



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - November 2017

The Masterpiece of the Divine Artist

One of the wonderful places to visit in West Virginia is Tamarack located in Beckley just off of Interstate 64. Tamarack is a West Virginia cultural center that displays and sales a variety of products made in the state. Whenever I go there I am in awe and amazed at the workmanship found in what is considered to be “the best of West Virginia.” There are spectacular pieces of furniture that put my wood working skills to shame, the glass blowing is done to perfection with beautiful colors, and the pottery is both creative and practical. I could go on and talk about the metal work, or the jewelry making, and finely crafted hammer dulcimers. Even the food at Tamarack is outstanding and provides another experience of something done with excellence.

If you are like me, you find a special joy in encountering things of excellence. Regardless of the skill, I find enjoyment in seeing artists working their craft, athletes performing amazing feats of physical abilities, musicians sharing their music, actors playing difficult roles, authors creating a new world, and a host of other things done by cooks, administrators, drivers, doctors, police, teachers, waiters, preachers, accountants, and even politicians. Regardless of the occupation, or type of talent, when something is done really well, with excellence, it is a masterpiece and creates a certain type of joy and appreciation.

The greatest artist and craftsman of all though is the Lord. He turns the leaves different colors and paints our world. He sets the sun every

evening, giving us spectacular light shows. He places the stars in the skies, and has tossed the land of West Virginia to create its hills. He fills our world with cats and dogs, animals that we love as well as those animals that bring awe, such as whales, giraffes, and elephants. Even in the small animals, such as salamanders, snakes and birds of the air there is wonder. Every morning we wake up to a world of masterpieces.

Among the greatest masterpieces of God’s creation though, is you. Not only were you “*fearfully and wonderfully made*” (Psalm 139:14), God’s grace in Jesus Christ is at work in you creating a masterpiece for His good purposes. This is what the Bible says. Ephesians 2:10 reads “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*” The word for “workmanship” in the greek is the same word as our English word “poem,” the spoken masterpiece or work of art. I



like how the New Living Translations puts Ephesians 2:10. It reads - “*We are God’s Masterpiece, He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*” You are His Masterpiece - beautiful, valuable, and an expression of the very inner being of our divine artist. The Lord has made you, and the Lord has saved you. On two accounts He has put His master’s hand upon you to shape you according to His good purposes and glory. Wow!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Trent Eastman



- 1 Patty Green
- 2 Jack Hendrick
Jennifer Simms
- 3 Kim Stinespring
- 6 Abigail Harman
Glenn Harman
- 10 Mackenzie Duncan
- 11 Max Blake
Meredith Hall
Jeff Riley
James Tobey
Lanna Waugh
- 12 Jay Powers
- 15 Patti Cooper
Bob Hayes
- 16 Sharon Wimmer
- 17 Landon Campbell
Serena Collins
Mary Scott
- 22 Amillia Howard
- 23 Andrew Hall
Roberta Noble
- 24 Debi Campbell
Jody Duncan
Joyce Kinder
Valerie Moore
Sara Wilson
- 25 Cheryl Adkins
- 26 Trent Eastman
Jennifer Stapleton
- 27 Phyllis Gould (96 yrs. young)
- 28 Ashley Summers

Happy Anniversary

- Jordan & Rachel Jefferson Nov. 1
- Ron & Barbara Jarvis Nov. 2
- Major & Lynnette Simms Nov. 4
- Charles & Isabelle Bonecutter Nov. 6
- Dallas & Sarah Nibert Nov. 6
- Art & Myra Lydick Nov. 10
- Darrell & Jean Spurlock Nov. 15
- Linda & Rick Harris Nov. 17
- Sam & Mary McClure Nov. 17
- Luke & Bessie Vanover Nov. 20
- Wylie, Jr. & Christie Jeffrey Nov. 24
- Lawrence & Barbara Pauley Nov. 24
- Phil & Sara Simpson Nov. 26

Judy's Shawls



Judy's Shawls will meet Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm in the Bykota room.

