

THE PARISH CRIER

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

December 2021

Here we are in December again. This year we are getting back to some of the things we are used to. Parties are being planned. All sorts of church activities are coming back. Things are just getting busy, maybe even hectic, again. I am glad that we are getting away from our isolation and getting back to community. I just hope that we have learned something from our recent experience and continue to focus, not so much on parties, gifts, and gatherings but on the Christ child. This is what Christmas is really about.

There are many gifts given and received on Christmas but Pope Francis put it well when he said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." Cathy and I wish all of you a very merry Christmas. Receive it well.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Jeff and Cathy

REPORT FROM THE CONSISTORY

The calendar shows it is still fall but it definitely feels like winter.

The church received a \$10,000 donation from the daughter of William Zinkham. He was baptized in our church and his funeral service was held in our church conducted by Rev. Jerry Fuss.

Since the choir started back with an anthem those on zoom could not hear the choir. A microphone was placed near the choir which seemed to solve the problem.

Instead of investing in a new LED sign we are going to check on upgrading the existing sign on the parsonage lawn. Beth Raver will be working on this.

Our congregational meeting will be November 28 after worship. We will be voting on the 2022 budget which was approved by the consistory at their November meeting, the 2022-2023 Nominations for Consistory and the 2022 Nominating Committee.

I do not expect to be communicating with you before Christmas so I wish each of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Sandra Stonesifer, Consistory President

OUR WORSHIPS IN DECEMBER

November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19 - Lighting of Advent candles
December 5 -- Advent Communion
December 24 -- Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, 7 p.m.
December 26 -- Worship at 10 a.m.
Help will be needed on Thursday, December 2 to decorate church for Christmas.

THANK YOU

Susie Lawrence for coordinating the Rummage Sale along with her sorters and organizers.
The Baust Church cooks – Susie Lawrence, Jane Rodkey, and Beth Raver for their delicious soups for the Fall Soup & Sandwich Sale.

To those who did prep work, gave donations or made sandwiches for the Fall Soup & Sandwich Sale.

Our choir members who are enhancing our worship service with an anthem each week.

Susan Hardinger for decorating the church with fall decorations.

Kent Kallay whose adjustments to zoom sounds just like being in church

The Altar Flowers on November 14 were given to the Glory of God by Jane Rodkey and Susie Lawrence in celebration of a great Baust fundraising event and with grateful appreciation to all who helped make the soup and sandwich sale a success. We had lots of help, wonderful fellowship and great support from our church family. We especially thank Carolyn for taking the lead on the sandwiches and we thank all who provided so much behind-the-scenes work. Thanks, Friends!

Susie

Thanks to all for the thoughtful cards we received from our church family during our surgery and out-patient stays.

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Much to be grateful about! **Joyce & Bob Harrison***

S.O.C.K. Fall RUMMAGE SALE

We hosted our semi-annual rummage sale the last two weeks in October raising over \$1,300. All of the proceeds from our rummage sales are donated at the end of the year to our local schools - Cranberry Station, Elmer Wolfe, Runnymede, and Taneytown Elementary schools, Northwest Middle, Francis Scott Key High School, Carroll Springs, Hoffman Homes, and Silver Oak Academy.

Some of you have asked what we do with the items that do not sell,so we do a little sorting - we store a certain amount to offer at the next sale, which is under the Parish House stage or in the shed behind the parsonage. This time we also donated items to Purple Heart (they pick up), Goodwill, homeless shelters (our warm clothes and coats), and Earl's Place in Baltimore which is where we donated several nice men's suits and ties for men who are transitioning out of programs back into the work force.

The money that we raise is only a small part of the mission project, we are doing God's work by serving our community. Our church might be small, but our hearts are big - we work together to serve our community and we can be proud of our success. Our community supports our efforts and their families and the kids benefit. Thank you to everyone who made it happen!

Susie Lawrence, Co-Coordinator

FUNDRAISING REPORT

It seemed strange not having a Roast Pork Dinner this year. Some of our faithful customers expressed their disappointment. Instead, we had a successful Soup and Sandwich Sale. Once again, we had our repeat customers. Maybe the best thing was the fellowship we had between the "preppers" and sandwich makers. We have missed this over the past 18 months. It also was a lot less work than a dinner. We sold approximately 130 quarts of soup and 126 sandwiches.

We just finished a successful Boscov's shopping pass fundraiser. We made \$185 for the church and members and friends got a start on their Christmas shopping.

During the month of November, Bob Miller will be taking orders for Texas Roadhouse gift cards. These make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers and can be redeemed at any Texas Roadhouse location. They can be for any amount in multiples of \$5.

We are also taking orders for our Christmas Cookie and Fudge Sale. A copy of the order form is attached. Orders are due by December 1. Pickup will be Saturday, December 11, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. There are 13 kinds of cookies and 4 kinds of candy. Contact Sandra Stonesifer to place an order.

WHAT IS THE PASTOR READING NOW?

