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***What's Happening at Bush Creek
October Issue of "The Bridge"***



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<http://bushcreekchurch.org/> - website***

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

***Interim Pastoral Team:
Pastor Linda Lambert
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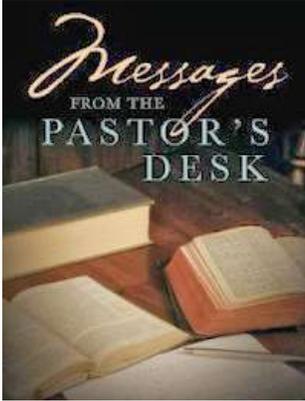
***CENTRAL VISION FOR BUSH CREEK
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Because of our commitment to Jesus Christ,
we are a spiritual family who loves all people.***

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Pastor Ponder from Pastor Linda Lambert

I have some good news and some bad news. The Pastoral team consisting of Bill Caputo, Dawn Weller and me will be serving the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren for an additional six months. I hope that is good news for some. Now the bad news – this means we will be here for another six months. Funny how our perception of things changed the way we feel about a situation.

Let's look at the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As we honor her years of service, we also pray for her replacement. Her granddaughter Clara Spera said her dying wish was "...that I not be replaced until the new President is installed". Seems she also was wishing for a new president.

Let me be clear the Supreme Court seat did not belong to her, it belongs to the people of the United States of America. It is a seat of service not privileged. I believe, we can claim the seat belongs to God; as one nation under God, we need God's chosen vessel in that seat.

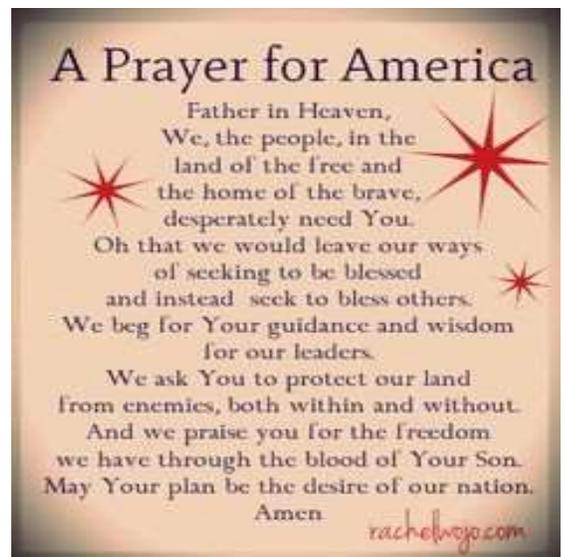
Proverbs 21:15 "when justice is done it brings joy to the righteous, but terror to evil doers." Our world has become so un-Godly that the righteous live in terror as evil-doers beat drums and make noise in front of a United States senators' home in the early hours of the morning declaring "no sleep for you".

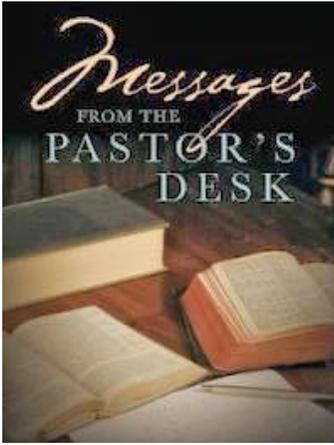
Proverbs 14:34 "righteousness exalts a nation but sin condemns any people".

Let's pray for God to raise up a Deborah (Judges 4 & 5) since President Trump has said he would nominate a woman.

If God can raise up a pastoral team for Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, God can raise up righteous leadership for the Supreme Court of the United States of America! Our nation as one nation under God needs a Supreme Court that knows its rightful place and that place is under God not above.

Pastor Linda Lambert





Pastor Ponder from Pastor Bill Caputo

I wrote last month of ancient mythology - Greek mythology to be exact - which taught, by drawing a comparison between Jason's way of dealing with the temptations of this life and the method by which we should do the same thing through Christ, we are able to be in this world through the lens of our Christian walk. The lesson was that we have a sweeter song to listen to...remember?

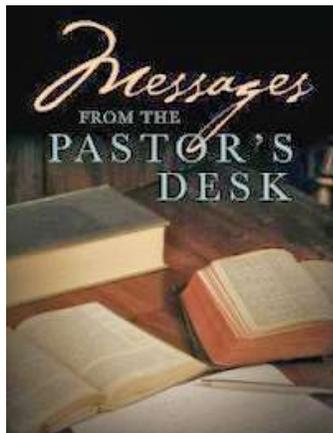
And so, this week's lesson is also borrowed from ancient mythology, but this time, it's Chinese mythology. Chinese lore describes a system where the names of persons who have been put on trial for a criminal offense are placed into either of two books, the Book of Life for those who are found not guilty, or the Book of Death for those who are convicted as charged. At some point and on some occasion, the two books are presented to the emperor by his ministers. Because he is sovereign, the emperor has the right and the ability to change the status of a person, in other words, to erase a name from the Book of Death and record it in the Book of Life and, in so doing, to place the dead person among the living, so that he might live. Or he could decide to do the opposite...to place the living among those who are condemned to die. The emperor does this according to his pleasure.

