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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

April 2019

We have all heard the proverb, "April showers brings May flowers." This wisdom comes from the month of April, traditionally a rainy period, giving way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided to them by the April rains. Then, by extension, the meaning becomes something like, "A period of discomfort can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy," or, "every dark cloud has a silver lining." As I sit here composing this message it is March and it is raining. Maybe we should move the concept of the rainy month back to March. Do flowers bloom in April? Whatever the case may be, the concept of every dark cloud has a silver lining is an appropriate one for April this year as we celebrate Easter on the 21st.

This April we have much of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter for more than half the month. We offer a special Lenten Bible Study on Thursday nights, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Palm Sunday Service, Maundy Thursday Seder Service, a Good Friday Community Service, an Easter Sunrise Service, our Easter Service and more! April is a busy time so we must be careful not to miss it's true meaning.

First of all, it is Easter, not Christmas, that is the oldest and most important festival of the Christian church. When we celebrate Easter we are celebrating Christ's victory over death. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection granting us eternal life. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, if he had merely died and not been resurrected, he would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, his resurrection changed all that and gave the believers the ultimate sign that he was the Son of God and conquered death once for all. Jesus' crucifixion was a dark cloud with a wonderful silver lining!

In a nation where religion is controversial and the Christian Faith, at least in terms of church attendance, is losing ground, it is important to remember the theological basis of our religious festivals. They must be much more than Hallmark Holidays for us because they remind us of the core values of our faith and we are called as witnesses of that faith to the world.

I hope you will come out to all of our offerings at Baust Church and remember with us the joy of our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



Greetings Church Family,

Time is rolling right along!

By the time you receive this newsletter, Daylight Savings Time has began and the weather is warming up, daffodils are popping up and Spring is upon us.

March consistory meeting was quite a long one, but as a group we accomplished a lot. We reviewed the By-Laws and made some suggested changes. More to follow. Update on property improvements was discussed, Grant application due dates have been established, and the 5-year plan is being updated.

There was several members that attended the Catoctin Association meeting on March 16th. (Jeff & Cathy Dull, Sandy Stonesifer, Bob Miller and myself.) This was a first for me and I must say it was nothing like I was expecting. (Please see Bob Miller's notes below for more details.)

Jim Stonesifer told consistory that he delivered 8-bags to the food bank. Thank you for your support in this community outreach program.

There is a lot going on, in, and around us here at the church and in our daily lives.

Please keep in you prayers those who are recovering from an illness or a loss of some type.

We are LIVE & WELL !

Jane Rodkey, President

Notes From the Catoctin Association Meeting

The Annual Spring Meeting was held on March 16 at Glade United Church of Christ in Walkersville. Delegates from our church were Pastor Dull and Cathy, Jane Rodkey, Sandy Stonesifer, and Bob Miller.

A Quorum was present and business was conducted as follows:

- Two By-Law changes were approved that would allow meetings to be conducted electronically, as well as, physically to facilitate ease of conducting business.
- Elections were held to fill vacancies on the Association Council and various committees.
- There was a new Mission Project located in Guatemala, more information can be found on the Association's website.

The speaker for the meeting was the new Central Atlantic Conference Minister, Rev. Freeman Palmer who has been on the job for 6 weeks. He set forth his goals and objectives for the future path of the CAC. He also introduced Rev. Audrey Price who is our new Catoctin Association Minister. She stated her initial goal is to visit all 38 churches in the Association and get an idea of their needs.

Finally, some greetings to pass along to the congregation. The meeting gave me the opportunity to speak to Pastor Jerry and Libby Fuss and Pastor Michelle Beadle. Jerry and Libby passed along their good wishes to everyone and wants them to know they are happy, doing well, and settled into their new home in Frederick. Pastor Michelle wishes to pass along her greetings and well wishes to our congregation. She says we had a special place in her heart. We welcomed her in as a part of "our family" for the time she was with us and she wants us to know the positive effects that had on her pastoral development.

