



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

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New Members Joining Bausman

Sunday November 26, 2023, 9:30am

Join in a worship of celebration welcoming the newest members to join in the life and ministry of Bausman. We rejoice in Marjorie Huyett, Cindra Payne and Jim Payne as they unite themselves in this local setting of the body of Christ. Let us rejoice!

Pledging Ourselves to God's Ministry

If you have not yet had the opportunity share your 2024 pledge to God's ministry being lived out by this congregation, there is still time. To participate, either mail your pledge card to the church office, complete one during worship, or log in to Realm to complete it online. Pledge intentions need to be received by November 12th to be included in the final 2024 budget plans.

Note: there is the option to complete a "2024 Intentions" card in which you can share your expected gift, but which won't show up on giving statements.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 5 Family Worship Service & Nursery
All Saints Celebration & Remembrance
- Nov 8 Adult Faith Formation Series
- Nov 12 Worship Service, Sunday School, & Nursery
PSEC Fall Meeting
- Nov 15 Book Club
Adult Faith Formation Series (conclusion)
- Nov 19 Worship Service, Sunday School, & Nursery
Harvest Home Celebration
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving (office closed 23rd & 24th)
- Nov 26 Worship Service, Sunday School, & Nursery
New Members Celebration & Knit Hat Blessing

Daylight Savings Ends November 5th

Mark your calendars to set your clocks back an hour the first Sunday of November. Though we'd enjoy seeking you early for worship, you might like to take advantage of the extra hour of sleep!

Sundays At Bausman

9:30 AM

Worship Service
available on Facebook

Church School and Nursery

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Motz
pastor@bausmanucc.org

Pastor's Office hours

Tuesday 9:30am—12:30pm

Wednesday 9:30am—12:30pm

Consistory President

Cecilia Wagner

Minister of Music

Sharon P. Luyben

Office Secretary

Lori Moser
office@bausmanucc.org

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline

November 15

Submit articles, announcements, photos, puzzles, favorite scriptures, etc. Send your information to
office@bausmanucc.org or
ritwoyo@aol.com



“Moving Towards Thanks ”

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.”

-Psalm 136:1-3

Continually, I find November brings a transition that seeps into my body and soul calling me to intentional times of reflection, which often culminates in profound thanks. Obviously, part of that is due to Thanksgiving coming at the end of the month. And Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday! But it is more than that.

As a parent, I’ve discovered there is no season as insanely busy as the fall. The shift from the laid back, undefined schedule of the summer, to the daily intensive routine of school, homework, appointments, sports, meals, and yardwork, is jarring to say the least. It is akin to gingerly getting onto a horse with great uncertainty only to have the horse take off at breakneck speed while I desperately try to hold on for dear life, uncertain of ultimately where we are going or what shape I will arrive in at the end.

But by the time November comes around, the routines are better set, the rhythms have become more predictable, and the intensity of the after-school activities begins to wane. This transition of activity, along with all the cues of impending change – shortening days, changing leaves, cooling temperatures – puts my spirit in a frame of reflection.

When I listen to my body’s leading (which is certainly not all the time), I find the reflection I am being drawn to becomes the foundation upon which a deep sense of gratitude begins to build. Certainly, gratitude that I survived yet another fall. More deeply though is gratitude for the summer and its warmth, the time spent with those I love, the sense of God’s presence leading and guiding me, and the incredible opportunity to learn and to grow from all that has already been. In this there is restoration, re-centering, and renewal that looks with hope to what God is about to do next.

I’ve also come to learn when I ignore this calling and simply seek to push on, primarily because of everything that didn’t get done in the fall, gratitude rarely comes to the surface. More times than not, in its place are fatigue, frustration, and a forlorn spirit.

For Americans, one of the hardest spiritual disciplines is the practice of listening to our body for wisdom and guidance. Our culture has taught us our bodies are not to speak, because our flesh is only a tool intended to live out the intentions of our minds. Yet our faith tells us of the goodness with which God made our bodies and the power the flesh has to speak, when Christ came fully to us in the flesh of Jesus.

What is your body speaking to you, right here, right now? What is the wisdom it already knows, which it is inviting you to step into? How might you take this season, this month, to give some space not only for your body to speak, but for you to listen and to follow in its leading?

May you discover blessing that leads you to thanksgiving, and in that thanksgiving receive the restoration, re-centering, and renewal God is seeking to fully breathe into your life.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Joe

BAUSMAN'S SOAR MISSIONS

All members of Bausman are always welcome to participate in any SOAR mission.

