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## From the Desk of Pastor Chad Shoaf



Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I remember growing up hearing one statement the most from my Grandfather; Hindsight is always 20/20. He used to say, "You'd think that we could see the dangers of decisions before we make them, but our emotions hinder us from seeing them. Only after a choice has been made can we know the danger because we experience the consequences." No pun intended, but I believe 2020 has lived up to that statement for all of us. All of us have felt the consequences of past choices this past year.

Bad choices are going to be made in our journey through life. Falls and mistakes will happen to us all, but they do not have to be our identifications. Through the grace of God, shared through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can learn from them and be transformed into the best person that we can be—growing to be more Christ-like. We do this with the hard work of being honest with ourselves and one another. Accepting and repenting for our complacency and part of what is wrong.

As we venture towards Lent, I encourage you to reflect over this past year guided by these words from a dear friend and colleague, Andy Lambert:

"If the devil were to develop a plan to dismantle the church, you would be hard-pressed to find a better one than how 2020 played out.

If the Holy Spirit were to use a circumstance to reveal the difference between a commitment to the cause of Christ and convenient religious affiliation, you would be hard-pressed to find a better one than how 2020 played out."

Honesty is hard in our world, and sometimes it is painful, but the reward outweighs the difficulty!

Shalom!  
Pastor Chad



## Who's Who at BUMC

### Pastor

Pastor Chad Shoaf

### Administrative Council Chair

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### Finance Secretary

Shirley Doub

### Member Secretary

Debbie Griffin

### Council Secretary

Deborah Wyatt



# Happy Valentine's Day

Looking for Valentine's goodies  
for that special someone  
in your life?

## Open-house at the Valentine's House

2548 Forbush Rd  
East Bend NC



**February 13th**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*The Valentine's House will  
be open from the 11th thru  
the 14th. Please call or text  
to ORDER or if you need  
to PICK UP any day other  
than the 13th or 4th.  
PH: (336) 345-6662*

Browse **Ann Matthews'** variety of customized  
Valentine's creations: chocolate covered goodies,  
flower arrangements, and custom gift baskets.

### GRAB LUNCH WHILE YOU SHOP!

**Dudley's Dugout**  
will be there with the  
food truck on the 13th  
from **11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
(weather permitting)



### OTHER VENDORS WILL BE THERE TOO:

- **KATHY SHOAF** will have some laser cut items.
- **MELISSA REINHARDT BRUCE** will have  
HOT CHOCOLATE BOMBS.
- **LYNN BOGGS** will have some surprise goodies.

# Send Cards & Notes

Our shut-ins would love it!

Many of our shut-ins have been cut off from family and friends for extended periods of time because of COVID-19. A special card or note from our church family would go a long way to brighten their days.

**1. Treva Hutchens**  
Brighton Gardens  
2601 Reynolds Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**2. Zola Speer**  
Vienna Village B41  
6601 Yadkinville Rd  
Pfafftown NC 27040

**3. Vaudeline Doss** →  
c/o Yadkin Nursing Center  
903 W. Main St.  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

*Vaudeline's birthday is February 14th and she will turn 97 years old! After all she's been through over the last few months being shut in without visitations and then COVID-19, this birthday will be a very special celebration!*



## February Lectionary Readings



### 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11,  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### 1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### 2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

### February Starts the Season of Lent

There is something powerful about a season that starts in the middle of the week, at night (or in the morning, if that is your tradition). It suggests that the Lenten journey is a high calling, not for the faint of heart, not for the casual observer. It requires a level of commitment from the beginning. Issue the call to worship as a reach, a stretch, not as a barrier to access, but as a reminder of the strenuousness of the journey ahead.



## UMW Reading Program

The 2021 UMW Reading program is underway and all UMW are encouraged to participate. Reading Program books are divided into one of five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Books are available for people of all ages and reading levels.

The UMW has increased awareness of the human trafficking trade in the US and abroad. One book from the Social Action Section titled *GIRL GONE MISSING: A CASH BLACKBEAR MYSTERY* addresses this issue. Nineteen-year-old Anishinabe woman, Renee "Cash" Blackbear, hears about a blonde girl in her English class who has gone missing. And then another. She begins to dream about blonde girls calling for help; they're in Minneapolis. She's never been far from the Red River and she's never heard of white slavery. Then, suddenly, she's locked inside a room with the lost girls. She needs to find a way out.

Please join us in the reading program. All books are in the classroom past the restrooms in the fellowship hall and they are separated by category.

*Submitted by Sharon Gentry*





Our crochet group is doing a GREAT job! They keep branching out and adding new products to their inventory. They are now crocheting afghans and scarves for Hospice, hats for a homeless shelter in Winston, baby hats for the NICU, and children's hats for Brenners. They are having a great time doing it too!

**Want to **HELP!** ?**

They could always use more people to crochet! Or they could use yarn or money to buy yarn. If you want to help, please contact Shirley Doub @ 336-830-4132 or Debbie Griffin @ 336-961-6978.



The 2021 Secret Heart Sisters are underway. Thank you to each who volunteered to nurture a church sister member! It just takes a note, card or any communication that "I am thinking of you!"



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*Emily Goins, Principal*

Baltimore United Methodist Church  
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Speer  
4519 Araby Lane  
East Bend, NC 27018

Monday, January 11, 2021

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the water bottles, masks and snacks you donated to the students at East Bend School. The students will be appreciative of your generous donations when they forget or don't have a water bottle, snack or mask. It was so nice of you to pull together and collect these items for the students.

