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From the Pastor's Desk

October 2020

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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the elected officers of the United Church of Christ determined that the highest priority for our churches was to offer relief where possible. Thus, they gathered monies from a variety of sources, which included NIN, and formed a COVID-19 relief fund. Although we will officially take this offering on October 4, donations will be accepted after that as well. If you are sending an offering for this cause please write NIN in the "for" line of your check.

Have a wonderful October!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER

October 4 – World Communion Sunday – Feel free to pickup your wafer and juice from the parsonage back porch.

October 18 – Confirmation Sunday – 2 confirmands – Michael Wilt & Ben Brandenburg.



Greetings Fellow Church Family Members!

It's hard to believe that the Fall Season is here but the air outside has definitely been crisp on a number of evenings if not downright cold! And then those cool nights have been followed by frequent warm & sunny days. Yep, definitely Fall is here and with the move into October the holiday season at Baust Church is on the horizon.

This year the Central Atlantic Conference held its annual meeting September 21-26. In recognition of the ongoing pandemic and with keeping everyone safe the highest priority the entire meeting was held via Zoom. Mike Paxton attended the meeting representing Baust Church.

October also means that your Consistory is busy planning for the activities and events that we want to accomplish to prepare for the holidays and also ensure a successful closeout for the current year and transition to 2021.

The Budget Committee has been selected and will be meeting with Carolyn Dutterer in October to review how our church did financially in 2020 and to develop the operating budget for 2021. The new budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

The 2021 Nominating Committee has met and developed the list of candidates that will be approached and asked to serve on our Consistory starting next year. Once the candidates have confirmed they are willing to serve they will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval.

This year the Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 22nd after the completion of Sunday Service. Specific details on the meeting format and the final meeting agenda will be published in the November newsletter. In the meantime, mark your calendars.

Lastly, as mentioned earlier we are beginning to make plans for the holidays. Using all protocols currently in place to keep us safe, Consistory's goal is to continue our traditions and allow each of us to have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas season. We will be working with our committees and volunteers who make the holiday season so enjoyable here at Baust Church to make sure those traditions continue in 2020.

We are still looking for volunteers who would be willing to learn the process of setting up and running the equipment we currently use to stream the weekly Sunday Service via Zoom and record it for posting on the church's Facebook page and website. To continue to provide adequate coverage for what has become an important part of the weekly services our church provides, we need additional volunteers that are trained and available to support the weekly streaming initiative. If you know of someone who can help please let me know.

With that I have reached the end of this month's update.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

Peace be with you.

Mike Paxton, Consistory President



***REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON
SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 31.***



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awarded to UCC 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.

The 2020 theme is "all children have the right to simply be children".

This offering is received on First Sunday of October as part of the World Wide Communion Sunday observance. Our church community will dedicate the offering on October 4th but members are welcome to contribute throughout October. Since a number of our members are social distancing at home, you can send a check to the church office and memo NIN or donate on the UCC website and remember to note Emmanuel Baust UCC.

What's the Pastor Reading Now?



During this time of mostly staying at home, I have been reading a number of books that I would not normally have taken the time to consider, among them are some classics that I have never read. We read "*The Grapes of Wrath*" in our Literary Society so I thought I could take on another, even older American classic, "*Uncle Tom's Cabin*." Written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, an American abolitionist and author, "*Uncle Tom's Cabin*" was published in 1852, this work is, in my opinion, quite relevant today. Abraham Lincoln felt that it lit the tinderbox that started the Civil War. It has a gripping plot which follows the life of servitude of the character Uncle Tom. I will guarantee you this novel will bring tears to your eyes.

It is also a story of faith. Uncle Tom is the epitome of Christian love and forgiveness bolstered by his unshakable faith in Christ. The tumultuous and twisting plot makes for a real page-turner of a novel and the journeys undertaken by the main characters of the novel are cleverly paralleled in terms of hope. The dominant theme of slavery throughout the novel makes for a deeply disturbing lesson in the history of not just the USA but the world as well. I believe that Stowe offers insight into why racism in the U.S. is what it is today.

If you will take a chance and read a classic novel while you are dodging the virus at home, I would highly recommend this one. Let me know what you think!

Online Worship Information

Do you need help logging on to the virtual service? If so, contact the church office at **(410) 202-8655**. We would like to continue with recording our attendance each Sunday like we did when we all met in person. After you log onto the service go down to the chat line and send a note that you are watching and the number of people that are watching with you.

