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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

January 2020

Looking back on the year 2019, Baust Church celebrated three baptisms, many successful fund raising programs for both the church and the community, another mission trip, full participation in preparing and serving meals for Carpenter's Table, and much more. We also received significant grants to help keep our historic buildings in good shape.

Of course we had some sad times as well. I performed three funerals. One was for a 95 year old, Phyllis Dalley, who was a veteran of World War II and served in the British Army, in London, during the German bombing of that city. Those who were part of that greatest generation are slipping away. But light continues to shine as one of our members, Bernetta Arrington, celebrated a landmark birthday, turning 100 in December! So, at the end of 2019, in consideration of all that you have done to make Baust Church a shining light for Christ in our community, I want to thank all of you for a very successful year!

Looking forward, 2020 should be very exciting indeed. All of our programs are well oiled and ready to go, our buildings are continuing to improve, and we are planning new outreach programs for the future. I invite each and every one of you to take part in the future of our congregation and the wider church of Jesus Christ.

Here is a little toast for the new year from the actress, Edith Pierce:

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

Please take advantage of all the opportunities that come your way in 2020. You can be sure that Baust Church will offer some of them.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jeff and Cathy

Greetings Church Family,

As my term as your president is coming to a close, I again want to thank you for your patience and support throughout this past year. It has definitely made me step out of my comfort zone. I have new respect for all the past presidents and the duties and responsibilities that are placed in their care, and that it is NOT easy (all most impossible) to complete a meeting in an hour.

I want to update you on the out come of the December Congregational Meeting.

- 2020 Budget was presented by Carolyn Dutterer
- Nominating Committee for 2020 - Calvin Bloom, Mike Paxton, & Mike Rodkey
- 2020-2021 new Consistory members:
 - ✓ Beth Raver & Sandy Stonesifer -- Elders
 - ✓ Bob Dougherty & Corey Hardinger-Wilt -- Deacons

By-Law Article X – Property

2. Upon dissolution of the church, its assets and all property and interest of which it shall then be in possession, including any devise, bequest, gift or grant contained in any will or other instrument, in trust or otherwise, made before or after such dissolution, shall be transferred to the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ or other non-profit organization at the discretion of the Consistory with approval from the congregation.

The above items were presented, opened for discussion, and concluded with a unanimous vote on each item.

We finally wrapped up a few items that have been on our church to-do list for a few years. They are as follows:

- WiFi throughout all the buildings
- Updated the By-Laws
- Church windows wrapped in aluminum
- Stucco work done on the Parish Hall
- Partial soffit and fascia work done to the back area of the Parish Hall
- Updated the church property rental agreement
- Replaced the Church septic tank

To all the Past, Present and Future Consistory Members, THANK YOU! It may seem like a thankless job, but great things do come from your efforts. So, if you are asked to serve, please consider, it can be very rewarding and quite amazing to look back and see what was accomplished in your 2-year term.

Please continue to support our Capital Funds, we have much more to do!

We may be small, but united we can do great things.

Peace be with you all!

Jane Rodkey, President

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

2020 Communion Dates

January 5 -- Winter Communion

March 1 -- 1st Sunday in Lent

April 9 -- Maundy Thursday

April 12 -- Easter

June 7 -- we will observe Pentecost and Confirmation



August 9 -- Summer Communion

October 4 -- World Wide Communion

November 29 -- 1st Sunday in Advent



What the Pastor's Reading Now

If you want to get started early for Lent and Easter you might be interested in this book by Rabbi Mark S. Kinzer. *Jerusalem Crucified, Jerusalem Risen*, is the title of his book published in 2018. The basic premise is that while the good news is universal in concern and cosmic in scope, it never loses its particular connection to the Jewish people, the city of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel. The crucified Messiah participates in the future exilic suffering of his people, and by his resurrection offers a pledge of Jerusalem's coming redemption.

What makes Rabbi Kinzer's perspective quite different from a fully Jewish or Christian slant is that he represents Messianic Judaism, a modern syncretic religious movement that combines Christianity—most importantly, the belief that Jesus is the Jewish messiah—with elements of Judaism and Jewish tradition.

If you want to look at the Easter story and beyond from a different perspective give this book a try. If nothing else you will have an opportunity to observe how a new tradition in the faith is viewing the risen Christ by their interpretation of ancient thought.

Mission Project

Mission Trip 2020

Now is the time, as we start a new year, to review the programs we offered in 2019 to see if we have enough interest to continue them in 2020. Among those programs is the mission trip. We are asking a simple question, "Do we have anyone who would be interested in doing a mission trip again in 2020?" If so, please contact Pastor Jeff as soon as possible. You can text or call him at (304) 886-1218 or speak to him directly. If we have enough interest then we will have a

get together to talk about what kind of mission trip we might do this year. It could be to the same place or we could choose a different mission depending on the consensus of the group. Our trip in 2019 was very successful and meaningful to those who participated. It was an opportunity to reach out and personally touch another in need. Please pray about this program for 2020 and respond this month. Remember, coming to the planning meeting does not mean you have to commit at that time, it only means you are interested in learning more.