We value all the love and support you continue to give to the students and staff at East Bend School. We pray for your continued success on your outreach programs.

Sincerely,  
Emily Goins, Principal





**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5 NIV).**

Overwhelmed...frustrated...at wits end....Then I envisioned God speaking to my pain-filled heart. You might think I've deserted you, but I will never leave or forsake you. You might think I don't love you, but I love you to the height of heaven and the depth of the sea. You might think I don't care about what's happening to you, but I am orchestrating your days and care about every hair on your head. My ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts. Yes, I do care about you and what is happening to you. In the end, this will make you better. I am not doing something to you; I'm doing something in you.

A pastor once said, “We worship a God who can best be explained as a mystery, and yet we live in a culture that worships certainty.” However, the very definition of faith is an intertwining of mystery and certainty.

The writer of Hebrews penned, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1 ESV). The word translated “conviction” is the Greek

word *elegchos*, which means a proof or test. It can also be translated as “evidence,” and yet, faith is belief in something we cannot prove.

There's nothing wrong with trying to understand why bad things happen, but we have to recognize that our understanding is limited. The Bible clearly states, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5).



In other words, don't try to figure out everything on your own. When we hold loosely our need to know the why, we can trust fully in the who. Since God's ways are higher than our ways, we shouldn't expect him to write our stories the same way we would. Often, the twists and turns of the plot won't make sense until we're on the other side of this life. And here's a promise from the Lord himself: “Those who hope in me will not be disappointed” (Isaiah 49:23).

The devil will try to fill in the gaps of what you don't understand, and poke holes in what you do. Refuse his input into your situation. Let faith fill the gaps of what you don't understand and the full assurance of God's goodness seal up what you do.

I don't understand why certain parts of my story have played out as they have, and I'm guessing you probably don't either. But one day we will. In the meanwhile, I trust that God loves me and knows what's best for me.

That doesn't mean I'm going to like every situation that comes my way, but after I fuss about it for a while, I will settle down and remember that God is not absent in what is happening. I can choose to believe that God will somehow use my pain for a purpose. I may not see the good on this side of heaven, but I can trust it's waiting for me there even now.

## LET'S PRAY

Heavenly Father, I don't understand everything that happens in my life, but I do understand that You always know what's best. I trust You, even when I don't understand.

*Submitted by Sharon Gentry*



## BIRTHDAY CARD or VALENTINE'S DAY CARD?

Vaudeline Doss turns  
97 years old on February 14th!

**Help her celebrate! Send CARDS to:**

Vaudeline Doss  
c/o Yadkin Nursing Center  
903 W. Main St.  
Yadkinville, NC 27055



Steve Gentry	2/6	Mary Lou Doub	2/15
Peggy Phillips	2/13	Jennifer Binkley Todd	2/17
Vaudeline Doss	2/14	Reese Phillips	2/18

**FEBRUARY**  
*birthdays*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



As each one has received a special gift,  
employ it in serving one another as

good stewards of the  
manifold grace  
of God.



1 Peter 4:10

**Baltimore United Methodist Church has many talented people. God gave us talents to benefit and bless others.**

*Below is a list of people who are currently offering items for sale. Please consider them when looking for goods and services. There are many options for gifts, take out meals, and items you might just want to treat yourself to.*

**MELISSA BRUCE**

Hot Chocolate Bombs  
Telephone: 336-407-0414  
Facebook @ Melissa Reinhardt Bruce  
email: aBruce4u2@gmail.com

**ANN MATTHEWS**

Flower arrangements, candy for all occasions,  
custom gift baskets, soups and chilis  
Call or text: 336-345-6662.  
email: amattthews071363@gmail.com  
Valentine shop: 2548 Forbush Rd East Bend NC  
The Valentine shop will be open  
February 11th & 12th by appointment,  
13th and 14th ALL day  
for all your Valentine's needs.  
On the 13th (*weather permitting*) Dudley Dugouts  
will be at the Valentine shop  
from 11-2. Come for lunch and grab or  
Order your Valentine!

**BILL McMURRAY**

Bill makes pens, mechanical pencils, key chains,  
wine stoppers/cork screws out of wood or acrylic.  
He also makes bullet/cartridge pens.  
Telephone: 336-961-7238

# LOOKING FOR



**AUSTIN CONRAD**

Woodworking – like custom coasters, cutting  
boards, coin displays, etc...  
Call or text: 336 407 4790

**KATHY SHOAF**

Many personalized products designed creatively  
with names, initials, sayings or seasonal signs  
Cell: 336-225-4566.  
Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/Just4U-Studio-100193728574107/>

## Lenten Prayer

GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,

HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.  
LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,  
NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.

MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER  
IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.

TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO  
COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.

AMEN.





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## Want to Get Involved at BUMC?

At BUMC, we encourage everyone to get involved. There are many ways to join in:



Provide Flowers for a Sunday Service  
Join the United Methodist Women  
Volunteer as a Nursery Attendant  
Join the United Methodist Men  
Join the Table Talk Group  
Become an usher  
Join the Choir



## Office Hours

The Church Office is open Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to add birthdays and anniversaries to our monthly calendar.

## BUMC Phone Tree

Get your phone number added to our phone tree list to get the latest announcements.

## Schedule of Services

Baltimore United Methodist Church worship services start at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Worship is followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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Or Current Resident