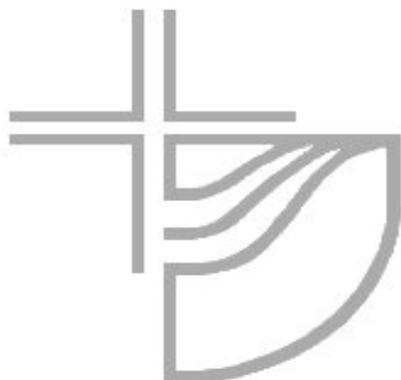


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***What's Happening at Bush Creek
..“The September Bridge”***



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Worship – 10:30 am – 11:30 am***

***Pastors:
Leo and Melissa Barnes***

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***CENTRAL VISION FOR BUSH CREEK
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN***

***Because of our commitment to Jesus Christ, we are a spiritual family which shows love,
acceptance and concern for all persons.***

Ponderings by Pastor Leo

Awe and wonder...



We were blessed in July to take our first ever cruise / tour of Alaska. We had discussed this off and on over the years and we finally got to do it. We were just so blessed to enjoy the beauty of our Lord's creation. I was disappointed in weather forecasts for cloudy and rainy days while we were there, but our Lord answered prayers and cleared the skies for us. Our guides in several places told us how blessed we were because it is the rainy season and that rain and overcast were expected. So we thanked the Lord for clear beautiful weather as we traveled in the Denali National Park enjoying the mountains

and wildlife. We hoped to see Mt. Denali in the distance. Denali is so high (at 20,310 ft.) that it makes its own weather and is often surrounded by clouds. Our guide remarked that only 31% of visitors to the park ever get to see the mountain because of this. But we were blessed! As I looked through the binoculars I could clearly see the mountain and I just was in awe of such beauty and had a wonderful personal worship experience.

Later we cruised to Glacier Bay and got to enjoy the beauty of a tidewater glacier and listen to the cracks and booms as the great internal pressure pushed the glacier into the bay. Four times I saw chunks that broke loose and it looked and sounded like an avalanche on the face of the glacier. In the meantime a harbor seal just floated by on a chunk of ice, probably wondering what all the fuss was about.

Another day we got to go whale watching and saw over a dozen humpback whales coming up for breath and then diving back to feed. When the engines were on idle we could hear the whales spout and breath. To see something bigger than a bus move so easily and gracefully was wonderful.

We are grateful for such blessings of God's awesome creation.



CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP – IMPORTANT – SAVE THE DATE

Survey - Next Step: A Congregational Planning Workshop has been scheduled for **Sat., Nov. 3 from 8:30 am – 3 pm** (lunch will be provided) at Bush Creek to discover **God's Vision** for our congregation. This session will be led by John Neff and Fred Bernhard (E3 Ministry Group). This will be an opportunity to identify a defined prioritized strategy under each of the six purposes reviewed in the recent survey (Worship, Prayer, Ministry, Fellowship, Discipleship, Evangelism). Please begin the process of **praying** for this important opportunity as we move forward in discerning God's will and vision for our congregation. Please mark on your personal calendars as a priority. A sign-up will be available soon. ~ Ministry Comm.



***Ephesians 6:18** ~ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Bush Creek Prayer Warriors: The Bush Creek Church of the Brethren believes that prayer can change things. If you are interested in being a member of the Bush Creek Prayer Warriors, please contact Elwood Hipkins, Chair of Ministry Commission as soon as possible. The Prayer Warriors will meet and determine their goals once the group has been formed. Everyone is welcome to be a member! Prayer is one of the most important elements of moving forward and taking positive steps within our congregation. Consider joining this important ministry.

***Bush Creek Church Health (Survey) Summary Results:** Copies of the survey results (slide show presented August 19) are available on the program table.

***Commission meetings Mon., Sept. 10 @ 7 pm.**

***Bible Study begins Wed., Sept. 12 @ 10 am** in the classroom across from quilting room on lower level. All are welcome. See Jean Hipkins for questions.

