

*EMMANUEL (BAUST)*  
*UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

*Service of Word*

*December 1, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Speaker:** Rev. Andy Hood

*L = Leader      P = People*

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

L: My kin in Christ, as we gather around this Advent wreath, how might we embody the gift of hope this season? Perhaps we will sense ourselves tethered to the future,

**P: or hear belief in our voices as we share our plans for tomorrow.**

L: I wonder what we will notice, when we take a minute to look back from this moment—how today is the future of the past.

**P: Some of us see our hope made into reality,**

L: and others find a journey to now that we never expected, while others still feel the pain of yesterday and simply being here is a gift.

**Congregation Sings: We Are a People of Hope**

We are a people of hope;

we are a people of hope.

Lighting a candle, we wait for the dawn;

we are a people of hope.

L: What if this year, our hope comes to us with a reached-out hand? With a match already lit, waiting for us in anticipation?

**P: May we praise our God whose light of hope shines on all our circumstances.**

L: Let us worship our God who waited and imagined us into being,

**P: who made us into dreamers who dare to dream despite an unknown future, One: creatures of space and time, who are God's hope come alive. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**      Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn      Green No. 160

**\*Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: Divine Light, hope can be a tricky thing. It helps us envision what might be possible, directing our movements toward the fullness of the Gospel.

**P: And yet, we can also get lost in the future, forgetting the present or clinging to what never was, when what we hoped for doesn't come to pass.**

L: By Your vision for us, guide us to navigate the waters of space and time, want and need,

**P: that we can be faithful to hold on when we need to hold on and let go when we must. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**      Liturgist

**\*Song of Praise**      Emmanuel, Emmanuel      Green No. 178  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is Emmanuel.  
Gold with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

**Anthem**

**Scripture**      Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13      Liturgist

**Sermon Hymn**      Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent      Green No. 232

**\*Gospel**      Luke 21:25-36      Rev. Andy Hood

**Special Music**

**Sermon**      Rev. Andy Hood

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Andy Hood

**Our Lord's Prayer** (using debts)

Offertory

**\*Doxology** Doxology (with A-men)

Red No. 356

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

**P: Divine Dreamer, receive our gifts alongside Yours. Bless them with the rhythm of our heart beats of anticipation, the squeeze of our palms pressed together in prayer, and the lift of our eyes gazing up towards the heavens, searching for our own Christmas star to guide us. May these gifts of hope overflow with wishes of here and now. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Black No. 25

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Andy Hood

**Postlude**

**Week of December 1, 2024**

**"Whoever you are and wherever you  
are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"**

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship, whether a member, friend or guest with us today. If you are not currently on our church mailing list to receive the church newsletter and would like to be included, please let us know. Our church website is: ebucc.com. If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: office@ebucc.com noting that we may include you in our electronic mailings which include our church newsletter.

**EBUCC Offerings:** Baust members, friends, and visitors may put regular offerings and special donations in the offering plates placed just inside the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. During the offertory, these plates will be brought to the altar by our ushers.

**Congregational Meeting:** Annual Congregational Meeting: This is official notification of the Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ 2024 Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held after our worship service on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in the sanctuary. The church budget for 2025 will be presented and voted on at this meeting, and four new Consistory members and the 2025 Nominating Committee will be elected.

**Nominees for Consistory and the 2025 Nominating Committee:**

Elder candidates are Jone Bowersox and Mike Rodkey

Deacon candidates are Tom Harrison and Joe Engle

Nominating Committee - Lois Bickerton, George Hardinger, Bonnie Morningstar, Sandy Stonesifer

**Help Needed!** Are you able to volunteer to be part of the audio-visual "Zoom" transmitting of our worship services? We're down to just three rotating volunteers now, and the burden would be more manageable if we had a few more folks in the rotation. The commitment would be for running the transmission and recording set-up in the Good Shepherd Room for about fifteen minutes before our worship services, monitoring the transmission during worship and closing it down when the service concludes. Our current "Techs, " Beth Raver, Ben Brandenburg and Kent Kallay, would train and help new volunteers. And we would all be grateful for your willingness to help. Please let Kent, Beth or Ben know if you'd consider joining the crew!

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Paxton and Kallay families in gratitude for God's most precious gift, His Son, Jesus.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

**Bible Study:** Bible Studies will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parsonage. We will be continuing the study based on Rev. Herb Ruby's book, *Memorizing Scripture, Why Bother?* The tentative schedule for December is as follows in Part Three: December 5 – S,T,U,V; December 19 – W,X,Y,Z; No session on December 12 or 26. All ages and all levels of understanding are welcome. Contact Betty Stonesifer if there are questions.

**Baust Food Pantry:** Our food pantry at Baust will be closing at the end of December. If items are needed before the end of December, the pantry will be open from 8:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings; or, call 410-751-1999 to set up another time that is more convenient. If you have need of pantry items after December, they will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown as part of Carroll County Food Sunday. Baust regularly supports this pantry as part of our local mission efforts through Taneytown Caring and Sharing. Distribution from this location is on Thursday mornings.