CROP Walk

We did it! We topped last year's donation of \$1059.00 by collecting \$1270.00! Thanks to the walkers and their sponsors for supporting this worthwhile cause to help those in hunger throughout the world.

Harvest Home



Bags are now available for collecting Harvest Home food donations for Calvary Food Bank and New Journey. Please donate only the items

on the list attached to the bags. Collection of the requested foods will continue until November 19th when the food will be blessed. On November 20th, the SOAR committee will deliver the food to Calvary and New Journey.

Knit Hat Mission

Yarn has been collected in the library. If interested in joining the knitters, looms and yarn will be provided. Contact Bonnie Shiner at (610) 488-1671 for more details.

Family Promise

Our next host week to help homeless families will be starting December 4th. We will be requesting monetary donations and prepared meals for the three residences. Further details will follow when information about the families is received from the Family Promise coordinator.

Native American Worship Service

Join the SOAR committee in a Native American worship service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Birdsboro, 5 Brooke Manor, Birdsboro, PA on November 12, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. For additional information, please contact Sue Wentink at zuzee3@comcast.net.

Angel Tree

It is that time of the year when we will be supporting the Salvation Army with an Angel Tree. On Sunday November 12, 2023 the Angel Tree will be located in the East Narthex and decorated with 40 Children's tags, 10 Senior Citizen tags and 10 Veteran's. These tags will contain the items each individual really wants/needs for Christmas. Please restrict your spending to \$75.00 and under. When you chose your tag(s) please make sure to sign the sheet next to the tree with your name and phone number. All gifts should be put into **gift bags only** (NO WRAPPED BOXES) with the original tag securely attached and returned to the Angel Tree no later than Sunday December 3, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Cece Wagner at cawyo@aol.com and thank you in advance for making Christmas special to those less fortunate than us.

Social Committee Book Club

We are off to a great start and have read *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki and *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 at The Highlands. Our book for discussion will be *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. There will be no meeting in December. Our book for January will be *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley. We will meet on January 17th at 6:30, with the location will be announced later. We welcome new members who love to read and discuss books! Please see Susie Derr, Sue Wentzel, Sharon Luyben, or Maureen Longenecker for more info!



MEET YOUR CONSISTORY

Jodi Reardon - Consistory Secretary

Hello! My husband Tom and I joined Bausman in 2016. We were looking for a church that was family-oriented and one that provided a traditional form of worship. I grew up in a UCC church where my family was very active. Some of my fondest memories of my childhood were spent in the rooms and fellowship hall of First United Church of Christ in Schuylkill Haven. My goal was to find a church where my children could have a similar experience.

Immediately upon my arrival at Bausman, I was greeted with many smiles and familiar faces. I did not realize I already knew many people who were members. It did not take long for Tom and I to know this is where we where we felt we belonged. Since we have joined, many families have also joined. One of our favorite things to do is hang out with the other young families at Bausman and watch our children all grow in their faith together.

I currently teach Physical Education at Wyomissing Junior Senior High School. I have taught there for 17 years, and our family resides in the district. Tom is a Senior Wealth Advisor at RKL Wealth Management. We have three children Avery (10) who is in 4th grade, Kaitlyn (6) who is in 1st grade, and Lucas (3) who attends St. Alban's Preschool.

In my limited spare time, you can find me coaching our daughter's basketball and softball teams, working sporting events at Wyomissing, or exercising on my Peloton. I love going to Disney World and our bi-annual trips to the Outer Banks with some of our friends and their families.

Thank you for allowing me to share a bit about myself and my family. We truly love Bausman and the foundation of faith it has helped our family build.

Sincerely,
Jodi Reardon



Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Fall Meeting

Cheryl Auman and Bonnie Shiner will be serving as Bausman's delegates to the Conference fall meeting. Our Conference spans from Philadelphia to Schuylkill County and the southern edge of Allentown to the Maryland border. Over 150 UCC churches share in the ministry of this Conference. Please hold Cheryl, Bonnie, and all who gather in prayer as the 2024 Conference budget is voted upon and as discussions regarding a merger of the 4 Pennsylvania Conferences begins to take center stage. Wisdom and leading of God is certainly needed in this time of great discernment!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Postponed

The Fundraising Committee regrets to announce that the annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, has been postponed. A rescheduled date has not yet been determined.

NURSERY TEMPORARILY RELOCATED Till December:

During the office construction, the Nursery is temporarily relocated to the 2nd floor classroom area. We hope to be able to move the Nursery back to its location on the first floor by early December once the office has been setup and the nursery deep cleaned.