***Labor is rest when labored in Christ.
- Roger W Hancock***



***Roof Fund:** A fund has been established to set aside money toward ultimately replacing all the roofing on our facilities. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to this fund, please make check payable to Bush Creek Church and mark in memo line "roof fund". **Donations to date - \$15,813** – Thank you – Trustee Commission

***Projector System Fund** - Please continue to pray about donating to the Projection System Fund to acquire a system to display slides and video in the sanctuary. Donations to date - **\$16,560**. Donations can be made to Bush Creek Church and mark in memo line "projector system". – Thank you – Ministry Commission



NEWS FROM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

***Women's Fellowship Quarterly meeting and lunch, Wed., Sept. 12 @ noon.** Bring dish and dessert to share. All are welcome.

***Holiday Craft Bazaar – Sat., Nov. 10.** Please consider making a donation to the bazaar this year. Crafts, baked goods, produce, etc. would all be appreciated. See detailed flyer in this newsletter. Thank you – Diana Frank



***Are you a fan of pistachio nuts?** After enjoying the nut inside the shell, please save the shells for Phyllis Clarke. You may place the empty shells in her mailbox or give them directly to her. Phyllis will be using the shells for a craft creation for the Holiday Craft Bazaar.

***Apple Butter** is still available to purchase. Half pint - \$2.50 – Pint - \$4 and Quart - \$7. Please pick up apple butter in lower level kitchen and put money in Anna Mae Poole's mailbox in middle narthex. Make checks payable to Women's Fellowship please.

Every day is Sacred, as a Labor of Love to Jesus.
- Roger W Hancock



NEWS FROM MISSIONS & SERVICE COMMISSION

***September Food Donations - The Greater Urbana Food Bank** is in need of the following items for the month of September: spaghetti sauce, meals in a box or can like beef stew, chicken and dumplings, hamburger helper, chili, tuna, Vienna sausages, spam, potted meats, cereal, pasta and rice sides, instant mashed potatoes, creamy peanut butter, strawberry and grape jelly, body wash for men and women, mayo, cooking oils, complete pancake mix and syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, liquid hand soap, Mr. Clean magic erasers or similar product, trash bags, coffee with caffeine, tea with caffeine, hot chocolate, gluten-free products, toilet paper, paper towels. men's and women's deodorants. Place donations in the coat room container please. Thank you – Missions and Service Comm.



The next blood drive will be held on Friday,
November 23 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Mark your calendars now please.



Children and teens begin returning to classes on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Please pray for students, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, bus aides and school/college leadership.

*We have exciting **Sunday School classes** each week from Kindergarten through adults beginning at 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Please consider joining a class and invite someone to learn more about Jesus.*

*Follow the directional signs for the class of your choice.
Hope to see you there.*



**God has a Labor Day Holiday. Come to church Sunday.
- Roger W Hancock**

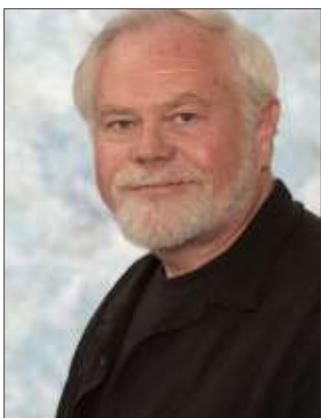
48th Annual

DUNKER CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 16
3 PM

This annual worship service will be held in the restored Dunker Church at the Antietam National Battlefield,

Sharpsburg, Md. on Sunday, September 16, 3:00 pm. This service commemorates the peace witness of the Brethren during the Civil War and takes place the Sunday closest to the 136th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam.



Scott Holland, will bring the message this year entitled "The Peaceful Abolitionist & Romantic Reconciler" based on 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. Scott Holland is the Slabaugh Professor of Theology & Culture and Director of Peace Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. He is a senior contributing editor for CrossCurrents journal in New York and publishes in the areas of theopoetics, just peace and public theology.

For more information, please call Eddie Edmonds, 304-267-4135; Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, 301-733-3565 or Ed Poling, 301-766-9005.

