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



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***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.***

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PASTOR PONDER – Pastor Linda Lambert

God has a plan and purpose for the church. We are to be a beacon of light to a dark world. *“We are in the world but not of this world.”* (John 17:14). This means we know our citizenship is in heaven; as we live here as ambassadors of Christ. (II Corinthians 5:20)

We are called to *“go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”* (Mark 16:15)
Matthew 28:19 *“¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.*

We are to be preparing and to be ready for Christ’s coming for His church. Each day His coming is one day closer. I now understand Revelations 22:17. *“¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life”.*

There was a time when I would say, “Oh no, Lord, there is too much to do.” (Romans 11:25, “When the full numbers of Gentiles is full; that is when He will come in.”)

Come, Lord Jesus, Come





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.

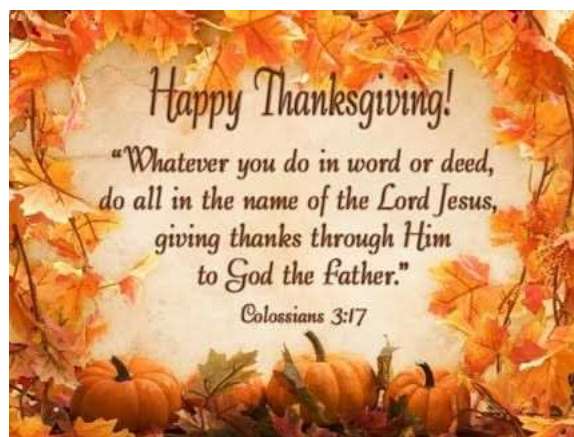


Nursery will be available during the worship hour from 10:15 until 11:30 am for children from 0-4 y/o. The nursery will be located at the top of the stairs to the right, at the end of the hall on your right.

Adult Sunday School - Beginning Nov 21st the Fellowship Hall Sunday school class (meeting each Sunday at 9:30) will be presenting an in-depth study on Proverbs 31. It's a chapter which on one level looks at the characteristics of a godly woman. But more than that it features the hallmarks which Heaven expects of the believer in Jesus. No other portion of Scripture allows so much space and meticulous detail and description of God's standards for us. Join us. Don't miss out on this vital learning. 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)**





NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Board Meeting, Nov. 29 @ 7 pm (normally held in December). Mark calendars now please.

Fall Council meeting will be held after worship Nov. 21. Council reports will be available for preview on Nov. 7 for the congregation. Please mark your calendars.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ Locust Grove Church of the Brethren, Nov. 24 @ 7:30 pm. Pastor Linda Lambert will bring the message. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate our blessings.

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



**Help Us "Spruce"
Up the Church!**

Volunteers are needed to assist the Flower & Music & Worship Comm. with preparing our church for Advent. We will meet Friday, Nov. 26 @ 9:30 am. Many hands are needed.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Annual Conference Delegate(s) in 2022 (July 10-14 in Omaha, Neb). A delegate is also needed for District Conference to serve a 2 yr. term. (Easton, Md. Oct. 14-15, 2022). Please see Beth Green if you can serve.





In the event of inclement causing cancellation of worship services or other church related events, please check our website @ bushcreekchurch.org and [Face Book](#). In addition, you will receive a call from your deacon caregiver to inform you of cancellations.

Congratulations to Jessica Dixon on the promotion to Chief Operating Officer for Target Community & Educational Services, Inc. Jessica most recently held the position of VP for Programs & Quality Assurance. Way to go, Jessica!

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the turkey, oyster & ham dinner on Oct. 23. The dinner was a success with 847 dinners served. The grand total profit was \$11,296. A detailed report is on the bulletin board. – Lou Gloyd & Dinner Committee

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 ic14bethgreen@gmail.com. Jennifer Smith – 301-788-0526 or email to jcswhycomply@gmail.com.**



Thankfulness in action

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God. Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven. — Johannes Gaertner

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. — Maya Angelou



Preaching:

Nov. 7 – Pastor Bill

Nov. 14 – Pastor Bill

Nov. 21 – Pastor Linda

Nov. 28 – Pastor Bill

Worship Assistant:

Art Frank

Jessica Dixon

Anna Mae Poole

Jane Musselman

Greeter(s):

Art & Diana Frank

Rick & Nancy Pastor

Lou Gloyd

Wanda Embrey



Nov. 06 – Craft Bazaar 8 am – 2 pm

Nov. 07 – Memorial Sunday

Nov. 07 – Daylight Savings Time begins

Nov. 08 – Girl Scout meeting fellowship hall 6:30 pm

Nov. 11 – Girl Scout leader meeting fellowship hall 6:30 pm

Nov. 13 – Disaster Auction Westminster

Nov. 21 – Fall Council following worship

Nov. 23 – American Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service Locust Grove COB 7:30 pm

Nov. 24 – Brunner family fellowship hall

Nov. 26 – Decorate for Advent – 9:30 am

Nov. 28 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 29 – Prayer Warriors Meeting 7 pm

Nov. 29 – Board meeting 7 pm

*BSA meeting every Wed. in fellowship hall 6:30 pm



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.



***40th Annual Disaster Response Auction
Saturday, November 13, 2021***

***Carroll County Agricultural Center
ShIPLEY Arena
706 Agricultural Center Drive
Westminster, MD 21157***

7-9:30am - Breakfast

9am - Outside Auction: tools, lawn and garden, household and general items

9:30am - Special Items Auction: including antiques and collectibles, art and jewelry

10am - Food booths open; child care available 10am-2pm

10:30am - Lunch

12pm - Quilt and Comforter Auction

Terms: cash, check, or credit card; ATM machine located in Shipley Arena.

Your purchase has purpose. Auction proceeds go to the Church of the Brethren Emergency Disaster Response Fund to send trained volunteers to help disaster victims with child care and to repair and rebuild after natural disasters that occur within the United States. Overseas relief includes food, water, shelter and medicine.

For more information call 443-960-3052.



Breakfast with Santa & Baby Jesus!

A family event for all ages.

Saturday, December 4, 2021

9 am - 11:30 am

Free

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Breakfast served all morning
Experience the story of the Nativity
Crafts Cookie Decorating Station



**Bush Creek Family
Christmas Meal
Sunday, December 12 after worship.**

**Please plan to come
for the fellowship and good food prepared by the
Fellowship Team.**

**Fried Chicken, Ham, Green Beans,
Harvard Beets, Dressing
Mashed Potatoes and gravy
Cranberry salad and sauce
Cake – Coffee – Ice Tea**

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON PROGRAM
TABLE BELOW MAIL BOXES.
WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE FOR THIS EVENT.**

**Please bring non-perishable food items
to be donated to the Greater Urbana Food Bank
to assist needy families in our area.**





OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Storage Room – Fellowship Hall. An expansion of the storage in the fellowship hall has been approved by our Church Board of Admin. The new storage area will be located on the south side of the fellowship hall wall and used to store tables, chairs and kitchen equipment. The storage room measurements will be 11 ft. x 33 ft. An estimate on this project is \$50 - \$60,000. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make checks payable to Bush Creek COB and mark it “storage room”.

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