All Saints Worship Service

Sunday November 5, 2023, 9:30 am

Join in this sacred time of worship that celebrates the lives of the members of Bausman who died over the last year and those whose deaths we continue to carry upon our hearts. During the service, everyone will have an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance as we unite with one another in the reality of our shared grief and in the reality of God's hope that shatters the power of death and despair.

Special recognition and remembrance will be given for the following members who died this last year:

Rev. David Siegfried 09/12/1932 - 04/03/2023
 Gloria Fyock 09/20/1948 – 04/10/2023
 Thomas Voelker 12/31/1934 – 06/21/2023

Barbara Ross 09/25/1928 – 07/10/2023
 Rochelle Graeff 01/06/1962 – 09/28/2023



Christmas at the Valley Concert

The thirty reserved seats for the Christmas at the Valley concert on 12/3/23 have all been claimed. You can still attend. The only difference is the need to find seats of your choice in other pews of the Chapel. The preludes begin at 2:20 p.m., and the concert of hymns, scriptures, and anthems by their vocal and hand bell choirs begins at 3:00 p.m. Contact Bob and Sue Showalter, from the Social Committee, with any questions at showalterrs@comcast.net or 610-334-8357.

Intergenerational Advent Workshop

Plan to stay following worship on December 3rd for an intergenerational advent workshop where we'll be making ornaments for our youth to hang on the sanctuary Christmas Tree on December 10th. This will be a great way to build relationships across our many generations. Look for more information in November on how to register as a participant or helper.

Mark Your Calendars for Advent & Christmas Services

Dec. 3rd, First Sunday of Advent – Intergenerational Advent Workshop Following Worship

Dec. 10th, 2nd Sunday of Advent – Brass ensemble & Children hanging ornaments

Dec. 17th, 3rd Sunday of Advent – Children's Pageant

Dec. 24th

- 9:30am – Chancel Choir celebrates the 4th Sunday of Advent
- 5:30pm – Family Christmas Eve Service, Children's Message, Communion, Candle lighting

Dec. 31st Epiphany Celebration

Year to Date Operating Financials as of September 2023

	September 2023 Actual	September 2023 YTD Totals	Budget YTD	Variance to Budget YTD
General Operating Fund Unrestricted Revenue	\$34,227 (\$10,000) Quasi draw down) \$24,227	\$207,532 (\$30,000) Quasi draw down \$177,532	\$184,583	(\$7,051)
General Operating Fund Expenses	\$19,286	\$196,087	\$216,268	\$20,181
Gain/(Loss)	\$4,941	(\$18,555)		

Commentary

At the end of September, the General Operating ended with \$15,834.25. This total includes a September Quasi draw down of \$10,000. The insurance company misbilling of \$2,500 was not paid as of the end of September due to extraordinary circumstances and finalizing the payment request details. The outstanding item of \$357 funds due to the Luyben Music endowment fund have also not been processed. Taking these three items into consideration, the General Operating Fund would have ended September with a balance of \$2,967.25. This means despite three draw downs from the Quasi Endowment fund totaling \$30,000, the church may still need to borrow money from Quasi to cover monthly operating expenses for October. I will be monitoring cash flow and expenses to keep Consistory and the Finance Committee updated as the month progresses.

There will be a “town hall” this Sunday October 8th after services to answer any questions regarding the 2024 Operating Budget. The budget estimates have been completed as well as the Stewardship Campaign letters. When appropriate, the development team will meet to review the Long Profile and update the financial section.

The Santander Fundraising account reconciliation for September is almost complete except for one donation transaction that needs to be posted. All other expenses for September have been posted and reconciled to the bank statement.

Note: Endowment Accounts quarterly statements as of September will soon be available and account balances will be updated for the October financial reports.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign/Building Fund for September ended with a balance of \$100,528. Of that, \$24,513 is designated Memorial Funds and \$76,015 for Building Fund. Donations continue to come in weekly.

