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From the Pastor's Desk

November 2020

In some ways this November is no different from any other November. Daylight Saving Time ended on the 1st. We have Stewardship Sunday and honor veterans on the 8th. Thanksgiving is on the 26th and Advent begins on the 29th. We offer weekly Bible Study and our monthly Literary Society (book group) meeting. Our Carpenter's Table volunteers continue to hand out meals to the needy in Taneytown. These activities remain the same as in years past but with some important changes.

We continue to live under the threat of COVID-19 infection so our 2020 November activities are affected in different ways. Our annual Pork Dinner is canceled for this year. Our worship services are open for attendance in the sanctuary following COVID-19 protection protocols and also Zoomed for online viewing. Caring and Sharing churches will participate in a community Thanksgiving worship service but it will be only available online. Caring and Sharing will not offer the community Thanksgiving dinner this year but will give out holiday boxes which will provide food for families to use for a holiday meal. Our Fall Association Meeting will be held on November 7th but will be an online meeting. And, of course, all of our gatherings like Literary Society and Bible Study are observing the proper protection protocols.

It really is amazing that, even during a pandemic, the work of the Lord continues at Baust Church and elsewhere. I hope you will pay close attention to announcements in the bulletin and calendar activities during this month so that we can continue our ministry in full force and help you to continue to be engaged for Christ during these stressful times.

We continue to offer Bible Study, Book Group, Carpenter's Table, and more so watch the bulletin and check the calendar on our web site for more information.

Here is a quote from Caroline Wright, regarding COVID-19, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2017 and has outlived the prediction by her doctors that she had only one year to live:

"You have to find a way to respect these new boundaries,
but still live the version of life you're used to.
That's what life is, regardless of circumstance."

I believe Baust Church continues to follow her advice and is constantly finding ways to live the version of life, and ministry, that we are called to live.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Jeff and Cathy



Greetings Fellow Church Family Members!

On October 31st we came off of Daylight Savings Time and fell back an hour. So November gets to start off with sunnier mornings when we're starting to move around and get the day underway. At Baust Church, November is a busy month with the holiday season right around the corner. This year it is also the month when we will be having:

The Annual Congregational Meeting – November 22 after Worship

Like many activities taking place in & around our Church this year we have had to adjust to accommodate the safety precautions and restriction put in place to ensure we keep everyone safe, this year's annual meeting will have a different feel & format. Following in the footsteps of the Central Atlantic Conference's Annual Meeting which was held in late September entirely on Zoom, our Annual Congregational Meeting will likewise be held via Zoom. Congregation members who want to participate can do so by using the link that is included in the Zoom meeting invitation that Helen sends out with the Sunday Bulletin, or by dialing in using the phone number also included in the Zoom invitation and entering the meeting id and password when prompted. Advance copies of the agenda items that will be presented during the meeting will be emailed to everyone by Helen two weeks prior to the meeting. Printed copies will also be available at the church on the two Sundays preceding the meeting. For those who join the meeting via Zoom each agenda item will also be displayed on your desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone screen while it is being presented. Voting on each agenda item, when required, will be done using the Zoom Chat feature. Members who are participating in the meeting via phone dial-in will have the opportunity to provide a voice vote. Kent will be able to track all numbers dialing in and those phones will be "un-muted" when a vote is called for. A Consistory member will be on standby to count the votes. Motions for approval by the congregation when needed will be asked for and tallied using the same Zoom/Dial-in process.

In order to streamline the process of presenting agenda items and counting the votes during the meeting the Consistory, in consultation with Pastor Jeff, has made the decision to hold Sunday Service that day exclusively via Zoom. The church sanctuary will not be open to attend Sunday Service. The Congregational Meeting will begin immediately following the service conclusion. At the start of the meeting each congregation member who is attending will be asked to enter or state their name and how many members are attending with them. This will be done using the Zoom chat and phone dial-in options.

Items on the Agenda

- **Opening Remarks**
- **December, 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes**
- **2021 Budget** - Many thanks to Carolyn for coming through once again and doing an outstanding job guiding and advising the Budget Committee and preparing the Budget, along with the Treasurer's Report each month for the Consistory. The 2021 Budget was presented to the Consistory at its November 3rd meeting and approved by the board.

- **2021 – 2022 Candidates for Consistory** – The four candidates that will begin serving on the Consistory for a two-year term starting January 2021, were presented to the board and approved at the Oct. 6th meeting and were approved.
- **Meeting Close**

Over this past year our church family has done a terrific job making the best of a difficult situation and doing whatever it takes to keep our church active and ready to support our members and the community around us. It takes a team to accomplish what we have been able to do. Thanks to everyone for taking the time out of your busy schedules to pitch in and help whenever you were asked. Your time is greatly appreciated. We should all be very proud of our church and the impact we have on our community, our members and in our association. When we unite as one, we are a strong force that can do great things. Blessing to all and thank you again for your support.

