



# 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**

**February 2020**

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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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Beloveds in Christ,

As we wind down the season of Epiphany, and prepare to enter Lent, I want to invite you to make plans to attend Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm on Feb. 26 at the Osborn Chapel on the campus of Baker University.

Ash Wednesday is a service that invites us to the uncomfortable reality of our mortality.

Ash Wednesday is a service that calls us to remember that we have been marked as God's own.

Ash Wednesday is a service that beckons us to turn our hearts back to God.

I also want to encourage you to plan to invite someone to join you at church in the season of Lent, as we discover the grace of "Les Miserable." Whether you have ever read the massive novel by Victor Hugo, know all the songs to the Broadway musical, or just vaguely remember the most recent film adaptation, there will be something for you in this season.

May God's peace attend you,

Rev. Amanda Baker

## MISSIONS

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

**FOOD PANTRY** - Thank you to all who provide donations of time, food and efforts on behalf of the Food Pantry! It is sustained by the ongoing support and love of all who are involved. THANK YOU!!!!

**LINK** - Baldwin First UMC will be serving the meal at LINK on February 22. If you are interested in helping serve or donating a dessert item, please contact either John Beins, [jbeins52@gmail.com](mailto:jbeins52@gmail.com) or Nancy Arnold, [arnoldn448@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldn448@gmail.com)

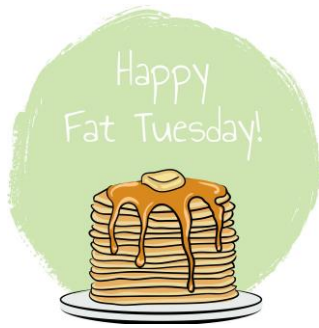
**LENTEN STUDY** - Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* is a powerful epic story and musical. We will be taking a 6-week journey into a Lenten study, "The Grace of Les Miserables", beginning on Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 in the Baldwin First library and each following Thursday at 6:30 through April 2nd. The study delves into 6 ideals found in the story - Grace, Justice, Poverty, Revolution, Love and Hope - drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling. Please come and join the study as we explore our faith and how we live it out in the world.

*Until our world decides that every human matters, that everyone has a right to food and safety and freedom and healthcare and equality, it is the obligation of those privileged to have food and safety and freedom and healthcare and equality to fight tirelessly for those who do not. - L.R. Knost*

## SPPR NEWS

Tara Welch, SPPRC Chair, [tswelch@ku.edu](mailto:tswelch@ku.edu)

The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations committee is pleased to announce that we've hired a new office administrative assistant – Cat Henry, whom some of you know from around town. Cat is in the office 9-2, Monday through Thursday. She brings great experience and enthusiasm to the position. Welcome, Cat!



Donna Curran, UMW Chair, [donnascurren@yahoo.com](mailto:donnascurren@yahoo.com)

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed**

February 25 at 6:00  
Fellowship Hall  
Free will donations

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

Tricia Enright, Cynthia Perez  
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**KidMinistry Sunday School:** Our KidMinistry Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:30am every week. Kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us in our Sunday School classes: PreK-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**CROSS CULTURE YOUTH MINISTRY**

Tara Welch, [tswelch@ku.edu](mailto:tswelch@ku.edu)

You might know that Eva Durand has stepped down from her role as Director of Youth Ministries at Baldwin First United Methodist Church. We are not planning to fill that position immediately, instead taking some time to discern what kinds of youth ministries best fit our mission: to love and serve God and our neighbor as disciples of Christ. In the meantime, for the Spring semester, Tara Welch will be leading the Jr Hi Youth Group, and Pastor Amanda will lead the Sr Hi Youth Group. We plan to honor the traditions the youth have built, such as the trip to Young Christians Weekend at Silver Dollar City, while focusing on serving others, honest conversations, and goofy fun. Feel free to reach out to Tara ([tswelch@ku.edu](mailto:tswelch@ku.edu); 785-760-1265) or Pastor Amanda ([PastorABaker@gmail.com](mailto:PastorABaker@gmail.com), 316-207-3740) with questions. Here’s the Spring schedule, with meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, 6:15-7:45 at the church unless otherwise marked. See you there!



Sunday, 2/2	5:00pm	Super Bowl at the Welch house
Sunday, 2/16	6:15pm	Jr Hi / Sr Hi youth group
Sunday, 3/1	6:15pm	Jr Hi / Sr Hi youth group
Sunday, 3/15	6:15pm	Jr Hi / Sr Hi youth group
Friday, 4/3-Sunday 4/5		Young Christian Weekend at Silver Dollar City with Newsboys, 2-day Park tickets, transportation, breakfast, and lodging roughly \$150
Sunday, 4/12	10:45am	Easter service at the church! <b>HE IS Risen!</b>
Sunday, 4/19	6:15pm	Jr Hi / Sr Hi youth group
Sunday, 5/3	6:15pm	Jr Hi / Sr Hi youth group

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**NEWS ITEMS FOR THE VINE NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE  
BY THE EVENING OF CHURCH COUNCIL ( THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH)**

**February 2020  
Regularly schedule**

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

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**Additional February Calendar**

<b>Sat., Feb.1</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>UMM – Vintage Park</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>UMW Executive Mtg. – Library</b>
<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Super Bowl at the Welch house</b>
<b>Sat., Feb. 15</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>UMM – Vintage Park</b>
<b>Sat., Feb 22</b>	<b>LINK</b>	<b><a href="mailto:jbeins52@gmail.com">jbeins52@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>Tues., Feb 25</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 26</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday (BU's Osborn Chapel)</b>
<b>Thurs., Feb 27</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Lenten Small Group Study</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Eve Circle Kathleen Thomas</b>
		<b><a href="mailto:kkvthoms@hotmail.com">kkvthoms@hotmail.com</a></b>