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From the Pastor's Desk

March 2021

Welcome to March! Hopefully many of you have been able to get on a list for COVID vaccinations and are still keeping safe and healthy. It seems like every month we are reminded of the pandemic and all the stress that it has placed on us. Yet, like other years, there are things going on in March that have nothing to do with this issue and that help us to have hope and to reach out in ministry. In terms of hopeful events we have World Day of Prayer, March 5; Amistad Sunday, March 7; International Women's Day, March 8; One Great Hour of Sharing/Daylight Savings Time, March 14; St. Patrick's Day, March 17; the first day of Spring, March 20; to name just a few.

I would like to focus on our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering on March 14. This is an offering that is taken once a year and is part of the UCC's five for five offering challenge which also includes these special offerings: Our Church's Wider Mission, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, and The Christmas Fund. OGHS is at work all around the year, all around the world - sharing resources and changing lives. Through OGHS, the UCC works with domestic and international partners, to provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives.

Since March will probably be another month in which our social gatherings will continue to be limited, why not support OGHS in a strong way so that our outreach as a denomination can be enhanced in such a time as this. This is something we all can do without risking our health or the health of others.

PS - I am really looking forward to Spring!

Blessings to all!

Pastor Jeff and Cathy

Greetings Fellow Families & Friends



February has not been kind to the church. Cancelling in person services 2 weeks back-to-back has never happened to my recollection. However, thanks to technology Jeff was able to conduct the service from his home and we were still able to enjoy the service from the comfort and safety of our home. But we sure did miss Jennifer's music.

This year we had the first ever drive through imposition of ashes. In 1 hour, 25 people participated in this. Thank you Pastor Jeff for making this happen.

We have taken the direction to get a P.O. Box for the church. Irregular mail deliveries led the consistory to that decision. Mail will be picked up several times a week at the P.O. Box in Taneytown. Any mail that is sent to 2950 Old Taneytown Rd. will be forwarded to the P.O. Box.

The consistory voted to go with PayPal donation for Online Giving. Beth Raver has been working on this. We have encountered some small problems. They should be worked out shortly and you will see a Donate button on our church website. This will be another way to get your donation to church in a more expedient way.

Head of the Elders is Jim Stonesifer and Head of the Deacons is Bick Bickerton.

The consistory has started getting quotes for upgrades to the sound and video equipment upgrade. More to come on this.

Sandra Stonesifer, Consistory President



We will have completed our 1st 2021 fundraiser by the time you read. Once again it was a success.

Instead of a Spaghetti Dinner this year we will have a Soup and Sandwich Sale. The Carroll County Health Department has approved our plans and we will be working by their strict guidelines. We will be offering 3 kinds of homemade soups and 3 choice of sandwiches made by Kennie's Market. Pre-orders only are due by March 8. Pick-up will be March 20 from 12 - 3PM. You will contact us when you arrive, your order will be brought to you in your vehicle and payment collected. See order form for kinds of soup and sandwiches. Order should be called to Sandra Stonesifer at 410 857-0416 or email sandys46@netscape.com.

Unfortunately the April Spring Tea has been canceled. Hopefully by fall we will be back on track that we can offer an in-person tea.

Carpenter's Table

Baust Church, along with five other local churches, continue to participate in Carpenter's Table. Pre-pandemic, EBUCC volunteers prepared and served lunches to on-average 25 people inside St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Since the COVID19 pandemic, we have been distributing lunch meals (provided by a variety of sources) and two bags of groceries to anywhere from 50 to over 200 people. Wearing masks and gloves, we distribute the meals and groceries outside and under the portico at Trinity Lutheran Church. Special thanks to Connie and Mark Muscato and Diane and Bob Dougherty.

What's the Pastor Reading Now?



I am reading a book that my mother-in-law, Claire, recommended to me entitled, *"This Is the Day: Reclaim Your Dream. Ignite Your Passion. Live Your Purpose."* by Tim Tebow. As many of you may know, the author, Tim Tebow, is a two-time national college football champion, Heisman Trophy winner, first-round NFL draft pick, ESPN contributor, and professional baseball outfielder with the New York Mets. In addition, he is a Christian author with lots to say about serving God and neighbor now.

Tebow begins with touching and recent stories that explain how his faith and life intertwine, recalling how he helped feed families in the wake of Hurricane Irma in 2017 and giving a gripping account of praying with a woman whose husband went into cardiac arrest during a flight to Phoenix. Tebow explains how focusing on others and being aware of who and what is around at any given moment can help one embrace the present. He uses his own experiences to illustrate the power of believing in God's plan and purpose.

At 207 pages this book is easy to read and brings a message of hope and action as we continue on in this new year.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

Income:	\$ 11,353.06
Expenses:	\$ 8,556.62
Balance:	\$ 2,796.44

YEAR TO DATE

\$ 11,353.06
\$ 8,556.62
\$ 2,796.44

Capital Fund

2020 Carryover:		\$34,784.51
2021 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 0
Remaining Balance:	\$ 1,600.00	\$36,384.51

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/21		\$55,775.09
2021 Donations:	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenses:	\$	\$ 0
Balance:	\$ 225.00	\$56,000.00

2021 Mission Trip

<u>Fund Carryover from 2020</u>		\$ 2,500.56
Donations & Fundraisers:	\$	\$ 0
Trip Expenses:	\$	\$
Balance:	\$	\$2,500.56

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-21		\$ 775.02
Income 2020	\$	\$ 0
School donations	\$	\$ 0
Balance:	\$	\$ 775.02

**Carolyn Dutterer,
Treasurer**



MARCH



1 – Lori Green Johnson
2 – Bick Bickerton
4 – Peggy Keeney
6 – Helen Miller
7 – Heather Wetzel
12 – Kristin Thomas

15 – Chuck Simmont
21 – Christopher Stonesifer
23 – Jonathon Killmon
25 – Nancy Edwards
26 – Donna Derr
30 – Ashley Kreh

None Listed

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21st.**

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– *40 Days Of Renewal* –

