Again this year we start off October by celebrating World Communion Sunday and taking one of our Five for Five offerings, Neighbors in Need (NIN). This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Although we will officially take this offering on October 6, donations will be accepted after that as well.

Baust Church is also beginning to take a serious look at church growth. We will be reviewing our growth-oriented programs and looking for ways to strengthen our outreach. If you have ideas or would like to be a part of this programming, please contact Pastor Jeff at pastor@ebucc.com or (304) 886-1218.

Have a wonderful October!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy

Stewardship Sunday Celebration

On the first Sunday in November we will be celebrating Stewardship Sunday. This year’s theme is "I am the way...” takes shape from the passage in John 14:6, when Jesus said to Thomas: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through me.”

Mark November 3 on your calendar and come join us as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday.
Greetings Church Family,

September consistory meeting was business as normal.

Discussion on Christian Education and the continuance of Sunday School during Worship using the same curriculum. Sunday School teachers are available and schedule has been posted. We still need someone to volunteer to be the Chairperson for Christian Education.

Christmas is right around the corner and a Christmas Pageant needs to be addressed. Consistory is asking for someone to step up and take lead on the pageant.

Membership Committee is in the process of reading *Church Growth Flywheel*. Consistory is eager to hear more on how we all can make a difference in our church growth. Stay tuned, I believe we all may have homework in the future.

The Antique Car and Tractor Show & Peach Festival were a big success with a profit of around $2,680.00. Again thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser in any way.

Rev. Jerry Fuss will be our pulpit supply on October 20 and 27th while Pastor Jeff is away.

The Budget Committee (Carolyn Dutterer, Bob Miller and Mike & Kathy Paxton) will be meeting on October 29 to prepare the 2020 budget.

The CAC Annual meeting will be held in Bethesda October 5 & 6. Pastor Jeff along with Mike Paxton will be attending.

We are looking for members to attend the Association meeting on Saturday November 16. If interested please see Pastor Jeff.

Please continue to support the Capital Fund. There are still many other projects and improvements needed to our church buildings and grounds.

Peace be with you all!

*Jane Rodkey, Consistory President*

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)**

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 6 and throughout October, supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCC.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also support our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

*Please consider Giving to Neighbors in Need*
The Travel Group will travel to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Saturday, November 23, to see a Christmas classic “Holiday Inn”. Reserve this date for an afternoon show to begin the Christmas season with your church family. Based on the classic film with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, Holiday Inn is a whole year of holidays in one wonderful musical! It features dance, comedy, and a parade of Irving Berlin hits including Blue Skies, Easter Parade, Steppin’ Out With My Baby, Heat Wave, Cheek to Cheek and many more! Celebrate each holiday, from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July, in this heartwarming, high energy, tap dancing extravaganza! If we get 16 people the cost will be $50, which includes buffet, gratuity and show. Otherwise cost will be $58. That cost includes buffet and show, no gratuity. Reservations and payment are due by November 1 to Sandra Stonesifer.

Even though the Peach Festival is over, our fundraisers do not stop. Our next Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 5 — the Annual Fall Tea. See additional information in the attached flyer. Also, see Cindy Osborne and offer your help.

Save the date of November 2, for our Annual Roast Pork Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

A big thank you to all the sponsors of our Antique Car & Tractor Show and Peach Festival:

Wantz Chevrolet Inc. Hoober, Inc.
Taneytown Bowling Lanes Flick’s Pub
Napa Auto Parts—Taneytown Crouse Ford
Westminster Auto Parts, Inc. Taneytown Auto Parts
Westminster Island Green Napa Auto Parts—Westminster
Taneytown Service Center Baugher’s Orchard & Restaurant
Kennie’s Market Plum Crazy Diner

Be sure to give them another thank you when you are patronize their business.

Carpenters Table (CT): Special thanks to Diane, Betty, Sue, Carolyn, and Jane for covering CT on September 12. Our next turn to host CT is Thursday, October 24. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room for items needed. Our last date for this year is Thursday, December 12. Questions? Please contact Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 or email at: KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

To remember and to honor our veterans, we will update the listing of those from our Baust Church family who are serving in the U.S. military, as well as, those who have served in the past. Please share any information which should be updated in Baust’s records about church members and friends who are serving now as well as any changes to the "military remembrances" of those who have served. Please contact Susan Hardinger as soon as you can with additions and updates. On Veterans Day Sunday, November 10, 2019, we hope to distribute new copies of the "Baust Veterans Roll" which was first compiled in 2006 and updated in 2014 and again in 2015 (but not since). Contact Susan by email (shardinger@aol.com, subject: Baust Veteran), text (443-789-0142) or phone (410-876-6507). We'll arrange to update - or write up for the first time - your own military history or active duty information.
What the Pastor’s Reading Now

Church growth takes effort on the part of every member of a congregation but many times the process seems so overwhelming that we just don’t know where to begin. That is why I decided to read a current book, published in 2018, that addresses practical ways to begin this intentional growth process. “Church Growth Flywheel: 5 Practical Systems to Drive Growth at Your Church”, by Rich Birch, is the book I choose as the starting point.