Not always convenient to watch the service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, then view it at a time that is convenient for you. We are working on making all worship services going forward available for your viewing. Each service is recorded and we will make every attempt to post the recording on Vimeo which can be accessed by accessing [Worship Recordings](#). Each service is labeled with a date. Click on the service you want to view and it will play.



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser

We will be participating in the Boscov's Fundraiser again this year. But this year it will be in a different format. Friends Helping Friends is going contactless for 2020! *The church can earn money while you stay safe at home.* To avoid crowds and allow social distancing to keep you safe and comfortable the sale has been extended to 2 days - October 14 & 15. There will be no pass to purchase this year. The organization will get 5% from your total purchase whether in store or online. There will still be 20% off sales. You just need to mention the church's name as you are checking out as the participating organization.

Pizza, Sub & Sandwich Sale

We will have a Fall Sub, Sandwich and Pizza Sale. Orders are due by November 1st and can be picked up November 12 from 4 – 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Hall. Mask and social distancing protocol will be followed.

Texas Roadhouse Gift Certificates

If you've started compiling your Christmas gift list we can help you with that again this year. We will be selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards in November. More information to follow.

Baust Cemetery Board

It is time again for our "Field of Flags" for Veterans Day on November 11. Submit the name of the veteran in honor or in memory along with the \$5 donation for each flag you request. We will be placing the flags in front of the church on the top terrace of the lawn on Thursday, November 5. This has pleasantly become a "new" tradition that the Cemetery Board is proud to carry on. We hope to continue the trend of growing the number of flags displayed and appreciate the work of Dylan Slagle, photographer, and the front page coverage we received last year. We thank you in advance in helping the Cemetery Board to honor and remember all the veterans for their service to our country. To sponsor a flag, contact Dotty Smith at 443-974-3251 or Bob Miller at 443-789-7035. A pamphlet will be prepared with a list of the servicemen and women.



OCTOBER



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| 1 – April Caprarola | 10 – Beth Brandenburg | 11 – Lisa & Don Brower |
| 1 – Emma Grace Wilt | 12 – Betty Stonesifer | 20 – Donna & Scott Derr |
| 3 – Scott Derr | 13 – Karen Stonesifer Barnes | 23 – Jim & Betty Stonesifer |
| 3 – Calvin Bloom | 16 – Seth Overholtzer | 26 – Karen & Rob Barnes |
| 5 – Dylan Craig | 20 - Janet Hollis | |
| 9 – Amy Miller Smith | 24 – Will Wilt | |
| 10 – Shirley Ecker | 26 – Bob Harrison | |



MONTH OF AUGUST, 2020

Income:	\$ 9,302.77
Expenses:	\$ 8,977.89
Balance:	\$ 324.88

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 76,392.50
\$ 74,152.09
\$ 2,240.41

Capital Fund

2019 Carryover:		\$25,774.51
2020 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,710.00
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
CAC Trinity Trust Grant	\$	\$ 2,500.00
Expenditures:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Remaining Balance:	\$ 200.00	\$29,984.51

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/20		\$55,339.09
2020 Donations:	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,865.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenses:	\$	\$ 0
Simmont Family-Paraments	\$3,218.00	\$3,218.00
Balance:	\$3,168.00	\$54,045.09

2020 Mission Trip

Fund Carryover from 2019

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

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-20		\$1,845.52
Income 2020	\$	\$ 67.00
School donations	\$	\$ 0
Balance:	\$	\$1,912.52

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE MANDATORY HEALTH RESTRICTIONS, THE FALL PORK ROAST DINNER IS CANCELED.

ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.

Altar Flowers For 2021

It's time to reserve your dates for altar flowers for 2021.

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 pick up your flowers after worship. Please remember to return the green vase inserts and the containers used to carry 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 2021 by completing this form and returning it to Susan (1147 Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster, MD 21158, shardinger@aol.com, 443-789-0142).

2021

([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>
3	7	7	4	2	6	4	1	5	3	7	5
10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
17	21	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	19
24	28	28	25	23	27	25	22	26	24	28	26
31				30			29		31		

2021 Date flowers to be placed in church: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Phone number: _____

Bulletin listing and liturgist's announcement:

"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.