TREASURER NEEDED

After several years of dedicated service, Michele Wolfskill is relinquishing her position of church treasurer as of the end of the year. The treasurer’s position oversees the financial administration of the Church. Functions include working with the bookkeeper to insure accurate and timely payment of invoices and posting of expenses to the general ledger. The treasurer reconciles the bank accounts and prepares monthly financial reports for Consistory utilizing the Realm Accounting system. Additionally, the Treasurer will work with the Finance Committee and various committees to prepare the annual budget for presentation to the congregation. Hours may vary from two to eight hours per week. If you have accounting experience and computer skills or any questions, please contact Michele Wolfskill (Treasurer) with any questions – 484-818-1052.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 Rev Joseph & Jessica Motz 25 Bruce & Renee Dietrich
 24 Scott & Diane Sulzer 28 Lester & Mary Moll

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Tom Reardon	20 Dena Wertz	27 Cheryl Auman
7 Alissa Carlino	20 Nate Luyben	28 Mary Hollinger
10 Lois Talarigo	20 Michele Rhoads	30 Shelley Hamsher
13 Jamie Shesniak	21 Max Spayd	30 Scott Sulzer
14 Donald Reuter	23 Paul Oxholm	
17 Ruth Levan	25 Sue Lewis	



If you don't see your birthday /anniversary listed and you are a Member, "Friend of Bausman," or a child of a Member/Friend, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Memorial & Honorarium Contributions

We rejoice in the opportunity to celebrate the loved ones remembered and honored through the generous contributions given in their name for the furtherance of God's calling and purposes for Bausman Memorial UCC.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Rochelle Graeff** given by:

Deborah Ehrgood	Robert Orzechowski	Michele Wolfskill
Richard & Caroline Lee	Richard McCrae	Barbara Voelker
Gail Freymoyer	Dale & Susie Derr	Nancy Helbig
Mary & Les Moll	Kent Hollinger	Tom & Sue Wentzel
Sue Wentink	Richard & Bonnie Shiner	Rev. Joseph & Jessica Motz
Carol Fry	Carol Golbey	Colleen Paulson
Mark Flannery	Kathy Errich	Bob & Sue Showalter



Contributions to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Mrs. Barbara G. Ross** given by Sue Wentink

A Nativity set was given in memory of **Sue Wentink's parents** by Sue Wentink

Prayer Requests



Prayer requests can be submitted by using a Welcome Card, contacting the church office, or directly contacting the prayer chain coordinator Mary Moll. Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening:

Erin Himes, Janet LeLacheur, Bob Troxel, Denny, Joyce, Bob H., Marie, Ms Julia, Alan Hiester, Lori Moser

Care & Support:

Sue Lewis, Ana, Evelyn, Valery, The nation of Israel & the people of Gaza

Comfort In Time of Loss:

The Family and Friends of Rochelle Graeff; The Family and Friends of Leonard Miller, Karen Thistle & the Family of Bob Dahl

NOVEMBER 2023 WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Name	5	12	19	26
Acolyte	Katrin Waetjen		Oliver Keller	Olive Keller
Acolyte				
Altar Guild				
Head Usher	Gary Rhoades	Kent Hollinger	Dale Derr	
Usher	Anne Anders	Anne Anders	Anne Anders	Mary Moll
Usher	Mary Moll		Carsten Waetjen	
Usher				
Usher				
Lay Reader	Jodi Reardon	Gary Rhoades	Bob Showalter	Sue Showalter



USHERS AND ELDERS NEEDED:

Ushers are needed for November and December 10th and 17th worship services. Elders are needed to serve communion in the pews at the December 3rd and 24th (evening) services. Please use the QR code, contact Stephanie Tremble (stremble0202@gmail.com) or contact the church office (office@buasmanucc.org | (610) 375-9790).

ACOLYTES NEEDED:

Bausman is looking for acolytes for the coming church year. If your child is interested and has served as an acolyte previously, we encourage you to sign them up. If your child is interested in being an acolyte but has no experience, or would like a refresher, please contact the church office and instructions/training will be arranged.



OCTOBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Confirmation Sunday (Oct. 1st) and First Communion Sunday (Oct. 30th) saw significant increases to worship participation. Overall worship attendance averaged 92 people per Sunday with nearly 7% worshipping virtually.

Calendar - November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				10:30 am WRG -FH and G2 6:30 pm Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir		6 am Football Team Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:30 am Worship & Nursery 3:00 pm Boy Scouts 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:00 pm Cub Scouts 4:30 pm Girl Scouts	8:45 am EG—FH 6:30 pm Budget and Finance	6:30 pm Worship and Music Library	8:45 am EG—FH 7:00 pm Faith Formation Series—FH & Zoom	10:30 am WRG FH and G2 6:30 pm Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir		6 am Football Team Breakfast
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Chancel Choir 9:30 am Worship, CE and Nursery 3:00 pm Boy Scouts 4:00 pm Den 10, Pack 413 meeting—FH	8:45 am EG—FH			Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed 10:30 am WRG FH and G2	Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30	3	4
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EG—Exercise Group
FH—Fellowship Hall

WRG—Women’s Recovery Group

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