



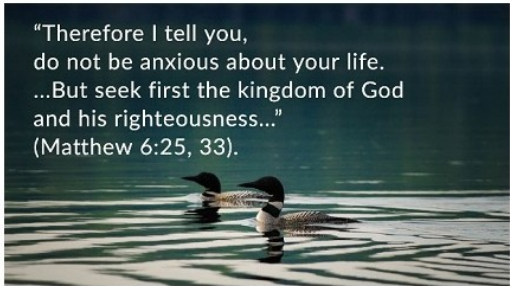
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine



NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

On Sunday, November 21, please bring an object to share that reminds you of God's goodness- a sign of something you give thanks for. It can be a picture, a paper, a tool, a plant, a treasured belonging, or an artistic representation...Anything that captures your gratitude.



"Therefore I tell you,
do not be anxious about your life.
...But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness..."
(Matthew 6:25, 33).

In place of a sermon, each of us will place our object at the altar then name what we are grateful for in a sentence or two. Nothing fancy. Just simple words of thanks.

If you are far away or worshipping with us virtually still, you can mail or email us a photo you'd like shared and a few words. We will have people ready to add your images to the mix!



May God's peace be upon you,

Rev Amanda Baker

NANCY ARNOLD, CHAIR., ARNOLDN448@GMAIL.COM
COUNCIL MINUTES AND FINANCIAL UPDATE (BRAD PETERSON, CHAIR.,
PETERSONBRAD@HOTMAIL.COM) ARE SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED ONE MONTH LATER
UPON APPROVAL.



Baldwin First United Methodist Church September 27, 2021

Attendees

Staff: Reverend Amanda Baker, Cat Henry

Council Members: Council Chair Nancy Arnold, Darren Lawrenz, Brad Peterson, Tara Welch Participant via Zoom:
Laura Dickinson Advisory Member: Katherine Cook

Opening Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Minutes Brad moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and Tara seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finances Brad shared that we have been approved for the \$60,000 loan. Final documents will be forthcoming. The committee will develop a checklist to ensure that tithes and gifts are kept secure. General checking still looks positive, and budget discussions for 2022 are underway. Ives Chapel has expressed a desire to engage in a discussion regarding contributions to the parsonage upkeep.

Caregivers Caregivers will next meet on October 6th in Fellowship Hall.

Missions Laura stated that there will be no fundraising or food distributions at Maple Leaf. There may be an opportunity for individuals to hand out water or be available in the building. Baldwin First will be serving as a Covid test site 6 days a week. This service will be made available in conjunction with the food pantry on Saturdays. A vaccination date may become a possibility as well.

SPPRC Tara shared that there is a virtual mental health first aid course free to the congregation on October 9th. DCCCA is forming partnerships with faith communities to help promote healthy habits and safe choices among young people. BLAST Crew and Missions will pursue the conversation.

Cat Use of personal devices is becoming excessive. She will be making information available to finance and trustee committees in hopes of a solution.

Trustees Darren reported on the boiler; it should be delivered shortly.

Pastor's Moment Signage will indicate that masks need to be worn in the building, and Covid tests will need to be taken outside of the building. Stakes are available as signs are ready for use. Worship series has a few more weeks of a mini-series of the past, present, and future of the church during the weeks surrounding Maple Leaf.

Council Chair Nancy shared that the capital campaign is underway. The committee has been designated and letters will go out to congregants next week. In excess of \$21,000 has been donated in advance of the official beginning of the campaign. Nancy asked for input concerning hiring a consultant. The consensus was to utilize the expertise within the committee for the time being. Pastor Amanda offered a closing prayer, and Nancy closed the meeting at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Cook

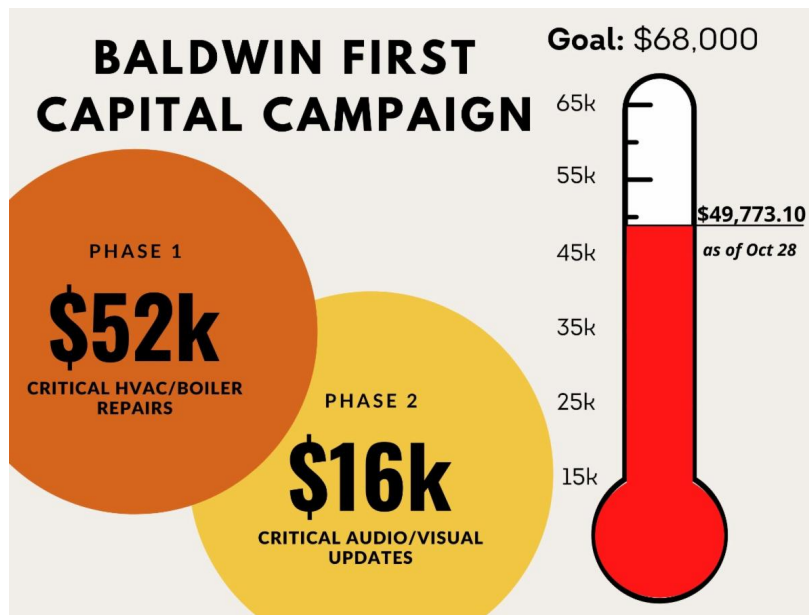
Most Current Financial Update:

2021 Budget: \$151,740.00 (averaged contribution amount needed each month: \$12,645.00) total September's contribution received 17,019.55 with records indicating general budget is at 94.6% needed contribution at this time of the year.

