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***“The Bridge”***  
***What’s Happening at Bush Creek***



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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.***



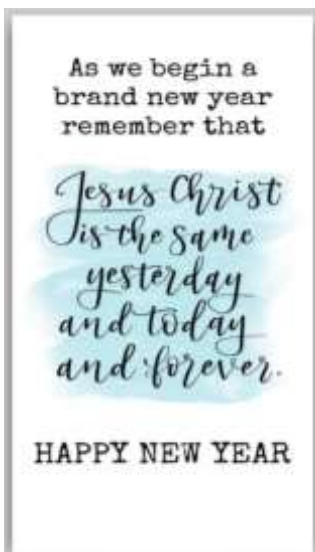
As the sun rises on this New Year's Day.  
May you see the light of the Lord brighten your way.

The old has past and the new is here to shine.  
So, let the hope, peace, love and joy  
of Christ help you to chime.

Shout the good news of our Lord and Savior,  
As you share the Word with others.  
Walk the faith of the spirit, so you can talk with  
Your sisters and brothers.

As you journey on the rough rugged roads.  
Let us learn to give our Lord our heavy loads.

By giving thanks to our Father for all He has done  
And by creating unity, and sending His Son. Amen  
Written by Pastor Dawn Weller.



*As we start this new year, may you carry the spirit of God in your heart. Let the hope of each new day show you the glory of your Lord. Allow His truth to be your guide, and open your soul to feel His spirit. God Bless You All, Pastor Dawn*



### **Biblical resolutions for 2023**

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)

**Commission Meetings Mon., Jan. 9 @ 7 pm. Please inform the church office if your commission will not be meeting. Thank you.**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive Dates: Jan. 24 & Feb. 28.** Please mark your calendars.

**Bible Studies: Wed. mornings @ 10 am in the fellowship hall. Next date will be Jan. 4. (Jean Hipkins/teacher). Thurs. evening Next date will be Jan. 5 @ 6:30 PM. (Gary White/teacher). All are welcome to both Bible Studies.**

**Address Directories are available on the program table.**

**Financial Giving Envelopes for 2023 are located in the coat room on a table for pick up.**  
Thank you – Bob Farmer – Financial Sec.

**Bread and Cup Communion will be held during worship on Jan. 8 during morning worship.**

**Deacon Meeting following worship on Jan. 15.**

**Card Collection –** A box is located under the program table by the mailboxes for all greeting cards you would like to recycle. Please do not cut the cards apart. The cards are used for craft projects by Phyllis Clarke. Thank you.



**Chilly Willy Sunday – Jan. 8.** Mark your calendars now for Chilly Willy Sunday – bring your favorite winter type of food i.e. casserole, chili, soup, etc. and a dessert. Salad and drinks provided. Sponsored by the Fellowship Team.



**Apple butter** is for sale @ \$7 for a quart and \$4 for a pint. We still have some “no added” sugar available for the same prices. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Wed., March 15. – Jean Hipkins

**MESSENGER Subscriptions:** If you would like to renew your current subscription, or request a new subscription, please see Anna Mae Poole by NLT **Sunday, Jan. 29.** Payment is not due until later when we receive an invoice from MESSENGER. However, if you wish to pay now: 1) Please write the check to Bush Creek Church; 2) Write "Messenger" in the Memo section; and 3) **Give the check to Anna Mae.** Anna Mae will make note that you have paid, and will forward the check to the Bush Creek Financial Secretary to process. The cost continues to remain at \$14.50/year; or \$27/2 years. Thank you!



**In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made and communicated by 7 am for a Sunday morning worship service. The Bush Creek Deacons will call all those in their care groups, plus a posting on our website, Face Book and an email will be sent.**



**Ordination Service for Pastor Dawn** – Please mark your calendar now for the ordination service for Pastor Dawn on Sunday, January 29 @ 3 pm at Bush Creek. Following the ordination service there will be a reception. Lift prayers of blessings for this achievement for our pastor.



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

**Young Adult and Elementary Sunday School classes will meet weekly beginning January 8.** Jane Musselman and Jimmy Weller will alternate teaching the elementary class. Mike and Kathie Tucker will teach the Young Adult class.

**Christian Ed. News: Help Wanted!** Children's Church Worship leaders to claim 1+ Sundays a month. We have materials, snack and some fun kids ready to learn and play! Thank you - Crystal Herbert

**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.

**Adult Sunday School – Beginning in January,** the Sunday morning (9:30 am) Bible class which meets in the fellowship hall, will begin a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, study of the Old Testament Book of Joshua. We will be examining the history and the faith lessons applicable to us. Please join Anna Mae Poole, Jean Hipkins, Sam Weinberg and Art Frank as they present this God inspired astounding portion of the Holy astonishing God inspired Book.

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



## MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMISSION NEWS

**Soup Project for Food Bank** - Each Year the Greater Urbana Area Food Bank features a "SPECIAL PROJECT" for each month. The January 2023 specific drive emphasizes the 'Soup-Fixin' collection. Please help with this special project by donating one or more of the following needs: Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable; with no MSG), Canned chicken, fine and medium egg noodles, canned beans (kidney, black, great northern), Campbell's chicken noodle soup, Progresso vegetable soups, Chunky soups, Saltine crackers, Ritz crackers, heavy-duty disposable bowls, plastic spoons. Just a small donation will go a long way in helping the Food Bank deliver necessary food to children, women and men suffering from hunger. Thank you. Art Frank - Missions and Service Chair

**WORKING TOGETHER:** With our food and money donations to the Greater Urbana Food Bank, we are improving the lives of many in our community by making sure everyone has access to nutritious food. The Greater Urbana Food Bank which started 30 years ago in a church in Ijamsville, now serves Urbana, Adamstown, Buckeystown, Ijamsville, Monrovia, Green Valley, New Market and Mt. Airy. Over the Thanksgiving holidays the Urbana Food Bank provided approximately 150 complete meals to Food Bank families. They also provided over a thousand Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers to families. **Your donations of food and money this past year was exceptional.** Please consider donating throughout this new year. Food supplies can be placed in the coat area. Money donations can be placed in your offering envelope and designated 'Food Bank'. Contributing to the Food Bank not only reduces hunger, but provides jobs and helps lower income families free up money to meet other basic needs. **Thank you again for your support in 2022 and for your help and generosity this new year.**  
**Art Frank. Missions and Service.**

**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*).





**Preaching:**

Jan. 01 – Pastor Dawn  
Jan. 08 – Pastor Dawn  
Jan. 15 – Pastor Dawn  
Jan. 22 – Pastor Dawn  
Jan. 29 – Dylan Rinehart

**Worship Assistant:**

Jimmy Weller  
Devin Clark  
Jane Musselman  
Jennifer Smith  
Art Frank

**Greeter(s):**

Rick & Judy Regnier  
Bush Creek Young Adults  
Chip & Jan Stitley  
Lou Gloyd & Mary Foster  
Herbert Family



Jan. 01 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR** – Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Jan. 08 – Bread & Cup Communion during worship  
Jan. 08 – Chilly Willy Sunday fellowship meal  
Jan. 09 – Commissions meeting @ 7 pm.  
Jan. 15 – Commissioning of Deacons during worship service & deacon meeting after worship  
Jan. 24 – Blood Drive @ Bush Creek  
Jan. 29 – Ordination Service for Pastor Dawn Weller @ 3 pm followed by refreshments

**Boy Scout Troop 268** will meet in the fellowship hall @ 6:30 pm. every Wed. except when Frederick County Public Schools are not in session.



**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).