Family and friends, this speaks to us as Christians in our daily existence, with two very notable differences. The first difference, and this will be harsh to hear, is that although all of our names were originally recorded in the Book of Life, all of our names were then re-recorded in the Book of Death, because of our sinful prideful nature. Yeah, that's the harsh part, we're, all of us, convicted and condemned to die.

But, praise God, we too have a minister who has interceded on our behalf. Our minister, who is Christ Jesus, goes to the Emperor, who is the Father God, and successfully pleads the case of each of us who give ourselves to Him.

The second very big difference? Because Christ came and because Christ lives, Father God acts, not by whim or pleasure, but in accordance with the atoning sacrifice of the cross of Christ, in fulfillment of His mission! Yes, by aligning ourselves with Christ, by giving ourselves to Christ, by dying with Christ, we can live with Christ and have our names blotted out of the Book of Death and re-written into the Book of Life...where God created us to be all along!

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Pastor Ponder from Pastor Dawn Weller

Remember Peter on the waters before Jesus? He is asked to step out into a turbulent, uncertain space. Peter takes a couple of steps, loses sight of the arms of Christ and begins to sink.

He takes his eyes off of Jesus. He considers the impossibilities of such a journey. He must have recalled his inability to do this feat, and as the doubt sinks in so does Peter.

We often chastise Peter for his lack of faith. We often sermonize this passage to implicate the lack of resolve that 'the Rock' had...But where were the other disciples? Do we read about their steps of faith

on the waters? No. They were still in the boat watching it all go down.

We have to get out of our boats. We will encounter dry and thirsty times in our faith journey. It will feel as if we are all alone out in the wilderness, but we are not alone. God steps back and watches us within the tension of deeper waters. And it is within those deeper spaces that we grow. It is through perseverance that our character and the very image of Christ becomes clearer in us.

Some have turned back and returned to the safe places. Some have given up because they have felt abandoned. Others have persevered and they have grown. The Lord desires all of us to deepen our faith, and so these times of dryness should be seen as opportunities to grow up into this amazing faith.

Being like Jesus isn't easy. It takes determination and desire on our part. Are you prepared to allow God to deepen your faith? Is it your desire to get off of spiritual baby formula and begin to feast on more sustainable spiritual nourishment?

Take that next step...don't be afraid, He's got you, and He isn't far from you right now!

Author Unknown





Worship Schedule for October:

<u>Preaching:</u>	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
October 4 - Pastor Linda Lambert	Nancy Pastor	Bruce Thompson
October 11 - Homecoming Sunday Pastor Wilkie Nunn – Guest Speaker	Interim Pastoral Team	Jo Ann Schulze
October 18 - Pastor Dawn Weller	Devin Clark	Rick & Nancy Pastor
October 25 - Pastor Dawn Weller	Jan Stitley	Steve & Dana Shultz



In Person Worship Services: In person worship services are being held each week in the Bush Creek sanctuary at 10:30 am. 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).

Tithing - Thank you for your weekly tithing in praise and honor of our Lord and Savior. If you are attending worship there is an offering plate located at the sanctuary door. If you are viewing from your home, please feel free to send your tithe in the mail addressed to Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, 4821A Green Valley Rd., Attn: Financial Sec., Monrovia, Md. 21770.



Love Feast and Communion will be held in the Bush Creek fellowship hall on **Oct. 4 @ 6:30 pm**. The traditional tables will be available for both men and women in addition to family round tables. The option of hand-washing with wipes will be available in lieu of foot-washing if preferred. In order to prepare the hall for this event it will be necessary to **sign up** if you will be attending so the appropriate number of tables can be prepared. Please see the sign up on the program table by the mail boxes by no later than **September 27**. Thank you - Bush Creek Deacons



Bible Studies Available:

Wed. morning in the fellowship hall from 10 am. - 12 noon.

The group will study the book, *Jesus, the God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado. This study will be led by Jean Hipkins.

Wed. evening in the sanctuary from 6:30 – 7:30 pm with Pastor Linda Lambert leading.

Thurs. evening in the fellowship hall from 6 – 7 pm with Nancy Pastor leading.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Please take the time to express your appreciation to our interim pastoral team –

Pastor Linda Lambert, Pastor Bill Caputo and Pastor Dawn Weller.



October 11, 2020

Worship @ 10:30 am

Interim Pastoral Team –

Pastor Linda Lambert, Pastor Bill Caputo & Pastor Dawn Weller

Special Music: Jack Green, Jane Musselman & Michele Small

Guest Speaker – Pastor Wilkie Nunn, Downsville Church of the Brethren

SNAC to follow worship (Something Nice After Worship – light refreshments)



***A baby/child consecration will be held during worship Oct. 4.** If you would like to have a baby/child dedicated, please contact the church office by Sept. 28 @ office@bushcreekchurch.org; or call 301-865-3013.

***Board meeting Mon., October 5 @ 7 pm in fellowship hall.** All commission chairs please plan to attend this important meeting.

