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March 2020

Here we are in March already and, with the weather we experienced in February, Spring might as well be here already. March is host to most of Lent, for which we are offering a special Bible Study, St Patrick's Day, and the Jewish festival of Purim to name a few. There is one special day in March with which you may not be familiar - World Day of Prayer (WDP).

The story of WDP is above all the story of millions of unnamed women that carried the movement in the past and today. World Day of Prayer has deep roots in the Ecumenical Women's Missionary Movement of the 19th and beginning 20th century. When North American women, in 1926, called for a World Day of Prayer and the first WDP was celebrated around the world in 1927, Christian women had understood: We are now equal partners in a worldwide sisterhood of prayer, sharing our sorrows and joys. As early as 1930 the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America co-opted 10 women from all over the world to be corresponding members of the World Day of Prayer Committee, relying on letters and reports sent by mail to keep one another informed and connected.

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked –"Do you want to be made well?" When you are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Prayer and action are what links us together around the globe.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated on Friday, March 6th. For more information just type <https://worlddayofprayer.net/history.html> into your browser and off you go! If this is a bridge too far for you just let me know and I will help you out.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



WHAT'S THE PASTOR READING NOW?

Here is a spiritual offering in a time when our nation may very well need it. Amy Peterson, a writer, English as a second language instructor, and assistant director of honors programming at Taylor University, has a master's degree in missions and intercultural studies from Wheaton College, and has used it to work with people from more than a dozen countries. In her latest work, *"Where Goodness Still Grows: Reclaiming Virtue in an Age of Hypocrisy"*, she shows incredible insight into evangelicalism's blind spots. She is a lifelong conservative and invites her fellow believers to reclaim genuine virtue that serves others rather than themselves. Examining kindness and hospitality, she chides the church for settling for niceness rather than a sacrifice that, for example, exhibits kindness to refugees or pursues racial reconciliation. As an explicit rebuke of contemporary American evangelical Christianity, Peterson's stark criticisms run the risk of offending some of her audience.

This is an interesting read that begins to show a different kind of spirituality emerging from conservative Christians in the US. If you are interested in knowing more about this transition, please jump right in.



Greetings Fellow Church Family Members!

I'm writing this article as your newly elected Consistory President and one of my goals is to make these monthly updates interesting, informative, and brief.

I am honored to serve our Church as President and, while I am sure I will make some mistakes along the way as this is my first time serving our Church in this capacity, I feel certain that any missteps I do make will be quickly corrected given the dedication and commitment of the Consistory board members serving with me.

Here it is March, spring is right around the corner and your church council has already identified a number of priority initiatives slated for completion this year. Each of us that attends our Sunday Service gets the full enjoyment of listening to the wonderful music produced by our Church Choir. This year the chairs in the choir loft will be re-cushioned as the current cushions are long-past their replacement date. Purchasing four new sets of paraments, one set for each season, to replace the paraments that we currently have that are worn and fraying will take place this year. The repairs and upgrades to the Parish Hall will be completed this year. Watch for the announcement of the Parish Hall Cleanup Day and volunteer!

Stay tuned for updates on these and other new items as they are identified.

Lastly, the Annual Spring Meeting of the Catoctin Association has been announced and will take place this year on Saturday, April 4th at Christ Reformed UCC in Middletown, MD. Let me know if you would like to attend.

Peace be with you,

Mike Paxton, Consistory President.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**

MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020

Income:	\$ 10,221.98
Expenses:	\$ 7,554.11
Balance:	\$ 2,667.87

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 10,221.98
\$ 7,554.11
\$ 2,667.87

Capital Fund

2019 Carryover:		\$25,774.51
2020 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 0
Remaining Balance:	\$ 220.00	\$25,994.51

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/20		\$55,339.09
2020 Donations:	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenses:	\$	\$ 0
Balance:	\$ 100.00	\$55,439.09

2020 Mission Trip

Fund Carryover from 2019

		\$ 2,500.56
Donations & Fundraisers:	\$	\$ 0
Trip Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:	\$	\$2,500.56

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-20		\$2,500.56
Income 2020	\$	\$ 0
School donations	\$	\$ 0
Balance:	\$	\$2,500.56

Spring Tea

Spring greetings EBUC family and friends! It's hard to believe March is already on us...

