



# 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)*

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**Pastor: Rev. Amanda Baker**

**April 2019**

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

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## Waiting in the tension.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. -Psalm 130:5*

Lent is a time of tension. A time when, in worship, we confess our sins and long to hear words of pardon. A time when we commit to showing up for God in new and focused ways through prayer or fasting or works of mercy, and yet often become more aware of our inability to will ourselves closer to God.

In 2019, in the United Methodist Church, we are also walking a path of great tension in the denomination. We are waiting in tension to see what of the plans passed at General Conference will survive Judicial Council. We wait in tension to see how Bishops, Annual Conferences, Local Churches and clergy will respond to tightened definitions and heightened punishments. We wait in tension to see if our global connections will hold. We wait in tension to see how our relationships within our local church will hold.

And then comes Holy Week. A reminder that the people of God have known tension before. A reminder that the uncertainty is not new. The weariness is not new. The fear and anxiety are not new. We long for a way out, to fast forward through this part:

Through the heightened emotions of a last holiday meal together;  
through the dark sorrow of a prayer vigil;  
through the arrest, and trial, and torture of our beloved Lord;  
through the dark noon-hour of Good Friday;  
through the helpless waiting of Saturday.

But we cannot. This is how our God chooses to love us, to enter with us into those darkest, hardest, saddest, most anxiety riddled hours, to bear with us the unbearable waiting of Saturday, to descend even into death.

So that....

There is no dark corner of our lives or of our world untouched by redemption. There is no place the light of resurrection, for which we wait, cannot reach.

And so we wait, and even in the darkness... we hope. This is the tension and the beauty of Lent and Holy Week.

So May It Be.

Rev. Amanda Baker

**MISSIONS**Laura Dickinson, Chair, [ldinbc@gmail.com](mailto:ldinbc@gmail.com)

**LINK** - BFUMC will be serving at LINK on April 27th. If you are interested in assisting, please contact John Beins at [jbeins52@gmail.com](mailto:jbeins52@gmail.com).

**FOOD PANTRY** - 25 new crock pots were purchased and given to our neighbors at the food pantry as a result of generous donations during the holiday season. We will be giving away another 20 crock pots to neighbors in April during the Lenten season. If you would like to donate for the purchase of a crock pot, a check or funds can be given at the BFUMC office.

**March 31 - UMCOR SUNDAY** Immediately after hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and natural disasters of all sorts, the UMCOR provides survivors with food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies and basic items.

When United Methodists give generously on UMCOR Sunday, they support the operating activities of our worldwide relief and development agency. The offering ensures that 100 percent of every designated gift to UMCOR for disaster response and other critical needs goes directly to address those needs.

**May 05 - Cinco de Mayo** - Even though we do not have access to our kitchen, the Missions team will be sponsoring the annual taco dinner after the 10:45 service. The location is yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

*There's really no such thing as the 'voiceless'. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard. - Arundhati Roy*



Sat., April 6	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting – Library
Tues., April 9	6:30 p.m.	UMW Salad Supper - Lumberyard Arts Center
Wed., April 17	1:30 p.m.	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park
Thurs., April 25	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle – Sheryl Cleverley's

## UMW Spring Salad Supper

Guest Speaker: Vicky Leitnaker

Community Relations Manager of "Cornerstones Care, serving Kansas & Missouri

Tuesday April 9  
6:30-8:30PM

Lumberyard Arts Center  
718 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006  
RSVP by April 1 to Linda Ballinger 913-980-3831

Items for the Clinic  
Unscented Body Wash  
Unscented Deodorant  
Unscented Shampoo & Conditioner  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
Combs  
Ethnic Hair Products

### EASTER SUNDAY ...

We will have our Easter Brunch and Annual Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday school hour

There is a basket in narthex for donations

(Suggestions - Individually wrapped candy, stickers, small toys that fit in eggs etc.)

Thank you from The Fellowship Team.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shelly Todd, Director (594-2921), [ksl1987@embarqmail.com](mailto:ksl1987@embarqmail.com)

**\*\*KidMinistry Sunday School:** Our KidMinistry Sunday School meets at 9:30. Kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us in our 3 Sunday School classes: PreK-KDG, 1st-3rd, and 4th-5th. We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the church (one level up from the Sanctuary). The 4th and 5th graders report directly to their Sunday School room. The PreK-3rd graders will gather together in the 1st-3rd grade room for 15 minutes of singing and worshipping before being dismissed to their classes. Sunday School ends at 10:30. We can't wait to see lots of kiddoes 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 5 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!

