

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
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“The Bridge” - What’s Happening at Bush Creek



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***4821A Green Valley Road
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301-865-3013
Pastor Dawn Weller***

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<http://bushcreekchurch.org/> - website

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.***



The Lenten Season

Forty days has Lent each year;
For the soul to God endear;
Confess sins to God to hear;
Live a life pure without fear.

Prayer is key primary;
Fasting cleanses mind, body;
One does good deeds, charity;
Heart gets grace and purity.

Time to introspect divine;
Reconcile with Christ, the Vine;
Let remorse make heart to pine;
For repentance that turns life fine.

Like Jesus, let's fight the devil;
Let us do no more evil;
Lent can heal the soul that's ill;
We must take heaven's road well!

Lent is gift of God that's lent,
And for deeds gods is just meant;
Soul must turn sinless and bent
Erasing stain and all dent!

Dr. A. Celestine Raj Manohar M.D.



As we enter into this time of Lent, let us remember it is a time for healing our souls within the spirit of our Lord. Ask the Lord to renew and cleanse our hearts and fill our spirit with God's Word. Walk in Jesus Christ's path of passion, and the washing of our sinful nature. Be transformed in our way of thinking in order for us to proclaim the gospel.

In Jesus' name – Amen (Pastor Dawn)



March 12

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Commission meetings – March 6 @ 7 pm.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Dates: March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 31, November 28 & December 12. Please mark your calendars.

Bible Studies: Wed. mornings @ 10 am in the fellowship hall. (Jean Hipkins/teacher). Thurs. evening @ 6:30 PM - dates: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 & 3/30 (none on 2/23 or 3/23). (Gary White/teacher). All are welcome to both Bible Studies.



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

Chicken Canning for 2023 is fast approaching. Bush Creek will participate in this program on **Easter Monday, April 10, 2023.** If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make check to Bush Creek Church and mark your check in the memo line “meat canning”. – Thank you – David Brunner – Meat Canning Rep.

Spring Council Meeting will be held after worship on April 23. Council packages will be available for preview on April 9 on the program table.

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. 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*).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Young Adult and Elementary Sunday School classes are meeting weekly. 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 – The Sunday morning (9:30 am) Bible class meeting in the fellowship hall, is currently doing 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.

CALENDAR NOTE – Sat., April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt
– see flyer in this issue. Sunday, April 9 – Easter Party
during worship for children



CALENDAR NOTE



Vacation Bible School – July 10 – 14, 2023
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMISSION NEWS



FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN FOR EASTER BASKETS - The Greater Urbana Food Bank would like to express their profound thanks for the outpouring of baby items donated in February and for your generous financial support. **March and April feature a new focus on 'needs'. They are asking for materials to fill Easter baskets for children.** Suggested are items such as small (new) stuffed animals; spring socks for girls (2-12); Easter books; coloring books; card games; chap stick; sunglasses and anything else you see that children would like. The Food Bank has asked that the bulk of donations, material or financial, be ready for pickup by the **April 2.** As

always, any food contributions are accepted anytime. **"WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS."** Art Frank. Missions and Service.



**BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries**

The **Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM)** interacts with a network of volunteers to repair and/or rebuild damaged homes due to climate destruction, fire or other natural or human caused disasters.

Volunteers who have served testify of their experience as being, "The biggest blessing of my life." Others say how "Rewarding" it was and "It's why God put me here, to help others." A branch of BDM is the Children's Disaster Service (CDS). It's a program serving to care for children directly impacted by disaster. The CDS sets up child care centers with volunteers specially trained to respond to traumatized children. Bush Creek Church has been involved with Brethren Disaster Ministries for over 40 years. Our financial donations and volunteers have been an immense support to BDM. In 2022 volunteers from Bush Creek travelled to 4 needy disaster sites. Two in North Carolina, two in Kentucky. This year two trips, one in February and one in April, are already planned, both to Kentucky. There are a number of ways we as a congregation can assist the BDM. Volunteers are welcome. Financial support is appreciated. And above all PRAYER. Prayer for those out in the field, for their safety and that others see the godly light of our volunteers. Please consider supporting the BDM program. Thank you. Art Frank, Missions and Service

