



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

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WELCOME REVEREND JOE MOTZ AND FAMILY

Bausman Memorial UCC of Wyomissing welcomes Reverend Joseph A. Motz, Pastor Joe, as our new designated pastor along with his wife, Jessica, and their three daughters (Natalie - 14, Olivia - 12, Caitlyn - 8).

Rev. Motz's experience spans over 20 years of summer camp ministry, state park chaplaincy, and congregational ministry. In 2020, he was awarded Lancaster Theological Seminary's Meck Award for distinguished service in the practice of pastoral ministry for his work of uniting churches, businesses, non-profits, and local government.

Rev. Motz earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Philosophy from Juniata College, during which time he also studied abroad at Aberdeen University in Scotland. He earned his Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary, completed his Clinical Pastoral Education Level 1 at the Reading Hospital, and has engaged in foundational training for Gestalt Pastoral Care. Currently he is enrolled in an International Coaching Federation certified coach training program to become a Professional Certified Coach in order to enhance his capacity for leadership development and congregational vitality.

Sundays At Bausman in 2022

September 4, 11

Worship Service

September 18, 25

Worship Service and Church School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service available on Facebook

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Motz

pastor@bausmanucc.org

Consistory President

Terry Gerhart

Minister of Music

Sharon P. Luyben

Parish Secretary

Nancy Jeffrey

office@bausmanucc.org

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER Newsletter Deadline

September 15

Submit articles, announcements, photos, puzzles, favorite scriptures, etc. using the Communication Request Form



“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.” -Colossians 1:9-12

The words above, capture so much of what is upon my heart as God unites us for service and ministry. You have been in my prayers for the last several months and continue to be so. From my conversations with the Transition Team I know of the loss you have experienced in Pastor Mark's leaving. Having served in the same association with him previously, I know of the richness of faithfulness and care God has gifted within him. Certainly you have been blessed through his ministry and I recognize the blessing it is to serve after one who has led with such love.

I have also come to see the passion, loving heart, and welcoming embrace present within this congregation. It is something I experienced since my first interview with the Transition Team, and which has been reinforced by every interaction I have had since then - from people stopping by the office to welcome me, to great conversations at the Fightin' Phillies game. There is a richness of God's Spirit here! And what joy it is to be welcomed to serve as the pastor of such a congregation.

Many of you have already read my biography. So you likely know I was born and raised in Berks County, worshipped at St. John-Hill UCC, Boyertown, served St. Paul's UCC, Birdsboro for 15 years, and most recently was the associate pastor at Church of the Apostles UCC, Lancaster. You also likely know I am married to Jessica and have three daughters who are students in the Wilson School District (elementary through High School).

What is important for you to know beyond my biography is that my heart is for people and the church. I believe God has called us to live lives of blessing where we support and encourage one another (and the community that surrounds us) to live in ways that bring about healing, wholeness, and soul deep joy. In this, I believe we need each other, because it is in the deep listening, caring, and dreaming with one another that the Spirit shows up. And when the Spirit shows up miracles happen, lives are transformed, and blessing overflows.

Over these next few months, as we begin to build the bounds for ministry, I am looking forward to listening to your stories (those of joy and those of challenge), your hopes, and your sense of where you believe God is leading this church. I am looking forward to partnering with you in ministry in ways that strengthen this church, its leaders, and the lives of those in the community around us. And I am looking forward to times of visitation, worship, hands on service, opportunities for spiritual enrichment, and even the planning meetings.

My prayer is that through our common listening, caring, learning, sharing, serving, and dreaming, the Spirit will further move within the life of this congregation leading us to bear all the more the fruits of God's reign here on earth as it is in heaven!

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Joe



RALLY DAY 2022

Come celebrate the beginning of a new era at Bausman on Sunday September 11, 2022, at 9:30am. We invite you to join us and our new Designated Pastor, Rev. Joe Motz in kicking off a new era at Bausman. Immediately following the worship service, we will have our annual picnic and everyone is invited. An electronic sheet was sent out for you to sign up for something to bring. Hopefully, everyone has seen the sheet and signed up if they would like to contribute. Please come and join in this exciting time for Bausman UCC. Should you have any questions please contact Cece Wagner cawyo@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Transition Team

SIGN UP

If you haven't already signed up, copy and paste this link in your web browser: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044faca72aaafa7-rally>.