<https://baldwinfirst.org/give-online>

to a designated fund: general funds, food pantry, or Capital Campaign





A Reminder: BaldwinFirst is signed up with the AmazonSmile foundation which will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to our church. There is no fee or extra charge 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

Staff Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who contributed time and energy to provide meals for Pastor Amanda and her family for Pastor Appreciation. In conclusion of our staff appreciation, please sign up below to help

show our appreciation for Cat Henry, our office administrator; starting Monday, Nov. 8th. Then continuing each workday for a month, someone from our congregation will pray for her and her work. It's a little thing with a big payoff. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49aba923aa8-giving> Before the first date, we will send you a calendar of scriptures you can use to pray for that day. Thank you!

Also, in November our committee will meet with members of Ives Chapel's SPPRC as we round out and wrap up the year. My term as SPPRC chair (and on the committee) ends in December. I am grateful for the faith and goodwill our church has shown in a time of change and uncertainty and especially grateful to have worked with the other committee members: Pastor Amanda, Kathy Cook, Sharilyn Cromer, Mike Curran, Cynthia Perez, and Lay Leader Doug Cheek.



Missions

FOOD PANTRY HOURS ARE EVERY SATURDAY 10AM

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

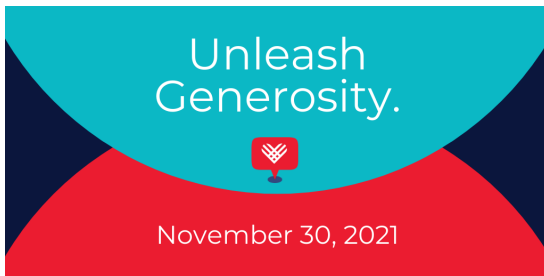
FOOD PANTRY THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF FUNDS to continue this very important outreach. We thank all who support the pantry with their time, prayers, and gifts.

HALLOWEEN and UNICEF This year UNICEF is raising funds to combat COVID worldwide. UNICEF is working to help deliver 1.4 billion COVID-19 vaccination doses around the world – along with masks, hygiene supplies, treatment, and diagnostic kits. \$1.80 purchases 2 liters of hand soap; \$37 purchases 2 does of COVID -19 vaccinations for 10 people; \$100 purchases 325 face masks

Over eight decades, the United Nations Children’s Funds (UNICEF) has built an unprecedented global support system for the world’s children. UNICEF works relentlessly day in and day out to deliver the essentials that give every child an equitable chance in life: health care and immunizations, safe water, sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and more. For more information, visit unicefusa.org.

LINK-BFUMC will serve at LINK on November 6th.

Missions Activities in November and December – We will be collecting new, large print paperback books and puzzles with less than 300 pieces to give to residents at Baldwin Care Center and Vintage Park for Christmas. There will be a place in the narthex for the gathering of these donations. We will be inviting our fellow United Methodists at IVES Chapel to participate. The BLAST crew will also collaborate to create cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas for each resident and decorations for the rooms.



**GIVING TUESDAY IS A
MOVEMENT THAT
UNLEASHES THE POWER
OF RADICAL GENEROSITY
AROUND THE WORLD.**









GivingTuesday reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity. Our global network collaborates year-round to inspire generosity around the world, with a common mission to build a world where generosity is part of everyday life.

Whether it’s making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.

Through United Methodist Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), there are many opportunities to support projects that advance vital ministries around the world, such as relief aid for disaster victims, scholarships for Native American seminarians, scholarships, and loans for students attending United Methodist schools, and so much more! Go to [AREAS OF IMPACT - Global Ministries \(umcmmission.org\)](http://AREAS OF IMPACT - Global Ministries (umcmmission.org)) for more information with some highlights listed below:

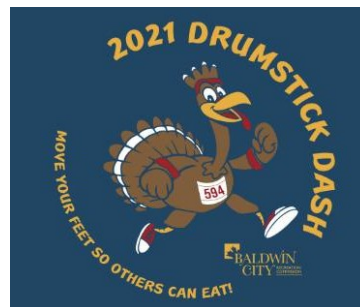
On Giving Tuesday, join other United Methodists to support vital ministries around the world.

