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**What's Happening at Bush Creek
"The Bridge"**



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**Sunday School – 9:30 – 10:15 am
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 who loves all people.**

Ponderings by Pastor Leo

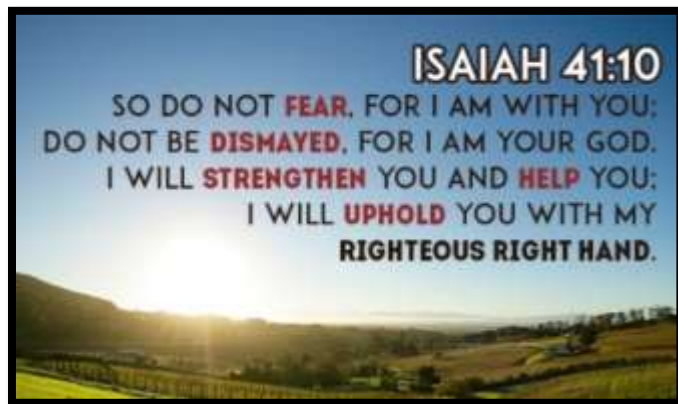
Things happen. .

As of the writing of this article, I am home recovering from a root canal. I have a follow up in two weeks because of a low grade infection. This was not a pleasant day but things happen and I am grateful to live at a time and in a place that such treatments are available.

So I went to the office expecting the usual ordeal and pain of a root canal. Even with being numbed, the numbness wears off and the pain comes. Definitely not something anyone ever looks forward to. Dr. Yingling at Mason-Dixon Endodontics is also Lt. Colonel Yingling of the US Air Force. I asked about her service and shared that I had been a Staff Sargent which brought a smile from another veteran. We chatted a bit as we prepared for the procedure. I shared that I had been gruff in the morning and had to apologize to my spouse, and then I told her that this procedure was my penance. She started laughing. She was very professional and courteous and her being relaxed and laughing certainly made me more relaxed. If someone is sticking sharp things into my mouth, I most definitely want them relaxed and happy.

So, I am grateful for unexpected blessings. I can afford the treatment. I met good people in the office and I believe I made a new friend. While my jaw is sore, it is not nearly as swollen and painful as it had been in past procedures. It is most definitely not as painful as before the procedure. **God is good!**

So, what is my point? Sometimes things just happen and we have to deal with it. It may be hard but it helps if we can make the best of it. A lot depends on our attitude. Sometimes those things are painful and we just need to go through whatever needs to be done. Much depends on our attitude. While not looking forward to the procedure, I had peace knowing I would get to the other side and that things would be better. Being more relaxed I also made new friends and made their day a bit easier. Knowing the people in the office and having some rapport with Dr. Yingling, I am far more relaxed as I approach the next appointment. As I said earlier, if a woman is going to stick sharp and potentially painful things in my mouth, I certainly want her to be a happy woman.





***Board meetings Monday, Feb. 4. @ 7 pm.**

***Bible study groups are meeting weekly:** **1) Tuesday at 10 am**, in the church sanctuary, studying "The Life of David" – contact: Wanda Embrey, 301-639-5472. **2) Wednesday @ 10 am** in the fellowship hall - contact Jean Hipkins @ 301-663-3164. **3) Thursday at 6 pm**, at **Ricky Fullmer's**, studying the book of Revelation – contact: Nancy Pastor, 301-748-4950. **Additional participants are welcome** – please coordinate directly with the contacts.

***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 - \$32,896.** – Thank you – Trustee Commission

***Annual and District Conference Delegates are Needed:** Please pray about and consider volunteering to serve as either an Annual Conference Delegate (need 2) or District Conference (need 2) in 2019. 2019 Annual Conference is scheduled for July 3-7 in Greensboro, NC. Travel and lodging expenses will be paid. District Conference is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 at the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. **Registration for Annual Conf. starts March 4. If interested in serving as a delegate for either of these conferences or need further detail, please see Board Chair– Beth Green.**

***Partners in Care Maryland** is an organization to benefit senior citizens with personal care, senior transportation, home maintenance and repair services and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in more information about this program please call 301-682-7433 (Frederick); view the website @ www.partnersincare.org; or email shannonbaskerville@partnersincase.org.