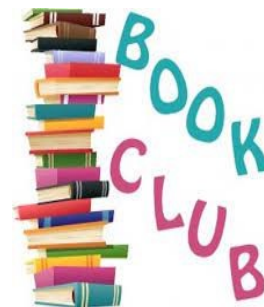


The Nominations Committee (Dale Derr, Lori Moser, and Tom Wentzel) is seeking volunteers for three-year terms on Consistory.

Consistory terms will begin in January 2023.

Contact any of the committee members or Consistory President, Terry Gerhart. Your volunteer spirit will be greatly appreciated.

For additional information, contact Dale Derr at dda101@comcast.net.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Bausman is starting a Book Club! If you enjoy reading, please come and be a part of this new group! Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 in the Church Library. At the meeting we will decide on what our first book will be and when we will meet again. If you can't make the first meeting but want to be a part of the Bausman Book Club, please call, text, or email Susie Derr to let her know you are interested – (484) 332-0832 or suzederr@gmail.com. Thanks

BAUSMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, Sunday School will be held during the **9:30 am** worship service, immediately following the Children's Message. The start date will be



September 18th - please plan to be there! We will have two classes; one for children in grades 1-4 and the other for children in grades 5-7. Any child in kindergarten or below is invited to go to the nursery where they will

have a chance to play and do a craft each week. Please consider sharing your time and talents by signing up to teach Sunday School <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0c44aba729abfb6-bausman>.

If you plan on sending your child/children to Sunday School, please fill out this brief Google Form: <https://forms.gle/euuUZycjSMiJFBg56>. For additional information, please contact Carrie Spayd at carolynspayd@gmail.com.



Beer ♦ Food ♦ Music

Oktoberfest Returns!

to Bausman Memorial UCC

1064 Penn Ave., Wyomissing, PA 19610

Saturday, September 24th • 12 to 7 PM

**Free Admission • Authentic German Beer and
Food • Lawn Games • Raffles and Prizes • Live
Music • Fun for All Ages • All are Welcome**

**follow us on Facebook at /bausmanucc or
contact 610-375-9790 for more information**



OKTOBERFEST 2022 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Calling all Oktoberfest volunteers! Bausman Oktoberfest is back for 2022. The date is **Saturday, September 24th**. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 2-hour time slots. When you arrive, you will check in with Jodi Reardon, and she will direct you to your station. Oktoberfest is a major event designed to connect us with our community neighbors (leading some to make this church their home). Plus it helps raise funds for the church's ministry. So whatever amount of time you can give, you will be making a meaningful impact. Please use the link below or scan the QR code to sign up. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EA9AC2BA5F94-bausman>.



BAUSMAN JOINS BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS DISCOUNT PROGRAM

This is an opportunity to raise funds for Bausman by purchasing Shopping Passes to this event.

Donate \$5 for a Shopping pass and you will receive a 25% discount during the One-Day Shopping event on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from 8am – 11pm.

Bausman will receive 100% of your \$5 donation. You may purchase your passes now by calling Lori Moser (610 678- 7395), Bonnie Shiner (610-488-1671), or the church office (610 375-9790).



How about going for a walk along a beautiful nature trail while helping fight hunger, locally and globally. If that sounds like a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, you may want to participate in the Reading/Berks CROP walk.

This year the event will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Gring's Mill Recreation Area. Please contact Kathy Errich kathyerrich@aol.com for additional information.

CHICKEN POT PIE TAKE- OUT DINNER OCTOBER 15, 2022

The annual Chicken Pot Pie Take Out Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. This will again be a take-out only event. The meal will consist of Chicken Pot Pie, green beans, pepper cabbage and a slice of cake. Chicken pot pie and sides will also be available by the quart. (Pricing information to follow.).

We are asking for help on Friday, October 14th, for preparation, and on Saturday, October 15th, to prepare the take-out items and serve as runners. Please contact Lori Moser at lmoser928@gmail.com or (610) 678-7395, if you wish to participate. Thank you.



BAUSMAN CHOIR **NEWS**

Come and join our dedicated group of volunteers of all ages gathering to sing and ring, growing in music skills and faith, and serving our church in leading our worship.

New Members are welcome and needed for all of our choirs!

BAUSMAN BELLS

All are welcome to join us - No experience is necessary – we will show you what to do! We ring during worship about once per month. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music. First Bell rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 15th.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Members are from high school age through adult. The Chancel Choir leads worship on Sunday mornings, and at special services. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 PM, and/or Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music.

First Chancel Choir Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 8:30AM in the sanctuary. First Thursday rehearsal will be on September 15th.

