

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
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What's Happening at Bush Creek - October Issue of "The Bridge"



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4821A Green Valley Road
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301-865-3013***

***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 – Pastor Bill Caputo



It's mid-September as I write this, and I'm still sweating from working in our garden in the high humidity and 90-degree heat.

The Autumnal Equinox is only 10 days away; we're oh-so-close to entering into Autumn but it doesn't feel like it. And I'm getting...impatient. I can't help it, I want things to be the way I think

they ought to be, according to *my* plan, *my* needs, *my* comfort. I long for the crisp chill in the air! It's time for sweatshirts and knit caps!

And because I'm impatient, I get a little stressed. As stress builds, there comes the feeling of lack of control. Lack of control equals lack of peace; no peace means no joy. And I want joy! But, of course, this is classic backwards-thinking.

The word of God tells us that joyfulness is linked to peace and that peace comes from living right with God, or what we call "righteousness." It was no different for our Lord, by the way. He was able to be at peace with all that was asked of Him because He lived according to what His Father - our Father - desired of Him. Jesus never sought control. He only sought alignment with His Father's will. That was the source of His peace, the very same peace that He so generously offers to us.

Our challenge, then, is to look beyond what we want and how we think things ought to be and seek first the kingdom of God which has nothing to do with what we eat or what we wear or, for that matter, what the temperature is. But it has everything to do with "(being) raised up with Christ, (and) seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." "Set your mind on the things above," Paul exhorts, "not on the things that are on earth."
Colossians 3:1-2

Pastor Bill



IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:



The Christian Education Commission started Elementary Sunday School on September 19. Classes will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for children in grades K – grade 5. Teachers - Jess Dixon and Beth Green. If you'd like to assist in teaching, please contact the Christian Education Commission

Children's Church Worship will be held each Sunday during the worship hour. Please contact the Christian Education Commission if you'd like to volunteer for a Sunday.



Nursery will be available during the worship hour from 10:15 until 11:30 am for children from 0-4 y/o. The nursery will be located at the top of the stairs to the right, at the end of the hall on your right.

Middle School Sunday School Class – The Middle School class will meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 am in the second-floor classroom to the right top of the stairs and first door on the left. (10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12 & 12/26) Teacher – Beth Green.

Young Adults Class – **Class schedule will be announced soon. Please check bulletin and newsletter for dates.** Please contact Mike or Kathie Tucker at mbtucker22@gmail.com for questions.

Adult Sunday School - Currently the Fellowship Hall Bible class which meets each Sunday at 9:30 am is studying chapter by chapter, verse by verse, the Book of Proverbs. The God inspired goal of this teaching is to equip and enable believers with the necessary wisdom, understanding and knowledge to meet, with faith, every conceivable situation of everyday life. The teachers: Jean Hipkins, Anna Mae Poole, Art Frank and Sam Weinberg, cordially invite you to come and join them and the class each week to grow in grace and in the knowledge of **The Truth**.

Bible Studies:

- 1) Wed. morning is being held from 10 am – 12 noon each Wed. (Jean Hipkins - Teacher)**
- 2) Wed. evening in the sanctuary 6:30 – 7:30 pm – (Pastor Linda Lambert)**
- 3) Thurs. evening Bible Study will resume in October (date to be announced - Nancy Pastor)**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.



October 3 – Love Feast & Communion 6:30 pm
Come for this most meaningful opportunity of worship.



American Red Cross Blood Drives Dates for your calendar: November 23 and December 21.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, Inc.: Effective July 1, 2021, the Board members of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association increased the prices for purchasing burial sites. However, we have agreed to notify members of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren of this, and are providing a grace period for church members until **November 1, 2021**, to purchase burial sites at the previous prices (pre-July 1) if they wish to do so. Those prices were: Casket site purchase: \$1,000; and 2'x2' Cremation site purchase: \$500. If you wish to take advantage of this grace period, please contact one of the following Cemetery Board members to select a burial site and arrange for the purchase: David Harshman, Scott Hipkins or Randy Toms





Trunk or Treat will be held Fri., Oct. 29 (rain date Sat., Oct. 30). Part of the activities will include making scarecrows. The following items are needed: jeans, cover all's, flannel shirts, floppy hats and panty hose. A container will be placed in the coat room for the collection. (Please see detailed flyer in this issue).

National Youth Conference (NYC) will be held July 23 – 28, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado. The theme will be Foundational based on Colossians 2:5-7. Youth that have completed ninth grade through one year of college. Registration will begin in January 2022. The registration fee is \$550 per person plus airfare. Fundraising is being planned, and anyone interested in attending **should contact Jennifer Smith or Beth Green asap. Beth Green – 240-315-7575 or email to jc14bethgreen@gmail.com. Jennifer Smith – 301-788-0526 or email to jcswhycomply@gmail.com.**

Jesus reassured the disciples, “For God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27, NRSV). Let us bring our doubts and fears, our questions and struggles to God, who will guide us through.