THANK YOU – Thank you to all for your contributions towards the Disaster Auction Booklet. Patron ads from Bush Creek totaled \$860. A full-page ad was contributed by the supper committee and Bush Creek, plus a third page ad from the Women's Fellowship. Total contributions from Bush Creek were **\$1,280.**

As part of their global ministry, each February and March money donations are requested to support the **BLANKET FUND** project. Contributions will go to the **Church World Service (CWS)** and be applied to obtaining blankets for needy individuals and families. A representative blanket will be draped over a back pew throughout the two months. Donations can be submitted during the collection and designated **BLANKET FUND.** Thank you. Art Frank - Missions and Service.

**+ Brethren Disaster Ministries Banquet @
Bush Creek, April 1 – see flyer in this
issue.**

**+ Brethren Disaster Ministries Auction,
May 6 – see flyer this issue.**



I would like to thank all of you for being a part of my Ordination Service held on January 29. It was such a blessed event, and I am very grateful for all the support and encouragement that each of you have given.

Everything that took place on that day was very special, down to the decorations, people wearing red, (which is my favorite color), but most of all, the effort to make the day a memorable one. Thank you for the beautiful clock presented to me by the Ministry Commission. If you would like a close-up look, stop by my office where it has a very special place. Your efforts showed in everything, including all of the music, the beautiful sounds of singing, the floral arrangement and the lovely reception.

If my memory serves me correctly, I will remember this day forever, and that is due to my added family at Bush Creek. I could never thank you enough. God Bless you all. May the Lord continue to walk with each of you in the journey we all now face together.

Thank you and God Bless,

Pastor Dawn



CALENDAR DATES 2023



March

3/5 – Area 5 Lenten Service @ Bush Creek 6:45
3/6 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm
3/8 – Women's Fellowship meal and meeting
3/12 – Spud Sunday (potato meal after worship)
3/19 – Deacon meeting after worship
3/20 – 25 – Dinner prep
3/25 – Oyster Dinner 12 – 5
3/28 – Blood Drive

April

4/1 – BDM Banquet 6 pm
4/2 – Palm Sunday
4/3 – Board meeting @ 6 pm
4/6 – Love Feast and Communion 6:30 pm
4/8 – Easter Egg Hunt – 11 am
4/9 – Sunrise Service @ 8 am followed by breakfast
4/9 – Easter Sunday
4/10 – Meat Canning
4/16 – BDM trip thru 4/21
4/23 – Spring Council after worship
4/25 – Blood Drive

May

5/1 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm
5/14 – Mother's Day – children present gift
5/20 – Ladies Tea – 12 noon – 2 pm
5/21 – Main Reunion 12:30 – 4 pm
5/21 – Teacher Appreciation
5/30 – Blood Drive

June

No Children's Sunday School until September

6/5 – Board meeting @ 6 pm
6/14 – Women's Fellowship meal and meeting
6/18 – Father's Day – children present gift
6/27 – Blood Drive

July

7/3 – Commission meetings
7/4 – 7/8 – Annual Conf., Cincinnati, Ohio
7/8 – VBS set up
7/9 – Forever Young (special music program) during worship
7/10 – 7/14 – VBS – 5:30 – 8:30 pm
7/15 – Kessell Family Reunion
7/25 – Blood Drive
7/29 – Good Reunion

August

8/7 – Board meeting
8/26 – Ice Cream Social after worship
8/29 – Blood Drive

September

9/10 – Teacher Dedication, Back to Sunday School & Third Grade Bible presentation
9/11 – Commission meetings
9/13 – Women's Fellowship meal and meeting
9/26 – Blood Drive