**Carroll Food Sunday:** Baust Church has been asked to donate canned fruit for the months December. Donations can be brought to the Good Shepherd Room or the porch in the parsonage. Donations can also be brought to Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or left in the cabinet under the portico throughout the week.

**Consistory Meeting:** Consistory will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the parsonage.

**November Fundraiser:** Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards. Cards may be purchased in \$5.00 increments up to \$100.00. Checks payable to EBUCC. We earn 15% for our total sales. These make a great Stocking Stuffer and can be used for friends who live away from our area because they can be used at any of the 750 locations nationwide. See Bob Miller for details (443-789-7035 or [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com)). May purchase cards 11/01/24 through 12/01/24.

**December Fundraiser:** The cookie sale orders will be due December 5<sup>th</sup> and pickup will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see insert in the bulletin.

**Christmas for Kids:** Caring and Sharing churches are collecting donations of new Socks, Blankets, Sweatshirt, Gloves, Hats, Toys, Books. Gifts will be gathered at Trinity Lutheran on Friday, December 13, 2024 and sorted for distribution by appointment on December 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have a box located in the Good Shepherd room for donations. Please do NOT wrap your donations, I will take the box up to Trinity the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Marge.

**Retired Clergy Luncheon** - on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Baust will host the Catoctin Association Retired Clergy luncheon in our Parish House. This annual luncheon is sponsored by the Catoctin Association Commission on Ministry.

**Memorial Service** - Rev. Herb Ruby will officiate at a memorial service on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm for Gloria Oxley, who died on October 29<sup>th</sup>. All Baust friends are invited to this service in our Baust sanctuary and to a gathering of family and friends at George and Susan Hardinger's house immediately after the service.

**Baust Literary (December):** Baust Literary will not meet in the month of December. We will keep you posted on January book selection.

**Stewardship Reflection:** Ever find yourself thinking, "too many nonprofits ask me for money!" Or, "why does the church have so many offerings?" The number of ways that we can make a difference in the world can feel overwhelming. Phil Buchanan, author of "Giving Done Right: Effective Philanthropy and Making Every Dollar Count," speaks to this situation, "Most givers start as charitable bankers – responding to requests without a lot of clarity about what they're trying to achieve." Instead of responding to whatever request comes across our desk, Buchanan suggests adopting a strategic approach. He realized many of the donors whose generosity inspired him gave strategically. Begin to articulate your philanthropic strategy. Build your plan around a

- Framework (what core values shape you?)
- Context (what issues and areas do you pay attention to?)
- Marks (what defines a faithful ministry or nonprofit to you?)

As you begin to think about your giving, create a list of all the organizations you gave to last year. Did you give everyone about the same amount? Did one organization stand out? Can you see a goal emerging from your pattern of

giving? Does a particular scriptural story inspire your choices? Could your spouse or children explain your giving strategy?

For over one hundred years, **The Christmas Fund** has provided direct financial assistance to the healers in all our lives: retired and active UCC ministers, church workers, and their families. You are part of the community of **The Christmas Fund**, whether you donate at Christmastime, benefit directly from our grant or leadership programs, or simply believe in our mission to help secure the financial foundation of those engaged in the life of the church.

Please consider donating to ensure more healers receive the loving support of the Church in their moment of deepest need. Your gift is more than just a testament to your belief in the values of the United Church of Christ, it is a critical lifeline for those who depend on our grant programs for care and support.

**Newsletter Articles:** Newsletter Articles for January 2025 are due to Jane Rodkey by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**First Sunday of the Month Luncheon:**

Date: Today, December 1, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Flick's Pub and Restaurant

Address: 100 Antrim Blvd., Taneytown, MD

Website: flickspub.com

Phone: 410-756-6400

RSVP by: Noon, Saturday, November 30, to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or [KathleenCromwell@comcast.net](mailto:KathleenCromwell@comcast.net)

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Interim Pastor:** Rev. Herb Ruby

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:** Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 3:1-6

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Liturgist:** Bob Miller

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**Church Members**

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Bob Harrison
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	

**Friends**

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Chic and Sandy Warehime
Allen Robertson	Janie Dell
Lainey Hood	Nancy Saari
Tom Henning	Bobby Yingling
Joann Stull	Carole Hill
Rudy Feuerschutz	Ken Morningstar
Randy Brodbeck	Joe Morningstar

**IN GOD'S SERVICE**

Speaker:	Rev. Andy Hood
Secretary:	Jane Rodkey
Secretary's email:	office@ebucc.com
Accompanist:	Jen Sullivan Brown
Consistory President:	George Hardinger
Liturgist:	Lois Bickerton





**Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ**  
 2950 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, MD 21158  
**2024 Christmas Cookie Order**

**ORDERS DUE BY DECEMBER 5th**

(Sandy Stonesifer – 410-857-0416 or email sandys46@netescape.com)