Veteran's Day

Nov. 11, 2017



AWANA News

We are moving right along in AWANA this year. Thank you for lifting us up in prayer and investing in the lives of our children! We are a multi-generational church and this encourages all involved to be able to share in each other's lives. 😊

We will be doing Operation Christmas Child Boxes this year as in the past on the evening of November 5. Please, consider helping us pack those boxes with supplies from the AWANA children!

Helpful Supplies:

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| 1. colored pencils and sharpeners | 11. toothpaste--small tube |
| 2. ink pens | 12. flip flops |
| 3. small notebooks | 13. socks |
| 4. coloring books | 14. hair elastics, hair bows, barrettes |
| 5. hacky sack balls | 15. small water bottles |
| 6. tee shirts | 16. string back sacks |
| 7. wash cloth | 17. flashlights and batteries |
| 8. soap | 18. hard candies |
| 9. small towel or tea towel | 19. new underwear |
| 10. toothbrush and cover | |

Consider packing boxes for teenagers this year, specifically, teen boys. This group needs to be remembered.

Thank you for your support! If you would like to help in AWANA consider helping as:

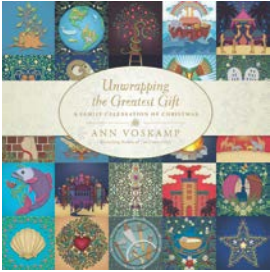
- listeners
- substitute listeners
- game helpers

In His Service,
Debbie Harman



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5.





I can't believe I'm writing these words, after all I always thought my mom was nuts shopping for Christmas before the Halloween candy had been eaten, but we've done it, we have already bought a couple Christmas presents and today Carmen brought home Christmas wrapping paper. As I sat down to write, I realized that by the time the next

newsletter is printed, Advent will have already begun. This seems amazing to me since I'm still wearing shorts and t-shirts most days, but nonetheless, it's not about a feeling, it is about the fact that Jesus has come and is returning!

Many times Advent is rushed through or shuffled aside in the gift wrapping, parties, cooking, decorating, and more that goes on between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But, I wanted to write this to give you some additional time to prepare. Last year, we suggested families use the book "Unwrapping The Greatest Gift" by Ann Voskamp. Although we won't be ordering them in bulk this year, I would encourage you to order a copy for you and your family. There are many other resources out there you might be familiar with or come across on Pinterest, but either way, take time as a family to walk through Advent together. If your kids are anything like mine, they are dropping gift hints and anticipating Christmas morning two months away. Well, let us prepare for the celebration of Jesus' arrival, and as we prepare, we are reminded of a people who walked in darkness that have seen a marvelous light. Isaiah says in 64:4 "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him." The next verse says that he meets us who joyfully work righteousness.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us invest the time and preparation to meet with the only God, who has come down to meet with us. I want to encourage you to prepare to teach your children to wait, to listen, and look for the presence of Jesus. If you have questions about ways you might do this, feel free to ask me. Check out Ann Voskamp's book and use that as a family devotion through Advent. What an exciting time this is! I hope you will experience the joy of being in the presence of God through this season and following!

Lee Boso<><
Family Life Pastor

Budget \$ Planning

The Board of Finance will meet on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00am to work on the 2018 Church Budget.



October was a busy month for the choir and this opportunity should be taken to thank each member for their sacrifice and service. What a blessing they have been in serving and giving praises to our Lord! November and December should prove to be equally busy as preparations continue for the Christmas Cantata *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. We will continue to have weekly Sunday night rehearsals beginning at 4:27pm.

Extra rehearsals are scheduled for
Thursday, November, 30
Tuesday, December 5 and
Friday, December 15 all starting at **6:27pm**.

We ask that you pray for the choir members that our efforts will be for God's glory.

Blessings from Karen Dailey, Choir Director



Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30pm
at the home of
Chuck Adams
(2118 Cherry Ave.)
304-523-0907

Highlawn Area Churches Community Prayer Walk!!