Bob Miller



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2019

Income:	\$ 9,777.75
Expenses:	\$ 7,488.60
Balance:	\$ 2,289.15

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 17,120.27
\$ 17,316.13
\$(195.86)

Capital Fund

2018 Carryover:		\$40,081.08
2019 Income & Grant:	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
Expenditures:	\$	\$
Remaining Balance:		\$40,331.08

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/19		\$57,494.09
2019 Donations:	\$	\$
Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:		\$57,494.09

2018 Mission Trip

Donations & Fundraisers:	\$	\$ 1,645.24
Trip Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:		\$ 1,645.24

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-19		\$3,265.52
Income 2018	\$	\$
School donations	\$	\$
Balance:		\$3,265.52

What the Pastor's Reading Now



Hey, let's say we celebrate April by reading about quantum mechanics, the foundations of mathematics, and the nature of logic and truth! Sounds like fun, right? Ok... if you are still reading this let me tease this month's selection out a little more. Our author, Jim Holt, who writes for the New York Times, The New Yorker, The Wall Street journal, and The New York Review of Books, is an extremely witty and readable writer who's essays will keep you enthralled and amused throughout.

His book, "*When Einstein Walked with Gödel: Excursions to the Edge of Thought*," is a wonderful collection of 24 longer essays and about 15 quite short ones that makes the book easy to read in complete thoughts so that you can pick it up and put it down in small bites and feel satisfied. Although the essays do deal with mathematics and physics conceptually, they engender thoughts on some intriguing questions like: Does time exist? What is infinity? Why do mirrors reverse left and right but not up and down? Thoughts regarding God are included as well.

Holt capably moves from theology to cosmology to poetry. Part of what makes Holt so exciting is his ability to gather many disciplines' viewpoints into consideration of a given issue. I know this is not the kind of book you normally read but my job is not to be normal or to even suggest normality so why not be abnormal with me and give it a try? You might find this read less challenging and more interesting and enjoyable than it was at first might seem.



Community Easter Egg Hunt

A Community Easter Egg Hunt is being held on Saturday, April 13, from 1 – 3 p.m. Activities are planned and refreshments will be served. The hunt is for children from 5th grade and under. For further information please contact Jane Rodkey at (410) 984-0648 or farodkey1@verizon.net.

Sunday, April 7th, we will stuff the eggs with candy right after church for the egg hunt on April 13th. Last year we had such a great turn out that it only took half an hour to stuff 1,000 eggs. So if you have an extra half hour after church, please stop by to help. Light snacks will be available.

Seder Meal



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A Seder Meal is being held on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please make your reservation by Sunday, April 14. A donation to cover the cost will be collected that evening. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Diane Dougherty at (443)340-9111. A signup sheet is in the Good Shepherd Room.

On the Road Travel Group

The On the Road travel group will be going to see Elva Hurst's Chalk Talk in Lititz, PA on May 21. Cost of the Talk is \$12. We will go to a local restaurant for dinner. Anyone interested in attending can call Sandy at 410 857-0416 or email sandys46@netscape.com by May 14.

Fundraising



The Annual Spring Tea will be Saturday, May 18, in the Parish Hall. There will be two seatings — 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Menu includes Hot and Iced tea, chilled soup, salad, assorted muffins and scones with clotted cream, assorted finger sandwiches, fruit, and sweets. rice for age 12 and above - \$20 and age 5 to 11 - \$10. For reservations please call Cindy Osborne at (410)-756-4152 and leave a message or email o3in4dy@yahoo.com. Seating is limited, reserve early! Deadline for reservations is May 14. See enclosed flyer.

A Paint Night will be held May 10 in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. Cost will be \$35. Instructors will guide you through a seasonal picture. Light refreshments will be available. For more info or to make a reservation, contact Sandy Stonesifer at (410) 857-0416 or sandys46@netscape.com

SUB SALE - Our Shultz's Deli Sub and Pizza fundraiser was a success - and we thank all for your support. We sold 144 subs and 10 pizzas. Our profit was \$369.30. Good work! And special thanks to Kathy Paxton and Sandy Stonesifer. ***Submitted by Susan Hardinger***



SOCK Rummage Sale



We will be hosting our spring SOCK Rummage Sale April 26 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and April 27 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) This is a great time to clean out your closets and bookshelves and support our local school students. We will be accepting donations of spring and summer clothing (any size) and used books beginning April 1st in the Parish House. We also appreciate any help you can give prior to the sale (sorting and displaying items), during the sale (sales and re-organizing) after the sale (clean-up and packing) or stop by to shop! Can't beat the prices!! All of the proceeds are donated to the local schools to assist students with school supplies and personal items. If you can help in any way please contact Susie Lawrence (410) 984-2780 or slawr@hotmail.com.