We just completed our last fundraiser for 2019. It seems we have had a lot of different fundraisers this year. Thank you for your support on all the fundraisers this past year. The profit has gone to a variety of causes -- Capital Funds, Mission trip, SOCK Mission, and EBUCC operating expenses. In the next newsletter we will report a total received for each. We will get together in January to plan for 2020. Some early thoughts are another Paint Night (but painting on something other than canvas) and another Spaghetti Dinner.





**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2019

Income:	\$ 10,181.27
Expenses:	\$ 11,229.80
Balance:	\$ 1,048.53

YEAR TO DATE

\$112,806.51
\$112,171.97
\$ 634.54

Capital Fund

2018 Carryover:		\$40,081.08
2019 Income & Grant:	\$ 5,698.43	\$10,308.43
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$ 2,855.00	\$ 2,855.00
Expenditures:	\$	\$29,070.00
Remaining Balance:	\$ 8,553.43	\$24,174.51

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/19		\$57,494.09
2019 Donations:	\$ 280.00	\$ 700.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 2,855.00	\$ 2,855.00
Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:	\$ 2,575.00	\$55,339.09

2019 Mission Trip

Fund Carryover from 2018

Donations & Fundraisers:	\$ 1,076.32	\$1,645.24
Trip Expenses:	\$	\$ 850.00
Balance:	\$ 1,076.32	\$2,500.56

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-19		\$3,265.52
Income 2019	\$ 135.00	\$2,932.00
School donations	\$	\$
Balance:	\$ 135.00	\$6,197.52



Stewardship Mission for January

Holy Joe's Café originated from the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut on Pentecost Sunday 2006. It is a non-profit organization that provides resources for Chaplains to develop Coffee House Ministries at their military bases. Based on a simple goal to collect and ship coffee, thus assisting our military chaplains in 70+ countries including Iraq and Afghanistan with their COFFEE HOUSE MINISTRIES.

During this time of year, while we are home safe with our families, countless men and women are in difficult and life-threatening situations. Our chaplains are the first line of defense against the issues faced by our brave military. This creates an extreme physical, emotional, and psychological toll on even the strongest of them. As we enter a new year let us take into consideration the dire need for our partners to help with the cost of postage to ship coffee directly to the military at forward operating base (FOB) locations around the world.



Altar Flowers: The new chart for placing flowers on the altar in 2020 is inserted in this newsletter. Please note that Susan has annotated the dates already taken by showing them in red. Also, she has initials by each name to show who has the flowers for that particular Sunday.

Cathy and I want to thank the Baust Congregation for another wonder year of ministry. We appreciate all the time and effort you have put into ministering to the needs of our community. We also want to thank you for the wonderful gift certificate to the Washington County Dinner Theater. We will make the most of it in the near future.

Blessings to all of you for a happy and prosperous new year.

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



Dear Baust Church Family,

Thank you for the Rock Salt Gift card. I can't wait to use it.

Rachel Bowers

To My Church Family,

Thank you very much for the gift card to the Rock Salt Grill. Bob and I have talked about going to eat there for a special occasion like my birthday in March. Now we definitely have a reason to try out the restaurant.

Helen Miller, Church Secretary

In my capacity as the church secretary, I would like to thank Sean Siebel for his help with the computer and printer in the parsonage. On two occasions I had to call him as I was experiencing difficulties trying to do the bulletins. Sean, **Thank You** again for your prompt responses to help me with these problems.

Helen Miller

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.



JANUARY

No Anniversaries in

- 4 – Herb Ecker
- 5 – Brent Grove
- 13 – Sandra Gross

- 13 – Sharon (Gross) Jordan
- 15 – Heather Rodkey
- 16 – Ivy Dale Eccleston

- 26 – Joyce Harrison
- 19 – Dave Robinson

**ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH.**

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.

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.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS AT EBLCC

Greeter - Calvin Bloom

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
<p>5</p> <p>Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Communion</p> <p>Install New Consistory Mem. Monthly Luncheon at Uncle Matty's, New Windsor</p>	6	7 Consistory Mtg. 6:30 PM Parsonage	8	9 Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary Undecorate the Sanctuary at 6 PM	10	11
<p>12</p> <p>Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship Install New Consistory & Church Officers</p>	13	14	15	16 Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship February newsletter items due to Helen Miller</p>		21	22	23 Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship</p>	27	28 Literary Society Meeting, 6 PM, Parsonage	29	30 Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	31	

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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