

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
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***What's Happening at Bush Creek
November Issue of "The Bridge"***



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4821A Green Valley Road
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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***



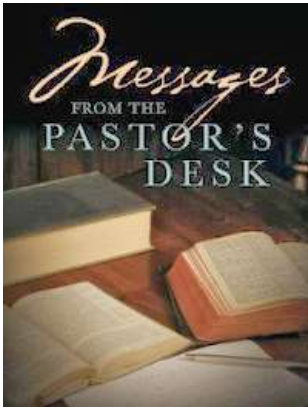
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**CENTRAL VISION FOR BUSH CREEK
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
*Because of our commitment to Jesus Christ,
we are a spiritual family who loves all people.***

Interim Pastoral Team Contact Info.:

Pastor Linda Lambert – 240-815-1216 (lindalambert1544@gmail.com);

Pastor Bill Caputo – 240-626-9657 (pbilltcob@comcast.net)



Pastor Ponder from Pastor Linda Lambert

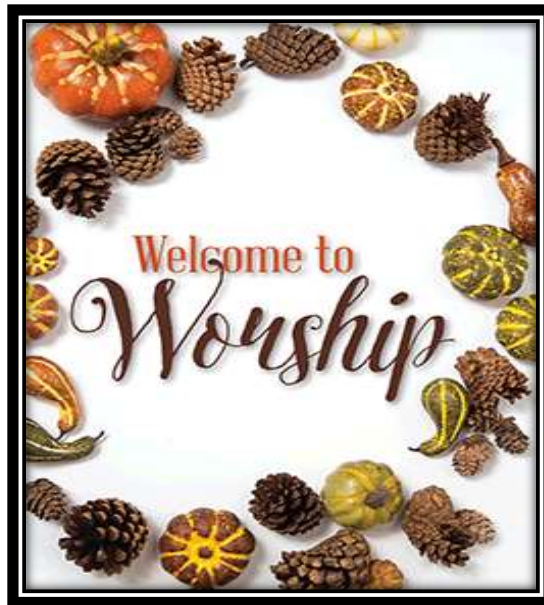
In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus speaks directly to Peter, but he says “all”. “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” In the KJ version, it just mentions “you”. I believe Satan wants “all”, but let’s look beyond the pronouns. Satan wants to rob, steal, kill and destroy.

Jesus did not say thrash, he did not use the word willow. These were two important steps that the farmer put the grain through to get it to the sifting stage. The good and bad have been separated. It is ready to be used to make bread. Jesus prayed that Peter would not fail. Jesus knew the test Peter would soon be facing, denying he even knew Jesus. Out of that deep, dark reality, Jesus prayed that Peter would turn away, but would turn back and that Peter would strengthen others in their faith.

It is drawing closer to God in our darkest hours that we are sifted and prepared to be bread; living bread that feeds other people’s souls. We strengthen and comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received.

It is such a blessing for us to know Jesus is still to this day praying for You and Me. Romans 8:34-35, “Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?” Satan can try to separate us from God but all his tricks only refine us to love God more.





Worship Schedule for November:

Preaching:

November 1 – Memorial Sunday
 Pastor Linda Lambert
 November 8 – Pastor Linda Lambert
 November 15 – Pastor Bill Caputo
 November 22 – Pastor Bill Caputo
 November 29 – Pastor Linda Lambert

Worship Assistant:

Pastor Bill Caputo
 Art Frank
 Jane Musselman
 Jennifer & Claire Smith
 Bob Farmer

Greeters:

Randy Toms & Pat Beachy
 Devin Clark & Claire Smith
 Chip & Jan Stitley
 Lou Gloyd
 Art & Diana Frank



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.



The Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service normally held as a joint service with the Locust Grove Church of the Brethren will not be held this year due to the pandemic. We wish all of our brothers and sisters in Christ at Locust Grove the very best since we will not be worshipping together on Nov. 25. We pray we can hold this service in November 2021.



NOVEMBER 1, 2020



BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:

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

Wed. evening in the fellowship hall 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Pastor Linda Lambert leading.

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

***Commission meetings are scheduled for Nov. 2. All commissions are encouraged to schedule your meeting for either in-person at Bush Creek, or a virtual meeting by Zoom.**

***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.

***Children's Church Worship (CCW)** will be held one Sunday each month during the worship service for children K through 5th grade in the fellowship hall. The schedule for the remainder of 2020 is Nov. 1 (Jan Stitley) and Dec. 6 (Jennifer Smith).

***Fall Council meeting will be held after worship Nov. 22.** Council reports will be available for preview on Nov. 8 for the congregation. Please mark your calendars.

***The foundation project** has been completed but, donations are gladly accepted to assist with the payoff of the loan balance now at \$19,000. If you would like to donate to the **foundation fund**, please make checks payable to Bush Creek Church and mark in the memo line "Church foundation fund". **Donations to date: \$16,793. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this fund.**



If you would like to assist in preparing/decorating our sanctuary and church for **Advent**, please contact either Diana Frank or Donna Nunn. We will be decorating the week of Nov. 23 for the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 29.



.November 3, 2020

Remember to cast your vote whether in-person or in the mail.



Apple Butter: Regular apple butter is for sale at \$7 quart and \$4 pint. Sugar-free is \$4 pint and half-pint \$2.50. 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. - 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 is accepting non-perishable food items to assist needy families in our area. If you would like to contribute please put donations in the container in the coat room. Financial support of the food bank is greatly appreciated as well. – **Missions & Service Commission**



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.



The children/youth will participate during morning worship on December 13 followed by a Christmas party in the fellowship hall.
More details on this program will be available soon.



The Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 7 pm. Plan to attend this inspirational time of scripture readings, special music and candle lighting.

LOOKING AHEAD 2020

11/01 - Memorial Sunday

11/01 – CCW during worship

11/02 – Commissions meetings 7 pm

11/14 – Craft Bazaar-CANCELLED

11/22 – Fall Council after worship

11/25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service–CANCELLED

11/26 – Fellowship hall reserved
Regnier/Brunner Family

11/26 – Thanksgiving Day

11/29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

12/05 – Country Christmas in 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

12/28 – 1/1 – Church offices closed



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 Dec. 5, 2020
in the Bush Creek parking lot
6 – 8 pm.**



Fires going outside, Christmas carol
sing-a-long, hot chocolate and cookies,

Visit from Santa and lots more.



Check our Face Book page and website for updates.

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