***CPR & First Aid Training** – If interested in either First Aid or CPR training please see the sign up on the program table asap. Classes are possible for CPR on **Sun., Feb. 10** from 12 noon – 1:30 pm (brown-bag lunch); and First Aid class on **Sun., Feb. 24** from 12 noon – 1:30 pm (brown-bag lunch). If you prefer an evening class you may indicate so on the sign up and a date will be announced. Cost for either class is \$15 (make check to Trisha Taylor). Please see Dean Thews (Safety Coordinator) with any questions.

***Spiritual Disciplines Training for Holiness - Mon., Feb. 18 @** Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center from 9 am – 3 pm. Registration \$50. Leader – Pastor Michael Staubs. Please see detailed flyer on the program table if interested.

***Another "Prayer and Worship Summit" is planned for this spring.** The event will focus on "Praying for the Vision" and will be held on March 29-30 in Harrisonburg, Va. This is an informal gathering inviting Church of the Brethren members to "devote time for worship and prayer over the visioning process," said an announcement. Annual Conference moderator Donita Keister and moderator-elect Paul Munday are among the speakers. Special music will be shared by the **Locust Grove Praise Team** and the Mill Creek Praise Team. The event is free but registration is required. For more information go to www.brethrenprayersummit.com . A detailed flyer is located on the program table.



What's Happening



Be a Tigger – let the Holy Spirit energize you to greet your sisters and brothers in Christ with a smile and a bright outlook as we grow together in the Kingdom of God at Bush Creek.

Be the hands and feet of Jesus. Don't be an Eeyore - gloomy and displaying a negative attitude. Let your light shine always to encourage others.



NEWS FROM MISSIONS & SERVICE COMMISSION



The Greater Urbana Food Bank Food Bank Donations needed for February: complete pancake mix, spaghetti pasta, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash for men, pump hand soap, instant flavored oatmeal packets, strawberry jelly, hearty meal-like soups, Campbell 's chicken noodle soup, Campbell's Tomato soup, meals in a can or box like: chili, beef stew, Hamburger Helper, canned tuna & chicken, Ramen noodles, canned corn & green beans. The food bank can also use magazines and grocery bags of all types (plastic and cloth). Please place donations in the container in coat room. If you have furniture or appliances you would like to donate please contact Jo Ostby directly at 240.529.4815 or email at: allsodifferent@gmail.com. Thank you.



***Church World Service is sponsoring Blanket Sunday on Feb. 10.** God has blessed each of us with so much to share. Share His love by providing a blanket for families in Appalachia where winters are cold and long. Each blanket costs \$10. A bulletin insert and donation envelope will be included in each bulletin on Feb. 10. If you are unable to attend worship but would like to donate please make your check payable to Bush Creek Church and put "Blanket Sunday" in the memo line.

***District Disaster Response Auction Booklet Patron Ads** – A table is in the middle narthex for sign up for patron ads. **Please** write name clearly; circle the amount of your ad; and complete the check # or if paid in cash. Please put all payments check or cash in the offering plate or treasurer's box indicating payment to Bush Creek Church and in memo line – patron ad. **Payments & ads are due by Feb. 17.**



NEWS FROM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

***Women's Fellowship Quarterly Lunch and meeting March 13.** Everyone is welcomed to attend. Bring a dish and dessert to share.

***Needed – English walnut shells, keys, thread spools (of any kind wood or plastic) and greeting cards** needed for craft projects by Phyllis Clarke. A basket for the keys is located on program table.

***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.



February 2019

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
<p>3</p>  <p>Scout Sunday</p>	<p>Find Us Faithful</p> <p>Hebrews 11:11-16</p>	<p>Message: Pastor Melissa</p>	<p>Worship Assistant: Randy Toms</p> <p>Nursery: Diana Frank</p>	<p>Dean Thews</p>
<p>10</p> <p>CPR Training 12 – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Sarah's Faith</p> <p>Hebrews 11:11-16</p>	<p>Message: Art Frank</p>	<p>Worship Assistants: Jennifer & Claire Smith</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Emily Ray</p> <p>Special Music: Claire Smith</p> <p>Nursery: Crystal Herbert</p>	<p>David & Pat Harshman</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Because of God's Love</p> <p>Romans 8:14-16</p>	<p>Message: Pastor Leo</p>	<p>Worship Assistant: Jane Musselman</p> <p>Nursery: Helen Roberts</p>	<p>Jeff & Jane Musselman</p>
<p>24</p> <p>CPR Training 12 – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Turning on the Light</p> <p>Psalm 119:105-106</p>	<p>Message: Pastors Leo and Melissa</p>	<p>Worship Assistant: Anna Mae Poole</p> <p>Nursery: Scott & Jeni Hipkins</p>	<p>Anna Mae Poole</p>



