



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

"Pass It On" This Pentecost

It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in the glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. You'll spread His love to everyone. You'll want to pass it on.

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser, 1969



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



Baldwin First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting April 25, 2022

Attendees: Staff: Reverend Amanda Baker, Cat Henry. Council Members: Council Chair Nancy Arnold, Linda Ballinger, Doug Cheek, Donna Curran, Brad Peterson, Kathleen Thomas. Via Zoom: Laura Dickinson. Advisory Member: Katherine Cook

Opening: Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Doug moved and Linda seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion carried.

Finances: Brad shared information regarding giving for March; funds improved and Easter saw a positive trend. The team will continue to monitor giving. The annual fund balance is due by June 30th; two independent auditors will participate. Nancy asked Brad to make an announcement regarding the capital campaign at service.

SPPRC: The leadership assessment is complete for this year.

Caregivers: Linda reported that eight more sets of Teeny Tears wrappings are ready to be delivered to LMH Ob/Gyn midwives on April 19th. Care Givers group will meet May 11th at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A service for Anita White will be held June 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Missions: Laura shared that 'love your neighbor' projects have been planned for the next six months and will be shared in The Vine. The food pantry is now giving a bag of food in addition to vouchers. There will be a request for additional help for the pantry. Missions will be looking at the future of the food pantry to determine what changes are necessary. May Day baskets and school recognition are coming up. LINK was served in March. Dinner was served at Baker Chapel. Missions will be recognizing graduating seniors.

Laura has had a request from the Baldwin retirement community to help with replacing stairs and upgrading a walkway at a cost of \$16,500. A \$10,000 grant is in place, but there is a need for the remaining cost for the project to be completed during this coming summer. It was agreed that the message will be shared via The Vine and church bulletins, and there will be an option added to the list on electronic giving for Baldwin Retirement Apartment Complex (with a window from May 22-June 30th).

Worship: Kathleen was pleased with Easter festivities.

UWF (formerly UMW): Donna shared they provided 24 Mother's Day gift bags for the food pantry. Unhoused women will be the recipients of purses created at the Spring meeting. (BU fraternity) Zeta Chi STAG (Staying Together After Graduation) dinner will be a different format, but will be a continuing tradition for the ladies.

VBS: A banner will be going up soon inviting young people to attend VBS.

Lay Leader: Doug reported on the One-Board-Model. Essentially, it is more of a governance team as opposed to a reporting format. There is a building maintenance team rather than trustees as we know them. Three members of the board are designated as official trustees. A nine-member team is elected to serve; they represent all three boards in existence now. Doug is going to do further research and share information with the council. A decision would need to be made regarding this church-led board in order for the DS to approve by September. The administrative council will make a decision and take it to the congregation. The final vote will be made at charge conference.

Trustees : Trustees are continuing to make technical improvements to the sanctuary, and working to conclude upgrades to the boiler. Donna asked for several repairs including the light in front of the kitchen, mopping of Fellowship Hall, and repair of the woodwork. Pastor Amanda suggested we set a work day. Nancy expressed concerns regarding security.

Pastor's Moment: Pastor Amanda's vacation will be from May 23-June 1. Kevin Hopkins will cover Sunday service and will be the emergency contact for pastoral care. (NOTE CHANGE: Rev. Andrea Beyer will be preaching May 29 and Rev. Butch Ritter will provide coverage for pastoral care needs.)

Closing: Pastor Amanda offered a closing prayer at 8:30.

Respectfully **submitted**, Katherine Cook

Most Current Financial Update:

The 2022 Budget \$159,300 (with average contribution amount needed each month to meet the annual budget: \$13,275.00) total contributions received for the month of April is \$8963.08, 28% of the budget (4% behind needed by this time period).



<https://baldwinfirst.org/give-online>
to a designated fund: general funds, food pantry, or Capital Campaign



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR activities for the coming months:

May to June 30 – Baldwin Retirement Apartment Complex

BRAC is a local 501c3 non-profit providing unique affordable housing to Baldwin residents. The five buildings are located immediately south of the Baldwin Care Center and are also known as Orchard Lane and Jersey Street Apartments. Douglas County Community Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to help construct an accessible emergency exit route. This will be built utilizing ADA guidelines, as the building houses many elders and physically challenged residents. The total cost for this project is approximately \$17,000. The board is seeking community support from local churches to help fund this endeavor. Donations to support this project can be made through checks to BFUMC with BRAC in the Memo line or you can donate online through the webpage. Members of the BRAC board would be happy to answer additional questions and those can be addressed to John Thomas at johnthomas@oreadllc.com

June – June 5th is Pentecost, the birthday of the church – we will be collecting items for birthday kits to distribute at the Community Food Pantry. Those items will include the extras: candles, balloons, birthday napkins, and icing. The recent Boy Scout Food Drive brought in enough cake mixes to assure for every family.

July – Baldwin Community Food Pantry – we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly with emphasis on different flavors of jelly besides grape, a staple of summer sandwiches when children are out of school for the summer. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A RECALL ON JIF Peanut Butter presently.