I will say right up front that there are two issues with the book that, at first, were distracting for me. The first is that it is written from the perspective of a very large congregation. The second is that it sorely needs a proof reader. Neither of these issues is insurmountable. As for the proof reading, I just ignored the mistakes. As for the big church perspective, his ideas are sound and our job is to tailor them to our small congregation needs.

Here is what Birch says about the core message of the book, the “big idea” of this book is that prevailing churches have five “systems” that they leverage to see their church’s growth. Each of these systems help the church encourage their people to invite friends and ultimately grow. Your church grows because people at your church tell their friends about the church. However, we know from studies that only 2% of people who attend church have invited a friend to join them in the last year. Core to the “Church Growth Flywheel” are a series of strategies to encourage your people to start talking about your church.

I would encourage all of our folks to read this book and Beth Brandenburg told me that it is actually available for free if you have the e-book version of Kindle Unlimited. Remember, the process detailed here is not the answer to all of our needs. It is simply a springboard to moving ahead as a viable congregation in the 21st century.

SOCK & Yard Sale

It’s that time of year, our church is hosting it’s fall rummage sale on October 25 (8 to 5) and October 26 (8 to 2) in the Parish Hall. All of the proceeds benefit our local mission project, S.O.C.K, (Supporting Our Communities Kids). We will be accepting donations of fall and winter clothing and books beginning October 1st. You may put donations on the stage in the Parish Hall.

We would love to have your help in moving the donated items from the shed, sorting books, and sorting and folding clothes in the weeks prior to the sale. If you are able to help in any way, please let Susie Lawrence know (410-984-2780 or slawr@hotmail.com.) Your donation of time and goods are greatly appreciated!

In addition this year, we will have yard sale vendor spaces available during the sale on the parsonage lawn. If interested in renting a space for one day or both, please let Susie know. Proceeds from the yard sale vendors fee will be placed in the church funds.

October

1 – April Caprarola
1 – Emma Grace Wilt
3 – Scott Derr
3 – Calvin Bloom
3 – Jeff Dull
5 – Dylan Craig
9 – Amy Smith
10 – Shirley Ecker

10 – Beth Brandenburg
12 – Betty Stonesifer
13 – Karen Stonesifer Barnes
16 – Seth Overholtzer
20 – Danielle Dull
20 – Janet Hollis
24 – Will Wilt
26 – Bob Harrison

11 – Lisa & Don Brower
20 – Donna & Scott Derr
23 – Jimmy & Betty Stonesifer
26 – Karen & Rob Barnes
Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ
Fall Tea

2950 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

Date:  Saturday, October 5, 2019

Two Seatings:  11:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Menu includes:  Hot Tea, Apple Cider
                Chilled soup, Salad
                Scones, Muffins
                Finger Sandwiches
                Assorted Sweets

Price: ages 12 and up—$20
Ages 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. Reservations are due by Tuesday, October 1st. Requests received after this date will be honored if space is available.

Make us aware of dietary restrictions at time of reservation.
Emergency Fund

To support Ebucci's Mission Programs and the

Tandytown Ministries Caring & Sharing Program

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December 14

With your purchase by December 9, (Pick-up date: December 14)
When you purchase a turkey to take home. Please place your order or take your order form.

Our cookie & fudge sale is being held again this year.

Homemade goods of all types

1 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Fall Dinner and Bake Sale

2950 Old Tandytown Rd., Westminster, MD

United Church of Christ
Emmanuel (Baus)
### October Activities/Events at Ebenezer

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**Parish Hall**
- Fall Potluck Dinner: 1-6 PM
- Parish Work for Parish
- Cafe Sale: 8-10 PM

**Music Night**
- Christmas Carolers: 7:15 PM, Sanctuary
- Choir Practice: 6 PM

**Church Praise**
- Choir Practice: 7:15 PM, Sanctuary
- Choir Rehearsal: 7 PM
- Bible Study: 6 PM

**Children's Ministry**
- Children's Choir: 9 AM
- Children's Worship: 10 AM

**Adult Ministry**
- Adult Choir: 9 AM
- Adult Worship: 10 AM

**Monthly Events**
- Annual Tea: 10 AM
- Central Church: 10 AM
- Conference: 10 AM

**Sunday**
- Greeter - Chris Raver

**November Events**
- Retreat: 9 AM
- Worship: 10 AM
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 AM, Good Shepherd Room
Children Sunday School during Worship

Contact us via e-mail: office@ebucc.com or phone: (410) 202-8655

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