



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)*

Pastor: Rev. Amanda Baker

October 2019

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

*"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the largest of all vegetable plants.
It becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."
- Matt. 13:31-32*

We live in a world that values big, grand, and powerful. And in the month of October, we here in Baldwin City get pretty wrapped up in some seriously BIG stuff. Maple Leaf brings an explosion of the big and grand to our little town. We might even get trapped in a nostalgia for the days when more of what we did was big and grand, because big and flashy and powerful seems to be what gets stuff done. That's the way the world works.

But it's not how God works. Over and over again in the Bible, God seeks out the small. God values the seemingly insignificant. God chooses the overlooked, and uses them to bring the kingdom of heaven more fully among us.

Remember the rag tag group of nobodies called Hebrews? Or the ridiculously ill-equipped shepherd boy named David? Or the no-status, uneducated teenage girl named Mary?

And the divine rescue plan for creation seems to favor nowhere places like Bethlehem (known as Judah's runt of the litter) or that backwater Galilee that made respectable folks wonder "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

In God's hands, the small, insignificant and overlooked become beautiful, abundant and life-changing. These are mustard seed moments, and they remind us that the divine presence is at work right now. Right here in everyday life. Just as we are.

This month, amid the grandeur of Maple Leaf, try *living in the little*. Look for mustard seeds and trust that God knows what to do with them. Throughout each day, notice the holy stuff that you usually overlook. Value the people whom the world treats as insignificant. Recognize the sacred and small.

And celebrate each mustard seed moment with this prayer:
Lord, let your kingdom come. On earth as it is in heaven.

If you are a social media user, watch our accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more prompts to look for the sacred in the small, and make sure to use #MustardSeeds when you reply.

* Our October worship series, Mustard Seed Moments was written by Teresa Stewart, and is a copyrighted product of Paper Bag Cathedrals Publishing.

Peace in Christ,
Rev Amanda Baker

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Pastor Amanda's (approximate) Office Hours

The work of a Pastor is often best done in places other than the church office, and still, I value having time when people know where to find me.

I plan to be in the church office on **Tuesdays from 9am- 12pm**, and on **Thursdays from 9am- 10:50am**.
(Baker Chapel begins at 11 on Thursdays)

These are times when I will be working on things that can easily be set aside if folks decide to stop by to visit.

On **Mon-Thursday from 9am-3pm** I am available by phone if I am not in my office

I have committed to **check my email at 9am and 2pm on M-Th**, but may check it at other times with less consistency.

MISSIONS

Laura Dickinson, Chair, ldinbc@gmail.com

MAPLE LEAF HELP NEEDED

Maple Leaf Festival weekend is right around the corner!! During the Maple Leaf Festival on Saturday, October 19th from 11 a.m. until around 1 p.m., Baldwin First UMC will serve Chili and Soup in Fellowship Hall, as has been the tradition for the last 20+ years. All proceeds support BFUMC Missions projects throughout the year. HELP IS NEEDED!!! There is much preparation for the event and lots of jobs to do on Saturday. It is an opportunity for Maple Leaf attendees to come inside and sit down, eat some good food, buy a dessert from the UMW and enjoy Baldwin First and its people. Below is a link for you to sign up to help or you can email Laura Dickinson at the above email address to sign up.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C094CAAAB2AA3F94-bfumc>

God, instill in us the desire to bear one another's burdens. Give us eyes to see your image in each other and ourselves. - *adapted from Common Prayer*



Saturday, October 5	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting – Library
Wednesday, October 16	1:30 p.m.	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
Saturday, October 19	9:00 – noon	UMW Maple Leaf Bake Sale
	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Chili Feed- Fellowship Hall
Thurs., October 24	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle



Bon Fire
October 27 at 5:30 pm
Come for fun and fellowship!
Welch Family Farm - 639 East 1700 Road, Baldwin

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided

Please bring a side dish and lawn chairs
And
A Carved Pumpkin for the Pumpkin Contest

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Are you ever asked to lead Children's Time? Do you ever spend Saturday night (or Sunday morning) wildly scouring the internet for a children's message to go with the week's scripture? Do you ever have misgivings about children's messages that feel more like a cute skit than like deep and meaningful worship?

You are invited to spend the morning of Saturday Nov 2 (9AM-12PM) with Teresa Stewart, creative director of Paper Bag Cathedrals. She will share 10 models for shaping children's times that allow children to lead powerful moments of worship for the whole congregation.

The event is free but we ask that those planning to attend please register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17npGU2N3b7c8y6_oOp4yHBs66bdPaQI5gQU8Azaa_ik/edit

Childcare is available for a small cost.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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Children’s Church: Our Children’s Church ministry resumed from its summer break on September 8th during our 10:45am Worship Service. Children’s Church takes place on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month after the Children’s Sermon. Kids ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to gather together in Fellowship Hall for a time of worship and fun. (3rd Grade students "graduate" to "grown-up" worship once they receive their Bible on Bible Sunday - November 24th).