CHERUB CHOIR/CHILDREN'S CHOIR

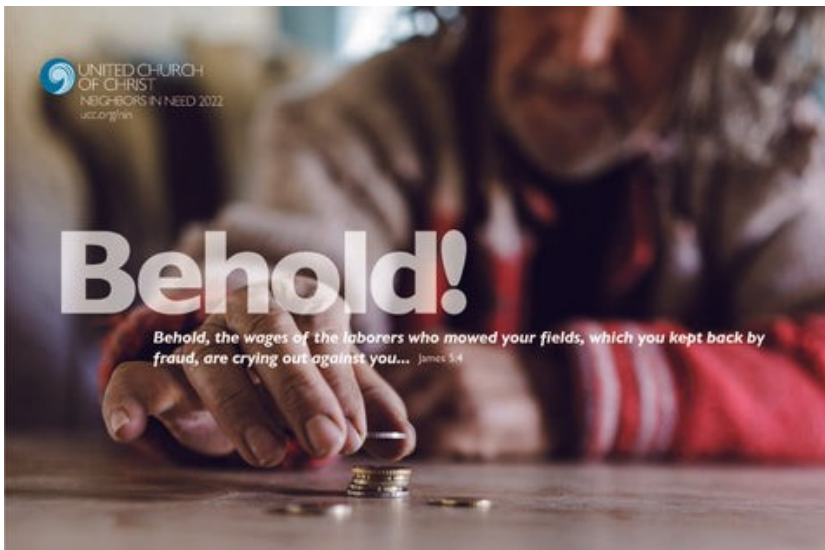
Our youngest choirs include children from age 3 up through elementary school. We are currently looking for a volunteer to assist Sharon Luyben with these choirs. Additional Information is coming soon!

Please contact Mrs. Sharon Luyben sluyben@aol.com, if you wish to join the choir.



GIANT CASH FOR CAUSES CARDS

We sell Giant gift cards for use in the supermarket. The church gets an easy 5% of every card that is sold. They come in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. If you shop at Giant, please come to the office to get your gift cards today. Thank you for your contributions! Every bit helps!



NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund

projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

The collection will be start on Sunday September 18, 2022 and conclude on Sunday October 2, 2022.

The special envelopes will be included with your bulletins. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Consistory Highlights

August Consistory Highlights

1. Cece Wagner of the Transition Team reported that Pastor Joe's primary focus will be on Membership Engagement, Worship and Ministry and Christian Education.
2. The Capital Campaign reported:
 - a. \$30,000 is in the building fund - \$21,000 for the electronic sign, \$9,000 undesignated
 - b. Current pledges are around \$37,000
 - i. 1st. Year approx. \$13,000
 - ii. 2nd Year approx. \$11,000
 - iii. 3rd Year approx. \$12,000
 - c. A new letter will be going out soon with a refocus on Phase 1 of the campaign.
3. Consistory unanimously approved the signing of the contract to get started with the Electronic Sign.
4. Three more members of the 2023 Consistory are needed.
5. The Property committee will ask the borough to monitor the church's water meter weekly to ensure that the leak has been fixed.

Capital Campaign Phase #1 for \$100,000 Is Launched

What is Phase #1?

Phase #1 includes installation of the electronic sign and completion of the outside beautification project. Our current sign is old and barely visible from the street. An electronic sign will advertise church activities in an attractive, modern way. It will help attract new members and show that we are a church that is keeping up with the times.

If you have a passion for supporting this project you will want to donate to Bausman's Capital Campaign. Can you help us hold up the corners of this precious and beautiful House of God? For details about any of these projects, please reach out to either Kent Hollinger, Chair of the Property Committee, or any member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Please give our request your prayerful consideration. To date, several Bausman families plus the Memorial and Women's Committees have contributed over \$40,000 in gifts and pledges to the Phase #1 project. We need to raise \$60,000 to reach the goal in our first phase.

Construction of the electronic sign can begin as soon as we raise the funds we need. Gifts and pledges can be paid over three years so a gift this year can be paid between 2022 – 2025. (Complete the attached form and return it to the Church with your gift.)

\$\$\$ Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ \$\$\$ Capital Improvements Campaign Donation Form

I/we give/pledge the sum of \$_____ to the Capital Improvements Project

Beginning on _____ (date) completed by _____, 2025.

Total gift \$ _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____.

My pledge will be paid over _____ years (1, 2, or 3). I plan to pay ____ quarterly ____ annually.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

My gift is in ____ Memory of ____ in Honor of _____.

