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What's Happening at Bush Creek - January Issue of "The Bridge"



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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***



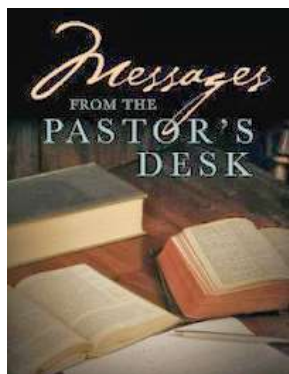
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***CENTRAL VISION FOR BUSH CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Because of our commitment to Jesus Christ, we are a spiritual family who loves all people.***

Interim Pastoral Team Contact Info.:

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PASTOR PONDER – from Pastor Linda Lambert – January 2021

Seasons - Times - Signs

The Bible speaks about “Times of Trouble”, Psalm 9:9
“The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times
of trouble.” A time of rest – Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸“Come to
me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my
yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Seasons of planting and seasons of harvest. Yes, even that time is short, I
Corinthians 7:29 ²⁹“What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short.”
Ecclesiastes. 3:1-2, “There is a season and time for every purpose.” Matthew
25:13, “Keep awake, therefore for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

I believe it is safe to say, it’s time to wake up, Ephesians 5:8-14. ⁸“For you
were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of
light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and
truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the
fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to
mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the
light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This
is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on
you.”

There are signs that we are headed for trouble. Maybe you are way ahead and
have already made preparations for such a time as this. Is your house in order?
Do you know the one who said “I am the way - the truth - the life?” Do you
know who to trust in times of testing and trials?

Now may be the time to be blest with hearing and reading Revelations; the only
book that promises to bless us by hearing and reading. We do not have to have
all the answers or understand all the symbols but, I like the ending – “We Win”.

Worship Schedule for January 2021:

Preaching:

Jan. 03 – Pastor Bill Caputo
Jan. 10 – Pastor Linda Lambert
Jan. 17 – Pastor Linda Lambert
Jan. 24 – Pastor Bill Caputo
Jan. 31 – Pastor Bill Caputo

Worship Assistant:

Nancy Pastor
Bob Farmer
Beth Green
Art Frank
Jane Musselman

Greeters:

Kerry Trout & Wanda Embrey
Steve, Dana, Amanda & Helen Shultz
Dean Thews
Bob Farmer & Randy Toms
Jeff & Jane Musselman



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.



BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:

Wed. morning in the fellowship hall from 10 am. - 12 noon. – Jean Hipkins
Wed. evening in the sanctuary 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Pastor Linda Lambert

leading.

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

***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.

***Adult Sunday School** is being held in the fellowship hall each week beginning at 9:30 am.

***Children's Church Worship (CCW)** will be held during worship on Feb. 7 and March 7 with Jan Stitley teaching in the fellowship hall. Children Kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed from the worship service for this program sponsored by the Christian Education Commission.

***Super Bowl subs for sale by Bush Creek Youth.** An order form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. You may return by mail or email (office@bushcreekchurch.org). Deadline to place an order **Jan. 31. A minimum of 30 orders must be taken in order for the sale to be held.**



***Greeting Card Collection** – Phyllis Clarke will be collecting any and all types of greeting cards until mid-February. She would appreciate having the entire card. Please deposit in the box provided under the mailboxes. Thank you.

*The **foundation project** has been completed but, donations are gladly accepted to assist with the payoff of the loan balance now at \$15,700. 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: \$19,086**. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Opportunities of Service and Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 -The Cheerful Giver

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

***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**

***Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home is in need of financial support due to COVID-19** to provide much needed medical equipment to both residents and staff. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to Bush Creek Church and put a note in the memo line – Fahrney-Keedy. Thank you.

***Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries (Camp)** – Camping and other programs that are normally a part of Shepherd's Spring were unable to be held in the past nine months due to COVID-19. This has created a financial hardship for the camp in the planning of future programs and the maintenance of the camp properties, and supporting the various staff. Prayerfully consider financially supporting the camp by making a donation. Please make your check payable to Bush Creek Church and put a note in the memo line – Shepherd's Spring. Thank you.



