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*From the Pastor's Desk*

**May 2021**

This May is filled with much more hope and promise than May of 2020. Even though the pandemic is still with us and infection cases are not where we would like them, we do have vaccines available and our folks are getting them. Here at Baust Church we are planning for better times with increased activities. We have added some new tools to our ministry toolkit and we continue to take into consideration the safety of all our members as we continue into a post-COVID world.

I have received the full series of vaccinations and am available, upon request, for visitation. I am reaching out to our shut-in members as best I am able. As of the writing of this newsletter not all of the facilities in which our members reside are allowing regular pastoral visits but I am keeping informed of changes in this policy. All of this being said, we all need to continue to keep in contact by any means possible with those who are unable to join with us physically. This can still be a lonely time for some.

Summer will soon be upon us so we all pray that we will be able to get out more this year than last. While you are making your escape plans don't forget that we still meet at Baust Church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and we will have functions, as best we can, throughout the Summer, so come join us!

Stay safe and be blessed,

***Pastor Jeff and Cathy***



## **Greetings Fellow Families & Friends**

It's good to see the tulips blooming. Can warmer weather be far behind?

The worship committee decided to bring back liturgists now that more people have gotten their second vaccine. We will start on a permanent basis May 2. Thank you to Cathy Dull for serving as liturgist for the past year. The committee will also be looking at singing inside or outside now that more people are getting vaccinated. Stay tuned for more information.

We started the year with 2 very good fundraisers. The next fundraiser will be our Antique Car & Tractor Show in August.

We are still working to get our Online Giving on our website. Anyone can mail a donation to EBUCC, P. O. Box 44, Taneytown, Md 21787.

A special consistory meeting was held on March 23 to vote on the Audio Visual upgrade. The consistory approved the quote by System Source. A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, April 25, after worship to vote on the upgrade. The vote was by Zoom and/or in person.

Consistory members met April 18 for a ½ day seminar on Membership, Mission & Ministry at Baust Church 2021 and beyond. More to come on the discussions and the next steps.

Representatives from the church for the Catoclin Association Meeting on April 17 were Jim and Sandra Stonesifer and Pastor Jeff Dull.

Next month I will be reporting on the vote from the April 25 meeting and updates on several other items we have been working on.

***Sandra Stonesifer, Consistory President***



## **What's the Pastor Reading Now?**

This may be a good time to read this new work by Angela Gorrell, assistant professor of practical theology at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, who has been researching the theology of joy at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. *The Gravity of Joy: A Story of Being Lost and Found*, is a kind of memoir that traces how joy can grow through tragedy.

Gorell experienced three tragedies in her family during her research — a suicide, a death from opioid addiction, and a death from cardiac arrest. While leading a regular Bible study group for women in prison, Gorrell discovered both joy and more pain. She learned much of lives loaded with suffering. I suppose a warning needed here is that the first part of the book contains lots of depressing, hard to read descriptions of what drives people to despair. In the final chapter she gives a wonderful description of joy and how to cultivate and share it. It is worth the read if you can stand it.

## **Mother's Day Bulletin**

Honor your mother, grandmother, etc. by placing their name in the Mother's Day bulletin. Cost is \$1 for each name in honor of or in memory of. They are due by May 2. Names can be given to Dotty Smith or Sandra Stonesifer at (410) 857-0416. They can also be emailed to [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com). Checks should be made payable to **Baust Aide Society** and mailed to Sandy Stonesifer at 2016 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, Md 21158. If you are not attending church and are unable to print one, contact Sandy Stonesifer and she will send you a printed copy.



**MONTH OF March, 2021**

Income:	\$ 10,963.71
Expenses:	\$ 12,428.06
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ (1,464.35)</b>

**YEAR TO DATE**

\$ 31,771.63
\$ 29,963.34
<b>\$ 1,808.29</b>

**Capital Fund**

2020 Carryover:		\$34,784.51
2021 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 0
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$36,784.51</b>

**Memorial Funds**

Begin. Balance 01/01/21		\$55,775.09
2021 Donations:	\$	\$ 225.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenses:	\$	\$ 0
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$56,000.09</b>

*Carolyn Dutterer,  
Treasurer*

**2021 Mission Trip**

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

**SOCK Designated Funds**

Beginning Balance 1-1-21		\$ 775.02
Income 2020	\$	\$ 0
School donations	\$	\$ 0
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 775.02</b>

**Strengthen the Church**

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Offerings will be received throughout May and dedication to those offerings will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Look for the bulletin inserts each week in May for stories about how Strengthen the Church funds are being used throughout the UCC.

Thanks in advance for considering to give to one of our 5 for 5 UCC offerings!

***Stewardship Committee***

## **Information Sharing**

If you know of a church member who would like prayers, please email Pastor Jeff at [pastor@ebucc.com](mailto:pastor@ebucc.com). We want to pray for our church family.

## **Building Rental**

We are ready to rent our buildings to those who are looking for a building to accommodate a small group. The group would be following the state guidelines during the COVID epidemic. They can contact the secretary at [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com) or phone (410) 848-0923 for rates and a copy of the rental agreement.

### **New Mailing address for Church**

Any mail correspondence to the church should be sent to :

Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ

P. O. Box. 44

Taneytown, Md 21787

The Physical Address remains the same:

2950 Old Taneytown Rd.

Westminster, MD 21158



### **The Cemetery Board**

is again sponsoring our biannual "Field of Flags" on the church lawn. On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, we place flags in front of the church to Honor our veterans, both living and deceased. As a proud veteran myself, I know the difference between the "holidays" but if I could find an effective way to do it, I would celebrate veterans every day of the year.

As always your help is needed for the celebration. You may sponsor a flag for each veteran you wish to honor for a donation of \$5 a flag. Please give us the following information: Name, Branch of Service, In Memory of or In Honor of and whom the dedication is from. Please send the information to Dotty Smith, [bearsdad2014@gmail.com](mailto:bearsdad2014@gmail.com) or call (410) 756-2972. You may also send the information to Bob Miller, [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com) or call (443) 789-7035. All information must be received by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to "**Emmanuel Baust Cemetery Board**" and the proceeds are used for care and maintenance of the cemetery. Please mail all checks to Bob Miller, 1324 Warehime Rd., Westminster, Md 21158.

The Board would like to Thank You in advance for your cooperation in this "honorable Endeavor."

### **Bob Miller, Board President**



**MAY**



5 – David Miller  
11 – Eric Brower

12 – Dylan Michael Wilt  
31 – John Miller

6 – Beth & Jay Brandenburg  
11 – Mike & Jane Rodkey  
31 – George & Susan Hardinger

**ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY  
FRIDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>.**