



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



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COUNCIL MINUTES AND FINANCIAL UPDATE (BRAD PETERSON, CHAIR., PETERSONBRAD@HOTMAIL.COM) ARE SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED ONE MONTH LATER UPON APPROVAL.

Attendees

Staff: Reverend Amanda Baker, Cat Henry

Council Members: Council Chair Nancy Arnold, Linda Ballenger, Doug Cheek, Donna Curran, Laura Dickinson, Darren Lawrenz, Brad Peterson, Kathleen Thomas, Tara Welch

Advisory Member: Katherine Cook

Opening Nancy opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes

Brad Peterson should be added to the attendance. Doug moved and Brad seconded the motion to accept the minutes from January 21st with the correction. The motion carried.

Finances

Brad spoke of our application for a PPP loan to help pay salaries. The loan is for \$22,948.00; Darren has signed the necessary paperwork. Brad also talked about the discontinuation of Vanco and the ease of signing up for the new software Breeze.

SPPRC

Tara introduced Coleen Burgess as the new church treasurer and thanked Leslie for her years of service. The two are working together for a smooth transition. She also mentioned that volunteers are needed to help with short and long term needs and it will be included in the newsletter.

Healthy Congregations

Linda reported that the committee has received a second year \$1,000.00 grant and has purchased masks, hand sanitizer, wipes and thermometers. The committee has also applied for a Bike Share grant.

UMW

Donna said the ladies will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday at 7:00 pm for prayer of self-denial.

Caregivers

Linda continues to stay in contact with telephone calls.

Missions

Laura reported that a Lenten study will be available with Revs. Amanda and Ross and Missions will be providing a daily Lenten Devotional booklet from Society of St. Andrew.

Pastor's Moment

Pastor Amanda asked for 3rd grade Bible sponsors and said they will be given out next month. Volunteers Doug offered to introduce the kiddos to their Bibles. Cat asked if it is possible to share documents that are 'screen-shared' at Zoom meetings. After discussion, it was decided to start this next month.

Closing Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer from Pastor Amanda.

Most Current Financial Update:

2021 Budget: \$159,300.00

February contributions: 13,057.06 (14% of the 16.6% needed yr to date)

2.6% or \$3355 short

Online giving Sign up is available through the church management software Breeze. Sign up by visiting the "Give" tab on the church's website (**Baldwinfirst.org**) as well as designating wherehow to direct funds (to the general fund or food pantry). Thank you for your generosity.

Baldwin First is now signed up and available at the AmazonSmile foundation. This foundation will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to our church. There is no fees or extra charges for this. Be sure to sign up here:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0576045>



STAFF PARISH PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

SPPRC

TARA WELCH, CHAIR., TSWELCH@KU.EDU

SPPRC is completing its annual Leadership Assessment form for the district, which explores church vitality. Even in the pandemic, our church sustains vital ministries and moves God's people closer to God. This is a good chance for us all to reflect on the goals we set as a congregation two years ago: to get more people involved in small groups; to get more people involved in missional outreach; and to bring our church attendance demographics closer to matching the demographics of Baldwin City. We can all help our church achieve these goals. The best means is by inviting a friend or acquaintance to join in a worship service online or in person, to attend a small group meeting, and to share in God's work in our community. And don't just invite – follow through!

We continue to invite volunteers to help the church run smoothly. Here are our needs for April into May, with a little more detail than usual:

- Help disinfect key spaces between worship services, specifically, the pew cards, elevator buttons and rails, doorknobs, and light switches. This should take less than an hour. Disinfecting supplies are at the church. Please sign up for this a week at a time;
- Disinfecting the back of the pews, once during the last week of April (April 26-30). This takes around 45 minutes for one person;
- Sending birthday cards for a month. This involves addressing, enveloping writing a message in the cards, and mailing. There are around 20 per month. Cards, envelopes, and stamps are provided;
- Mentors to pray for our 3rd and 4th graders as they receive bibles in April, and for our youth as the church prepares for confirmation;
- People to be certified for Safe Gatherings. This is for anyone who does or will work with children or youth;
- Cleaning parts of the church. Since we are eliminating our current cleaning service, we are in need of volunteers to fill the gap while the trustees determine the next best step for the care of our building. These will likely be one-space / one-time opportunities (e.g., vacuum and dust the Chapel in the first week of July). Stay tuned for specifics;
- Need mowers for the grounds around the church;
- And in future months: Volunteers to help with summer Vacation Bible School. Details TBD, but there will be many things to do!