Financial Overview/Highlights

Budget & Finance Overview – September 2022

Budget vs Actuals – July 31, 2022

	July 2022 Actual YTD	July 2022 YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$125,796	\$124,559	\$247,971
Expenses	\$119,088	\$145,875	\$247,971
Gain/(Loss)	\$6,708	(\$21,316)	0

Financial Overview

Observations

Year-to-date, Income is \$1,200 over budget. Year-to-date expense are \$26,800 under budget mostly due to salaries as a result replacing Pastor salary with guest ministry services. Salaries are running \$40,000 under budget YTD and property is running \$12,000 over budget. From a YTD view, income is over expenses ~\$6,700.

Bausman will be paying full salaries by the end of August.

A few items to point out:

There were \$12,000 in new donations to the Capital Improvements account during July.

As of July 31st, Capital Improvement Pledges totaled \$37,300. Of those pledges, four are Leadership pledges each totaling \$5,000 or more. The building fund cash account totaled \$29,517.

2023 Operating Budget Plan

The Budget & Finance Committee has initiated development of the 2023 Operating Budget. The following steps leading to budget approval by the congregation include:

In-put from Standing Committee to be received by August 19.

Draft budget completed by September 2, 2022.

Stewardship program initiated and materials forwarded to the congregation on October 9, Stewardship Sunday, receipt of congregation pledges – October 30, 2022.

Consistory review and approval proposed budget - November 2022.

Budget presentation to congregation for approval - December 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact either Michele Wolfskill, Treasurer, or Nevin Hollinger.

September 2022 Worship Attendants

	4	11	18	25
Acolytes	TBD			
Altar Guild	Sherry Griffith and Michele Wolfskill			
Lay Reader	Cheryl Auman	Sue Showalter	Jacob Brown	Susie Derr
Nursery Attendants	Ella Anders Kaitlyn Brunner			
Head Usher	Mike Ritter	Mike Ritter	Tom Wentzel	Kent Hollinger
Ushers	Gary and Sue	Reneé Dietrich	Shelby Brunner	Dale Derr
	Rhoads	Stan Graeff	Tom Wentzel	Mary Moll
Security	Skeet Moser			

September 2022 Flower Sponsors

4	11	18	25
Happy birthday Skeet, from Lori		In celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary, by Lori and Skeet Moser	

Prayers for Healing, Comfort and Support for

Kathy Errich, Ryder Knechtle, Stephanie Walker, Chuck.

Updated information on those for whom we pray is important and appreciated.

If you have a need or concern that you would like placed on the prayer chain, please call Mary Moll at (610) 374-7243 or send an email to maryles64@comcast.net

September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:30am WRG 6:30pm BB 7:30pm CC	2	3
4 9:30am WORSHIP	5 Office Closed	6	7 8:45am EG	8 10:30am WRG	9	10 6:00 am WFT Breakfast
11 Rally Sunday 8:30am CC 9:30am WORSHIP	12 8:45am EG	13 7pm Consistory	14 8:45am EG 1:00pm S.O.A.R 7:00pm Book Club	15 10:30am WRG 6:30pm BB 7:30pm CC	16	17
18 9:30am WORSHIP and Church School	19 8:45am EG	20	21 8:45am EG	22 10:30am WRG 6:30pm BB 7:30pm CC	23	24 12:00pm Oktoberfest
25 9:30am WORSHIP and Church School	26 8:45am EG	27	28 8:45am EG	29 10:30am WRG 6:30pm BB 7:30pm CC	30	

Calendar Key:

BB—Bausman Bells Choir Rehearsals

CC—Chancel Choir Rehearsals

EG — Exercise group

S.O.A.R — **S**ervice, **O**utreach **A**nd **R**enewal

WRG — Women's Recovery Group

WFT—Wyomissing Football Team



Redner's Receipts

We continue to collect Redner's tapes for a financial return. Please send (or drop off) your receipts to the church. Lois Talarigo and Helen Fisher continue to over-see this effort and do a great job of keeping everything in order. If you shop at Redner's, please help out Bausman by giving us your receipts. Remember that you will need to get a card from Redner's to show when you checkout, to get the proper coding on the receipt. Thank you for your contributions!

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Come Worship with Us

Sundays

September 4, 11

- ◆ 9:30 am – Worship service

September 18, 25

- ◆ 9:30 am – Worship service and Church School + Facebook

Upcoming Events in September

- 4, 11, 18, 25— Sunday Worship Service
- 5 — Office Closed
- 11 — Rally Sunday
- 13 — Consistory Meeting
- 14 — Book Club
- 14 — SOAR Meeting
- 18 — Church School Begins
- 24 — Oktoberfest

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