October

10/2 – Board meeting @ 6 pm
10/6 & 7 – District Conf. – Manassas COB, Va.
10/15 – Homecoming – Pastor Fred Bernhard speaker
10/21 – Trunk or Treat
10/23 – 10/27 – Dinner prep
10/28 – Oyster Dinner
10/31 – Blood Drive

November

11/4 – Bazaar
11/5 – Memorial Sunday
11/6 – Commission meetings @ 7 pm
11/12 – Fall Council after worship
11/22 – Thanksgiving Eve Service Locust Grove 7:30
11/28 – Blood Drive

December

12/2 – Breakfast with Santa – 9 – 11:30 am
12/3 – First Sunday of Advent
12/4 – Board meeting @ 6 pm
12/12 – Blood Drive
12/13 – Women's Fellowship meal and meeting
12/17 – Children's Christmas Party
12/24 – Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm
12/25 (Monday) – Christmas Day



Easter Flower order forms will become available March 5 thru April 2. Please fill out forms and put in Donna Nunn's mailbox beside the sanctuary door. All flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 9. – Thank you – Flower Comm.



CALENDAR NOTE – A **baby/child dedication** will be held during worship on **May 7**. If you are interested in having a child dedicated, please contact Pastor Dawn by April 16.

CALENDAR NOTE – **Daughters of Faith Tea, Sat., May 20 from 12 noon – 2 pm.** Ladies, please mark your calendars now. More detail will be available very soon. Invite your family and friends. 😊



Preaching:

March 05 – Pastor Dawn
March 12 – Pastor Dawn
March 19 – Joe Detrick
March 26 – Pastor Dawn

Worship Assistant:

Sam Weinberg
Devin Clark
Joan Joy Keovichith & Laila Buter
David Harshman & Bruce Thompson

Greeter(s):

Kay & Terry Oliver
Stacey Seibert & Chloe Carter
Anna Mae Poole
Art Frank

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.

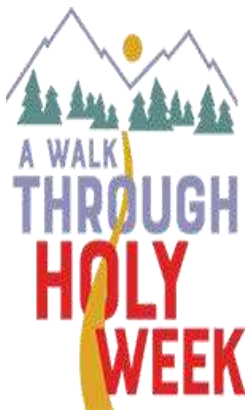
First Day of Spring - Monday, March 20!!





Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which began on **Ash Wednesday (February 22)** and will end on **Holy Saturday (April 8)**. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

The Bush Creek Deacons will enhance our worship services with dramatic readings from **Reflections by Candlelight** during Lent. A candle display is a part of our worship center on the altar with **purple** coverings throughout the sanctuary. Each week a candle will be extinguished at the end of the readings. Please be in prayer for our Deacons as they lead us through the 40 days of **Lent**.



Love Feast & Communion Thurs, April 6 @ 6:30 pm. This is a gathering of believers to commemorate the last evening and meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before His crucifixion and resurrection. Please consider attending this inspirational and meaningful service of love and humility. If interested in more information about this service, please see either Pastor Dawn.

Easter Sunday we will begin the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior with the **Sonrise Service (in sanctuary) at 8 am with Brother Art Frank bringing the message.** This worship service will be followed by **breakfast** in the fellowship hall. **Sunday School will follow at 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am.** An **Easter Festival** for children of all ages and youth will be held during worship in the fellowship hall. An Easter story, craft, snack, etc. will all be a part of this event. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Jan Stitley.

“Be Thou My Vision”

2023 Lenten Services

Area 5 Church of the Brethren

Congregational Hymn Sing @ 6:45 pm - Worship Service Starts @ 7:00 pm

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Host Church:</u>	<u>Service Agenda:</u>
Mar. 5, 2023	Bush Creek COB	Speaker: Rev. Amy Bell, Pastor, Meadow Branch COB
Mar. 12, 2023	Locust Grove COB	Speaker: Rev. Dylan Rinehart, (YOUTH SERVICE*) Member, Frederick COB
Mar. 19, 2023	Meadow Branch COB	Speaker: Rev. Stan Diehl, Pastor, Piney Creek COB
Mar. 26, 2023	Sam's Creek COB	Speaker: Rev. Glenn McCrickard, Pastor, Westminster COB

Child Care will be provided.