This annual service is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District and is open to the public.



September Preparing for Worship

Sunday School: 9:30 am. – 10:15 am

Morning Worship: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Date	Message and Scripture	Preaching	Other Notes	Greeters
2	<p>Where are the Workers?</p> <p>Matthew 9:35-38</p>	Pastor Melissa	<p>Worship Assistant: Sam Weinberg</p> <p>CCW: Helen Roberts</p> <p>Nursery: Jessica Musselman</p>	Kris, Crystal, Anthony & Amelia Herbert
9	<p>Baptism during worship/ Reception of new members</p> <p>Baptized by One Spirit</p> <p>I Corinthians 12:12-13</p>	Pastor Leo	<p>Worship Assistant: Art Frank</p> <p>CCW: Sam Weinberg</p> <p>Nursery: Diana Frank</p>	Art & Diana Frank
16	<p>Loving 100%, Part 2</p> <p>Luke 10:25-37</p>	Pastor Melissa	<p>Worship Assistant: Bob Farmer</p> <p>CCW: Beth Green</p> <p>Nursery: Helen Roberts</p>	Wanda Embrey & Joy Culver
23	<p>We're <u>all</u> "Priests!"</p> <p>I Peter 2:4-10</p>	Pastor Melissa	<p>Worship Assistant:</p> <p>CCW: Donna Nunn</p> <p>Nursery: Jean & Elwood Hipkins</p>	Johnny & Barbara Emmett
30	<p>Micaiah in Prison</p> <p>2 Kings 22:7-9</p>	Pastor Leo	<p>Worship Assistant: Anna Mae Poole</p> <p>CCW: Helen Roberts</p> <p>Nursery: Crystal Herbert</p>	Rick & Judy Regnier

*The joy of Jesus puts a whistle in your labor.
- Roger W Hancock*

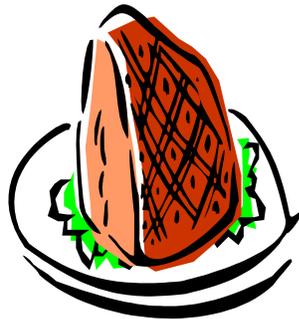
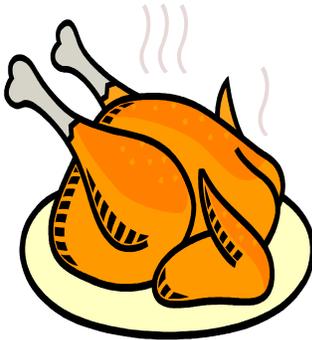
Turkey, FRIED Oyster & COUNTRY Ham Dinner

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Saturday, October 27, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Menu includes mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, dressing, cole slaw, rolls, butter, ice tea, hot tea and coffee.



Adults - \$20

Children 6 – 12 - \$8

Under 6 – Free

Carry-Out - \$1.00 extra

**Tell your friends and neighbors –
Come on out...**

Spring Dinner Date – March 23, 2019



Holiday Craft Bazaar Saturday, November 10th 8:00 - 2:30



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Lots of new handmade items this year!



Holiday table décor, gifts for everyone, cards, jewelry, ornaments, hand-crafted gift bags that can double as festive decorations...

and a new "Kids' Corner" with lots of take-home holiday craft kits that you and your children can enjoy working on together during the lead-up to Christmas.



We'll even have special gifts for your feathered friends!

...AND DON'T FORGET THE FOOD!

Our bake table will have homemade cakes, pies, brownies, candy, etc. In addition to our usual array of cookies, we'll have un-iced Christmas cut-out cookies baked and ready for you to take home and decorate with the kids! (Or freeze them, then decorate them closer to Christmas.) Our Bush Creek Kitchen will be serving breakfast sandwiches and cinnamon rolls 8:00 - 12:00. Other delicious sandwiches, homemade soups and desserts will be available any time during the Bazaar.

Don't forget to look for me and other great finds on the White Elephant table! See you on the 10th. Bring your friends!!!!

