in fact have blessed water (not something we normally have). Just a small anecdote to day that our church is a pillar of the community and we all serve as leaders.

There was a review of new people that have attended in the past month. Future meetings will expand on this subject.

In Future meetings there will be a Goal Review and Accountability Conversation as our Church Goals are established for the year.

Doug indicated that a Packet and Consent Calendar will be sent along with last months minutes a week before the Leadership Board Meeting.

Team Leads were discussed for congregation. Teams will be vital to getting the work of the church mission done. It was discussed that each Team have a lead and that we have a sign up day for members of the congregation to determine how they would like to be stewards of this congregation.

Teams would include: Worship, Maintenance, CareGivers (Monthly Support), Congregational Care, Missions, Adult Ministry, Children Ministry, Technology, Hospitality, and Fellowship.

Each Board member was asked to reach out and talk with perspective Team Leads and we will finalize at the February meeting. Teams will set their own schedule and submit items/reports to the leadership board chair/recording secretary one week before the Leadership Board Meeting for review.

Generative and Strategic Work

Item 1 – Name Recording Secretary – It was proposed and voted on by 8 members of the board that Kathy Cook be the Board Recording Secretary. Kathy accepted and will serve as the recording secretary of the Leadership Board.

Item 2 – Elect Chair of Trustees – It was proposed and voted on by 8 members of the board that Mike Curran be the Chair of Trustees. This is a requirement of discipline.

Item 3 – Monthly Schedule Calendar

The next meeting will be (March) 20th and we will discuss the metric from last year (budget, attendance, mission, etc.)

Pastor Amanda presented the Closing Prayer

Attendees: Doug Cheek, Donna and Mike Curran, Kathleen Thomas, Marcia O’Neil, Katherine Cook, Brad Peterson, Joanne Kite, Pam Sharp, Linda Ballinger, Nancy Arnold, Frank and Cynthia Perez, Ryan Berg, Pastor Amanda, Coleen Burgess

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 of \$13,995.25 , about 8.3%, needed each month to meet this budget). January contributions were \$10,641.00 6.1% of our budget.

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



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 (for more information on Food Pantry and if interested in serving with LINK (the latter is a quarterly event).

Family Activity



During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors. These past few years have been challenging when trying to find ways to serve our neighbors while remaining physically distant. This time has also reminded us that we need to demonstrate compassion to others now more than ever. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need. One way to involve the whole family is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money. There is a suggested [Coins for Lent Giving Calendar](#) as a family guide for your use.

If you decide to do this as a family or as a congregation, first determine where you would like your money to go. Regardless of their age, let everyone have a voice. Maybe you have a community food bank that could use funds to purchase food for the hungry. Perhaps you could contribute to a larger project beyond your local community. Locally the Community Emergency Fund (baldwincommunityemergencyfund@gmail.com). Once you have selected a project, decide what coins you want to collect. You may want to contribute a quarter for every item on the giving calendar. You may want to simply collect loose change and give whatever coins you have for each item.

Now make a container to collect the money. Use a plastic tub, jar, or a coin bank that you aren't currently using in your home. Decorate it and place it where the entire family can see it (and contribute to it).

Sample of items on the daily guide will remind us of all we have and how little others may have. Each Sunday, you can pray as a family for the project and the people who will benefit from your gifts. Our giving begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Holy Saturday. During Lent, Sundays are for worship and praise to God and are reflected with a weekly day of prayer. It's not too late to start doing this during the Lent season. Its not too late to start. Majority of the season of Lent is still before us. Follow the [Coins for Lent Giving Calendar](#) as a guide. Copies are available in the Narthex for pick up.

