

*THE PARISH CRIER*  
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*From the Pastor's Desk*

**July 2021**

I stumbled over a scripture that spoke to me in regards to the month of July this year as we are coming out of isolation during the pandemic. 1 Peter 5: 7-10 says, "Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you. Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Do so in the knowledge that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you." I believe we are all ready, having endured suffering, to be restored, empowered, strengthened, and established, in the post-COVID world.

In July we are entering into a time of gatherings with family and friends, traveling and getting back to normal activities. This should be a joyful experience but there will be some who will still feel stressed and anxious about leaving the COVID protocols behind. We have all been affected by the pandemic in some way and possibly in ways we do not recognize or understand. Experiencing mixed reactions as we transition into post-COVID life is to be expected. Some of this anxiety may lessen or disappear as we get used to it all. Hopefully most if not all of us who are eligible to be vaccinated have been but there are those who are not yet eligible, like young children, and that may be cause for some to worry. If you are feeling overly anxious about getting back into the swing of things you might want to talk to your pastor or a counselor about those feelings. Remember, just because you are vaccinated doesn't mean you must drop all COVID protocols. If wearing a mask or social distancing makes you feel more secure then you can continue with that sort of thing until you are more comfortable with post-COVID interaction. Others should be sensitive and support you in this.

The present and future may not be exactly like the pre-COVID past but God and science has given us a triumph over human suffering and it will be livable, workable, and hopeful. Outside of Sunday worship and our regular monthly group meetings, Baust Church programming is pretty relaxed for July. You might consider relaxing too and taking your time to get back into your groove and your new normal. God bless you richly this Summer. I hope to see you at Baust Church and its activities soon.

***Pastor Jeff and Cathy***



## **Greetings Fellow Families & Friends**

June 20th is truly the first day of summer. The temperatures confirm that.

Ideas continue to come in for the estate donation. The consistory will choose several from that list to get quotes.

In the past 6 weeks the bat has returned to the sanctuary early in the morning resulting in the police coming out. The consistory voted to replace the motion detector in the front and side foyers with intrusion detection devices on the doors.

A written presentation was given by the Membership Committee compiled from the discussion at the ½ day seminar. They will continue to give periodic reports.

***Sandra Stonesifer, Consistory President***

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



July might be a good time, especially if you are on vacation, to read a book on prayer. Praying, like meditation, can put one's mind in a peaceful and relaxing state depending on how it is approached. Father James Martin, SJ, a Jesuit priest and spiritual guide, has authored an instructional book called, "Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone. This guide is about building a relationship with God and helps the reader discover the best way that can be done for each individual. He believes that anyone can be open with God as long as they are willing to open their hearts and minds and try. There is something mystical about prayer that Martin directs the reader to recognize. He addresses questions like, "What happens when we don't get what we pray for?" and "What does it mean to 'feel' something in prayer?"

At four hundred pages this is not a brief primer but prayer is a daily interaction with God that lasts for a lifetime. It is certainly worth the time it takes to read.

## **Summer Worship**

Every one has a favorite hymn. Now is your chance to tell us the name of two of your favorite hymns. You can write it on a piece of paper and put in the offering plate or email to Pastor Jeff at [pastor@ebucc.com](mailto:pastor@ebucc.com). Each Sunday we will hear that hymn, some history behind it, some information about the person who wrote it and message from the hymn.

## **Building Rental**

We are ready to rent our buildings to those who are looking for a building to accommodate small groups. All groups will be following the CDC guidelines regarding COVID. They can contact the secretary at: [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com) for rates and a copy of the rental agreement.



**MONTH OF May, 2021**

Income:	\$ 14,075.10
Expenses:	\$ 10,811.05
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 3,2646.05</b>

**YEAR TO DATE**

\$ 73,557.35
\$ 47,945.78
<b>\$25,611.57</b>

**Capital Fund**

2020 Carryover:		\$34,784.51
2021 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 5,100.00	\$15,768.24
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 0
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 5,100.00</b>	<b>\$45,452.75</b>

**Memorial Funds**

Begin. Balance 01/01/21		\$55,775.09
2021 Donations:	\$	\$ 225.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$	\$ 2,318.24
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$53,681.85</b>

**2021 Mission Trip**

<b>Fund Carryover from 2020</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 2021	\$1,576.00	\$ 1,576.00
School donations	\$	\$ 0
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,5760.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,351.02</b>

*Carolyn Dutterer,*  
*Treasurer*

**Online Giving**

For your convenience, the church now has a PayPal account for online giving. To access online giving, go to the church website (ebucc.com) and use the donate button. Please be aware the PayPal charges a 30 cent transaction fee and a 2.9% handling fee for each donation. For example, if you donate \$50 to the church, PayPal charges \$1.75 (.30 transaction fee plus \$1.45 handling fee) and the church will receive \$48.25. Therefore, if you plan on using online giving, I recommend you donate once a month to minimize the transaction fee. I will be accessing the PayPal account once a month to produce the giving report for your annual giving statement and transfer funds to the church account. You can designate your donation to the various funds such as Current, OCWM, Capital fund in the notes. I will distribute your funds according to your designation. If there is no note, the funds will go to the current operating fund.

As always, I am grateful for your continuing support of the church budget and mission projects. If you are not able to bring your offerings to church, you can continue to mail to the church at: P. O. Box 44, Taneytown, MD 21787 or elect to use the online giving.

**Carolyn Dutterer, Treasurer**



- Thank you to Kent Kallay and his assistants for their tweaking the new A/V system.
- Thank you to all of those who worked on the Online Giving and Donation button on the website who made it a reality.

**On the Road Travel Group**

It's time to get on the road again as a church family. The "On the Road" Travel Group will go as a group to Totem Pole Playhouse on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to see the musical "I Do I Do" for a 2 p.m. show. This touching story of two soulmates navigating the perils of life, span 50 years as it focuses on the ups and downs experienced by Agnes and Michael throughout their marriage. If we can get 15 people, cost of the tickets will be \$37.50, otherwise, they will be \$45.00. For tickets contact Sandra Stonesifer by July 20.

**Fundraising**

Save the date — Saturday, August 21st. The Car, Truck, Tractor and antique farm equipment Show and Peach Festival will be held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. See the attached flyer for more information.



**JULY**



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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 – Brianne Hevner   | 23 – Kyle Lawrence    | 4 – Susie & Richie Lawrence |
| 3 – Jan Corbin       | 25 – Shelly Boone     |                             |
| 3 – George Hardinger | 26 – Jordan Lawrence  |                             |
| 3 – Paul Caprarola   | 26 – Don Brower       |                             |
| 11 – Sue Robinson    | 29 – Carolyn Dutterer |                             |
| 16 – David Keeney    | 31 – Cristine Hevner  |                             |
| 19 – Kathy Craig     |                       |                             |

**ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY  
SUNDAY, July 18th.**



# Antique Car, Tractor & Farm Equipment Show

Peaches & Ice Cream

Food and Bake Goods

Saturday, August 21

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ**

**2950 Old Taneytown Rd.**

***(Church by the pond)***

**For info. Call Ed Dutterer at (410) 848-8638**

**or e-mail: [sandys46@netscape.com](mailto:sandys46@netscape.com)**

Show day registration -- \$10 – unlimited entries