

# Busti Federated Church

## *Stretching, Pressing, Straining Forward*

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*Philippians 3:13 "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."*

I'm going to share with you just a portion of the message I preached last Sunday from Philippians chapter three. My aim is to encourage you as God has encouraged me.

In another translation the above verse is stated as *"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it [in other words, "I haven't arrived yet!"] But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

Paul pictures the sprinter straining forward to cross the finish line. Gordon Fee recalls the famous "miracle mile," the first time two mile runners ran under four minutes in the same race. Roger Bannister and John Landy competed in Vancouver British Columbia in 1954. John Landy had led all the way, but coming off the final turn toward the finish line he looked over his shoulder to find out where Roger Bannister was, only to be passed on the other side and beaten to the finishing tape!

You can't worry about what is behind you. You need to lean or stretch into the run and give it your all, keeping your gaze on the finish. And what a finish it will be. What is your goal? What is the prize? It is the heavenward calling of God in Christ Jesus! There is nothing greater. Heaven will be worth it all, you just wait and see!

Paul's life's purpose was to give every effort to complete his mission in life. He said, *"For me to live is Christ, to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21)*. The Apostle knew that he was living life with the light of eternity in view. The idea that we live out this life with eternity just ahead of us we realize like Paul that this world is not our home: we're just passing through. And in God's perfect timing, he will bring us home to our glorious future. When we remember that, we can press forward in the race of life, running every day in serving God, not worried about anything. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Someone once said, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the 'present.'" As we yield our past and our future to God, we are left with the present. We run the race, a race that is never over until it's over. As long as we have breath, we need to press on!! Stay with it. Follow Christ, love Christ, serve Christ, and know Christ. That is what we do now. We release the past, we reach toward our future, and we grow closer to Christ each and every day.

Pressing forward,  
Pastor Lee

# Around the Church

## Prayer Needs

Pray for our Nation and President

Pray for our Military.

SPC Collin Hanson Cadet Clayton Hanson

Tyler Davis

Pray for those that are looking for jobs.

Pray for those who are ill: Katie Lewis,

Kay Calendar, Carol O'Brien, Jason Gould,

Charlie Hannan (Cancer), Kitty Boutureira,

Manny Boutureira Donny Dittman Carol Abbott

Terry Lata, Bev Fredlund (lung transplant)

Bill Allshouse, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom)

## Prayer Chain and Requests

We typically receive prayer requests one of two ways. Either Pastor Lee is contacted and then the information is passed on to me or I received the information directly. I then email that information to the addresses I have and that have asked to be part of the list. There are several people that don't have email and they are contacted by phone.

We need your help to better refine this process and hopefully provide as much information as possible. First, if you are not receiving the requests and you would like to please see me so we can set up the best way for you to be contacted. Second, many times after we receive a request we don't receive any updates or know the outcome. What we are asking is if you submit a request that you also keep us updated so that we know how to pray.

If you have any suggestions or questions about this process or how to improve it please let me know.

God Bless,  
CJ

## May

### Birthdays

Hart Jordan	5th
Helen Davis	12th
Cathy Hazzard	23rd
Deb Siggins	27th
Joan Baer	30th
Shirl Streib	30th

### Anniversaries

Chris & Heather Lynn	25th
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## June

### Birthdays

Dan Siggins	2nd
Caryl Bergstue	6th
Olivia Lynn	16th
Randy Lewis	17th
Jim Ellis	18th
Grace Hanson	20th

### Anniversaries

Gordy & Jean Robbins	9th
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Thank you to everyone that has helped raise funds for the upcoming mission trip to Alaska. The Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Painting Party were both a great success. There are two more fundraising dinners scheduled. Please continue to pray for the team and the camp they will be ministering at as well as safe travels.

# Thank You

## ***Reconnect 2018!!!***

**When: Saturday, August 25, 2018  
11:00am-3:00pm**

**Where: Lawson Town Park, Busti**

This event will be free. Including food such as hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy snow cones, beverages and potential other items. Some of the potential displays include:

Lakewood/Busti K-9-unit demonstration and child safety seat checks. Busti Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with an engine and rescue unit to educate children and families on fire safety. Historical Society will give people access to the mill and museum. Hazeltine Library will set up a book display or other information. Wagon Rides from the park to Peterson Candy store and to the Busti Historical Society.

There will be live music throughout the day. There will be games focused on families and children of all ages. There is also an updated playground in the park.

## **Mark Your Calendars!!**

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,**

## **Memorial Day's True Celebration**

Observed on the last Monday of May Memorial Day is a day of remembrance that deserves our attention. It is a day where we come together to remember the sacrifice of many for the freedom many of us enjoy today

In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act which asks all Americans to stop what they are doing at 3pm on Memorial Day to remember and honor those who have died serving the United States.

Wearing red poppies originated from a poem called "In Flanders Field" written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae in 1915.

On Memorial Day, bikers hold an event known as the "Rolling Thunder Run." In this annual motorcycle rally, participants raise awareness of Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. There are around 1 million bikers and spectators involved.

On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. Then, it is raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

Veteran's Day, observed on November 11th, is set aside to honor all those who served honorably in the military, whether in war or peace.