~Kevin Johnson, Director, Children's Ministries for Congregational Vitality & Intentional Discipleship at Discipleship Ministries

The Impact of Congregations

Consider the impact of congregations on your own life. Suppose someone could extract from your life all the influences that God has had on you through faith communities. Imagine if you could pull out of your mind and heart all the thousands of sermons you have heard, the tens of thousands of hymns you have sung, the pastoral prayers and personal devotions that have formed you. Remove all the people from your life and memory whom you have come to know and from whom you have learned and with whom you have worked – the pastors, friends, colleagues, laypersons, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers. Extract from your soul all the work projects, the meetings, the conversations, the service initiatives, the soup kitchens, the mission trips, hospital visits and support from others you have experienced. Extract all the weddings and funerals, (confirmation classes), volunteer hours, stewardship campaigns, prayer vigils, children's programs, mission fairs, camp experiences, and youth ministries.

If you could remove from your life all the influences congregations have ever had on you, who would you be? You'd be someone substantially different from who you are now. The congregations to which you have belonged – their people and pastors, their ministries and teachings and program, their worship and service, their music and rituals. Their communities and caring – these have been the means God has used to form who you are. They shaped you. Congregations are primary means by which God reaches down into our lives to work on our behalf. God uses congregations to create us a new, to claim us as God's own, and to call us to God's service. It is through congregations that God's spirit shapes how we understand ourselves, how we relate to our families, how we view community, and how we participate in the world.

~UMC Bishop Robert Schnase, Rio Texas Conference – www.fivepractices.org

ON THAT PREVIOUS NOTE: Let's share the experience of being part of a congregation by letting the community know who we are. We have official Baldwin First t-shirts and hoodies for order. Deadline: March 12th. Make checks to Baldwin First UMC with shirts in the memo line. Drop off completed forms during weekday office hours or at Sunday worship. Order forms are in the narthex and on the website at Baldwinfirst.org/first-merch.

First United Methodist Church

DEADLINE TO ORDER: ?? - Please Make Checks Payable to: FUMC

LEFT CHEST	FULL BACK	ADDITIONAL COLOR OPTIONS	Bella+Canvas Unisex Tee \$22/each Short Sleeve \$25/each Long Sleeve Add \$3 for XX-XXXL																									
		  VINTAGE NAVY ASPHALT  	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">COLOR</td> <td style="text-align: center;">SIZE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">QTY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____
Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL																								
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																								

VINTAGE BLACK
This color is available in Short or Long Sleeve

FULL FRONT	ADDITIONAL COLOR OPTIONS	Bella+Canvas Unisex Tee \$18/each Short Sleeve \$21/each Long Sleeve Add \$3 for XX-XXXL																									
	  VINTAGE NAVY ASPHALT  	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">COLOR</td> <td style="text-align: center;">SIZE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">QTY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">L S</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____	L S	_____	_____	_____	_____
Long or Short Sleeve (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL																							
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																							
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																							
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																							
L S	_____	_____	_____	_____																							

VINTAGE BLACK

DESIGN 1	HOODIES AVAILABLE IN BLACK ONLY	DESIGN 2	Bella+Canvas Sponge Fleece Hoody Design #1 \$35/each Design #2 \$28/each Add \$3 for XX-XXXL																									
			<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Design 1 or Design 2 (Circle One)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">COLOR</td> <td style="text-align: center;">SIZE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">QTY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 2</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 2</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 2</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 2</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Design 1 or Design 2 (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL	1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Design 1 or Design 2 (Circle One)	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL																								
1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____																								
1 2	_____	_____	_____	_____																								

YOUR NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	ORDER TOTAL





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

March 1 Care Giving Group meeting
1PM in Fellowship Hall

March 3 World Day of Prayer

March 4 UWF meeting 9:30am

March 12 Day Light Savings Time
begins

March 14 No Senior Fun Gathering this
month, next one will be Apr 12 2-4PM
Fellowship Hall

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 19 UMCOR Sunday

March 20 Leadership Council Meeting
7pm

**Church Streaming & Zoom Meeting
Links Directory**

***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 (meets in
Beek's Memorial Chapel), Lamplighters
(meets in the 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

Baldwin First United Methodist Church | 704 8th St, Box 25, Baldwin City, KS 66006
785.594.6612

[Unsubscribe office@baldwinfirst.org](mailto:office@baldwinfirst.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by office@baldwinfirst.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!