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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.***



Psalm 56:13 - For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

In this time of Easter season, when Christ was crucified and raised from the dead, we have to remember what Jesus' death and resurrection meant.

The grace of God in Him was the living water for all of us, giving unto us eternal life. Christ redeemed us and delivered us from the wrath which is to come. So that death would not have power over any of us. God's gracious promise has helped us from falling, as stated in scripture. Because it was put in Christ's hands, and the power given to Him through His death for the forgiveness of our sins, and raised for us to have that same Holy Spirit, which is the gift of walking in God's light. We need to walk according to the word and will of God, in all ways. As scripture says, that we may do the will of the Lord; and so, to please Him, as Enoch did in Hebrews. For us to walk in the light we must do what is acceptable in His sight, and walk in Christ's light by faith, so we can also have the light of life.

Lord, may we see the true meaning of the Easter season, of that Christ represents, and to be obedient and follow Him through His death and resurrection. In Jesus Name. Amen.



God Bless
Pastor Dawn Weller



Board Meeting – Monday, April 3 @ 6 pm.

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

Bible Study – Wed. 10 am. will not meet March 22 or April 5. Will meet every other Wed. beginning April 12 thru May 17. (Jean Hipkins/teacher).

Bible Study – Thurs. @ 6:30 pm will not meet March 23 or April 6. Will meet remainder of April. (Gary White/teacher).

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*).

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**.

Graduate Sunday will be held June 11 to honor our high school and college graduates within the congregation. Please submit names to either Chontelle Hockenbery (Christian Ed. Chair, Pastor Dawn or the church office by **May 14**.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 –
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm**



July 10 – 14, 2023

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.

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMISSION NEWS



On behalf of the agencies which received charitable donations in 2022 through Bush Creek, **thank you so much for your giving**. The contributions have helped in various ways. Each of the organizations who benefitted from your gifts have expressed how grateful they are for the generous support. Our church gave, in total, over \$21,000 last year. Donations went to Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries, Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community, Meat Canning, New Market VFD, Disaster Response, Greater Urbana Food Bank, Heifer International, Blanket Fund and Serrv International. Each of these groups have websites explaining their mission and vision. Each of these places have been supporting domestically and internationally for many years. **"How Blessed it is to Give"**. Thank you again for your help. Art Frank Missions and Service.



MEAT CANNING - Using Matthew 25:44-45 as a foundation the **Meat Canning** ministry provides hope for thousands of suffering people across the world. For 72 years volunteers from communities and churches all over North America get together annually to 'can' meat. Pork, turkey, chicken and beef is packaged for shipment around the world. Every 'can' of meat is labelled with the words, "In the name of Christ" as a witness. Each year over 30,000 people volunteer to fill, weigh, wash and label 'cans' for shipment. In a single year's time an average of 450,000 lbs. of chicken, 410,000 lbs. of turkey, 40,000 lbs. of pork and 20,000 lbs. of beef will be shipped and destined for needy families. **Your help volunteering or with donations to Meat Canning is highly appreciated.** Thank you. Art Frank. Missions and Service.

Meat Canning Volunteers - Monday, April 10 Bush Creek will have 15 volunteers that will depart very early for Ephrata, Pa. to join in the meat canning project held annually with the Mennonite denomination. The volunteers from Bush Creek include: Lou Gloyd, Sue Esworthy, Nancy Pastor, David Brunner, Jimmy & Dawn Weller, Leo Barnes, Anna Mae Poole, Earl Kline, Rick Fullmer, Randy Toms, Dean Thews, Ronnie Brashear, Jennifer Smith and Steve Shultz. Please be in prayer for this group as they travel, work and return home. Thank you to David Brunner as Meat Canning Coordinator.



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



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.

Shepherd's Spring Volunteer Day, April 22. Please RSVP to info@shepherdspring.org. If you do not have email, please see sign up on program table and the office will register you. **A detailed flyer is available on the program table.**

CALENDAR DATES 2023

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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 – Daughters of Faith 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
- 6/11 – Graduate Sunday
- 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 (dinner) 6 – 8:30 pm program
- 7/15 – Kessell Family Reunion
- 7/25 – Blood Drive
- 7/29 – Good Reunion

August

- 8/7 – Board meeting
- 8/27 – 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 6 – 8 pm
- 10/23 – 10/27 – Dinner prep
- 10/28 – Oyster Dinner
- 10/31 – Blood Drive

November

- 11/4 – Bazaar 8 am – 2 pm
- 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 pm
- 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



Night Out at the Movies to view “Jesus Revolution” on March 19.



Preaching:

04/02 – Pastor Dawn – Palm Sunday
04/09 – Pastor Dawn – Easter Sunday
04/16 – Pastor Dawn
04/23 – Pastor Dawn
04/30 – Bush Creek Youth

Worship Assistant:

Bob Farmer
Jimmy Weller
Anna Mae Poole
Jane Musselman
Art Frank

Greeter(s):

Brenda Bennett
Devin Clark
Art & Diana Frank
Kathie & Mike Tucker
Steve, Dana, Amanda &
Helen Shultz



Palm Sunday **will be observed on**
April 2 with the celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

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 **Sunrise 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.





An Easter Egg Hunt to Celebrate Jesus!

Sat., April 8, 2023 - 11 am

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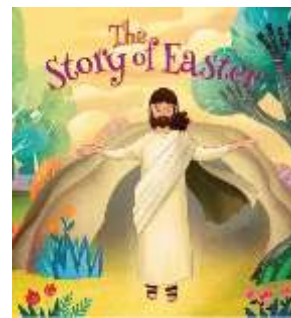
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Children ages 2 - 12 - All Outside Activity

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
The Easter



Guest-
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.



**Daughters of Faith Tea
Saturday, May 20, 2023
12 noon – 2 pm**

Hosted by The Fellowship Team

**Entertainment – Kip Young (from Forever Young)
Price - \$15 Adults – children are welcome and free**

Invite friends and family

**A sign up is available on the program table or email to
office@bushcreekchurch.org by May 7.**

