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



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Pastor Dawn Weller

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Sunday School – 9:30 – 10:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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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.***



When my hopes fade
and my dreams die.
And I find no answer
By asking why
I just keep on trusting
And hang on to my faith
Because God is just
He never makes mistakes.

Should the storms come
And trials I must face.
When I find no solution
I rest in God's grace
When life seems unfair
and more than I can take
I look up to the Father
He never makes mistakes

God sees our struggles
And every bend in the road
But no mistake is ever made
Cause he weighs every load
By Lenora McWhorter

As we face each day that life sends to us, we have to always remember God makes no mistakes. He is the foundation we stand on, as we walk in this world with the faith of who he truly is, Our Lord and Savior. We know that no matter what burden we carry or struggle we have that he is there to carry the load. May you carry the spirit of Christ in you always
Pastor Dawn

Note from Pastor Dawn: *I welcome anyone that would like to have a phone conversation, visit in your home, or a visit in the church office, to contact me by email (dwn1230@gmail.com) or cell phone 240-367-0494. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you better. God Bless,
Pastor Dawn*



+Tues., July 5, Commission meetings @ 7 pm. Stewardship & Finance will meet Wed., July 6 @ 7. No Ministry, Music & Worship or Missions & Service Comm. meetings. Thank you.

+Thurs., July 7, Cemetery Board meeting @ 7 pm.

+Annual Conference will be held in Omaha, Neb. From July 10 – 14, 2022. Pastor Dawn will serve as a virtual non-delegate for Bush Creek. Annual Conference information is online @ <https://www.brethren.org/ac2022>. Please be in prayer for Pastor Dawn as our representative and for this annual event/meeting for our denomination.

+Sunday, July 17 – Bread & Cup Communion served during morning worship.

+Prayer Concerns – Please contact Anna Mae Poole (temporary) with prayer concerns. We *thank* Bob Farmer for many years of dedicating his time in sending emails concerning prayer concerns of the congregation. We are seeking an individual to assume the responsibility on a regular basis. Please contact Pastor Dawn or the church office if you are interested.

+Crisis in Ukraine – The Church of the Brethren response will support partners such as Church World Service (CWS), the ACT Alliance, European Baptist Churches, or Mennonite groups. The response will focus on people and locations that are underserved and have the greatest need for aid. To support the Ukraine Crisis Response, make checks payable to Bush Creek Church and put in memo line – **Crisis in Ukraine**. – Missions & Service Comm. (Thank you for all donations received so far).

+Interested in digging deeper into Scripture? Bring your Bible and join the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** led by Gary White. This group meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and is currently studying 2 Thessalonians. All are welcome! **Meeting schedule: July 6 & 20 & August 3 & 17. Current study: Book of 1 Timothy.**

+American Red Cross Blood Drive Dates: July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29 & Dec. 13. Please mark your calendars.





+Baptism will be conducted during worship on Sunday, August 7. Please see Pastor Dawn if you are interested in being baptized at a later time.

+Women's Fellowship News: We will be holding a bazaar meeting on **Wed., August 10 at 10:00** am in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us as we plan this fun fall event. The bazaar this year will be held on Saturday, November 5th. Thank you, The Bazaar Committee

+Deacon Picnic, Sat., August 20 @ Hipkins' farm – 6:30 pm. Please see Wanda Embrey for details. All deacons are invited.

+Shepherd's Spring Camping – If interested in camping at Shepherd's Spring this summer, please consult their website @ www.shepherdsspring.org or call 301-223-8193. Shepherd's Spring information is located on the program table. Financial assistance is available for registration through our Christian Education Commission.

+Address Directories are available on the program table. If you are unable to attend worship but would like a new directory, please let the church office know @ either office@bushcreekchurch.org or 301-865-3013. Please note the office number listed in the new directory is incorrect - the number is **301-865-3013**.

A security system has been installed within the Bush Creek facilities by Urban Alarm recently. Just remember when you enter into the building "you are on camera". The cameras are on duty 24/7 for the protection of our facilities. **Thank you to Jim Walker and the Trustee Commission. Many thanks to Nancy Pastor for many hours in recent months in the wiring process along with helper David "Porky" Harshman.**



The Greater Urbana Food Bank is collecting school supplies the month of July through August 1. Please bring donations to the coat room including: boxes of crayons, glue sticks, composition books, pencils (#12), plastic folders with prongs, washable markers, dry erase markers, headphones, rulers, colored pencils, highlighters, spiral notebooks, scissors, folders, sharpies, index cards and back packs. Monetary donations are very much appreciated to purchase the necessary supplies for over 200 families in the area with school-aged children in need. - Thank you, Missions & Service Comm.