Preaching:

Oct. 03 – Pastor Bill
Oct. 10 – Pastor Bill
Oct. 17 – Pastor Linda
Oct. 24 – Pastor Linda
Oct. 31 – Pastor Bill

Worship Assistant:

Devin Clark
Jane Musselman
Anna Mae Poole
Jennifer Smith
Art Frank

Greeter(s):

Art & Diana Frank
Rick & Judy Regnier
Rick & Nancy Pastor
Wanda Embrey
Joy Culver



LOOKING AHEAD



10/03 – Love Feast and Communion 6:30 pm – sanctuary and fellowship hall
10/04 – Board meeting @ 7 pm
10/08 – Kitchen reserved
10/09 – Fellowship hall reserved
10/10 – Homecoming Worship Service with music ministry by Forever Young
Fellowship meal to follow
10/16 – Brethren Disaster Ministries Banquet in fellowship hall @ 6 pm
10/18 – 10/22 – Turkey, Oyster and Ham Dinner set up in kitchen and fellowship hall
10/23 – Turkey, Oyster and Ham Dinner noon to 5 pm
10/27 – BSA to set up tables for Bazaar
10/29 – Trunk or Treat 6 – 8 pm
10/30 – Trunk or Treat **rain date** 6 – 8 pm





Opportunities for Giving

Tithing - *Thank you* for tithing in praise and honor of our Lord and Savior. If viewing the worship service from your home, please feel free to send your love gift addressed to Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, 4821A Green Valley Rd., Attn: Financial Sec., Monrovia, Md. 21770.

The Greater Urbana Food Bank is accepting non-perishable food items. 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 along with grocery store certificates. – **Missions & Service Commission**

Giving opportunities for consideration are listed below. Please give prayerful thought to financial support to any of these programs by making a check payable to Bush Creek Church, and put a note in the memo line so your gift can be directed.

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM), Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS)

Bridgewater College, Church World Service Blanket Program

Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village13, Heifer International, Meat Canning

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Auction (ads, donations of items, financial support)

Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries





Bush Creek Homecoming Service
Sunday, October 10 ~ 10:30 am Worship
Featuring Forever Young ~ Kip and Dale Young ~
Country Gospel Music Ministry
A carry-in meal will follow the service.
Please bring a main dish, salad/vegetable and dessert.
Drinks will be provided.
Sponsored by the Music & Worship Commission



Mid-Atlantic District Relief Auction Dinner

Join us for an evening of fine food and specialty food items auction to follow the dinner.

Saturday, October 16 @ 6 p.m., 2021

Co-Hosted By

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

Located at

4821 Green Valley Road (Rt.75) Monrovia, MD

Tickets available by reservation-\$35.per person

Contact Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958

or jamckee26@msn.com

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY OCT. 10.

Chefs Choice

Homemade Breads & Rolls & Dessert

Please contact Alice Houck at 240-750-4307 or abhuck1@gmail.com to provide specialty food items (cakes, pies, candy, gift baskets, etc.)

Turkey, FRIED Oyster & Country Ham Dinner

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Saturday, October 23, 2021
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 - \$25
Children 6 – 12 - \$8 Under 6 – Free
Carry-Out - \$1.00 extra

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This event will be held unless there are changes in county and state regulations in relation to COVID-19.
Please check our website, Facebook, or call the church office if you have any questions 301-865-3013. Thank you.



Trunk or Treat



When: October 29, 2021 (Rain Date – October 30, 2021)

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

NOTE: We will follow MD & CDC guidelines effective at the time.



Early Bird Holiday Craft Bazaar !



Saturday, November 6th, 2021

8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

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Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship

Lots of hand-crafted items!



Hand painted gifts by Phyllis Clarke, beautiful crocheted hats and scarves, festive holiday table décor, jewelry, Christmas decorations for your tree and home, presents for everyone... and again featuring

the "Kids' Corner" with take-home holiday craft kits that you and your children can enjoy working on together during the lead-up to Christmas.



Check out our WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE for special finds for yourself and folks on your shopping list!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our bake table will have homemade cakes, pies, brownies, candy, etc. In addition to our usual array of cookies and arranged cookie-plates, we'll have un-iced Christmas cut-out cookies baked and ready for you to take home and decorate with the kids! (Or freeze them, then decorate them closer to Christmas.)

Our Bush Creek Kitchen will be serving breakfast sandwiches from 8:00 - 12:00.
Other delicious sandwiches, homemade soups and desserts
will be available any time during the Bazaar.

ALL ITEMS PAYABLE WITH CASH OR CHECKS! Sorry, no credit cards.