August – Welcoming back BU students – we will be collecting snack items – fruit roll-ups, popcorn packs, granola bars, gum, candy, etc. for welcome kits.

September – Hunger Action Month -Stand Against Hunger – explore ways to volunteer, pledge, fundraise, and donate to help end the impossible choices of hunger.

VOLUNTEERS Needed: The food pantry is needing additional volunteers to work in a variety of roles to support the food pantry. If you are interested, please contact Laura at ldinbc@gmail.com.



Summer Meals

Please help get the word out

Free weekly meal bundles available to any child age 1-18. Sign up here to reserve one here:

<https://www.usd348.com/for-parents/food-service/summer/>

Pre-order is due by 9:00 am on Wednesday for the FOLLOWING week's meals. Baldwin

Elementary Intermediate Center - North Bus Lane.

**June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27:
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Reservations are preferred to guarantee enough meals for everyone. A limited number of meals will be available during the last 15 minutes for those who have NOT pre-ordered. Enrollment in the district is NOT a requirement. If neither the children or parent is present at pick-up, the parent/guardian will need to complete a consent form found at the above link. The designated adult will need to turn in this form at meal pick up. Breakfast and a GNG Lunch will be offered to ESY Summer School students and meals will be available onsite for Parks & Rec summer campers as well. Please email questions to foodandnutrition@usd348.com

Save the Date!



BLAST Crew is on summer break! Have a fantastic summer and we will hope to see everyone to help out at VBS!

Jul 17-21 , 6-8pm

In Remembrance

Anita White
(Mar 30, 1921-Mar 15, 2022)
Services: June 18th, at 11 a.m. at BFUMC

Sue Ann Kleist
(Feb 21, 1944-May 25, 2022)
Services: Jun 25th, 1:30, BFUMC

Carl A. Butell
(Jan 8, 1941-Apr 28, 2022)



Allen Scholarship Award

The BFUMC Richard and Mildred Allen Scholarship for 2022 is awarded to Riley Smith, daughter of Tessley and Kelley Bethel Smith. Riley has also been awarded the Presidential scholarship this past fall from Ottawa University. She plans to study Pre Med at OU and will also be playing on the school's soccer team.

2022 Graduates (continue): Will Sharp, son of Pam and Glen Sharp, has earned his Master's of Urban Planning from Kansas University.



**In Honor of Dad:
Father Day Jokes**

1. Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit puns, you need to let that mango.
2. Did you hear about the cheese factory that got blown up? Da brie was everywhere.
3. How do you make Lady Gaga cry? Poker face!
4. I just invented a car that runs on herbs... I think I invented thyme travel.
5. I saw a lady at the bank checking her balance so I pushed her over.
6. Did you hear about the yacht builder that had to work from home? His sails went through the roof.
7. What do you call a cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese!
8. Why does Snoop Dogg carry an umbrella? Fo' drizzle!
9. Swimming with sharks is so expensive. It cost me an arm and a leg!
10. What did the buffalo say to his son as he walked out the door? Bi-son.
11. How much do roofs cost? Nothing. They're on the house!
12. What do frogs wear on their feet in summer? Open toad sandals!
13. Policeman knocks on the door and says, "Sir, it looks like your wife has been involved in an accident." The man replies, "I know but she has a lovely personality."
14. The only reason I went to Wimbledon was because I heard it was a women's singles event.
15. My wife laughed at me when I told her I could make a car out of macaroni. You should've seen her face when I drove pasta!
16. Do you want me to tell you the joke about the butter? No, you might spread it!
17. How do celebrities keep cool? They have many fans.
18. I had a long conversation with a dolphin once. We just seemed to click.
19. It was a lovely wedding, even the cake was in tiers.
20. The police just arrested the world's tongue twister champion. They say he'll be given a tough sentence.
21. Just adopted a dog from the local blacksmith but as soon as I got him home he made a bolt for the door.
22. I've got a pen that can write underwater. It can write other words, too, but underwater is one of my favorites.





Hello SUMMER

Worship Services 9:30 AM (in person and live stream)

June 1 Care Giving Support Grp
1:00PM
Cruising Cupboard Mobil Pantry
at Baldwin City Library, 10:30-11:30

June 5 Pentecost

June 6 Missions Mtg 7:00PM

June 12 Peace with Justice Sunday

June 13 Trustees Mtg 7:00PM

June 19 Father's Day, Juneteenth

June 20 Finance Mtg 7:00PM
SPPRC Mtg 7:00PM

June 27 Council Meeting 7:00PM

June 28 John Wesley's Birthday



New Dates Added!

Thank you in advance for volunteering to keep
the church grounds mowed!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4caaa928abfd0-2022>

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 10:45a.m. on Sundays***

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

<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>

or at

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

***For ALL scheduled CHURCH
meetings there is an
optional Zoom Mtgs:**

<https://zoom.us/join>

mtg ID #: 9644607669



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