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*From the Pastor's Desk*

**June 2021**

As I begin to think about the month of June, I am considering this quote by John Steinbeck, "In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." This rather ordinary insight into the promise June holds seems quite a bit more bright and meaningful this year than it did a year ago.

This year June seems to be a year of promise. Masks, for most, are off. We are continued to be cautioned to observe some distancing, hand washing, and masking in certain situations. I have noticed air purifying units placed in waiting rooms and read accounts of airlines adding more efficient air filtration systems. Outdoor settings are preferred over those indoors, as witnessed by the fact that you can't get reservations near places like Yellowstone National Park because all of the nearby facilities are full of those who want to vacation outdoors. But we are able to get out with some confidence and that is what counts and holds promise.

Here at Baust Church we are emerging into the post-pandemic world pretty well. We will continue our Bible Studies and Literary Society meetings as usual. Our worship is open for face-to-face interaction and we will continue our internet presence, with new equipment, for those who, for what ever reason, can't make it in person.

The sermons, for most of the Summer, will focus on the meaning of favorite hymns which you select. We will explore both the meaning of the words and the lives of the composers. This should be quite interesting and a nice change of pace for the Summer. Please submit your hymn selections to Sandra Stonesifer or to me and we will do our best to work them in.

Have a wonderful June, 2021, filled with hope, renewal, and promise!

Blessings,

***Pastor Jeff and Cathy***



## **Greetings Fellow Families & Friends**

Be careful what you wish for. We wished for warmer weather and look what we got in May.

We started singing in church on May 9. As Pastor Jeff said some of our voices are a little out of tune.

We were very surprised when our church's name was not announced as one of the 5 for 5 at the Association meeting in April. After doing some checking we realized we didn't contribute anything to the Strengthen Our Church offering which is collected around this time each year.

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.

The congregation voted unanimously on April 25 to move forward with the Audio Video Upgrades. The work should be done the end of May.

Consistory members met April 18 for a ½ day seminar on Membership, Mission & Ministry at Baust Church 2021 and beyond. The committee is compiling the notes from the workshop and will be reporting back at the June consistory meeting.

The church received a \$20,000 donation from the Betty Ohler estate. If you have suggestions about a project for this money contact Jim Stonesifer.

***Sandra Stonesifer, Consistory President***

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

Here is a look at the Christian life from a slightly different perspective. "Christian Minimalism," by Reverend Becca Ehrlich, describes a Christian way of life which focuses on the aspects of life that matter the most. Ehrlich, a Lutheran pastor living in Philadelphia, presents a thought provoking look at Jesus as minimalist. Not focusing on a single path to minimalism, Ehrlich describes Christian minimalism in many forms, which allows each individual to practice Christian minimalism in a personal and unique way. Taking a spiritual path to declutter our lives can work both mentally and physically, offering freedom from life's excesses.



If you are looking for something different, spiritual, healthy, and uplifting, this may be a great choice for your Summer reading list.

## **Father's Day Bulletin**

Honor your father, grandfather, etc. by placing their name in the Father's Day bulletin. Cost is \$1 for each name in honor of or in memory of. They are due by June 13. Names can be given to Dotty Smith or Sandra Stonesifer at (410) 857-0416. They can also be emailed to Helen Miller at [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.

## **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 April, 2021**

Income:	\$ 27,710.62
Expenses:	\$ 8,505.63
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$19,204.99</b>

**YEAR TO DATE**

\$ 59,482.25
\$ 38,468.97
<b>\$21,013.28</b>

**Capital Fund**

2020 Carryover:		\$34,784.51
2021 Donation/Fundraiser	\$ 8,618.24	\$10,668.24
Transfer from Mem. Fund	\$	\$ 0
Expenditures:	\$	\$ 0
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 8,618.24</b>	<b>\$45,452.75</b>

**Memorial Funds**

Begin. Balance 01/01/21		\$55,775.09
2021 Donations:	\$	\$ 225.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 1,805.00
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,805.00</b>	<b>\$54,195.09</b>

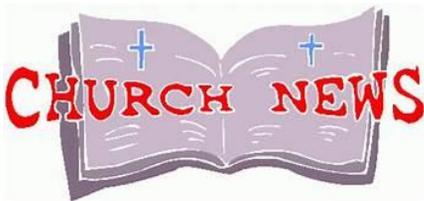
**2021 Mission Trip**

<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 2020	\$	\$ 0
School donations	\$	\$ 0
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 775.02</b>

*Carolyn Dutterer,  
Treasurer*



**Graduate Sunday**

Graduate Sunday will be observed on June 13, 2021. Graduates from high school being honored are Evan Brandenburg and Emma Wilt. Jordan Lawrence, a 2020 graduate of University of Maryland College Park will also be honored.

**Summer Worship**

Everyone 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.

**Cemetery Board Thank You**

The Cemetery Board would like to thank everyone for their donations to our "Field of Flags." A special thank you to Ed Smith for the spectacular display of flags.



A big THANK YOU to Mike and Jane Rodkey and Chris and Beth Raver for sprucing up the church property gardens. They cleared out the memorial Garden, the play set area, and the gardens surrounding the church and put down fresh mulch. A lot of tree branches and weeds were burned in the fire pit. Mike and Jane supplied the mulch. Be sure to stop by any time and sit in the memorial garden and pray, reflect, and take in its beauty.

- All of those who donated to the Audio Video Upgrade.
- Dotty Smith and her crew for all their work with the Book Sale.
- Susan Lawrence and her helpers for all their work with the Rummage Sale.

**Information Sharing**

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



**JUNE**



- 7 – Owen Boone
- 10 – Danny Heltibridle
- 14 – Henry Brower
- 17 – Norma Smith

- 8 – Cavin & Sue Bloom
- 17 – Meredith & Brian Paulsen
- 20 – Dave & Sue Robinson
- 21 – Betty & Danny Heltibridle
- 28 – Jeff & Cathy Dull

**ARTICLES FOR THE JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE TO HELEN MILLER BY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH.**

