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***What's Happening at Bush Creek
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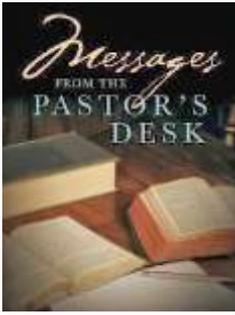
***office@bushcreekchurch.org – Church office
<http://bushcreekchurch.org/> - website***

***Sunday School – 9:30 – 10:15 am
Worship – 10:30 am – 11:30 am***

***Interim Pastoral Team:
Pastor Linda Lambert
Pastor Bill Caputo
Pastor Dawn Weller***

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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.***



Pastor Ponder from Pastor Bill Caputo

Did you catch the beetles reunion? No, not John, Paul, George and Ringo, not those Beatles, but the reunion of the Papillia Japonica, or Japanese beetle. They're back this year and they've been savaging our garden.

About 15 or so years ago, they were really bad and so I was one of those people who ran out to Lowe's and purchased traps that were guaranteed to lure those voracious pests to their doom. I placed them in our garden, right next to our grape vines and right next to our beautiful Okame cherry tree, the theory being that the beetles would fly right past all of the botanical goodies and head right for the traps.

Oh, those yellow bags worked liked a charm, alright; they lured every beetle from miles around. (Sure, go ahead and snicker.) Most of them filled their bellies on all of our plants, vines and our beloved cherry tree before making it on over to the trap. To this day, we still get thank you cards from all of our neighbors for having solved their beetle issues that year. Yup, I may as well have put up a neon sign with a flashing arrow that read, "Come and get it! All you can eat buffet!" Soon we were toe-deep in beetle dung and the damage was heartbreaking.

Back in the day, there was an expression the church used to use interchangeably with the notion of avoiding temptation. The phrase went, avoid the "near occasion of sin." What's the parallel with Japanese beetle traps? Well, despite the fact we should be wiser or at least have more common sense, we set up situations in our lives whereby we attract destructive people, things or situations (immorality, dishonesty and vice) right into the gardens of our lives, right up close to the precious and beautiful things (holiness, integrity and virtue) we would seek to protect. That those precious things eventually come to be eroded or damaged often surprises us...but it shouldn't. That's what sin does.

Un-holiness will manage to work its way into our lives and seek us under normal circumstances. But where and how might we be foolishly attracting more un-holiness into our precious gardens? Perhaps by the way we dress or by the company we keep, by what we read or watch or by what we log onto? For each of us the answer might be different, but for each of us there is something or someone we should be avoiding. Pastor Bill



In Person Worship Services: In person worship services started July 5 in the sanctuary. All state and local regulations including wearing a face mask/covering and practice distancing, are being followed. Worship services are also being recorded on Sunday morning and will be posted on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BCCoB1855) and website (www.bushcreekchurch.org).

Worship Schedule for August:

Preaching:

August 2 – Pastor Bill Caputo
August 9 – Pastor Dawn Weller
August 16 – Pastor Dawn Weller
August 23 – Pastor Linda Lambert
August 30 – Pastor Bill Caputo

Worship Assistant:

Beth Green
Jean Hipkins
Art Frank
Nancy Pastor
Dean Thews

Greeters:

Bill Caputo
Wanda Embrey & Joy Culver
Rick & Judy Regnier
Lou Gloyd
Dean, Andrew & Gabe Thews



***If you are not attending in-person worship services you may mail your weekly tithe or offering to the church.** Please address your envelope to: Bush Creek Church, Attention: Financial Secretary, 4821A Green Valley Road, Monrovia, MD 21770. Thank you for your support of the ministries and services of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren so that we may continue to share the message and love of Jesus.

***Bread and Cup Communion** will be provided during worship on August 2 by the Bush Creek Deacons. Those deacons serving the bread and cup will be using gloves and tongs for your safety and theirs. Anyone interested in receiving bread and cup communion privately either in your home or at church, please either contact the church office or Pastor Linda Lambert for arrangements.

***The Deacon Call Ballot** will be distributed during worship on August 2 for the year 2021. The ballot is also included on the last page of this newsletter for the convenience of those not attending in-person worship. The deadline to either drop ballots in the box at church, or to mail in is **Sept. 6**.

***Deacon picnic @ Hipkins' home, Sat., Aug. 15 @ 5:30 pm.** Deacons please contact Jean Hipkins if attending so food can be planned. Thank you.

***Young Adults Class** – A class is available Sunday mornings for young adults. The group meets via Zoom from 9am – 10am. If interested in joining the weekly group discussions, please contact Mike or Kathie Tucker at mbtucker22@gmail.com.

***Holiday Craft Bazaar – Saturday, November 14.** Be thinking about what you would like to donate to the bazaar. Please contact Diana Frank with any questions.

***A Medical Supply Room is located on the lower level at Bush Creek.** If you or a family member is in need of any medical equipment to borrow or donate, please contact the church office. Many items are available including wheel chairs, walkers, canes, etc.



***Construction has now been completed on the foundation in the front and side of the church.** New steps in the front of the building were replaced along with new sidewalk and steps leading to the main entrance. At this time, the new railing has not been installed but, it is in the works. Drainage and foundation work were also completed on the west side of the building. **A HUGE thank you to Jeff Musselman** and crew for a tremendous job during very hot weather conditions. **Thank you** also to **Lou Gloyd and Bruce Thompson** for installing the grass mats and watering them daily.

