



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Our hearts are moved by the needs of neighbors near and far- refugees of wars in Ukraine and elsewhere, wildfires in the western US and the hurricane season along our coasts and in global communities. One way to respond with God's love is through UMCOR- United Methodist Committee on Relief- an international relief agency through the UMC that has an A+ rating through Charity Watch. This means they are known globally for doing work with and alongside local agencies, for remaining in the work throughout a lengthy recovery process and for fidelity in getting donated funds to people in need.

You can specify if you'd like your gift to be used for global relief or domestic relief, or you can choose to give undesignated funds that can be used wherever they are most needed.

I pray you will join me in responding with mercy to neighbors in need.

May God's peace be upon you,

Rev Amanda Baker

Prayer for Peace

Loving God of all peoples and nations, hear us when we call to you, answer our prayers, and show us your salvation. We unite in prayer with people of faith throughout the world for a swift end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for the men, women, children, and families fleeing their homes in fear because of the terror and destruction that wastes their communities and way of life. Be their shelter, a strong refuge, and fortress. Cover them with your pinions and give them refuge under your wings. Send forth and give your angels charge over the dissenting voices, delegations, leaders, and governments that speak out for peace and seek an end to war, granting them success. With your Spirit, lead your churches to be agents of spiritual and temporal comfort, hope, and strength. Christ of all peoples and nations, Prince of Peace, for the sake of your sorrowful passion, hear our prayer and have mercy on us and on the whole world. Your reign of endless peace, justice, and righteousness come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

— Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.
Great Plains Conference



Nancy Arnold, Council Chair., arnoldn446@gmail.com
Council Minutes and Finance Update (Brad Peterson., Chair PETERSONBRAD@HOTMAIL.COM) are
subsequently posted one month later after committee approval.

Baldwin First United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting August 22, 2022

Attendees: Staff: Pastor Amanda Baker. Council Members: Council Chair Nancy Arnold, Linda Ballinger, Cynthia Perez, Brad Peterson, and Kathleen Thomas. Laura Dickinson joined via Zoom. Advisory Member: Katherine Cook

Opening: Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Linda moved and Kathleen seconded the approval of the minutes of the July meeting. The motion carried.

Finances: Brad will speak to the congregation on Sunday, August 28th. The committee will begin to work on the 2023 budget at their next meeting. There is just under \$13,000 in the running checking account. It is perceived that we may not need to draw from the approved line of credit to meet the demands of the capital campaign.

There was discussion regarding whether Missions should have a line item on the general budget. The discussion will continue with Missions and the Finance Committee.

SPPRC: Cynthia shared that there will be an SPPRC spotlight article in the newsletter to keep an open line of communication.

Care Givers: Linda welcomes a new member to the group. They continue to reach out to the community with help for all Care Givers.

Missions: Laura shared that they are determining what should be done for Maple Leaf and how to generate funds for services they would like to offer.

September is Hunger Awareness Month. The food pantry has reopened, but early numbers are smaller than they have been in the past.

Missions plans to reach out to local facilities such as the nursing home and Vintage Park for the months of November and December.

Worship: Kathleen recognized that there have been new volunteers to serve as liturgist. Children's time volunteers would be greatly welcome.

Cynthia asked about candle lighting acolytes. Discussion indicated that it might be time to renew the tradition.

UWF: Linda shared that there will be a meeting on September 10th to determine Fall activities.

Trustees: Nancy expressed concerns for the dying elm tree in the corner of our lot; she would like to be proactive in addressing this concern.

Pastor's Moment: September sermons will be based on the Ted Lasso series. Pastors Amanda and Ross will be sharing their responsibilities. Confirmation class will be scheduled.

There will be no worship in the building during Maple Leaf; instead, Pastor Amanda is asking people to snap photos of church family members they encounter during the festival.

Council Chair: There will be a celebration of the Capital Campaign at 9 a.m. in Beeks Chapel on September 11th prior to service.

Closing: Pastor Amanda offered a closing prayer at 8:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Katherine Cook

NOTE: Staff and building **SAFETY procedures** are temporarily being put in place while safety protocols are being reviewed. Outside doors will remain unlocked as usual during office business hours 9am to 2pm, M-Th. However, if there is only one staff person occupying the church building then those doors will be locked. If you, or visitors, need to enter the church during those business hours, call the church office to be admitted. Common and professional courtesy dictates those of you who have keys and enter the church should let the office know when you are in the building. If outside workers are contracted to do work within the building, the person scheduling them are to let them in and then make sure the building is secured afterwards, particularly if after 2 pm. This is an interim plan until safety protocols are created and put in place.

Most Current Financial Update:

The 2022 Budget is \$159,300 (with an average contribution amount needed each month to meet the annual budget: \$13,275.00) total contributions received for the month of August was \$7181.29, 55% of the budget, out of needed 64% of what should be met by this time.