Sign up for any of these
volunteer opportunities at
<https://bit.ly/2NFexnm>



UMW

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DONNA CURRAN, CHAIR., DONNAGCURRAN@YAHOO.COM



ATTN: ALL BALDWIN FIRST WOMEN

SPRING PICNIC!

April 17th, 6:30 pm
Baldwin First UMC, Front Lawn
Bring your own food.



Missions

FOOD PANTRY HOURS ARE EVERY SATURDAY 10AM

LAURA DICKINSON, MISSIONS CHAIR., LDINBC@GMAIL.COM

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



TOGETHER

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From the office:

There have been some recent enhancements and adjustments made to help further the ministry of BFUMC. Much was learned during the pandemic about safe health practices that can be taken forward as we begin to gather again together. As we gratefully ease forward with in-person worship services (and simultaneous live recorded streaming), please note the following.



By now, hopefully, you have noted the worship time change to **9:30 a.m. on Sunday Morning**. The adult Sunday School class (Journey's) will still meet at after morning worship with KID Ministry (grades K-5) and the B.L.A.S.T. crew (junior and high schoolers) convening by 10:45 a.m as well. Watch for the announcements on when the Sunday School and small groups will start meeting face to face.

Did you know you have access to your individual account to update personal information, events, attendance and giving through the church database? You start by going to <https://baldwinfumc.breezechms.com/login>. to sign up with your name and password. In addition to a safely distanced person welcoming you to Sunday worship, attendance will be recorded by name (not just a headcount) into the church database by a designated person. Online giving can be done while you are in your account in the database or you can go to Baldwinfirst.org found under the giving tab.

Technology has played a big role in communicating and connecting each other this past year, trying to be there when we couldn't



be there. If you feel lost or overwhelmed with it all or worry about those who might not be getting the digital information, be assured mailings are still going being done to those who do not provide emails, and callers have volunteered to check in those who are homebound (and those folks never know when you are going to get a "goodie" bag delivered to your door!). Pastor Amanda is always accessible by phone or text at 316.207.3724. And please don't hesitate to contact the church office (785.594.6612) should you need any help with the Breeze software or one of the links.



Calendar

For those church leaders who need access to a zoom account, one is available (other than what is listed below*) for your use, contact the church office for the member ID number to schedule your church meeting or small group study.

Worship Services 9:30 AM (In person and Live Online Services)

Apr. 4 Easter *HE HAS RISEN!*

Apr. 5 Missions 7:00PM

**Apr. 11 NEW Worship time 9:30AM
Youth Sunday School 10:45**

Apr. 12 Trustees 7:00PM

Apr. 17 UMW picnic 6:30PM

**Apr. 18 Bible presentation Sunday,
UMC Native American
Ministries Sunday**

**Apr. 19 Finance 7:00PM
SPPRC 7:00PM**

Apr. 24 L.I.N.K.

Apr. 22 Earth Day

Apr. 26 Council 7:00PM

Church Streaming Addresses & Zoom Meetings Links Directory

Note: Links are assessable in the email version of this newsletter, the links are not available on the website version of the Vine due to the way it is posted.

***9:30 AM Worship Live Stream:
<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>**

or at

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

or at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwpl81KtGg7h9AhRFW9NWQ>

***For ALL scheduled CHURCH
Zoom Mtgs go to**

**<https://zoom.us/join>
mtg ID #: 9644607669
Password: 042020**



"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"



ADMIN NOTES: 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 ARE RECEIVING THIS BY MAIL AND HAVE EMAIL PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (594.6612 OR OFFICE@BALDWINFIRST.ORG) TO HELP ALLEVIATE MAILING COSTS. **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9-2, M, TU & THUR.**

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