- **PICKUP: DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Cookies: \$6.00/Dozen or \$3.00 a Half Dozen**

# dozen	Cookies \$6.00/dozen or \$3.00/half dozen	Total \$
	Black Walnut (crisp butter with black walnuts)	
	Chocolate Chip	
	Cranberry/Orange (Orange and Cranberry layered)	
	Ginger	
	Oatmeal Raisin	
	Peanut Butter	
	Snickerdoodle (cookie oiled in cinnamon & sugar)	
	Spritz (press cookie in Christmas Shape) (24 cookies/doz)	
	Sugar (drop rolled in red or green sugars)	
	White Chocolate Macadamia Nut	
<b># dozen</b>	<b>Special Dietary Needs \$6.00/dozen or \$3.00/half doz</b>	
	Gluten Free Chocolate Chip	
	Gluten Free Oatmeal Raisin	
<b># lbs</b>	<b>Candy \$8.00/pound or \$4.00/ half pound</b>	
	Chocolate Fudge	
	Peanut Butter Chocolate Fudge- contains nuts	
	Peanut Brittle- contains nuts	
Total items	Total due from customer	\$

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email/Address \_\_\_\_\_

	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Minister Interim Salary & Housing	44,924	46,185
Minister's Pension	6,770	6,846
Minister's Shared Payroll Tax	3,436	2,718
Minister's Health & Disability Insurar	5,970	10,724
Interim Minister & Speaker Salaries	13,800	
Minister's Professional Expense	2,000	2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>76,900</b>	<b>68,473</b>
Office Expenses	3,000	3,000
Website Maintenance	1,200	1,200
Christian Education	700	500
Worship Supplies	1,200	1,200
Stewardship Supplies	200	550
Member Programs	500	250
Evangelism	500	200
Association Dues	800	800
Conference Delegate Expenses	500	-
Secretary Salary	4,800	4,000
Accompanist Salary	12,200	12,200
Choir Expenses	400	400
Payroll Taxes	1,700	1,650
Search Committee Expenses	2,750	1,000
Contingencies	500	500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>29,850</b>	<b>27,550</b>
Repairs & Maintenance	9,000	9,000
Lawn Maintenance	9,500	9,500
Telephone	1,800	2,200
Heating	8,600	7,500
Electric	5,200	5,400
Trash Service	600	600
Custodial Salary	5,200	5,200
Custodial & Water Supplies	300	300
Alarm Service	400	425
Insurance	8,500	9,100
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>49,100</b>	<b>49,225</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>155,850</b>	<b>145,248</b>
Mission & Outreach		
DCWM	5,000	5,000
Mission-Carpenter's Table	3,000	4,000
Mission Project	2,000	4,000
<b>Total Mission and Outreach</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>165,850</b>	<b>158,248</b>
Approved by Consistory		
11/9/2024		

Greetings all!

As we all know, the Holidays are quickly approaching. We shouldn't forget the reason for the season! Giving to the less fortunate is what Jesus wants us to do. Baust UCC will be holding our annual reverse advent food drive. Attached is the Advent calendar and details.

We ask that you consider participating in the food drive. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

The Carroll County Food Drive pantry has been quite low recently. Let's fill those shelves!

### **2024 BAUST UCC REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

Let's count the days of advent by helping those who are less fortunate! 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 Food Sunday. If you are not able to do the shopping, we will gladly take donations of any amount and we will do the shopping. Generic items are fine. Aldi is a great store for a lot of these items at reasonable prices. These are only suggestions. ANY non-perishable food item would be accepted.

- December 1 – Box of pasta (any type)**
- December 2 – Jar of peanut butter**
- December 3 – Can of pasta with meat (beef ravioli, etc.)**
- December 4 – Bottle/boxes 100% pure juice (any flavor)**
- December 5 – Can of meat (spam, ham, etc.)**
- December 6 – Can of chicken**
- December 7 – Can/jar of gravy (any flavor)**
- December 8 – Box of pancake mix (only requires water)**
- December 9 – Can of soup (low sodium if possible)**
- December 10 – Jar of applesauce**
- December 11 – Jar of jelly (any flavor)**
- December 12 – Can of tuna**
- December 13 – Can/bag of beans (any)**
- December 14 – Jar of spaghetti sauce (with meat if possible)**
- December 15 – Bottle of pancake syrup (will take light/no sugar)**
- December 16 – Box/canister of oatmeal or oats**
- December 17 – Box of Cereal**
- December 18 – Can of fruit (peaches or pears)**
- December 19 – Box/bag of rice**
- December 20 – Box of Mufin mix (only requires water)**
- December 21 – Bottle of vegetable oil**
- December 22 – Can of chili (with meat)**
- December 23 – Can of vegetable (any)**
- December 24 – Box of instant potatoes**

You can also leave your box in the Parsonage mud room. Thank you for your support!

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