Superbowl Sub Sale

Eat some delicious subs and help us raise money for the Youth Mission Trips/NYC!!
 Order forms may be dropped off at church in the front or middle narthex, or you may mail in, or
 email to office@bushcreekchurch.org. **Last day to order will be Sunday Jan 31st**

30 subs must be ordered for the Sub Sale to be held.

Pick up day is Feb 7 (after worship)

Ham, Turkey, and Ham/Turkey combo are available

All can be ordered with or without American cheese

Make checks payable to Bush Creek COB with "Superbowl Subs" on the memo line please.

Thanks for your support! - The Youth

Name _____

Ham, Turkey or Ham & Turkey

Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese or Ham & Turkey & Cheese

All subs are \$8.00. Subs are approximately 6 - 7 inches in length

Subs will NOT come with mayo packet, mustard packet, bag of lettuce, bag of tomatoes or bag of onions unless you indicate # of each on this form.

Type of Meat Sub	Add Cheese?	Wheat Roll?	White Roll?
#Ham ____	#w Cheese__	#on Wheat__	#onWhite__
#Turkey__	#w Cheese__	#on Wheat__	#onWhite__
#Ham & Turkey__	#w Cheese__	#on Wheat__	#onWhite__

Total # of Subs Ordered:_____

X \$8.00

Order Total \$_____

#of Mustard Pkgs__ ; # of Mayo Pkgs__ ; #of lettuce bags__ ; # of tomato bags__ ; # of onion bags__

Chips? Y/N Carrots? Y/N Chocolate Chip Cookie? Y/N

PLEASE PUT ORDER FORMS IN THE FRONT OR MIDDLE NARTHEX BY JAN. 31 OR MAIL IN.

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You may also give your order to Jennifer Smith, Youth Advisor



GOOD NEWS – PRAISE THE LORD! A Note from Pastor Melissa Barnes

As we prepare to enter into the new year, I've been thinking about Isaiah's words (43:18-19) – "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." I'm sure most of us would like to forget 2020, with all that it has held! (Where is the "delete" button??) But I don't want to forget to thank all of you who have traveled with me this past year on my journey with cancer. I appreciate so very much your prayers, cards & notes, phone calls, visits (distancing!) and words of encouragement. It all has meant so very much to me. We know that the Lord answers our prayers in different ways, according to His plans, and we don't always understand His ways. (See Isaiah 55:8-9).

The good news for me is that the tumor is gone, my lymph nodes are clear, and I am in remission. I am still in recovery, finding that it is a slow process of getting my energy back and of my "innards" healing from the radiation. But week by week, things are getting better. The Lord is doing a new thing within me, and so I look forward to what He has for me in the coming year. May He bless each one of you as you also journey with Him in this new year. Melissa

The following prayer was offered by Bob Farmer during a worship service recently:



Father God, we come together today in worship of you. You are the sculptor of your kingdom and the shaper of our souls. We desire that our human love and your divine love may be blended so that one cannot be recognized from the other.

We bow before you in gratitude, for surprise moments in our lives that are rewarding; for experiences that are overwhelming yet fascinating; and for journeys that are made in safety.

We come with heart brokenness which leaves us scarred, with unfairness which embitters us, with changes of health, age, and relationships that frighten us; but in all we come as believers, sojourners and pilgrims.

We refuse to let happenings of life estrange us from you.

We implore your goodness upon your body of believers: who are sometimes weak, sometimes strong; who are sometimes eager leaders, sometimes reluctant followers; who are sometimes a reflection of society, and other times a prophetic voice.

Teach us this day, heal us this hour, inspire this moment, to be your voice in the world, for the now, for tomorrows, and for times of trial.

Today we ask for your blessings for those who mourn, who are peacemakers, who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, who are merciful, who are poor in spirit, and for those who are pure in heart.

Let us live such lives that even now we will find reasons to rejoice and be exceedingly glad, as we, your servants serve you in love. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Written by Bob Farmer)