Ok, here is a book that will probably be of interest only to a very small segment of our literary community, but it is seasonal and it is very different. "*The Valancourt Book of Victorian Christmas Ghost Stories*", edited by Tara Moore, is a compilation of 13 ghost stories from 19th-century, Victorian-era periodicals into one absorbing tome. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is just one of the many noteworthy authors included in the book. I know Halloween is in October but maybe there are a few of you who want to read about a different spirit of Christmas.

BAUST REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This is the third year the congregation will participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar. A copy of the items needed for each day in December is included in this newsletter. However, a friend forwarded me an article regarding the normal articles we donate. It was a real eye-opener and I am sharing what she learned below.

An individual spent some time at a Food Bank one day and spoke to the people getting food. Here are some things learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.

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14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.

15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

BAUST UCC REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day of December add listed item into a box. On Christmas Eve bring your box to church and place in the Good Shepard room. The boxes of food will be donated to Carroll County Food Sunday or another local food bank depending on need. If you are not able to do the shopping, we will gladly take donations of any amount and we will do the shopping.

- December 1 – Box of Cereal
- December 2 – Jar of Peanut butter
- December 3 – Box of Stuffing mix
- December 4 – Box of instant potatoes
- December 5 – Box of Macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – Can of fruit
- December 7 – Can of tomatoes
- December 8 – Can of tuna
- December 9 – Dessert mix
- December 10 – Jar of applesauce
- December 11 – Can of sweet potatoes
- December 12 – Can of cranberry sauce
- December 13 – Can of beans
- December 14 – Box of crackers
- December 15 – Box/bag of rice
- December 16 – Box of oatmeal
- December 17 – Box of pasta
- December 18 – Jar of spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – Can chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – Can of tomato soup
- December 21 – Can of corn
- December 22 – Can of mixed vegetables
- December 23 – Can of carrots
- December 24 – Can of green beans

If you cannot bring your box on Christmas Eve you can bring it any time before Sunday, January 9th 2022. Thank you for your support!

Contact Beth Raver with questions. 717-965-7019 or ravers.mail@gmail.com

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2021

Income: \$ 11,230.96
 Expenses: \$ 9,058.99
Balance: \$ 2,171.97

YEAR TO DATE

\$130515.92
 \$ 97,660.38
\$32,855.54

Capital Fund

2020 Carryover:
 2021 Donation/Fundraiser \$ 200.00
 Transfer from Mem. Fund \$
 Expenditures: \$
Remaining Balance: \$ 200.00

\$34,784.51
 \$17,258.24
 \$ 0
 \$10,844.21
\$41,198.54

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/21
 2021 Donations: \$10,000.00
 Transfer to Capital Fund \$ 0
Balance: \$10,000.00

\$55,775.09
 \$11,840.00
 \$ 2,318.24
\$65,296.85

2021 Mission Trip**Fund Carryover from 2020**

Donations & Fundraisers: \$
 Trip Expenses: \$
Balance: \$

\$ 2,500.56
 \$ 0
 \$
\$2,500.56

SOCK Designated Funds

Beginning Balance 1-1-21
 Income 2021 \$
 School donations \$
Balance: \$

\$ 775.02
 \$ 1,576.00
 \$ 0
\$ 2,351.02

General Fund income includes \$20,000 inherited Funds

First Sunday of the Month Lunch: The group will be returning to Rube's Crab Shack in Emmitsburg. RSVP to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

YEAR TO DATE

Income: \$ 8,575.70

\$118,984.96

Expenses: \$ 10,231.40 \$

88,601.96

Balance: \$ (1,655.40) \$30,383.57

Capital Fund

2020 Carryover: \$34,784.51

2021 Donation/Fundraiser \$

200.00 \$17,058.24

Transfer from Mem. Fund \$ \$

0

Expenditures: \$ \$10,844.21

Remaining Balance: \$ 200.00

\$40,998.54

Memorial Funds

Begin. Balance 01/01/21

\$55,775.09

2021 Donations: \$ 750.00 \$
2,140.00
Transfer to Capital Fund \$ \$
2,318.24
Balance: \$ 750.00 \$55,596.85
2021 Mission Trip
Fund Carryover from 2020 \$
2,500.56
Donations & Fundraisers: \$ \$
0
Trip Expenses: \$ \$
Balance: \$ \$2,500.56
SOCK Designated Funds
Beginning Balance 1-1-21 \$
775.02

Income 2021 \$ \$ 1,576.00

School donations \$ \$ 0

Balance: \$ \$ 2,351.02

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 2021

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2 – Lisa Brower

5 – Casey Staubs

5 – Anna Dalley

5 – MacKenzie Barnes

6 – Beth Raver

6 – Joan Wantz

13 – Chris Raver

14 – Russell Raver

18 – Mike Rodkey

1 – Sylvia & John Miller

**ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY 2022 ARE DUE TO
HELEN MILLER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.**