Since the season seems to be coming so quickly, and thus, we fill our calendars with so many wonderful events, I wanted to send a quick note, or save the date. We will have our annual Spring Tea on the usual Saturday after Mother's Day. This year the date is May 16th. The proceeds

will benefit the EBUC Capital fund and our Mission trip fund.

Please take a look at the attached flyer and feel free to share the information with folks. It's always a relaxed, fun and tasty event!

Altar Flowers: Susan Hardinger has a few dates remaining if you would still like to place flowers on the altar: **March 1, May 17, May 31, June 7, June 14, August 16, August 23, September 6, September 13 and December 27.** 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.



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 – 7 p.m. in 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. Carry outs will be available. A flyer is enclosed.

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



MARCH



- 1 - Lori Green Johnson
- 2 - Bick Bickerton
- 2 - Eddie Dutterer
- 6 - Helen Miller
- 7 - Heather Wetzel
- 12 - Kristin Rodkey

- 15 – Chuck Simmont
- 23 – Jonathan Killmon
- 25 – Nancy Edwards
- 26 – Donna Derr
- 30 – Ashley Kreh

No Anniversaries

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND.**

I will be on vacation from March 29 through April 15. In order to prepare the newsletter before leaving, I am asking everyone to submit their articles timely.

Meet Bella, Our Church Dog!

Bella was adopted by Chris and Beth Raver on February 14, 2009, at a PetSmart in Frederick, MD. She was there with several other dogs for an adoption event. They all came from Hampshire County Animal Control in Bloomery, WV. Her given name there was Shadow. There was a hold on her by someone else but it was our lucky day because they didn't show up so the shelter let us adopt her. It took no time at all for us to fall in love with her. She became part of our family and joined four feline siblings. Bella's birthday is May 12, 2008. She will be 12 this year.

Bella travels A LOT. She is quite the camping pooch. She even has her own raised camping bed outside so she can people watch. She has ridden on the Bickerton's fishing boat in the Chesapeake Bay as well as on a tour boat in Thousand Islands, NY. She does NOT like to get her feet wet but she loves the snow. She tends to be a scavenger which landed her a trip to the emergency vets many years ago after eating a large amount of raisins which can be toxic to dogs. She gets along with every cat and dog she meets. She loves going for walks. She plays with her dog toys every day. Peanut butter is her favorite treat! She is afraid of baby gates. She LOVES chasing chipmunks! She is very laid back and calm, even when she was a young pup. She loves kids, especially those at her level so she can give kisses. She loves car rides. Most of all, she LOVES people. She has shown us unconditional love since the day we brought her home. We are forever grateful to her for that. Adopt a pet. Save a life. Gain a fur-ever friend!

Below are pictures of her posing on the Skyline Drive in West Virginia and her visiting Chris for the first time at the rehabilitation hospital three weeks after his accident.



P.S. From the Editor: Bella hardly ever misses church and she is always well-behaved during the service. Practically everyone in the congregation speaks to her or stops to pat Bella on Sunday mornings.



Tea Time

Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ Annual Spring Tea

2950 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020

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

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

Price: 12 and up—\$20
5 to 11—\$10

For reservations please call (410)-756-4152 and leave a message or email o3in4dy@yahoo.com. Seating limited, reserve early. All reservations are due by Tuesday, May 12th. Requests received after this date will be honored if space is available. Make us aware of dietary restrictions at time of reservation.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Baust Church Parish Hall

March 28, 2020 4-7 PM

2950 Old Taneytown Rd, Tyrone, Md
(The church by the pond.)




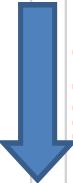


MENU INCLUDES: Choice of two sauces
With meat or meatless
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Drink

COST: Adults - \$10.00
Children (6 – 12) - \$5.00

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE – No Reservation Required

MARCH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS AT EBUECC

Greeter - Beth Raver						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship Communion Monthly Luncheon 11:30 PM	2	3 Consistory Mtg. 6:30 PM Parsonage	4	5 Lenten Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage	6 	7 
8 Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship	9 Sub orders due to Susan Hardinger	10	11	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	13	14
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22 Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship April newsletter items due to Helen Miller	23	24	25	26 Lenten Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	27	28 Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7 PM Parish Hall
29 Worship at 10 a.m. Adult S.S. 9 AM Good Shepherd Rm. Children S.S. during Worship	30	31	1-Apr	2-Apr Lenten Bible Study, 6 PM Parsonage Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM, Sanctuary	3-Apr	4-Apr

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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