***If you would like to donate to the foundation fund,** please make check payable to Bush Creek Church and mark in memo line "Church foundation fund". **Donations to date: \$11,709. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this fund.** – Earl Kline and Bush Creek Trustee & Property Commission



Congratulations to Jessica Musselman Dixon on being promoted to the position of Vice President of Programs & Quality Assurance. Jessica has been employed with Target Community & Educational Services Inc. for seven years. She is a graduate of the Target/McDaniel Human Services Management graduate program. **Way to go Jessica!**



We extend our appreciation to several members for the donation of new draperies for the front of our sanctuary along with new cushion covers. **B & J Interiors** of Woodbine, Maryland made the drapes and cushion covers. **B & J** graciously donated a new cover for the digital piano. **Many thanks** to these generous members along with **B & J**. Feel free to stop by the church if you are not attending worship for a visit.

NEWS FROM MISSIONS & SERVICE COMMISSION

***The Greater Urbana Food Bank** is accepting **school supplies** to assist families in our area. Please consider selecting a grade level and fill a backpack with each item listed. Label the backpack with which level (i.e. elementary) and place it in the container in the coat room. Students are not scheduled to attend school until the second semester but will still need supplies. Please see list here. Copies of the list are also available in the coat room.

***Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries** will not be conducting the traditional methods of summer camping. They will be offering cabins for rent for a Family Retreat. Please contact the camp if interested in your family renting a cabin at the rate of \$50 per person per night. The price includes meals and planned activities during specific weeks this summer. **Financial donations to continue the ministry of our church camp is encouraged as well.** 301-223-8193 or info@shepherdsspring.org.

***Fahrney Keedy** is in need of financial support to assist with the necessary equipment needed due to the COVID pandemic. The staff and residents use a great many masks and protective equipment on a daily basis. This has created a financial burden for Fahrney Keedy since they are unable to hold any fund raising events at this time. If you would like to make a contribution, please send directly to Fahrney-Keedy at 8507 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro, Md. 21713 and mark it PPE donation in the memo line. You may also send directly to Bush Creek but please put in the memo line – Fahrney Keedy PPE donation. Please keep all the residents and staff of Fahrney Keedy in your prayers.

General County Wide School Supply List 2020-2021

In an effort to streamline the way in which we organize the upcoming school supply drive, please find below a list of basic supplies for each of the three educational levels (elementary, middle and high). The list applies across all schools county wide at each level and is intended to cover the basics for all grade levels within the divisions. While individual schools may still request donations that are in addition to the items listed below, Principals understand that the below referenced school supply list is a request for donations. As such, they are prepared to provide any items students do not have using funds from the individual school budget.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MIDDLE SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOLS

Backpacks	Backpacks	Backpacks
Composition Books	Binders	Binders
Crayons	Calculators	Calculators
Dry Erase Markers	Colored pencils	Colored pencils
Earbuds	Composition books	Earbuds
Folders – 2 pocket	Dividers	Folders
Glue Sticks	Earbuds	Highlighters
Headphones	Folders – 2 pocket	Paper- college ruled loose leaf
Kleenex	Glue Sticks	Pencils
Markers	Headphones	Pencil sharpeners
Pencils	Highlighters	Pens
Pencil boxes	Markers	Rulers
Pencil sharpeners	Paper – loose leaf	Spiral notebooks
Scissors	Pens	
Ziplock baggies	Pencils	
	Pencil sharpeners	
	Rulers	
	Scissors	
	Spiral notebooks	



LOOKING AHEAD 2020

Spring Council Date TBD @ 8/3 meeting

08/02 – Deacon ballot to be distributed
08/02 – Bread & Cup Communion during worship
08/03 – Board meeting 7 pm @ Bush Creek
08/05 – Kids and Jesus on the Lawn 5 – 7 pm
08/15 – Deacon Picnic @ Hipkins' farm 5:30 pm

09/07 – Labor Day Holiday offices closed
09/09 – Women's Fellowship meal & meeting noon
09/13 – Sunday School Kick off 9-9:20 am,
Commissioning SS teachers & 3rd grade Bibles
presented
09/19 – Good Family Reunion – Hall 12 – 5 pm

Trunk or Treat Date TBD

10/05 – Board meeting 7 pm
10/09 & 10 – District Conf. Frederick COB
10/11 – Homecoming Worship Service & Luncheon
10/24 – Turkey, Oyster & Ham Dinner – 12 – 5 pm
tentative

11/01- Memorial Sunday
11/02 – Commissions meetings 7 pm
11/09–11/15–Fellowship hall reserved–bazaar
11/14 – Craft Bazaar
11/15 – Bazaar after worship
11/22 – Fall Council after worship
11/25 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Locust Grove
7:30 pm combined with Bush Creek
11/29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Breakfast with Santa & Baby Jesus date TBD

12/07 – Board meeting 7 pm
12/09 – Women's Fellowship meal & meeting noon
12/13 – Christmas Party – Children & Youth during
worship
12/24 – Candlelight Service 7 pm
12/25 – Christmas Day

Bible Study @ Hipkins home – will resume in October

Bible Study @ 10 every Wed. – will resume in September

Quilting every Wed. @ 8:30 pm – Suspended at this time

Bible Study every Thursday 6 pm @ Fullmer home – Suspended at this time

BSA meetings every Wed. August – June @ 6:30 pm – Will resume when school begins





Kids & Jesus on the Lawn Whole Family Event

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Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (Rain Date - August 6)

Children ages 5 - 11 -

that have completed Kindergarten

Children under 5 are welcome - with a parent or guardian

Registration begins @ 5 pm

5:30 pm - Dinner

6 pm - 7:30 pm - Program

6 pm - Parent & (all adults) Bible Study (Romans 8) inside in sanctuary

Conducted by Pastor Linda Lambert. Bring your own Bible please.

Masks or facial coverings required.

We will also practice social distancing.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the evening for volunteers and children.

Register @ office@bushcreekchurch.org

or call 301-865-3013

Location: 4821A Green Valley Road, Rt. 75 south, Monrovia, Md. 21770

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