<https://baldwinfirst.org/give-online>

indicate your designated fund: general funds, food pantry, or Capital Campaign

Text amount to 855.905.1967
Or Scan our QR code



Laura Dickinson, Mission Chair., ldminbc@gmail.com

Food Pantry Hrs: 2nd & 4th Saturdays monthly, 9:00am-10:30am

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR activities:

Hurricane Ian and Disaster Relief – We can only imagine what the aftermath of Hurricane Ian will bring for so many. What we do know is that when natural disaster strikes, United Methodists have a long legacy of helping their neighbors and communities through UMCOR. Please join in prayer for the safety of those in the path of the storm and for first responders who will assist those who are impacted. If you would like to financially support the U.S. disaster relief fund with UMCOR, go to <https://advance.umcor.org> and give to ADVANCE# 901670.

September through December – The USD social workers have established mini-pantries of nonperishable items for immediate needs with students at each of the schools. We will be collecting items in the narthex to distribute to the different schools as needed and suggested items include, fruit rollups, dried fruit, nuts, pudding packs, granola bars, nut-free foods, soup cups, ramen noodle packages, applesauce cups, etc.

Maple Leaf – Thank you to all those who have signed up to assist with or donated items for the Maple Leaf fundraiser on October 15th. It will be a great day of fellowship and raise funds to support various BFUMC missional outreach projects throughout the year.

Alternative Halloween -UNICEF NEW YORK (September 27, 2022) – UNICEF USA announces the launch of the new, digital Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF experience, bringing the tradition firmly into the 21st century. A QR code will launch across the United States in early October and will be available for download and use throughout the month. Over nearly eight decades, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has built an unprecedented global support system for the world's children. In 1950, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF was inceptioned to help children affected by World War II. From collecting loose change in hand-painted orange milk cartons to distribute powdered milk to hungry children in post-World War II Europe, to the iconic little orange boxes, to a brand-new, modern and simple to use QR code, the Trick-or-Treat campaign has evolved to a rapidly changing world. The move from the iconic little orange boxes to a QR code is a way to reimagine the campaign for an increasingly digital world.

As the longest-running youth engagement campaign in the United States, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has raised more than \$195 million to date: funding UNICEF and its work to prevent childhood diseases, building schools and wells, delivering humanitarian aid to children and adolescents affected by war, natural disasters and other emergencies. Donations to the Trick or-Treat campaign will aid UNICEF in assisting families where they need it most; from in and around Ukraine, to providing therapeutic food and water in drought-stricken Eastern Africa, to helping families

survive harsh winters and to delivering emergency relief to children globally.

Learn more at trickortreatforunicef.org.

About UNICEF The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to pursue a more equitable world for every child. UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization, by providing health care and immunizations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

Ukraine – Great Plains Conference Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. has written a prayer and encourages United Methodists to print it out and to say it daily until armed conflict ceases in Ukraine.

TALKING POINTS: FOOD ASSISTANCE & HUNGER IN THE HEARTLAND 2021

This is an unprecedented study of the Kansas Food Bank and its pantry partners. It is a comprehensive look at our neighbors who face food insecurity and the pantries that serve them.

- Kansas Food Bank worked with the University of Missouri's Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security to examine the impacts of hunger and the difficult choices many people face to make ends meet.
- This study illustrates the critical role the Kansas Food Bank and pantries play in supplying food to struggling families. (47% of households served get at least half of their monthly food from a food pantry).
- Kansas Food Bank pantries serve over 945,000 people annually.
- The working poor make up half of the people served by food pantries.
- Hunger is linked to a series of health problems, including diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol.
- There are significant gaps in nutrition safety net program participation.

KEY FINDINGS:

Neighbors facing hunger face tough choices to make ends meet.

- 39% of households had to choose between paying for food and medicine/medical care
- 48% had to choose between food and utilities
- 39% consumed food past its expiration date
- 33% had to choose between paying for food and housing
- 25% sold or pawned personal items to pay for food

Hunger impacts a wide range of neighbors.

- 50% of households have at least one working adult
- 63% of clients surveyed are white
- 37% of households have at least one adult over the age of 65
- 45% have at least one child under the age of 18
- 79% of clients surveyed have a high-school degree or higher level of education
- 14% include a military veteran

Food insecure neighbors can face significant health issues.

- 60% of households served purchased the least expensive food in the past 12 months, even if it wasn't the healthiest option
- 43% have a member with diabetes or pre-diabetes
- 62% have a member with high blood pressure
- 46% have a member with no health insurance of any kind

There are significant gaps between those who are eligible for safety net programs and those who participate.

- 82% of households served have incomes that make them eligible for SNAP, but only 41% participate
- 38% of households with children 5 and under used WIC in the previous year.
- 67% with children under 18 participate in free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch.



