



# *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**

**August 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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Our August worship series will be Joy: The Flip Side of Justice. We will have the opportunity to read the words of some of the prophets God called to speak a word of justice to the Israelites, and we will make connections between those who see Justice and those who find Joy. Sometimes, justice seekers are portrayed as kill-joys, as downers, as people who can always find something to be upset about. But scripture tells us a different story. Scripture speaks of the certainty of finding joy when we seek to live in God's justice.

As we begin a new academic year, blessing backpacks and celebrating Rally Day on the 11th, welcoming our Wildcat neighbors on the 18th and Celebrating Missions on the 25th, we have the opportunity to set the tone for the year to come, to set our intentions, if you will, on a life of Joy found in seeking justice by loving God and our Neighbor as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Will you join me?

Peace in the Name of Christ our Lord,  
Rev. Amanda Baker

## MISSIONS

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

**FLOOD RELIEF** - The flooding continues - the recent storms in Douglas and Franklin County have left many with damage to homes and loss of personal property. The UMC Great Plains Conference Emergency Response Teams (ERT) have been out surveying and gathering information to provide to county officials for assessment and triage. Hollie Tapley, the Great Plains ERT Coordinator, will be providing information about places where help is needed. There may be places where you can help without having been ERT certified.

We will be determining if there are families in Baldwin City that we can assist and providing further information about ways to help.

**FOOD PANTRY** - Summer is always a time of great need at the pantry. Children are home for the summer and household food needs increase. The pantry sees a spike in the number of neighbors visiting throughout the summer months. **SUPPORT TO THE PANTRY THROUGH DONATIONS OF FOOD, TIME, FUNDS AND PRAYER ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**MISSIONS SUNDAY** - August 25th is Missions Sunday at BFUMC. We will serve a meal in Fellowship Hall after the 10:45 service. Because of the kitchen repair work, it will be a simple meal of sandwiches and dessert. We will be assembling care packages to go out to those who serve in the military. If you have a family member or know of someone who is in military service that we need to include, please provide information. Being remembered by their home community and others is way we can say thank you! We will have a sign-up or information can be sent to the Missions Chair. We will also have a donation box in the NARTHEX if you would like to donate items for the packages. Suggested items - hygiene items, snacks that are not perishable, gum, and fun items.

*Form is never static, form is always forward motion and moving. So whatever form we are in now, we will not always be ... The forms that exist are ultimately for reformation, reforming that which was and making something new. - William Matthews (Interlude: New Forms)*

*PRAYER: Christ who ushered in a new creation, may we partner with you in the holy work of laying down the desire to control, so that we can meet you in the messiness, the discomfort, and the ambiguity of truly reimagining this world. Amen. Source: Verse and Voice*



## Flowing Faith UMW Retreat

**Saturday, August 24  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tricia Enright & Cynthia Perez

**\*ROAR VBS Follow-up:** BFUMC became an African Savannah July 7-11 when we co-hosted ROAR VBS with our friends at Ives Chapel UMC! What an amazing week of fellowship and serving together for the kids and families of our Baldwin City community! We had an incredible 5 nights learning about how Life is Wild and God is Good!! 67 local kids and 64 adult/youth helpers came together to celebrate how God is Good when life is unfair, scary, changing, sad and good. This amazing week culminated with a VBS program on Thursday evening for family and friends. God was very much at work and present at ROAR VBS! Thank you so much for your service, contributions, time and your prayers over this wonderful outreach ministry!!

**\*RALLY DAY 2019:** Our RALLY DAY/Sunday School kick-off will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Kids ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for an energy filled hour learning about Jesus! Invite your friends to join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School! You are invited to stay for worship at 10:45 when we will bless our students and their backpacks for a new year of learning.

**\*Children's Church:** Our Children's Church ministry will resume from its summer break on September 8<sup>th</sup> during our 10:45 Worship Service. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to gather together in Fellowship Hall for a time of worship and fun.

**\*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 one room Sunday School class. Our children and teachers have enjoyed the mixed ages in class this summer, and we look forward to continuing in the Fall. We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the church (one level up from the Sanctuary). Sunday School ends at 10:30. We can't wait to see lots of kiddoes in Sunday School!

**\*\*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 9:30 every Sunday!*

## CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

A new year of Youth Ministry begins soon!

- BLAST Crew kicks off on August 11 at 9:30am for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

-Jr Hi Youth Group AND Sr Hi Youth Group Gatherings separately kick off on Sunday, August 25 at 6:00pm!! Jr Hi YG includes ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! Sr Hi YG includes ALL 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Invite friends and come experience CROSS Culture Youth Group!

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**NEWS ITEMS FOR THE VINE NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE  
BY THE EVENING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

**August 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 Blended 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>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays</b>	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park

<b>Sat., August 3</b>	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
<b>Mon., August 5</b>	7:00 p.m.	Mission
<b>Wed., August 7</b>	1:00 p.m.	Caregivers – Library
<b>Sat., August 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting – Library
<b>Sun., August 11</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rally Day/Sunday School Kick-Off
<b>Mon., August 12</b>	7:00 p.m.	Trustees – Library
<b>Sat., August 17</b>	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men – Vintage Park
<b>Mon., August 19</b>	7:00 p.m.	SPPRC – Library  Finance – Chapel
<b>Sat., August 24</b>	9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	UMM Women’s Retreat – Fellowship Hall
<b>Sun., August 25</b>	9:30 a.m.  10:45 a.m.  Noon	Sunday School  Combined Worship – <i>Mission Sunday</i>  Sandwiches and dessert served by Missions in Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon., Aug. 26</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council - Library