

THE GLEAM

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The Newsletter of the Baden United Methodist Church

A Few Highlights from a Busy Christmas Season at Baden United Methodist Church



Children's Christmas Play



The Shepherds Arrive



Breakfast with Santa Just Getting Started



Amazing Kitchen Crew!



Angels from On High

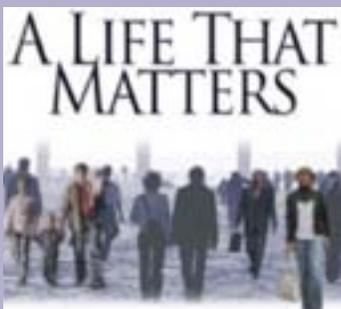


Santa and His "Elves"



Breakfast with Santa Helpers

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study
Every Wednesday
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

You're living for God, yet you're not satisfied. You're doing the right things, but you're hungry for something more. Something bigger. Something greater. Something that will leave a legacy.

What is it that you are missing? In this groundbreaking book, Ron Hutchcraft answers this question like you've never heard it before. He puts aside clichéd thinking, Christian lingo, and religious assumptions and encourages you to explore an untouched side of your faith--communicating your faith to others. It is both inspiring and practical. You'll walk away ready to change your world.

A "Life That Matters" is a group curriculum that includes 13 weekly sessions that motivates and equips Christians for the mission we are made for - bringing lost people to heaven with us! Based on the ground-breaking book "A Life That Matters" Ron Hutchcraft will equip you with how to make your church, your family...YOU...into a life-saving station!

This study began on January 24 but it's not too late to get started. Contact Fred Zajac (724-869-8215) to attend this opportunity to start out the new year growing and learning! Class will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Special Notes

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families that have lost loved ones

Adam Kaleugher, grandson of Betty Kaleugher who died on December 14, 2017 and Joseph R. Wells, husband of Betty Wells, who died on January 6, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

Welcome to the newest members to the family of God, Grayson Edward Volk and Jace Rowan Heinz. Grayson was baptized on October 15, 2017, and Jace on January 21, 2018.

Plans are being made for this year's confirmation class. If you have a child who is ready for this step in their life contact Dege Smith or Pastor Jim.



Jackets & Shoes for the Homeless

Nemorio Ramirez is heading up a collection drive for new and gently worn winter jackets and shoes for the Hot Metal Bridge Homeless Ministry on the Southside of Pittsburgh. Men's jackets and men's and women's heavy shoes for the cold months are desperately needed.

Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community keeps a care closet with clothes, shoes and supplies needed for those living outdoors. If you have any questions contact Nemorio at 724-266-2093.



The Welcome and Outreach Team needs YOU! The team is looking for new members and new ideas. How can we make visitors feel more welcomed? What outreach events would help the community know about

Baden UM Church and the services we offer? How can we reach more people for Jesus? The next meeting will be February 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Cafe. Contact Paula Hazelwood with your questions or comments (724-869-7919).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those in need of prayer

- Terry McCartney
Joyce Ickley
Fran Zimmerman
Dorothy Smith
Jeffrey Sloppy
Pastor Jim
James Kunzmann
Chris Braner
David Myers
Roger Clark
Dawn Shioely
Debbie Wydek
Bill Collins
Hugh McCreery
Melissa Jones
Fred & Sue Ramsey
Valarie Onnofri
David Myers
Jacey Brown
Leigh Ann Nalepa
Victims of the Extreme
Weather
The Homeless

Being mindful of our friends' and loved ones' privacy and personal choices, the church can only publish Prayer Requests when permission has been granted by the person.

Those in the military

- Tech Sgt. Joseph Braner
Isaac Jones
Nicholas Charlovich
Mickey Futato
Luke Heilig
Cpt. Patrick McCreary
Zach Adams
Spc. Jeanette McDonald
Spc. Josh Peters

Those who lost loved ones

- Families of:
Joseph Wells
Adam Kaleugher
Elizabeth Bebout
Jim Smith
Carol Tylosky
Betty Smith
Richard Foster
Elizabeth Hughes
George Ballas
Becky Happ

Those in assisted living

- Anna-Margaret Decker
Marge Tillery
Gwendolyn Smith
Miriam Bennett
Garnet Mazur
Dorcas Moore

No One should hurt alone That's why we have Stephen Minsistries



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Call for help

724-869-4430

Email to

stephenministry.bumc@gmail.com.



I learned a lot about how railroad locomotives are built during my days as a materials engineer for General Electric. Many folks are unaware that locomotives are essentially moving electrical power plants. The diesel engine (4,000 to 10,000 horsepower!) turns a large alternator which converts that mechanical energy into thousands of kilowatts of electrical power. Nearly everything else on a locomotive runs on electricity, including the traction motors that turn the wheels that move the train.

To build a locomotive they start with a very heavy and strong mainframe called a platform. The platform provides the foundational structure upon which all the other parts of the machine are attached: the diesel engine, the oil pump, the operator's cab, the "trucks" (which hold the traction motors and wheels), massive electrical switches and cables, cooling fans; the list goes on and on. There's even a small bathroom! The platform holds each part of the locomotive in its place with respect to all the other parts - so that they can work together, moving down the track in unison and pulling 100 + railcars in tow. Without a structurally sound platform the locomotive could not do its job. The engine and alternator could produce lots of power, but if the platform isn't strong enough the whole machine will fall apart and be three hundred thousand pounds of scrap metal. And the train won't go anywhere!