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

Stay healthy, stay safe.

Peace be with you.

Mike Paxton, Consistory President



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.



What's the Pastor Reading Now?

This month's recommendation came to me from Dotty Smith. It is by David Bentley Hart, entitled, *"Atheist Delusions: The Christian Revolution and Its Fashionable Enemies."* For those who have read other books by Hart, it will be noted that this one is quite short, around 250 pages. Hart himself refers to it as an "essay" in his introduction. Also, Hart somewhat simplifies his massive vocabulary in this book so that the going is not too slow.

Hart's focus is to dismantle what he views as distorted religious histories put forth by contemporary atheists such as Dawkins and Hitchens. He believes that many current atheist writers have misrepresented the Christian past and its message of love for humanity. He also believes that the decline of Christian culture in the West is causing negative consequences in our society and the world.

David Bentley Hart takes the Christian-Atheist debate regrading God to a higher level. It is a thought provoking read which I can now highly recommend to all.



By now everyone should know that the present pandemic made it necessary to cancel the Roast Pork Dinner. This dinner was our biggest fundraiser. We ask you to think about the donations and time you gave for the dinner. Put a monetary amount to those. Consider writing a check for that amount and mark it Roast Pork Dinner. It can be mailed to the church office at 2950 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, Md 21158 or dropped in the offering plate at church. If you have already done this, we thank you very much. Thank you for your consideration and donation.

The Fundraising Committee

Cookie & Fudge Sale



The ladies that are in charge of the cookie and fudge sale have been in contact with our church bakers. There has been an overwhelming response from our bakers that they wish to continue the sale. Susie Lawrence and Jane Rodkey have been finalizing the list of cookies we will be offering this year. Once it has been completed, the order form will be sent via email. It will also be included in the church bulletin.

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.. Bob Miller has been in contact with Texas Roadhouse regarding if they are going to sell gift certificates this year. More information to follow when known.



NOVEMBER



- 4 – Sue Bloom
- 5 – Keith Dutterer
- 5 – Shane Craig
- 6 – Jeff Hevner
- 11 – Suzanne Edwards
- 12 – Sylvia Miller
- 19 – Bob Miller
- 21 – Samantha Spalding

- 2 – Sheri & Kube Selby
- 12 – Ed & Carolyn Dutterer
- 23 – Jim & Kathy Craig
- 26 – Bob & Joyce Harrison



MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020

Income:	\$ 11,387.07
Expenses:	\$ 11,124.87
Balance:	\$ 262.20

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 94,661.35
\$ <u>96,483.09</u>
\$ 1,821.09

Capital Fund

2019 Carryover:		\$25,774.51
2020 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,110.00
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
CAC Trinity Trust Grant	\$	\$ 2,500.00
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 3,750.00
Remaining Balance:	\$ 200.00	\$31,634.51

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/20		\$55,339.09
2020 Donations:	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 3,115.00
Expenses:	\$	\$ 0
Simmont Family-Paraments	\$	\$ <u>3,218.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 1,225.00	\$55,295.09

*Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer*

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

Decorating our sanctuary for Christmas

Please consider offering your help on November 23rd. We will be gathering at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23rd to will decorate our tree, windows and chancel for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We'll be able to accomplish all this with our masks on while maintaining safe social distance. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29th. Let's "get everything already for that day and prepare ye the way of the Lord" - even in these pandemic times!

**ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.**

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.



Poinsettias - 2020

Join your church family in a lovely Baust Christmas tradition . . .

Order your Christmas poinsettias now!

Poinsettias will be on display in our sanctuary on December 6th and throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may pick up your plants through December 27th. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettias at in-person worship services on December 6, 13, 20, 24, or 27, we will be happy to schedule a midweek time to meet you at the church for pick up. We will make delivery arrangements if you are unable to come to the church.

The last day to order is November 22, 2020.

Please use the tear off order form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mail it to Susan Hardinger, 1147 Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster, MD 21158 or email your order to shardinger@aol.com or text/phone your order to Susan 443-789-0142. Checks payable to EBUC.

Colors: Red, White and Pink in all sizes.

Marble available in 6" and 8" only.

Mixed Red, White, Pink plants (in one pot) available in 8" only.

4" pot, 3+ blooms - \$4.00

6" pot, 5+ blooms - \$8.00

7" pot, 10+ blooms - \$11.00

8" pot, 12+ blooms - \$18.00

10" pot, 15+ blooms - \$22.00

Name _____ phone: _____

Size Color Quantity Price Total _____

Amount enclosed: _____ check _____ cash _____



Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!