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

**\*\*Children's Church:** Children's Church takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18th)

**\*Our KidMinistry needs YOU!** The bold print simply can't be BOLD enough! Our Kidministry is needing loving adults to share the love of Jesus with our kiddoes. Sunday School teachers commit themselves to 3 Sundays a month (alternating teaching/assisting), while Children's Church leaders/Nursery Attendants serve roughly once a month. If you love Jesus and you love kids, you are qualified to serve! *There are currently 2 Sunday School positions open, as well as a need for 2 Children's Church leaders and, ideally, 6 nursery attendants!! Please contact Shelly for more information. We are in specific need of adult nursery attendants! Prayerfully consider being a part of this faith-shaping ministry!*

### Upcoming Dates:

**\*April 14 - Palm Sunday Holy Week Walk:** *The KidMin Sunday School classes and BLAST crew are hosting a Holy Week Walk for our church family beginning at 9:45 a.m. This Holy Week Walk will consist of 4 stations that depict key moments of Jesus' life during the week leading up to his death and resurrection. The Sunday School classes and BLAST crew will share an experiential story activity with participants attending the Walk. Please come and celebrate Holy Week with us!*

**\*July 7th-11th, 2019 - Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**\*\*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.**

## CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Eva Durand, (594-0345) 785.766.5803 or [evadurand34@gmail.com](mailto:evadurand34@gmail.com)

Sunday, April 7

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Sr. High Youth Group**

Sunday, April 28:

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Sr. Hi Youth Group - ANDREW NIGHT**

**WC PAYMENT:** Mission Trippers: WorkCamp payment due today! Make check to "FUMC/Youth Missions" for \$75.

Sunday, May 5:

**12:00pm**

**Missions Committee Taco Bar Fundraiser**

All Youth will assist Missions Committee to provide set-up, serving, and clean-up for this all-community fundraising lunch. Funds raised will go towards 2019 Youth Mission WorkCamp to Chattanooga, TN.

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Sr. High Youth Group/SENIOR CELEBRATION DINNER NIGHT!**

**NOTIFICATION ABOUT CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYS ...** we have had several reminders that in Kansas that we do tend to have winter weather sometimes! In response, we're making some updates to our system for notifying folks about cancellations and delays. You may or may not have received a text or email on Sunday November 25, from a system called "Remind." This is a group messaging system, originally designed for schools, and is a fast, easy way for me to reach many people at once with important information that needs distributed quickly. If you received this message, and received it in the way you want to continue to receive occasional messages from the church, you don't need to do anything.

If you did \*NOT\* receive the cancellation notice, and would like to receive future messages, there's an easy way to opt-in to the system. Simply text @bfumc19 to the number 81010.

If you'd prefer to receive these messages via email, please notify Rev. Baker at [PastorABaker@gmail.com](mailto:PastorABaker@gmail.com) and she will get you added.

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 If you are receiving this by mail and have an email address – please let us know (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**

**April 2019**

<b>Sunday Services</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary Sunday School Worship – Sanctuary
<b>Last Sunday of the Month</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Combined Worship - Sanctuary
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Missions – Fellowship Hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library Finance – Chapel
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council – Library
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Caregivers - Library
<b>Each Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Meeting - Library
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Saturdays</b>	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park

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**Each Tuesday in Lent**

The Book/Bible Study that goes with this series- *Restored, Finding Redemption in the Mess* - 6:30 PM every Tuesday in Lent, at Clearfield UMC (Taught by Kathy Symes, Clearfield and Wellsville UMCs, Ross Baker, Eudora and Centenary UMCs, and Amanda Baker, Baldwin First UMC.)  
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<b>Mon., April 1</b>	7:00 p.m.	Mission
<b>Wed., April 3</b>	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Caregivers – Library Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat., April 6</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park United Methodist Women Executive Meeting – Library
<b>Mon., April 8</b>	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
<b>Tues., April 9</b>	6:30 p.m.	UMW Spring Salad Supper – Lumberyard Arts Center
<b>Wed., April 10</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mon., April 15</b>	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library Finance – Chapel
<b>Wed., April 17</b>	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dorcas Circle – Vintage Park Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs., April 18</b>	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Fri., April 19</b>	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Walk to Calvary Prayer Service
<b>Sun., April 21</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Easter Sunday Traditional Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt - during the Sunday School Hour Worship
<b>Thurs., April 25</b>	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle – Sheryl Cleverley’s
<b>Sun., April 28</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Combined Worship
<b>Mon., April 29</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council