***Adult Bible Study/Sunday School started Sept. 20 in the fellowship hall @ 9:30 am.** Please feel free to join in.

***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.

***Memorial Sunday will be observed on Nov. 1.** This is an opportunity to remember loved ones that have passed away from November 2019 through October 2020. Letters will be sent to families in the near future. If you do not receive a letter and would like a name to be included, please contact the church office by no later than October 25. All families will have an opportunity during worship to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

***The foundation project** has been completed but, donations are gladly accepted to assist financially to pay off the loan with a balance now at \$30,000. 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: \$14,133. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this fund.** – Earl Kline and Bush Creek Trustee & Property Commission

Turkey, Fried Oyster and Ham Dinner scheduled for October 24 has been cancelled.

The next dinner is tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2021.



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Country Christmas
will be held Dec. 5 in the Bush Creek parking lot.
6 – 8 pm.

Fires going outside, Christmas carol sing-a-long, hot chocolate and cookies, a visit from Santa and lots of other festivities. SAVE THE DATE.
Sponsored by the Evangelism Team.



Apple butter was made on Sat., Sept. 19 at the Hipkins farm. The day dawned beautiful and clear but was cold. We cooked 4 kettles of applesauce. We used 144 #10 cans of applesauce which made a total of 71 ¼ gallons of apple butter. The smallest kettle was made without sugar but used *Splenda* instead. Sugar-free is \$4 pint and half-pint \$2.50.

Regular apple butter is for sale at \$7 quart and \$4 pint. If interested in purchasing please see Jean Hipkins after church on Sunday's, or call the church office to arrange pick up here (301-865-3013) during the week. Please make checks payable to the Bush Creek Women's Fellowship. **Thank you** to everyone that came out and helped. – Jean Hipkins, Pres. Women's Fellowship.



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 14 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

The Bazaar committee would like to thank you for your participation in the past, and looks forward to seeing you in November 2021.



The Greater Urbana Food Bank would like to extend their sincere gratitude for the donation of 23 frozen turkeys that were purchased by various church members and donated to benefit families within the Monrovia, New Market and Urbana areas. The financial support over the past 27 weeks has brought in over \$2,000 plus gift cards that will benefit over 200 families with food items. **Praise God for the generosity brought forth to support our neighbors in need.**



for your continued support of the Fahrney Keedy retirement community. **The facilities continue to be in need of your financial support due to the COVID pandemic.** in providing the necessary medical equipment to both residents and staff. 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 send direct to Bush Creek and put in the memo line – Fahrney Keedy PPE donation. Please keep all the residents and staff of Fahrney Keedy in your prayers.





Trunk or Treat

When: October 24, 2020 (Rain Date – October 25, 2020)

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: The Car-to-Car Trick or Treating
will be in the Bush Creek Church Parking Lot
4821A Green Valley Road, Rt. 75 South
Monrovia, Md. 21770

www.bushcreekchurch.org - 301-865-3013



Outdoor Activities to follow will include:

Hot Cider, Popcorn & S'mores

Pumpkin Decorating, Scarecrow Making, Cupcake Eating Contest
Songs around the campfire

Please wear a mask/face covering and practice social distancing.





**Summers Farm Event for
Bush Creek Youth & Young Adults
Sat., Oct. 31 from 3 – 9:30 pm.**

Go to summersfarm.com and click on “buy fall festival tickets online”, select Oct. 31 @ 3 pm.

Tickets \$15.50 each and each person purchases their own ticket asap! (A limited # are available.)

Campfire pit #6 from 6 – 9:30 pm. with hot dogs and fixings, fruit, drinks, and s’more makings is provided by the church.

Costumes optional.

Email or call Jennifer Smith (jcswhycomply@gmail.com)
if attending – 301-788-0526.





LOOKING AHEAD 2020

10/04 – Baby/child consecration during worship
10/04 – CCW during worship
10/04 – Lunch Bunch begins with 11 & 12 yr olds
10/04 – Love Feast & Communion 6:30 pm
10/05 – Board meeting 7 pm
10/11 – Homecoming Worship Service 10:30 am
10/24 – Trunk or Treat parking lot 6 – 8 pm.
10/24 – Turkey, Oyster & Ham Dinner – 12 – 5 pm
CANCELLED
10/31 – Summers Farm Event – Youth & Young Adults

11/01 - Memorial Sunday
11/02 – Commissions meetings 7 pm
11/09–11/15–Fellowship hall reserved–bazaar
11/14 – Craft Bazaar - **CANCELLED**
11/22 – Fall Council after worship
11/25 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Locust Grove
7:30 pm combined with Bush Creek (tentative)
11/26 – Fellowship hall reserved Regnier/Brunner family
11/29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

12/05 – Country Christmas parking lot
12/06 – CCW during worship
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

Tuesday evening Bible Study @ Hipkins home – date to be determined
Wednesday Morning Bible Study @ 10 am. in fellowship hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm. sanctuary
Quilting every Wed. @ 8:30 pm – Suspended at this time
Thursday evening Bible Study fellowship hall @ 6 pm.
BSA meetings every Wed. @ 6:30 pm – will meet in pavilion