November 4th - Saturday
9:30am-11:00am

You are invited to join with other neighboring churches and walk and pray for our community. The walk will start at St. Mary's School of Nursing (9:30am for coffee and donuts, 10:00am for the walk). We will walk to key areas in our community and pray. If you are unable to walk, you can treat it as a "prayer drive." If attending, you are requested to wear **red**.



Sunday, Nov. 19
for the December
issue of *Bridges*

New Baptist Church In Mission November 2017

Thank You!!!

September Mission Dinner: Thank you for continuing to be a generous church. The Wednesday mission dinner in September collected \$175 for Marshall Medical Outreach who continues to provide medical screenings/treatment for our homeless population.

Sunday Mission Luncheon: The mission luncheon in October collected over \$400.00 for Pastor Dasnis! Thank you for your continued support for his ministry which allows Pastor Dasnis to be a full-time pastor. Being full-time allows him to be available for the congregation daily.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar now!

Sunday November 12 – will be our last Pastor Dasnis' Mission Luncheon for 2017. As always all donations go toward the ministry of Pastor Dasnis' in Ft. Liberte' Haiti. This luncheon will be a potluck lunch. Please start thinking of what you would dish you would like to share with your church family.

Sunday November 19 – we will be celebrating Thanksgiving dinner with the residents of Marcum Terrace. Please plan on joining us to share God's blessings with families in our community. We need many hands to serve food, interact with our guests and be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Lisa Ghiz with questions.

Service Updates:

Food Pantry: In September the food pantry continued to serve our community in a mighty way. The number of families/individuals this ministry is able to serve is amazing. In September they were able to serve 250 families, totaling 607 people made up of 178 children, 318 adults, 111 senior adults, all for a total of 9,105 meals. 200 backpacks were given to students at Highlawn Elementary School to help those students have food to eat over each weekend. In addition to food 10 hygiene kits were distributed. They were also able to serve 24 homeless individuals. Our food pantry ministry continues to look for help every week but especially on the 3rd Tues of every month as that is the day food is delivered. If you have a truck that can help pick up the deliveries or you are willing to help unload the trucks, please see Joyce Mannon for details on how to become involved.



In addition to the large food delivery on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, the food pantry is now also adding an additional box of food for 30 senior citizens each month.

Service Opportunities:

Operation Christmas Child: OCC is here!!! Please prayerfully consider making one or multiple shoe boxes for a child in another country. Not only are you allowing them to experience possibly their first present, but most importantly they will also experience the gift of the Gospel. With each box, Samaritan's Purse adds educational material on the Gospel and presents the Good News to the children at the time. Each child then has the option of a 12-lesson follow up/discipleship study arranged through local churches. By providing a box you are giving the child the gift of knowing Christ as a personal Lord and Savior. Lives are changed by these boxes and ultimately the world is changed by people knowing God's love for them. Please watch the bulletin for more information.



Below is a website link to a diagram of the journey of a shoebox and how to pack a shoebox.
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.samaritanpurse.org/occ/images/occ-printable-resources/2017/10051-occ-church-bulletin-insert-5.5x7.5.pdf>

Missions Continued:

New Baptist Prays for the Nations:

Nation of the Month: Madagascar

- Pray for God to provide medical aid in the midst of the playing outbreak in Madagascar. Pray for the major cities harboring disease bearing rats and fleas to be cleaned to prevent further spread.
- Pray for God to send missionaries willing to bear difficult living conditions to reach the unreached.
- Pray for the church to continue to grow and for leaders and disciples to rise up.
- Pray for God to soften the hearts of the Madagascan government and convict the leaders to have compassion for their people.



Websites with information about the Madagascar:

Operation World prayer profile: <http://www.operationworld.org/madg>

Prayer Cast Video: <http://www.prayercast.com/madagascar.html>

Joshua Project Unreached People Groups: <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/MA>

If you have a country that is near and dear to your heart that you would like for us to pray for, or you would like to volunteer to lead the prayer one month please see **Abigail Harman**.



