



Historic Charles W. Baldwin Hall

*Celebrating Its Sesquicentennial - 150th Anniversary
1861 -2011*

Saturday, September 3

10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. - Cross Roads Corner Open House \$10 per person

The tour includes:

- Bunker Hill, circa 1819 *The home of William Henry Baldwin and Jane Maria Woodward Baldwin and their 11 children*
- Historic Charles W. Baldwin Hall
- The reconstructed 1840 Cross Roads School House & Cora Dulaney Research Room
- The history room in the Baldwin United Methodist Educational Building,
The display in this room documents the 234 year history of Baldwin UMC
- Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church (*The Stone Chapel*)
- The Baldwin Church Parsonage
- The church cemetery where Charles W. Baldwin, his parents & others are buried

You may tour the buildings in any order. Please purchase tickets at Historic Baldwin Hall

***Rising Sun Inn, a colonial inn and home of Ann Arundel Chapter DAR, will also be open on Saturday for a separate \$5 fee. Located at 1090 General's Hwy.*

Sunday, September 4

10:30 a.m. – The traditional **United Methodist Worship Service** of Baldwin Memorial Church will be in Charles W. Baldwin Hall with Rev. Philip Tocknell, preaching

3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Music Festival at Charles W. Baldwin - free event
Enjoy church choirs, bells and other musical acts
followed by a reception in the garden (cookies and iced tea /lemonade)

Labor Day, Monday, September 5

10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Sesquicentennial Celebration of Free Family Fun

Civil War re-enactors

Performances - from *Spark Center* dancers and *Chesapeake Harmony Chorus*

Traditional games and crafts

Quilting demonstration

Cross stitch lessons

Harmonica demonstration and lessons

Picnic foods and Rita's Ice will be for sale

The Cora Dulaney Research Room (2nd floor of Historic Schoolhouse)

Silent Auction –*Bidding open through Monday when winner will be announced.*

Framed print by Mildred Anderson. Cross Stitch art by Evelyn Jones.

Time Capsule – *To be sealed within the walls of Baldwin Hall and opened in 2061.*

Include your item(s) throughout the weekend for a small fee.

Baldwin Hall note cards, prints and ornaments will be for sale throughout the weekend

Historic Charles W. Baldwin Hall

Beginning its existence as the second church building of the Cross Roads Methodist Episcopal church, Charles W. Baldwin Hall was built in 1861 on the corner where the stone sanctuary now stands. After 35 years of use as a church, the Hall was moved across Indian Landing Road in 1896 so that the stone church could be built. The Cross Roads Church then began using the 1861 building as a Sunday school. William Henry and Jane Maria Baldwin with their seven sons and two daughters had made possible the construction of the Hall in 1861, and those nine grown children donated the funds to build the stone church in memory of their now deceased parents in 1896. In 1866, one of those sons, Charles W. Baldwin, a recent graduate of Yale College, returned to the Severn Circuit and to the church of 1861 to begin seventy years of ordained ministry. In 1935, the 1861 building was enlarged to meet the needs of a growing Sunday school and was rededicated as the Charles W. Baldwin Hall and Church School Building. In the 1960's, a new Educational Building was constructed on the corner of General's Highway and Indian Landing Road. At that point, the church had five buildings to maintain: 1) the stone Church, 2) Charles W. Baldwin Hall, 3) Summerfield Baldwin, Jr. Education Building, 4) the parsonage and 5) the 1840's school house. In 1979, the Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc was founded to raise money to relocate Charles W. Baldwin Hall across General's Highway to its present location. In June 1981, a large group of community supporters, as well as descendants of those who had worshipped, attended Sunday School or attended church events/ suppers there, watched as the Hall was moved across the road. Charles W. Baldwin Hall is owned and maintained by the Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc.

The School House of 1840

The 1840's Cross Roads School house was first used as a Sunday school. Organized on June 7, 1835, The Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church first met in the original 1817 church building. About 1840 or earlier, the Methodists erected a one-room Sunday school building on the Bunker Hill property. This was later moved to the northeast side of Indian Landing Road where it stood until about 1935, when it was moved again a little farther east on Indian Landing Road. The building was then in use as a one-room public school for the Millersville area until the early 1920's when the first Millersville Consolidated School was built on Millersville Road between Cecil Avenue and Rt. 3. That dark brown cedar shake building was used as an elementary school until 1965 when the current Millersville Elementary School was opened. The upstairs of the 1840 school building was used for Temperance Society Meetings. And, after it was no longer used as a public school, the downstairs was used for the church library and sometimes for Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) meetings. By 1983, the school house was in very poor condition, but before it was demolished, a set of architectural drawings of the inside and outside, along with a technical written description, were done by Russell Wright, A.I.A., of Historic Annapolis, Inc. Because of this and the generous donation of Marvin Anderson, it was possible for the school house to be reconstructed near Charles W. Baldwin Hall in 2000. The two buildings were "neighbors" once again.

The Baldwin Church Parsonage

The current parsonage has been home to the pastors of Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church since the 1920's. It wasn't the first parsonage, however. In 1841, the Methodists purchased the former Gambrill home, which was then next to the church, for use as the Severn Circuit parsonage. About 1920 that parsonage was moved across General's Highway to the Bunker Hill farm where it has been used ever since as the resident farmer's house. In earlier times, the church furnished the parsonage with furniture, but in recent times, the pastoral families have wished to supply their own furnishings.

***To support the mission of the Severn Cross Roads Foundation Inc in preserving the Historic Charles W. Baldwin Hall and the re-constructed 1840's Cross Roads School House, please consider joining as a member. Visit our Membership Table throughout the weekend for details.*