Our lives have lots of different parts, too. We begin with our physical bodies that need constant attention: feeding, bathing, exercise, sleep, etc. We have our primary occupation, whether we attend school, have a work-a-day job, take care of the children and home, or have the freedom of retirement. We have many different relationships to maintain: spouses, children, parents, siblings, various friendships, extended family, business associates, employees, employers, financial advisors, doctors, hair stylists - wow, talk about a long potential list! Add to that our homes to care for, cars to wash and fix, gardens to plant, yards to mow, sidewalks to shovel, groceries to buy, clothes to purchase, games to play, hobbies to enjoy... Do you get the point? We have a lot going on around us and in us.

So the question becomes, "Upon what 'platform' do we build"? What holds all of the various parts of our lives together, connecting them so that we function well and move down the track of life with some degree of success?

Our Creator has given us the freedom to choose our platform of life. Many people never really consider the issue; consequently, they never make a conscious choice. Not choosing is a choice. We can just "go with the flow", following whatever track life offers, with no particular goal, no intentional destination. Sadly, as Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (KJV)

Another platform option is choosing to build on a specific part of life: a professional career, getting all kinds of cool stuff, family or a particular individual, an all-consuming hobby, a social group (e.g. Masons or the Legion), etc. Each of these parts of life can be very intense, requiring significant amounts of time and energy. However, as time goes on, life's circumstances change. A good career, for example, is very important: providing income, offering educational opportunities, giving a person a sense of accomplishment and boosting self-esteem. But if that is one's platform for life, what happens when

retirement comes along or your company “downsizes” or closes its doors? What if a serious health problem forces an end to that career? The same questions apply to all the other potential platforms of life. There’s an old adage that applies here: the only constant is change!

There is one life platform that doesn’t change: Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews states, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”(13:8) If we want a solid and stable platform for life we need something (or some One) that doesn’t change with time, doesn’t shift with cultural norms and doesn’t meander with current public opinion. We need a platform that connects with all the different parts of our lives and puts each one in its proper relationship with everything else. We need an objective standard that holds fast while everything else moves around. The Lord said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24-25)

During the traditional season of Lent, Christians are encouraged to take a serious, honest and introspective look at their relationship with God. Through an intentional focus on spiritual disciplines followers of Christ deal with those tough questions like, “Is my life built on Jesus or something else?” “Do I live for myself or am I surrendered to God’s track for my life?” “On what platform am I building?”

Join us at Baden United Methodist Church and we will wrestle with these tough issues together, with God’s grace, love and guidance.

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor Jim Young



**February 14
7:00 PM
Lent Begins**

*And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds*

Always something happening at Baden UMC



All children from Age 4 and up are welcome to attend!

Even though KFC has begun you don’t need to feel left out! Kids for Christ is a wonderful opportunity for all children preschool (age 4) and up to have fellowship time with other children while learning about Jesus. Don’t sit at home all winter and be bored! Each week there are exciting Bible stories, prayer, games, crafts and snacks. KFC meets in the Chapel Cafe

from 6:00-7:30 PM every other Wednesday

February 21

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

In case of inclement weather parents are notified by e-mail of any cancellation. Registration forms are available on the table in the entryway.

Contact Joanne McCartney if you have any questions.
(724-869-2536) (jmccartney64@gmail.com)



**Butler District
Bishop’s Event**
Clergy and Laity
are Invited!

**Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi’s
Night on the District
for Clergy and Laity
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
From 7:30-9:30 p.m.
at Monaca UMC**



Save the Date!

**Rockin’ Rachel’s Spaghetti
Dinner Fundraiser**

March 24 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

All proceeds will benefit Down Syndrome Assoc. of Pittsburgh



On the third Sunday of each month members of Baden UM Church will be traveling to the Salvation Army Center in Beaver Falls to help serve dinner to the needy people of the area. This service project is open to anyone who would like to be involved. The Salvation Army begins serving meals on Sundays at 2:45 p.m. during the winter months. The group leaves the church by 1:45 p.m. and returns around 4:00 p.m. The workers are also permitted to bring cookies for dessert. Talk to Pastor Jim if you are interested in helping.

**We Care
Food Pantry**

Helpers and these food items are always in need.

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| Beefaroni | Mushrooms - 7 oz cans |
| Spaghetti with Meatballs | Sauerkraut |
| Chili with or without Beans | Ketchup |
| Refried Beans | Mustard |
| Gravy - Turkey, Chicken or Beef | Mayo |
| Potatoes - White 15 oz cans | Vegetable Soup |
| Chili beans | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Beets | Cream of Chicken Soup |
| French Syle Green Beans | Pineapple – Sliced, chunks, crushed or Tidbits |
| Spinach | |

We would appreciate 15 oz cans or less (larger cans are a problem for storage and many of our clients can not use the larger quantities). Packages of 4, 8 or 12 etc. are great but not necessary. No baby items are needed at this time.

**If you have any questions contact
Esther and Ed Hallas, We Care
Coordinators, 724-242-0204**

Dance! Dance! Dance! 

**All are welcome to join in this activity of fun & dance.
No prior experience is necessary,
just a willingness to learn and move.
Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.**

Dance will not meet on 2/14 & 3/28

Questions: Contact Nancy VanDeCar (724-869-9461)

Baden United Methodist
Church
420 Dippold Ave.
Baden, PA 15005



Schedule of Services

Saturday (Come As You Are Service): 6:00 p.m.

10:30 a.m. (Traditional Setting)

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Come Join Us

For a Delicious Breakfast &

A Great Time of Fellowship on the first Sunday of each month!

Breakfast

Brunch
After Church

March 4
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Adults: \$8.00
Children: (6-12) \$4.00
Under 6: Free
All Proceeds benefit the
Baden Capital Improvement Fund

Menu

Pancakes
Eggs
Sausage
Ham
Homefries
Biscuits/Gravy
Coffee Cake
Cereal
Mixed Fruit

Beverages

Juice
Coffee
Tea