Refreshments & Fellowship after each service, depending on COVID status.

(*) Youth and families are to gather at 5:00 pm for practice and a pizza party.

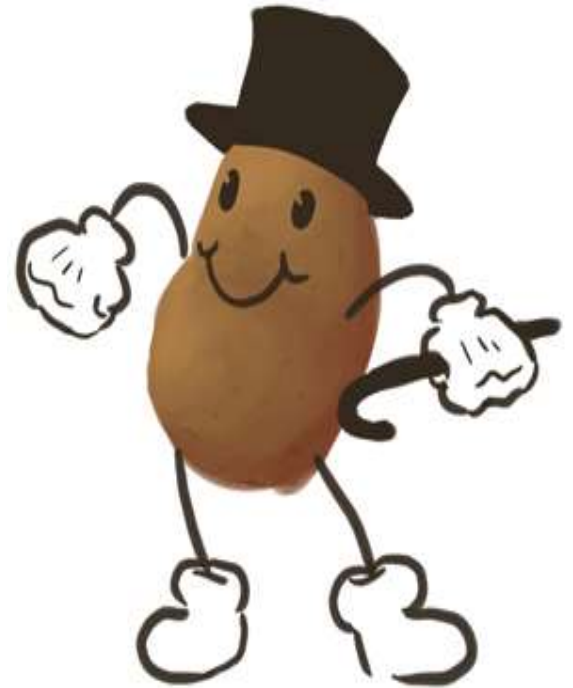
Offerings collected go to Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center.



Annual Spud Sunday –

March 12, 2023

Potato Lunch served after worship
with all the trimmings - white & sweet
potatoes, toppings, salads, rolls
and drinks provided by the
Fellowship Team



**Please bring desserts –
green if you please.**

Wear your green....



Turkey, FRIED Oyster & Country Ham Dinner

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Saturday, March 25, 2023

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 - \$30 *

Children 6 – 12 - \$8 Under 6 – Free

Carry-Out - \$1.00 extra

***Subject to change depending upon market price of oysters**



BRETHREN Disaster Ministries

**Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Relief Dinner
Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 6 p.m.
At Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
4821 Green Valley Road (Rt. 75) Monrovia, MD**

Join us for an evening of good food, fellowship,
and auction of specialty food items co-hosted by
Union Bridge Church of the Brethren
Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

Tickets are \$35 per person

**Contact Jeff McKee before March 26, 2023 at
443-547-5958 or jamckee26@msn.com**

Menu: Fruit Cup, Ham Loaf, Fried Shrimp, Pasta
Casserole, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Corn, Oven
Roasted Vegetables, Homemade Breads, Rolls &
Assorted Desserts

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



An Easter Egg Hunt to Celebrate Jesus!

Sat., April 8, 2023 - 11 am

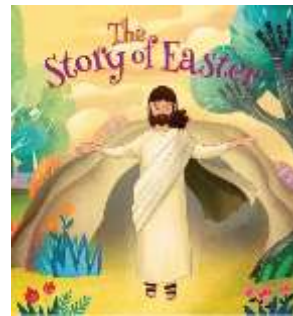
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Children ages 2 - 12 - All Outside Activity
100 dozen eggs!

All attendees will receive a copy of
The Story of Easter



In event of rain this will be a drive-thru.



Special Guest-
The Easter Bunny





MAY 6, 2023

6 AM – 3 PM

**Carroll County Agriculture Center
706 Agriculture Dr.
Westminster, MD 21157**

Since 1981, the first Saturday in May has marked the annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction. There is no admission charged for this annual event that is open to the public and features three auctions, plants, crafts, food and baked goods, books, and white elephant table.

7-9:30 am Breakfast

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

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

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

10:30 am Lunch

12 pm Quilt and Comforter Auction

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