Someone asked, 'Why do I need to go to a church building? Why can't I be spiritually 'moved' going to places on my own? Like going to the mountains or into the forest and 'feel' close to God there?' Well, it's certainly true that you can be 'close' to The Lord wherever you are. In fact, it's a good idea to get alone and appreciate God's creation. However, it is more gratifying and rewarding to, also, gather and worship together because we need each other as much as the fingers need the thumb. We need each other's encouragement, each other's knowledge and wisdom. We need that 'Holy-hug' and handshake. **Church is not just a place we go to; it is a family we belong to.** Amen. *(Written & shared by Art Frank)*

Preaching:

07/03 – Pastor Dawn
07/10 – Pastor Dawn
07/17 – Pastor Dawn
07/24 – Art Frank
07/31 – Youth

Worship Assistant:

Randy Toms
Art Frank
Anna Mae Poole
Jennifer Smith
Claire Smith

Greeter(s):

Jo Ann Schulze & Evelyn Mossburg
David & Dixie Brunner
Devin Clark & Rose Haley
Art & Diana Frank
David Harshman

Month of July Dates to Remember:

07/04 – Independence Day Holiday (Church offices closed)
07/05 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm (*see note concerning commissions*)
07/06 – Finance Comm. meeting @ 7 pm
07/06 – Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
07/07 – Cemetery Board meeting @ 7 pm
07/09 – VBS set up @ 9 am
07/11 – VBS through 07/15 – 6:00 – 8:30 pm
07/16 – Fellowship hall reserved – Kessell family all day
07/17 – Bread & Cup Communion during worship
07/18 – Pastor Dawn vacation 07/18 through 07/24
07/20 – Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
07/23 – Fellowship hall reserved – Good family all day
07/25 – Church office closed – Admin. Asst. - vacation
07/26 – American Red Cross Blood Drive



Thank you to all for donating your time to clean up our flower gardens and spread mulch on the church property on June 18. Pictured (top) Ron Linton, Steve Shultz, Ron Brashear, David (Porky) Harshman, Tyler Burall and Nancy Pastor. Pictured above (bottom) Devin Clark, Mike Tucker, Kathie Tucker, Art Frank, David Brunner & Warren Brunner. Not pictured: Lou Gloyd, Jim Walker & Marvin Curtis.

We are very appreciative to Bussard Brothers of Monrovia for the donation of the mulch.



+Summer Sunday School started **June 5** for elementary aged children and young adults. The class will meet on the second level beside the Library through August on the first and third Sunday of each month.



+Adult Sunday School - The Sunday morning Bible Class, meeting in the Fellowship Hall, is currently in 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:

- **Wed. morning Bible Study is suspended until Fall.**
- **Wed. evening Bible Study in sanctuary with Gary White as leader.**
- **Please see the bulletin and newsletter for schedule.**



Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

Vacation Bible School is in need
of your assistance please.



Volunteers are needed to assist with VBS. Please contact Chontelle Hockenbery if you can assist for one evening, or all five. Thank you.

Artificial Christmas trees are needed for VBS. Please see Beth Green if you can loan one. Thank you.

Boxes Needed - Crystal Herbert is in need of 15 cardboard boxes for VBS. Boxes should be big enough to fit children inside of i.e. Anthony/Amelia Herbert size. Please bring boxes to the church, and place in the coat room asap please.

VBS Decorating/Setup – Sat., July 9 @ 9 am. Please consider lending a hand. Meet @ church and help decorate classrooms and other areas. See Crystal Herbert, Chontelle Hockenbery or Beth Green to assist or with questions.



Hooray for VBS!

For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road." And anyone with an earworm at week's end can relate to this meme: "My parents hid my VBS CD. It's for the best."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rocky Railway - Jesus Power Pulls Us Through

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July 11 - 15, 2022

Dinner 5:30 pm Free

Program 6 - 8:30 pm Free



Music, Crafts, Games, Bible Stories,
& Tons of Fun!!

Ages 4 to 5th grade (completed)



Please register @ office@bushcreekchurch.org

[Or www.bushcreekchurch.org](http://www.bushcreekchurch.org)

Note: We will follow MD & CDC guidelines effective at the time. Follow us on Face Book.



+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”. (*Thank you for all donations received so far*).

+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 always 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 & Village
Heifer International, Meat Canning
Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response
Shepherd’s Spring Outdoor Ministries