Choir

Gary Keller, Choir Director, glk1245@aol.com

CHORAL NEWS FOR ALL!

As the hymn lyric states "This Is a Day of New Beginnings time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone."*

Indeed the effects of Covid affected us all in a multitude of ways. Perhaps the greatest effect is the unknown of how we were affected.

It is a time of remembering but looking to a new future with the help of former and new choral members. Looking forward to a new time and challenge in what is anticipated and yes, hopeful in music ministry.

Choir will be taking a greater leadership role in strengthening and supporting congregational hymn singing. Scheduling for rehearsals will commence on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm prior to the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. This affords choir the opportunity to lead either hymn singing or present a choral anthem on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Special music may be provided for other worship services during the month.

"Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new."*

Consider joining our group as a volunteer singer, as always, all are invited and welcomed. Join our music ministry and find new and exciting ways to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

In our music God is glorified.
~Gary Keller

*UMH#383 " This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Brian Wren and Carlton Young, Hope Publishing Company



B.L.A.S.T.*

*Believing Loving And Serving Together: Jr High and High school group

Angela Murray, Murrayslanding@gmail.com

Brad Peterson, PetersonBrad@hotmail.com

BLAST Crew welcomes junior high and high school students to join us for Bible study, fellowship, service activities and fun during Sunday School hour each week. In October, we will also be helping with Maple Leaf. Contact Angela (murrayslanding@gmail.com) or Brad (petersonbrad@hotmail.com) if your student wants to help with set-up at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 12th or to help the Missions Team with the booth during the festival.

Youth Fellowship Opportunities

Join in the Community Youth group with area UMC churches! The nearterm tentative schedule on Sunday evenings includes:

- Oct 23rd Kick off Event Ice Cream Sundae Bar, games and worship at Baldwin Ives Chapel (1018 Miami St. Baldwin City) 6:30-7:30pm
- Nov 20th "Friendsgiving" at Edgerton UMC (300 E. Fourth St. Edgerton) 5:30-7:30pm adjusted time
- Dec 11th "Christmas Light Scavenger Hut" meet at Baldwin1st (704 8th st, Baldwin City) end at Eudora UMC (2084 N. 1300th Rd) 6:00-8:00pm adjusted time

Stay connected with Youth
Group Updates with the Band
App:



BFUMC's mission Statement:

To love and serve God and our neighbors as disciples of Jesus Christ

In my discipleship I will be like Enoch, walking in daily fellowship with our Creator; like Job, patient under all circumstances; like Abraham, trusting completely in our God; like Sarah, laughing for joy at God's great promise; like Joseph, able to turn away from all evil advances; like Moses, choosing life over death; like Aaron and Hur, constantly upholding the hands of our spiritual leaders; like Caleb and Joshua, refusing to be discouraged even in the face of greater numbers; like Gideon, advancing even though friends be few; like Ruth, loyalty above all to family; like David, lifting up mine eyes unto the hills from whence comes my help; like Jehoshaphat, preparing my heart to seek God; like Isaiah, consecrated to always do God's work; like Daniel, able to commune with God all the time; like Mary, loving God so much she birthed our Lord and Savior; like the angels, proclaiming the message of peace and good will to all; like John, always leaning upon the example of the Master Teacher; like Andrew, ever striving to lead my family to a closer walk with Christ; like Stephen, manifesting a forgiving spirit toward all people; like Paul, forgetting these things which are behind and pressing on forward; and like Priscilla, a pioneer for for growing churches. In my discipleship, I will be such! ~ adapted from Wesley D. Taylor, from "A Cup of Coffee at the Soul Cafe" by Leonard Sweet.



-EST. 1855-
BALDWIN FIRST
 United Methodist Church
 church website link
<https://baldwinfirst.org/baldwin-first>



The Coffee Station in Beeks' chapel has been spruced up, check it out and enjoy a cup before or after worship service.

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

Oct 2 World Communion Sunday

Oct 3 Missions Committee 7:00PM

Oct 5 Cruising Cupboard 10:30 to 11:30 am at Library (800 7th St)
 Caregiving group meets at 1:00pm,
No Choir Meeting this week

Oct 10 Columbus Day, Federal Holiday,
 church office closed
 Trustees Mtg 7:00PM

Oct 15-16 Maple Leaf Weekend, no church. Come support Mission Fundraiser "walking Tacos" that Saturday 1:30-3:00pm on BFUMC grounds!

Oct 17 Finance Mtg 7:00PM
 SPPRC Mtg 7:00PM

Oct 23 **Kick off Event** for Community Youth Group, Ives Chapel

Oct 24 Council Mtg 7:00PM

Oct 30 Reformation



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.

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

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

<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>

or at

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

***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

OUR MISSION IS TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST



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

[Unsubscribe office@baldwinfirst.org](#)

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

Sent by office@baldwinfirst.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!