KidMinistry Sunday School: Our KidMinistry Sunday School meets at 9:30 - 10:30am. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us in our 2 Sunday School classes: PreK - 1st grade and 2nd -5th grade. We gather on the 2nd floor of the church (one level up from the Sanctuary). We can’t wait to see lots of kiddos in Sunday School!

****KidMinistry Sunday School Offering:** Our KidMinistry Sunday School Offering is used to sponsor a child through World Vision ministries. Our child is a 7 year old girl named Theresa Kafula from Zambia, Africa. Our sponsorship is \$35 per month, which World Vision uses to provide much needed resources for Theresa, her family, and her community...things like clean water, clothing, food, and education. Every penny, dime, nickel, quarter, and dollar we can share is a blessing to Theresa and her family. Please keep Theresa in your prayers and remember to bring a little bit of money to put in the collection plate to help her!

****Our KidMinistry needs YOU!** *There is currently a need for 1 more Sunday School Teacher for the 2nd - 5th grade class! Class materials and lessons are available. If you have a desire to spread the love of God to the children of the church, please consider being a part of this ministry! Please contact Tricia Enright or Cynthia Perez for more information.*

Upcoming Dates:

***November 24th - Bible Sunday** **3rd grade students will receive church sponsored Bibles during the 10:45 worship service. Please contact Tricia Enright if you have a 3rd grade child. Also, if you would like to sponsor a 3rd grader, please let Tricia know.*

****The Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church highly recommends that all individuals working with children and youth complete a boundary awareness training called Safe Gatherings. This is an online training accessed through the conference website. <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/safegatherings>. The church conference conducts a criminal background check on those completing the Safe Gatherings training. The cost of the training is \$36 (for the background check) and the church will cover this cost. Baldwin FUMC makes every effort that individuals working with children and youth are Safe Gatherings certified (certification is good for 4 years). We appreciate our ministry volunteers being willing to complete this training so that we can ensure the safety of our children, youth, and leaders, as well.**

We love to have guests!! *Invite your friends to join us at Sunday School at 9:30am every Sunday!*

CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, (594-0345) 785.766.5803 or evadurand34@gmail.com

Sunday, October 6:
6:15 -8:00pm Jr. High Youth Group **6:15 -8:00pm** Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday, October 13:
12 Noon **INFORMATIONAL YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING for Students & Parents**
A brief meeting for those interested in participating in the 2020 Youth Mission Trip.
6:15 -8:00pm Jr. High Youth Group **6:15 -8:00pm** Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesday, October 16: Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Chalking

5:00pm *Fundraiser for 2020 Youth Mission Trip -- YOUTH*
Youth meet at the Lumberyard Arts Center to receive instructions on designating booth spaces in the downtown area (chalking numbers for booths). Work may be needed Thursday evening too.

Thursday, October 17: **Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser -- Chalking**
5:00pm *Fundraiser for 2020 Youth Mission Trip – YOUTH* See details above.

Saturday, October 19: **Maple Leaf Festival Fundraiser – Parade Security**
10am-12:30pm *Fundraiser for 2020 Youth Mission Trip -- PARENTS*
Parents of Youth needed to work as Parade Security! Meet at the Maple Leaf Festival Office to receive instructions and ‘fancy orange security’ vests.

Sunday, October 27:
TBA **Youth Fall Fun Night at the Welch’s**
All Youth (combined Jr. High & Sr. High) will meet at The Welch’s for fellowship and fall fun with a bonfire, hot dogs, S'Mores, and fun Halloween games!!

**** RSVP/\$100 deposit due for 2020 Group WorkCamp Youth Mission Trip. ****

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*If you are receiving this by mail and have an email address – please let us know your email address –
(594-6612 or office@baldwinfirst.org). Thank you.*
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**NEWS ITEMS FOR THE VINE NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE
BY THE EVENING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

October 2019

Sunday Services	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary Sunday School Worship – Sanctuary
Last Sunday of the Month	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Blended Worship - Sanctuary
Each Sunday (Sept. 8 - Oct. 13)	9:30 a.m.	A Necessary Conversation
1 st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions – Fellowship Hall
2 nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library Finance – Chapel
4 th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
Each Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1 st Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Caregivers – Library
1 st Saturday	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting - Library
1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
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Wed., October 2	1:00 p.m.	Caregivers – Library
Sat., October 5	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park United Methodist Women Executive Meeting – Library
Mon., October 7	7:00 p.m.	Mission
Mon., October 14	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
Wed., October 16	1:30 p.m.	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
Sat., October 19	11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 9 – noon	Maple Leaf Chili Feed – Fellowship Hall UMW Bake Sale
Mon., October 21	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library Finance – Chapel
Thurs., October 24	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle
Sun., October 27	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Combined Worship Fall Bonfire Fellowship at the Welch's - 639 East 1700 Road, Baldwin City
Mon., October 28	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
Sat., Nov. 2	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park UMW Executive Meeting - Library
Mon., Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mission
Wed., Nov. 6	1:00 p.m.	Caregivers - Library
Sat., November 9	5:30 p.m.	Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall