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What's Happening at Bush Creek – January 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

In Isaiah 9:6, “For unto 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.”

As Prince of Peace, He has given us His peace. John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.”

Please remember the prince of this world has been judged, the verdict has been given out – the sentence has not been carried out. John 12:31 Jesus said, “Now is the time for judgement on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”

Satan is driven out of each heart that is willing to receive and believe that Jesus is the Christ. Each heart that allows Jesus to be the Prince of Peace in their soul, and the Holy Spirit to lead and guide into all truths. As John 14:16 “And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth.”

In John 3:19, “This is the verdict: Light has come into the world; but some people love darkness and instead of light, because their deeds are evil.”

John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on Him.”

The verdict is already given – each person chooses; Prince of Peace, or prince of the world. Choose well who you will follow and serve.

Do not be deceived, the thief comes to rob, steal, kill and destroy. Do not allow this world, or the prince of this world to destroy your peace.

God Bless, Pastor Linda





Biblical resolutions for 2022

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)



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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Dates for your calendar: January 25, February 24 and March 29. Please mark your calendars now.



Special Council meeting Jan. 16 after worship. An information packet will be available on Jan. 9 for preview. Please mark your calendars.

Jan/Feb. issue of *The Upper Room* is on the program table. Please pick up a copy.

Bush Creek Directories are available on the program table. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office @ 301-865-3013 or email office@bushcreekchurch.org.



Meditation Moments for 2021 have been compiled into a booklet format. Copies are available on the program table.

Finance Comm. will meet Mon., Jan. 10 @ 6 pm. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.

Bread and Cup Communion will be held Sunday, Jan. 23 during the morning worship service. Please contact the pastors if you are interested in having bread and cup communion brought to your home.

THANK YOU – The Bush Creek congregation would like to express appreciation to **Beth Green** for faithfully serving as Board Chair for the past three years. Beth was an inspiring and energetic leader. We pray blessings upon her as she continues to serve the Lord in other areas at Bush Creek.

THANK YOU – the Finance Commission along with the congregation, would like to express appreciation to **Dorcas Bromhead** for serving as the Financial Secretary for Bush Creek for the past fifteen years. Dorcas has worked behind the scenes in a voluntary position diligently for all of us. Thank you, Dorcas, God Bless!

THANK YOU from Christian Ed. Comm. and the congregation: We would like to express our appreciation to **Jennifer Smith** for many years of amazing service she has given to Bush Creek as a High School Youth Leader. Jennifer has decided it is time to move on from this role. Please express your appreciation to her for leading the Bush Creek Youth. – Christian Ed. Comm.

THANK YOU - The **Lambert family** would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts given to us for Christmas. God Bless – Pastor Linda

Youth Leader needed – if you are interested in serving as the Bush Creek Youth leader, please contact Crystal Herbert/Chair CE. Comm.

Greeting Card Collection: Phyllis Clarke is collecting all greeting cards for craft projects. A box is located under the program table. Please do not cut cards apart. Thank you.



Valentine's Day is Mon., February 14. Be thinking now about Valentine greeting cards you can send to those unable to attend worship and are home bound.



IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:



The Christian Education Commission has started Elementary Sunday School. 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

Youth will either meet in the classroom on second level beside the Library (right), or the first classroom on the left. Please see Jennifer Smith for schedule.

A Young Adult Sunday School class meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month on the second level, first room on the left. Please contact Mike or Kathie Tucker for more information.

Adult Sunday School - Beginning on the 9th of January the Sunday morning Bible Class, meeting in the Fellowship Hall, will begin an extensive study on what Jesus "...continued to do..." in the world through the Holy Spirit in believers after His resurrection and ascension. That indispensable Scriptural account is called The Book of Acts. It records the birth of the church and its maturity as 'she' grows amidst persecution and hatred. We will see the unstoppable power of The Gospel as it ripples further and further out from Jerusalem to Asia and to Europe and beyond. Please join Anna Mae Poole, Jean Hipkins, Sam Weinberg and Art Frank as they present this astonishing God inspired Book.

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.

Bible Studies:

1) Wed. morning is being held in person and also by Zoom at this time. Please see Jean Hipkins for further details.

2) Wed. evening in the sanctuary 6:30 – 7:30 pm – (Pastor Linda Lambert)



January

Preaching:

Jan. 2 – Pastor Bill
Jan. 9 – Pastor Bill
Jan. 16 – Pastor Linda
Jan. 23 – Pastor Linda
Jan. 30 – Pastor Bill

Worship Assistant:

Art Frank
Devin Clark
Anna Mae Poole
Bob Farmer
Jane Musselman

Greeter(s):

Art & Diana Frank
Jim & Linda Walker
Lou Gloyd
David & Dixie Brunner
Jeff & Jane Musselman

Month of January Dates to Remember:

01/01 – New Year's Day
01/03 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm
01/05 – BSA meetings 6:30 pm begin
01/05 – Wednesday AM Bible Study begins @ 10 am
01/05 – Wednesday PM Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
01/09 – Preview package available for Special Council meeting 1/16
01/10 – Finance Commission meeting 6 pm
01/16 – Bread and Cup Communion during worship
01/16 – Special Council Meeting after worship
01/17 – Martin Luther King's Birthday
01/18 – Pleasant Hill Cemetery meeting 7 pm
01/25 – American Red Cross Blood Drive
01/29 – BSA special meeting fellowship hall 9 am – 3 pm

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



January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (KJV).



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Annual Conference Delegates needed: Annual Conference will be held July 10-14, 2022 in Omaha, Nebraska. Please contact the pastors, board chair or church office if interested.

District Conference Delegate needed: One delegate is needed to serve an alternating 2-year (2022-2023) term along with Anna Mae Poole. October 14-15, 2022 in Easton, Maryland. Please contact the pastors, board chair or church office if interested.

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)

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