Brooke Estep, a senior Yeager Scholar at Marshall University, was interviewed for a recent Herald-Dispatch article about the 30th Annual Yeager symposium to be held at the Keith-Albee in November. Brooke is helping coordinate the program. She was quoted as saying that “we don’t have to leave (the area) to do great things and influence change.”

Outstanding young thespian **Gracie Morgan** was wildly applauded after her portrayal of Cinderella's 2nd stepsister in Nichols Elementary School's production of "The Granny Awards" featuring a cast of dozens of the school's 4th and 5th graders. Gracie was delightfully "wicked". The play, directed by the school's music teacher, **Michelle Morgan**, took place October 24 at the school. **Alexa (Lexi) Baisden**, granddaughter of **John and Pat Baisden**, also had a major role in the play. She played the part of “Prof” and was the Master of Ceremony for “The Granny Awards.”

Ripley Haney was featured in an article in the People Section of the Herald Dispatch (Sunday, Oct. 22). The article “Weak Knees Lead to Strong Faith” told about Ripley’s sport’s injury that ended her soccer career and her strong faith in God which helped her to get past the disappointment.

**Huntington Area Churches –
Harmony House Song Fest**

**Nov. 16
6:30-8:30pm**



Huntington Area Churches will be coming to New Baptist Church to have a night of Praising the Lord!! You are invited to come and worship with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. There will be a love offering taken for Harmony House during the service.

Martin Luther & the Reformation

Sunday School

November 5, 12, 19

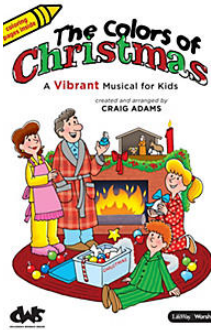
Young Adult Class

(first classroom on the church’s wild-side)

During the first three Sundays in November, you are invited to hear special speaker **Chuck Fry**, who will be teaching upon Martin Luther’s life, impact, and theology.

Chuck Fry is the author of the book “**A World Upside Down: Four Essays on the Life and Theology of Martin Luther.**”

News from Children's Church



Our NBC Children's Choir will present, "The Colors of Christmas" on Sunday, December 10th during the 11:00 service. We are very excited to share in song the biblical references to all the colors of Christmas.

When do we practice for our Christmas program? We will be practicing on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 service and on Wednesday night at 6:30.

The children are earning "tickets for prizes" to be awarded later in December. They earn tickets for attendance, effort, and good singing.

Our dress rehearsal for "The Colors of Christmas" is Saturday, December 9th at 10:00am followed by our annual Christmas Pizza Party. All children are greatly encouraged to attend this rehearsal so they will feel more confident in presenting their program.

Our children have been very busy creating various crafts to sell at our NBC Christmas Bazaar On Saturday, November 18th. All proceeds from the children's crafts will be given to the children of Haiti.

Please mark your calendar and reserve these dates for our children. If you have any questions, please see John or Kim Stinespring.

Prayer Concerns

(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)



Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Cheryl Adkins, Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Patricia Blankenship, Philip Scott Burt, Marie Carter, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Joe Ciccarelli, Mary Clifton, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Lisa Daniels, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Bob Flanders, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doug Hager, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Josh Hammer, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Betty Maynor, John Meadows, Joe Midkiff, Linda Miller, Lawrence & Barbara Pauley, Jack Rickman, Dale Riley, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Darrell Spurlock, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Julie Stinespring, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Sharon Wimmer

Death in the Church Family



Ruth Ann Meadows, 88, of Clearwater, FL, passed away Monday, October 23, 2017. Ruth worked for many years as a secretary at Meadows Elementary. She was a lifelong member of the former 20th. Street Baptist Church and a charter member of New Baptist Church. Surviving is her loving husband of 69 years, John S. Meadows, Jr.; her sister, Jo Ella Hunter; her children Stan Meadows (Kathy), Jeffrey Meadows (Mary Jo Lewis), and Rebecca Anthony (Bill); seven grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.



