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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

February 2020

It is difficult to believe that February is already upon us. It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and the new year. Lots can be said about February and some of it has to do with a groundhog. Folks in Punxsutawney, PA. have long celebrated the second of February and so has their town mascot, Punxsutawney Phil. The Groundhog Club says that Phil is at least 134 years old. That would be something notable considering that the average groundhog lives to be between 6 and 8 years. If you celebrate by watching the 1993 movie, *Groundhog Day*, starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell, then you might see February as locking you into a greatly extended circle of boredom. Or maybe you just follow the traditional rules by which Phil is said to forecast weather by looking for his shadow. If it's sunny out, and he sees it, we're in for six more weeks of winter. On the other hand, a cloudy *Groundhog Day* is supposed to forecast an early spring. Let's face it, with attitudes that make February seem longer or just regard the month as a stepping stone to Spring, we are in danger of missing some of the fun we can have in February itself.

Of course there is Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day and Ash Wednesday is on the 26th. Lent begins and so does our Lenten Study program on the 27th. This year our six-week study will be a series entitled, "The Walk," by Adam Hamilton. Lent is a time of repentance and reflection. We might ask ourselves, "How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him?" Through a study guide and video we will join Adam Hamilton this Lent and Easter in "The Walk" and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton's engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church. I would encourage all of you to clear your Thursday evening calendars from 6 to 7 o'clock and join me in the parsonage to take this spiritual journey, which will extend into March and conclude with Easter in April.

There is lots to do at Baust Church, even in February, so don't miss out!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



Do you have a thought or opinion about worship music? Beth Brandenburg, who plans the music each week for services, is looking for your input. If you have thoughts, suggestions, or feedback about music in worship let her know. Feel free to email her at bbrandy1010@gmail.com with your suggestions.



WHAT'S THE PASTOR READING NOW?

Most folks who put literature suggestions in newsletters look for the most current and topically relevant recommendations they can find. I suppose I don't really follow that course in that I sometimes recommend great books and articles out there that haven't been read for years. This month's selection is just such a book. I got to thinking that the generations that watched early television, or the multitude of reruns that it produced, is swiftly fading away. Therefore, I am putting forth for your consideration this 1994 work by Audrey Meadows – *"Love Alice, My Life as a Honeymooners."*

Here is what Ms. Meadows says to us in a book about those early TV days, "This is a love letter (with lots of postage due) to my television husband, Ralph Kramden (a.k.a. Jackie Gleason) in recollection of grand, rare, nutty days and nights when 'The Honeymooners' was America's Saturday night ritual. For years, I shared a television life with this man and enjoyed the fiction of being married to him before millions of people. He made us all run faster, reach higher, go further than we ever dreamed we could. It was a great race, Jackie!"

For those of you who remember The Honeymooners and those of you who just want to relive the bygone days of early TV sitcoms, please enjoy this book on a few of those cold February evenings. Happy reading!



The church will be having a sub & sandwich sale on March 19. A copy of the order form is in the newsletter. Orders are due to Susan Hardinger on March 9. Pick-up is March 19, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The second annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 4 – 7 p.m. The dinner will include spaghetti with a choice of 2 sauces, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. Cost of the dinner is adults \$10 and children 6-12 years old \$5. We will not be taking reservations this year. Carryouts will be available.

Planned 2020 Fundraisers

- Spring Tea-- May 16
- Antique Car & Tractor Show & Peach Festival -- August 22
- Roast Pork Dinner -- November 7
- Texas Roadhouse Certificates – Month of November
- Christmas Cookie Sale – Beginning in November, with pickup on December 19

Carpenters Table: Our next turn to host Carpenters Table is Thursday, February 6. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room for items needed. The dates (all Thursdays) for 2020 are as follows: March 19, April 30, June 11, July 30, September 10, October 22, and December 10. Questions? Please contact Kathy Cromwell at (443) 331-3160 or email at

KathleenCromwell@comcast.net



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019

Income:	\$ 18,665.48
Expenses:	\$ 10,968.96
Balance:	\$ 7,696.52

YEAR TO DATE

\$131,480.72
\$123,161.09
\$ 8,319.63

Capital Fund

2018 Carryover:		\$40,081.08
2019 Income & Grant:	\$ 1,600.00	\$11,908.43
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 2,855.00
Expenditures:	\$	\$29,070.00
Remaining Balance:	\$	\$25.070.00

