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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**



May 2019

Welcome to May! As the poet, Wendy Cope, put it:

The month of May, the merry month of May,
So long awaited, and so quickly past.
The winter's over, and it's time to play.

It is time to play for the Baust crowd. We look forward to paint night, Mother's Day, our Spring Tea, Memorial Day, not to mention all the regularly scheduled monthly events that grace our calendar. What a wonderful prelude to the warmth and informality of Summer!

There is lots to offer by way of fellowship and fun here at Baust Church so why not come out and join your friends to celebrate Spring!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



Greetings Family,

We have much to be Thankful For:

Easter may have come and gone, but the meaning lives on in our hearts and at Baust.

By the time you receive this newsletter we should have WIFI in all three building provided by Freedom Broadband in Westminster. They gave the best price with technical support if needed. The installation was \$348.00 with a monthly cost of \$130.00 for all three buildings. This is, believe it or not, a small savings from Comcast.

Upcoming Congregation Meeting items (date to be determined), but something for you to think about.

Articles & By-Laws: Suggested changes made by Consistory included but are not limited to:

- 1) Move the annual meeting from December to late October/early November
- 2) Change the number of active Deacons and Elders from (6) to (4) each.
- 3) Consistory Secretary act as the liaison between the Consistory and Church Treasurer.
- 4) Change the dissolution process of the church to allow Consistory and Congregants to designate is possessions.

Parish Hall improvements: Robey Stucco has been contacted and they will honor the price of \$13,290.00 from last year to cover the brick area of the building. An additional \$2,080.00 extra to cover the stone area beneath. Al's Home Improvements gave a price of \$1,000.00 to cover rotted roof corner in aluminum soffit. To cover all woodwork in aluminum would run approximately \$7,000.00, but the brick and stucco take priority. We are also looking into getting a microwave, sink and refrigerator upstairs. These improvements are important to help repurpose the building, and to improve rentability.

The above items will all be voted on once a date has been set and the proper documentation has been distributed to all members to consider before the Congregational Meeting.

Grant Application: Cindy Osborne has been working with Doug White to redo and finalize our grant application. The new submission date is September. If we are awarded any funds, they will be applied to the work needed on the Parish Hall.

Church Windows: Mike Rodkey, along with Jim Stonesifer, are considering covering all outside stained glass windows in aluminum due to difficulty removing the storm windows. Also, the possibility of replacing the basement windows in the church is being considered.

As in true Baust Church fashion, the Spaghetti Dinner on March 30 was a success. We served 82 dinners including take-outs for a profit of \$892.00. Thank you to everyone who help in any way by donating food, baked goods, helping to serve or clean-up that day, worked in the kitchen, or just coming out and supporting us and enjoying the meal. Be proud of a job well done.

The Community Egg Hunt was held on April 13. The Hunt began with an assortment of crafts to color or assemble, then Cindy Osborne presented a visual on how Jesus was sent to forgive us of our sins. All who attended found PLENTY of eggs. Light refreshments were served and treat bags handed out. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, from stuffing-the-eggs party to donating refreshments, and helping out before, during and after the egg hunt. It's amazing how powerful we are together!

We are ALIVE & WELL!

Jane Rodkey, President

Worship Committee Requests

The Worship Committee needs your help to enhance the morning worship during the summer.

- We are looking for special music (instrumental or vocal) during summer worship, if you are willing to help, please contact Beth Brandenburg.
- Looking for hymn requests for summer worship out of the new Blue Hymnal, give requests to Beth Brandenburg.
- Pastor Jeff is asking for themes for sermons over the summer. If you have a suggestion, please see Pastor Jeff or give your idea to Sandy Stonesifer.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**

MONTHS OF MARCH & APRIL, 2019

Income:	\$ 20,562.44
Expenses:	\$ 20,449.26
Balance:	\$ 113.18

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 37,693.34
\$ 37,768.39
\$ 75.05

Capital Fund

2018 Carryover:		\$40,081.08
2019 Income & Grant:	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00
Expenditures:	\$	\$
Remaining Balance:	\$	\$40,631.08

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 2019	\$1,531.00	\$1,531.00
School donations	\$	\$
Balance:		\$4,796.52

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 the Brickerville House for lunch. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Parish House. Anyone interested in attending can call Sandy at 410 857-0416 or email: sandys46@netscape.com by May 14.



We will be going to see "Smoke on the Mountain" at the 2 p.m. show on Saturday. June 22 at Totem Pole Playhouse, Fayetteville, PA. This is the story of a Saturday Night Gospel Sing at a country church in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains in 1938. The show features 24 rousing bluegrass songs played and sung by the Sanders Family, a traveling group making its return to performing after a five-year hiatus. Pastor Oglethorpe, the young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, has enlisted the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into "the modern world." Between songs, each family member "witnesses" – telling a story about an important event in their life. Songs include "No Tears in Heaven," "Wonderful Time Up There," "I'm Taking a Flight," and "I'll Fly Away."