Numbered lists grab our attention. In the checkout aisle or on the internet, we gravitate toward headings such as "10 Ways to Lose Weight by Summer!" or "3 Simple Steps to Acing That Test!"

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? "Thank you, God, for this brand new day!" "Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you." Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

—Heidi Mann

**Senior Adult Fellowship
November 16, 2017**



Program: Dr. Bill Deel talking about *Porches*

Catering by: The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Chef Bill's famous Reuben Sandwich, Tuna Melt Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Garden Salad, Chips and Dessert.

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Let me see now: it is November, Halloween is history, Christmas is the future and November is the present and is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. You recall Thanksgiving is the day that probably saw the "covered Dish" introduced on the entertainment scene and we celebrate the feast of the Pilgrims and the Native American Tribes. In November 1621 Governor William Bradford organized the feast celebrating the Pilgrim's successful corn harvest, which was a joint effort between the Pilgrims and the local Native American Tribes. If it had not been for the Native American Tribes showing the Pilgrims how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees and catch fish in the rivers, the pilgrims would not have survived the harsh New England winters that still exist today. In appreciation for the help of the Native American Tribes, he invited them to join the Pilgrims and give thanks for the successful harvest that will provide food thru the coming winter. There were 50 surviving Pilgrims and 90 members of the Wampanoag Tribe and their Chief Massasoit at the feast. Their meal was a little different than ours today. They did not have Butter Ball turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, hot yeast rolls, butter, broccoli casserole, half runner green beans, pumpkin pie and sweet tea. I did read somewhere that they did have a football game and the Kansas City Chiefs played the Washington Redskins. Just kiddin'. Our program this month will be provided by Dr. Bill Deel, who is retired from Marshall University. Dr. Deel has presented several of our programs and we have asked him to come back and talk to us about "Porches". He has an interesting observation about porches and how they can affect our everyday lives. The way things are today in the USA, I believe we could use a lot more porches which would give us a different outlook on the happenings around us. You won't want to miss this!!!!

We invite you to come out for this great time of food, fun and fellowship. We also hope you will invite a neighbor or two to come along with you. Looking forward to seeing you at our November PowWow.

Roy Maynor

Pictorial Directory

It's Really Going to Happen!!

How many times have you seen someone at church, recognized them but could not recall their name and wish we had a current pictorial directory? That is my situation nearly every Sunday. I wrote before about the creation of a new directory. The time is upon us as we embark on this venture. We are going to produce our own directory that will be available online and in printed form. By maintaining our own directory, we can keep the information up to date and add new families as they come. The photographers have been recruited and are ready to begin. We will be taking family pictures on Sundays during the month of November. We are asking that you sign up for a Sunday so we will know how many to prepare for and so that you can come prepared for the picture. You can sign up on the sheets at the information counter in the lobby. We want to include every person that calls New Baptist their church so please make every effort to have your picture made. This is not a photo session like other firms do but is an effort to get a picture of all our families.

It is November and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. Take time to be thankful each day. Don't get distracted by the rush and hustle of the Christmas season that you miss Thanksgiving. For me, Thanksgiving is the only appropriate prelude to Christmas. Let's get it right this year.



New Baptist Church

Saturday, Nov. 18

9am – 2 pm

Come and check out all of the great vendors and do a little early Christmas shopping.

We are also still looking for more vendors so if you would like to rent a table for this bazaar contact LaAnna Blake, 304-633-8037.

**Food Pantry item of the month for November – Soup/Chili
Monetary contributions are always welcome.**



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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
4:27 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Entrusted
Discerning the Voice of God
6:00 Ladies' Bible Study
Entrusted
6:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Ruth
Ever After
Men's Bible Study
33 the Series A Man & His Work
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
HUNTINGTON WV 25702

JUNIOR HIGH CONVENTION *(for students 6-9th grades)*

November 17-19, 2017

Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist
Crab Orchard, WV



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV

Cost: \$35.00, (including adults), if postmarked by November 6, 2017.

Speaker: Elliott Gregory

Band: It Takes a Villers