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/19		\$57,494.09
2019 Donations:	\$	\$ 700.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 2,855.00
Expenses:		\$
Balance:	\$ 2,575.00	\$55,339.09

2019 Mission Trip

Fund Carryover from 2018

		\$1,645.24
Donations & Fundraisers:	\$	\$ 1,705.32
Trip Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:	\$	\$2,500.56

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-19		\$3,265.52
Income 2019	\$ 148.00	\$3,080.00
School donations	\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Balance:	\$ 4,352.00	\$1,845.52

Dear Baust Church Family,

Eddie and I would like to thank each of you for the many cards, prayers and support you have showered on us over the last several months. We are so grateful for our friends and family that have lifted us up and encouraged us throughout Eddie's medical journey. We give God all the Glory and Praise for his recovery and wonderful reports.

Thank you also for the Christmas gift. We will enjoy a visit to Rock Salt later when Eddie can enjoy the good food. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Carolyn Dutterer

Altar Flowers: Enclosed with this newsletter is an Altar Flower order sheet for 2020. Susan Hardinger has a few dates remaining if you would still like to place flowers on the altar. Please note that February 16 has been taken. Once completing the form you can give it to Susan Hardinger, call Susan at (410) 876-6507, or email: shardinger@aol.com

On the Road Travel Group: Keep April 7, 6:30 p.m. open to go as a group to see "Jesus" at the Regal Theater in Frederick. The show was recorded live last year at Sight and Sound show. Other shows we plan to attend are "Grumpy Old Men" in March at Dutch Apple Theater, "Saturday Night Fever" in October at Dutch Apple Theater, and West Side Story in August at Totem Pole Playhouse. More info to follow.



FEBRUARY



3 – Simone Staubs
4 – Ryan Hevner
6 – Nicole Overholtzer
7 – Brian Edwards
9 -- Scott Edwards

12 – Madison Barnes
13 – Andrew Stonesifer
24 – Libby Hill
25 – Lois Bickerton
27 – Adam Brower

1 – Debbie & Barney
Stambaugh
4 – Tom & Leah VandeBussche

**ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.**



Altar Flowers for 2020

It's time to reserve your dates for altar flowers for 2020.

Our friends at The Cutting Garden again will provide arrangements for our two altar vases for \$40.00, and they are very willing to work with us on specific colors and types of flowers, as well as other sizes and prices. The Cutting Garden will deliver the bouquets each week and will put them in place on the altar. Containers are in the small back room for you to use to take your flowers with you after worship. Please remember to return the green vase inserts and containers that help you get your flowers home.

To reserve your date, here's what you need to do. Indicate the date of your choice by completing the order form below and return it along with payment to Susan Hardinger. Pay by cash or check; make your check payable to EBUCC and note "altar flowers."

If you wish to provide your own flowers, you will also need to complete the form, return it to Susan, and make delivery and payment arrangements yourself.

If you have provided flowers in prior years, you must - again - reserve your specific dates for 2020 by completing this form and returning it to Susan.h

2020

[[red] = date already reserved)

<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
5	2	1	5co	3jh	7	5jd	2kp	6	4	1	6sh
12jr	9jr	8jr	12cd	10jr	14	12	9kp	13	11jr	8jd	13jr
19sr	16	15jh	19pl	17	21sr	19	16	20dd	18kp	15jr	20jd
26	23jd	22	26hm	24jd	28jd	26dd	23	27jd	25sr	22sh	27
		29jr		31		30co				29kp	

Questions? Contact Susan Hardinger: 410-876-6507, 443-789-0142, shardinger@aol.com.

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2020 Date flowers to be placed in church: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Phone number: _____

Bulletin listing:

"Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory/honor/celebration (circle one)

of _____

by _____"

_____ I would like you to order flowers for me. _____ check or cash enclosed OR

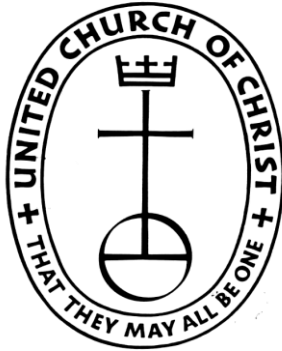
_____ I will provide my own flowers.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS AT EBUECC

Greeter - Mike Paxton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship Monthly Luncheon 11:30 PM 		Consistory Mtg. 6:30 PM Parsonage		Carpenter's Table St. Joseph's Church Taneytown, 11:30 AM Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship				Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship March newsletter items due to Helen Miller				Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship				Lenten Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary		

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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) 202-8655