This is a preview show so tickets are \$25. **Preview performances are General Admission Only. There is no assigned seating. We will stop at a restaurant in Gettysburg for dinner. Contact Sandy Stonesifer (410-857-0416) if you are interested.**

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. Price for age 12 and up - \$20 and age 5 to 11 - \$10. For reservations please call 410-756-4152 and leave a message or email o3in4dy@yahoo.com. Seating is limited, reserve early! Deadline for reservations is May 14.



What the Pastor's Reading Now

"Just Mercy, A story of Justice and Redemption," by Bryan Stevenson

Many thanks to Susan Hardinger for recommending this book to me. The attorney, Bryan Stevenson, gives heart rending accounts of his fight against prejudice and injustice in our justice system as he defends the innocent on death row and those juveniles who have been given life in prison sentences with out the possibility of parole. "Just Mercy," personalizes the struggle against injustice in the story of one activist lawyer.

Bryan Stevenson grew up poor in Delaware. His great-grandparents had been slaves in Virginia. His grandfather was murdered in a Philadelphia housing project when Stevenson was a teenager. Stevenson attended Eastern College (now Eastern University), a Christian institution outside Philadelphia, and then Harvard Law School. Afterward he began representing poor clients in the South, first in Georgia and then in Alabama, where he was a co-founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.

"Just Mercy" focuses mainly on that work, and those clients. Its narrative backbone is the story of Walter McMillian, whom Stevenson began representing in the late 1980s when he was on death row for killing a young white woman in Monroeville, Ala., the hometown of Harper Lee. Monroeville has long promoted its connection to "To Kill a Mockingbird," which is about a black man falsely accused of the rape of a white woman. As Stevenson writes, "Sentimentality about Lee's story grew even as the harder truths of the book took no root."

McMillian was innocent and the evidence was there to prove it but the local authorities in Alabama needed to put a killer in jail quickly so they framed Walter McMillian for the murder which made the community feel secure. Interestingly, not only was McMillian clearly not the murderer but the real killer was still at large. This seemed to mean nothing to local law enforcement.

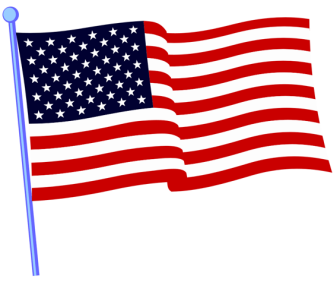
I found it difficult, emotionally, to read this book. So much prejudice and injustice. Prosecutors and others constantly collecting political capital from the wrongful conviction, imprisonment and execution of innocent people. Children, down to the age of 12, being tried as adults and imprisoned in adult facilities, suffering at the hands of adult criminals without the possibility of parole.

This is certainly an eye opening account of the devolution of our justice system over the past 40 years and the lack of mental health care the state offers to those who need it the most. I suggest you read "Just Mercy." Like me, I am sure you will not be able to put it down.

Have a good read in May!

FIELD OF FLAGS

The Baust Church Cemetery Board is going to have a *Field of Flags*. For \$5.00 we will place a flag in Honor of or in Memory of Veterans for Memorial Day. These flags will be placed around the church's upper level on the bank in front of the church. There will also be a list of names displayed to represent those people. If you are interested contact Bob Miller at (443) 789-7035 or Dotty Smith at (443) 974-3251.



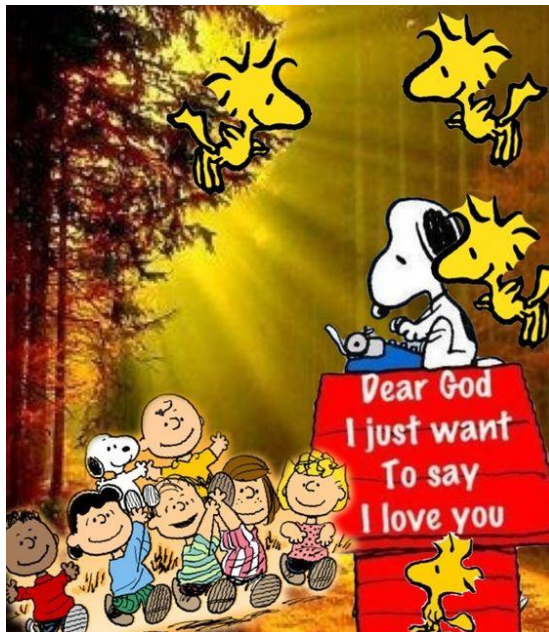
May



5 – David Miller
11 – Eric Brower
17 – Dylan Michael Wilt
31 – John Miller
31 – Charles "Skeeter" Dull

6 – Beth & Jay Brandenburg
11 – Mike & Jane Rodkey
31 – George & Susan Hardinger

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE June 2019 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY SUNDAY, MAY 26th.**



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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., Good Shepherd Room
Children Sunday School during Worship
Contact us via e-mail: office@ebucc.com or phone: (410) 751-1237