Work Day

Mike Rodkey is organizing a Work Day on Saturday, April 6, starting at 8:30 a.m. to clean up the property for the Egg Hunt and Easter. There are many miscellaneous items that need to be taken care of on the property. Please come out to help in any way or anytime.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

These dates are still open for the June 30, July 14, August 18, December 15, December 29. Please

rest of 2019 - April 28, June 2, June 9, September 1, September 8, October 20, fill out an "Altar Flowers for 2019" form (at

both sanctuary entrances) and return to Susan Hardinger.

BAUST FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

We have compiled an updated version of the Baust Family Contact Information list. This includes all the contact information from Baust's members and friends that they wanted to share with our Baust community. Please note that this is not an official membership and affiliates roll, but rather an informal listing that's easy to read and convenient to use. We'll give out printed copies of the list at church over the next few weeks, then we'll mail lists to our home bound members and friends. If you'd like to have an electronic version of this contact information, please email Susan Hardinger, sharding@ aol.com, with your request. In all, 116 Baust members and 14 friends responded to our requests for updated contact information, though not all folks wanted to share their personal contact info on a printed list. Our church office secretary, Helen Miller and Pastor Jeff will maintain and use the information to stay on top congregation's individual needs. "We thank you for sharing!"

Save the Date:

Inspiration concert, "I Will Lift My Voice," presented by the Carroll Singers on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westminster High School Auditorium. Advance tickets are \$12 Adults and \$7 Students and at the door \$15 and \$9. I enjoy singing with this group and look forward to our Spring Concert filled with many of my favorite songs. See Carolyn Dutterer for advance ticket sales.



April



4 – Evan Brandenburg
11 – Betty Heltibridle
16 – Morgan Paulsen

18 – Ron Corbin
18 – Ben Brandenburg
24 – John Smith

21 – Shelly & Eric Boone
25 – Bob & Helen Miller
29 – Chris & Beth Raver

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY SUNDAY, APRIL 21st.**

Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ Annual Spring Tea



2950 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

Two Seatings: 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Menu includes: Hot and Iced Tea
Chilled fruit soup, Salad,
Assorted Muffins and Scones
With clotted cream
Assorted Finger Sandwiches
Fruit and Sweets

Price: Age 12 and above: \$20
Age 5 to 11: \$10
Age 4 and under: Free

For reservations please call (410) 756-4152 and leave a message or email o3in4dy@yahoo.com. Seating is limited, reserve early. All reservations are due by Tuesday, May 14th. Requests received after this date will be honored if space is available. Make us aware of dietary restrictions at time of reservation.





Spring Clean and help our Community's Kids!

It's easy:

- **Donate gently used spring and summer clothing of any size (baby, children, teen and adult)**
- **Donate used books**
- **Come and shop for great bargains at great prices** (\$.50 to \$1.00)

Clothing Rummage Sale Used Book Sale



Friday, April 26th 8 - 5



Saturday, April 27th 8 - 2

**Hosted by: Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ
2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster**

- **All rummage sale proceeds benefit SOCK (Supporting Our Community Kids mission program).**

We donate 100% of the proceeds to local schools - Elmer Wolfe, Runnymede and Taneytown Elementary Schools, Northwest Middle Schools, Francis Scott Key High School, Carroll Springs School and Hoffman Home, Silver Oak Academy.

- **To donate items or for sale info please contact Susie Lawrence at slawr@hotmail.com or call 410-984-2780**

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VISION STATEMENT

We envision a community

where ALL people are welcomed, valued, and nurtured
while growing in faith and living in peace.

MISSION STATEMENT

We live as a church

to practice Jesus' radical hospitality,
proclaim his message of love and peace and justice,
preserve God's creation,
and to accept Jesus' mission of service as our own.

Please join us on Sunday mornings
Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Adult Sunday School Class, 9 a.m., Parsonage
Children Sunday School during Worship
Contact us via e-mail: office@ebucc.com or phone: (410) 751-1237