[Give Today!](#)

<p>Disaster Response & Recovery</p>  <p>When disasters strike, UMCOR and other programs provide timely relief. You can give shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothing to the needy, and help hunger and poverty in their communities.</p>	<p>Migration</p>  <p>Every day, thousands of people leave and flee their homes in search of a better life for their families. Your gifts help provide support for refugees, migrants and asylum seekers from all over the globe.</p>
<p>Hunger & Poverty</p>  <p>Have you ever given someone a goat? You can give livestock to feed many, collect fresh produce to feed impoverished people, teach cooking skills, and develop new, sustainable crops.</p>	<p>Sustainable Development</p>  <p>Help facilitate long-term community development and empowerment in areas like water, sustainable agriculture and food security, livelihoods and resilience, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and education and health.</p>
<p>Water & Sanitation</p>  <p>Water is life and you can help communities around the world collect and distribute healthy, fresh drinking water by building new wells, water reclamation centers, and new sanitation programs.</p>	<p>Creation Care</p>  <p>Help address modes of living and working that contribute to climate change and environmental degradation. These include wasteful consumption, deforestation, poor water management and agricultural practices that diminish the land.</p>
<p>Global Health</p>  <p>There are so many ways to support good health around the world! Develop health programs in Appalachia, aid missionaries, build stoves in Guatemala, and repair substandard homes linked to poor health.</p>	<p>Women & Children</p>  <p>In so many countries, women and children need better health, nutrition, living conditions and protection from abuse. Your gifts can give them a brighter future. .</p>

Baldwin City Community Coming Together to support the Food Pantry

Drumstick Dash - Baldwin City Recreational Commission will be hosting the 2nd annual Drumstick Dash 5K Run/Walk is on presented by Baldwin State Bank. This year's in-person dash is on Saturday, November 13th, 10:00AM to noon! Proceeds from the event will provide food for Baldwin City families in need over the Thanksgiving Holiday at the Food Pantry. A T-shirt (with BFUMC logo on it) is included in registration. You have the option to pick up the shirt at our office or get it shipped for an additional \$6. **Register by October 22nd to guarantee your t-shirt will be ready for pickup day of the race. All registrations after October 22nd will have to pick up their t-shirt in the BCRC offices pending the post-race pickup date.** Deadline to register: November 5th. Go to the Rec Commission Facebook events page: <https://feedback.facebook.com/events/570559290853056/> for more information.



Watch for food bins throughout the city and schools in support of the food pantry. The **Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring this food drive. Eight bins will be placed strategically in the community and at the schools to gather nonperishable food beginning the first week of November. A flier will be attached to the bins requesting certain items with the fliers also being sent home to the parents of USD348 students. Those donated items will be delivered to the church on Nov.19 (prior to Thanksgiving) for distribution.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DONNA CURRAN, CHAIR., DONNAGCURRAN@YAHOO.COM



On Sunday, Nov. 7th, at 8:30 a.m. a long overdue (but no less appreciated if not more) **Kitchen Dedication** will be held in the fellowship hall, hosted by UMW. Please join us for some refreshments.



UMW will be hosting the **Turkey Drive-Thru on Saturday, Nov. 13th**. The deadline to reserve your meal for pickup is Tuesday, Nov. 9th. Following is the order form: <https://forms.gle/6xnw3pknTQKMS1R7>, or you can order by calling the church office, or Coleen at 785.248.9250. Payment (cash or checks) for dinner is due upon pickup.

Volunteers are asked to provide pies (either pumpkin, cherry, or apple). Contact Donna or Linda Ballinger (LindaBabe43@gmail.com) if you can provide a pie.



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

- Nov 1 Missions Mtg 7:00PM
- Nov 2 Election Day
- Nov 3 Care Giving Mtg 1:00PM
Cupboard Cruising Cupboard at Library
10:30 - 11:30
- Nov 6 LINK
- Nov 7 Day Light Savings Time Ends
Staff Appreciation: Cat Henry
- Nov 8 Trustees Mtg 7:00PM
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 13 Drumstick Dash 10AM-noon
(proceeds to benefit the Food Pantry)
- Nov 15 Finance Mtg 7:00PM
SPPRC Mtg 7:00PM
- Nov 21 "Hanging of the Greens" in the
sanctuary after Sunday School
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 United Methodist Student Day
Advent Begins
- Nov 30 Giving Tuesday

Calendar

***Church Streaming & Zoom Meeting
Links Directory***

Note: Links are accessible in the email version of this newsletter, the links are not available on the website version of the Vine due to PDF.

Sunday School and Small Groups are meeting at 10:45p.m. on Sundays

***9:30 AM Worship Live Stream:**

<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>

or at

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

or at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwpl81KtGg7h9AhRfW9NWQ)

[Mwpl81KtGg7h9AhRfW9NWQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwpl81KtGg7h9AhRfW9NWQ)

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

<https://zoom.us/join>

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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 prefer to get the newsletter electronically, please provide your email address to the office (594.6612 or office@baldwinfirst.org) to help alleviate mailing costs.
Church office hours 9-2, Monday-Thursday