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- 02/02 – Projection System meeting 10-11:30 am
- 02/03 – Scout Sunday – Troop 268 in worship
- 02/04 – BSA Leader meeting upper level 6:30 pm
- 02/04 – Board Meeting – hall @ 7 pm
- 02/07 – Dinner bulk mailing 9 am – fellowship hall
- 02 – 02/16 – Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 02/10 – CPR training 12 noon – 1:30 pm – fellowship hall
- 02/11 – Cemetery Board meeting second level @ 7 pm
- 02/11 – GSA leader meeting @ 6:30 pm – fellowship hall
- 02/16 - District Spirituality & Cong. Life Team 9 – 11am – office
- 02/17 – Youth Snow Tubing afternoon
- 02/19 – Bible Study 10 am sanctuary
- 02/23 – Wheat Gatherers 6 – 7:30 pm
- 02/24 – First Aid Training 12 noon – 1:30 pm fellowship hall



March 2019						
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- 03/01 – Deacon meeting @ 6 pm
- 03/03 – Love of Jesus Banquet after worship
- 03/04 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm
- 03/06 – Lenten Worship Service @ Bush Creek with Locust Grove COB
- 03/11 – GSA leader meeting fellowship hall @ 6:30 pm
- 03/13 – Women’s Fellowship Quarterly lunch and meeting noon
- 03/16 – Gladys Holsinger’s 100th Birthday Celebration fellowship hall
- 03/17 – Area 5 Lenten Service @ Union Bridge COB 6:45 pm
- 03/18 – 03/22 – dinner set up in fellowship hall
- 03/23 – Turkey, Oyster & Ham Dinner 12 noon – 5 pm
- 03/24 – Area 5 Lenten Service @ Sam’s Creek COB @ 6:45 pm
- 03/24 – Youth Coffee House during worship – Chip & Jan Stitley speakers
- 03/31 – Area 5 Youth Lenten Service @ Meadow Branch COB @ 6:45 pm

- Bible Study @ Hipkins home -Tues. Sept. thru June 6:00 pm
- Bible Study every Tuesday 10 am at church - sanctuary
- Bible Study @ 10 every Wed. September thru April
- Quilting every Wed. @ 8:30 pm
- Bible Study every Thursday 6 pm @ Fullmer home
- BSA meetings every Wed. August – June @ 6:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal schedule to be announced
- Wheat Gatherers Youth ministry – Schedule TBD
- Youth Coffee House during worship – schedule TBD

Celebrate
Random Acts
of Kindness

RANDOM ACTS OF
KINDNESS WEEK
– FEBRUARY 10 – 16, 2019

TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A TOUCH, A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A LISTENING EAR, AN HONEST COMPLIMENT, OR THE SMALLEST ACT OF CARING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TURN A LIFE AROUND.”

—Leo Buscaglia

What is an act of kindness? An **act of kindness** is a spontaneous gesture of goodwill towards someone or something - our fellow humans, the animal kingdom, and the kingdom of nature. Kind words and deeds come from a state of benevolence, generated by a core response deep within all of us.

There are countless ways that all of us can show a random act of kindness to someone or something else. There seems to be so much unrest all around us, this is the opportunity to restore our faith in humanity by extending a little kindness. Think about these possibilities - consider sending cards to cheer someone unable to get out of their home or to church; bake cookies for a shut-in neighbor; open the door for someone when out shopping; return a cart for an elderly or handicapped individual; greet folks everywhere with a smile – (you never know when your smile may be the only one they receive); say thank you to everyone for even the smallest gesture; kiss/hug your loved ones and sisters and brothers in Christ, etc. The list could go on and on and surely you have other ideas. Warm someone's heart the week of **Feb. 10 – 16**, but consider doing this every day of the year.