ALL ITEMS PAYABLE WITH CASH OR CHECKS! Sorry, no credit cards.





*The **Wheat Gatherers** will meet every other week at the home of either Jennifer Smith (Jeb, Ben and Claire), or at Bush Creek. Come for pizza, fellowship, and Bible Study with Dylan Rinehart leading the discussion. **Next meetings will be Sept. 2, Sept. 30, & Oct. 28 @ 6 pm.** Watch announcements for location. Meetings are open to all area youth. Invite a friend to join us.

***Sunday School** is every Sunday at 9:30 am upstairs in the "Coffee House" room. **New curriculum: Living Out Jesus' Teachings: Uncommon High School Group Study.**

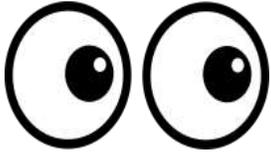
***Next Coffee House** is scheduled for **Sept. 9** at 10:30 am. We have speakers that share their life experiences, their faith-building steps, and help us to understand Christianity on a day-in, day-out basis.

***Area wide combined youth group** will get together for food, fellowship, Bible study, and info. on upcoming district youth events on **Sept. 16 & Oct. 14.** **Further information will be announced on location and time.**

***Youth Sunday Scheduled** – The Bush Creek Youth along with youth from other nearby Brethren congregations will lead worship on **Sunday, October 21.** Look for further exciting details coming soon.

 **PLEASE NOTE:** Watch for emails and notices concerning any changes or additional information on the above schedules.

Debbie Brown, Beth Green, Dylan Rinehart & Jennifer Smith,
– Bush Creek Youth Leaders



LOOKING AHEAD 2018

Check website for calendar @
www.bushcreekchurch.org

September:

9/9 - Baptism during worship
9/10 - Comm. meetings due to Labor Day Holiday 7 pm
9/12 - Bible Study @ 10 - lower level
9/12 - Women's Fellowship meal & meeting noon
9/29 - hall reserved Herbert family

October:

10/1 - Board meeting 7:00
10/5 - Deacons make bread 6:30 pm
10/7 - World Communion Sunday - Love Feast 6:30 pm
10/12 & 13 - District Conference Manassas, Va.
10/14 - Homecoming - speaker Art Frank
10/20 - Cong. Life & Spirituality Comm - 9 am - hall
10/21 - Youth Sunday - worship
10/22 - 26 - Dinner prep hall & kitchen reserved
10/27 - Turkey, Oyster & Ham dinner

November:

11/4- Memorial Sunday
11/5 - Commission meetings 7 pm
11/5 - 9 - Bazaar set up
11/10 - Bazaar 8:30 am - 2 pm
11/11 - Bazaar after worship
11/18 - Fall Council meeting after worship
11/21 - Thanksgvg. Eve Srv. Locust Grove COB 7:30 pm
11/22 - Thanksgiving Day
11/23 - American Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 am -
12:30 pm
11/26 - 11/30 - Advent set up

December:

12/1 - Breakfast with Santa 9 - 12 noon
12/2 - First Sunday of Advent
12/3 - Board meeting 7 pm
12/9 - Annual Christmas meal
12/9 - Second Sunday of Advent
12/11 - 12/16 - Pastor's Leo & Melissa vacation
Pulpit fill TBD
12/12 - Women's Fellowship meal & meeting noon
12/16 - Third Sunday of Advent
12/16 - Children/Youth Christmas
program in worship & party
12/23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm
12/25 - Christmas Day
12/26 - 12/31 - offices closed

Bible Study @ Hipkins home

Tues. Sept. thru June 6:00 pm

Bible Study @ 10 every Wed. September thru April

Quilting every Wed. @ 8:30 pm

BSA meetings every Wed. August – June @ 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal schedule to be announced

**Wheat Gatherers Youth ministry –
every other week - Schedule TBD**

Youth Coffee House during worship – schedule TBD

A legacy of faith



National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents – and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents – also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

Happy Grandparents Day – September 9!