***Be the hands and feet of Jesus and extend the kindness
as an invitation to join us for worship on Sunday mornings.
Be sure to share your random acts of kindness with each other.***





Lent Begins Wednesday, March 6 with a Lenten Worship Service at 7:30 pm at Bush Creek. The Locust Grove Praise Team will join the Bush Creek Choir to bring special music to the service. Pastor Greg Quintrell will bring the message. Plan to attend this inspirational entrance to the season of Lent.

“In Christ Alone”

2019 Lenten Services Area 5 Church of the Brethren

Congregational Hymn Sing @ 6:45 pm
Worship Service Starts @ 7:00 pm

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Host Church:</u>	<u>Service Agenda:</u>
Mar. 17, 2019	Union Bridge COB	Speaker: Rev. Greg Quintrell, Pastor, Locust Grove COB
Mar. 24, 2019	Sam’s Creek COB	Speaker: Rev. Dawn Weller, Member of Pipe Creek COB
Mar. 31, 2019	Meadow Branch COB	YOUTH SERVICE (*) Speaker: Mr. Jeb Cliber Member of Bush Creek COB
Apr. 7, 2019	Bush Creek COB	Speaker: Rev. Tracy Wiser, Pastor, Monocacy (Rocky Ridge) COB

Child Care will be provided by the Host Church at each service.
Refreshments & Fellowship will follow each service.

(*) Youth and families are to gather at 5:00 pm for practice and a pizza party.
Offerings designated to Shepherd’s Spring Outdoor Ministry Center.

In Christ Alone my hope is found.....

Come join us to find your hope in Christ!



Celebrate the Love of Jesus Banquet

Sunday, March 3 (please note change of date)
after worship

Celebrate and Fellowship

Jack Green – Entertainment

Price - \$13 adults & \$6
(children 7 – 12) under 6 free

Menu: Fried chicken, baked ham, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy,
salad, rolls, fruit salad, drinks & dessert.

A sign up is located on the program table.

Deadline to sign up – Feb. 24

(sign up in middle narthex or email office@bushcreekchurch.org)

Turkey, FRIED Oyster & Country Ham Dinner

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Saturday, March 23, 2019
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...



What's Happenin' with the Bush Creek Youth Group:

Coffee House Schedule: (held during worship)

March 24 – Chip & Jan Stitley

*Anyone interested in speaking to the Youth during a Coffee House meeting please see one of the youth, Jennifer Smith or Debbie Brown (Youth Advisors).

Wheat Gatherers Schedule:

Jan. 27 - 7-8:30

Feb 23 - 6-7:30

March 23 – Help with Turkey, Ham, and Oyster Dinner as able

March 24 – Attend the Area 5 Lenten Service

March 31 – Participate in the Area 5 Youth Lenten Service at Meadow Branch COB

May 5 – 1:30 - 3

Salt and Light Ministry:

(Area Wide Youth rotating meeting locations at area COB churches):

Feb. 2, 10; March 10; April 14; May 19; June 9 -1:30-4 Locations TBA

March 31 – Participate in the Youth Lenten Service at Meadow Branch COB

***Prayer for our Youth:** Thank You Lord for our youth ministry that is being used to share the gospel of Jesus with a range of youth people and we pray that You would draw each one closer to Yourself as they meet together for fellowship, fun and to learn more about You. Lord we pray that You would use these opportunities to strengthen and encourage all those that have been born again, so that they may grow spiritually – and Lord, for those youth who do not yet know You, we pray that you would convict each one of their need of a Savior so that they may come to faith through the word of God and the witness of this youth fellowship and ministry.*

Protect them we pray from the wiles of the enemy who would seek to undermine their trust in You but rather equip each one to look to Jesus rather than to the things of the world. May they grow in grace and become an effective witness to friends and family, not only in what they say but in the godly way that they behave. We pray that many others will be encouraged to join our youth ministry so that they too may come to learn about salvation by grace through the Lord Jesus Christ and work a good work in each one we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Youth Advisors – Jennifer Smith, Debbie Brown & Dylan Rinehart