**We will remember them...**



## Congregational Business Meeting

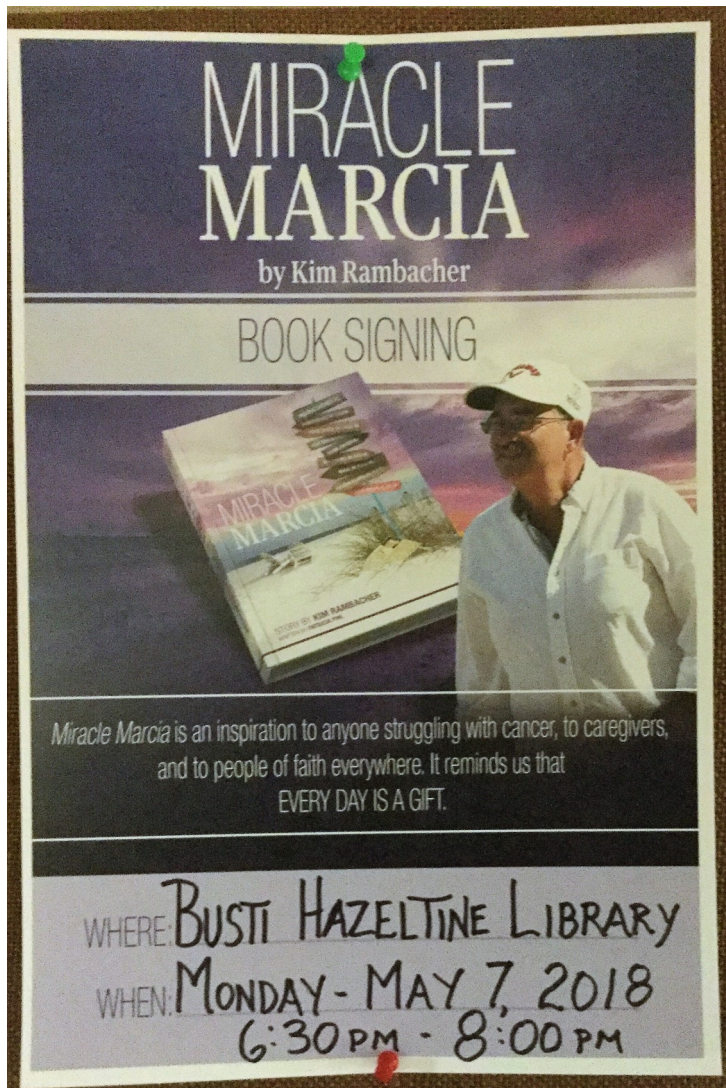
Sunday, May 20th

### Following Morning Worship

On Sunday, April 20th the Resource Team met to discuss the future of our current parsonage. A motion was passed to present to the members of the church a proposal to sell the parsonage. A notice of this meeting will also be posted at the church for two weeks prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any member of the Resource Team or Trustees.

## 2018 Expense & Income Comparison January – March (13 WEEKS)

2018 BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$85,231.20
ESTIMATED PER WEEK EXPENSES	\$1,639.06
ACTUAL PER WEEK EXPENSES	\$1,551.44
YTD ACTUAL EXPENSE	\$20,168.75
AVERAGE WEEKLY INCOME	\$1,493.52
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	\$19,415.77
<b>YTD Shortfall</b>	<b>-\$752.98</b>



## A Mother's Prayer For You

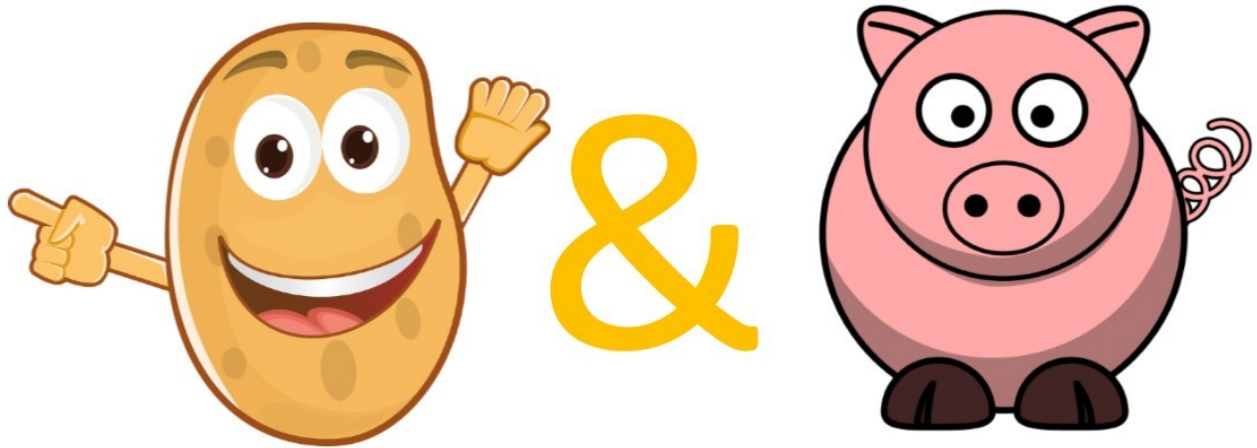
I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!

Anonymous



# Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Dinner

**Busti Federated Church  
875 Mill Rd., Five Corners Busti  
Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:30pm  
Cost: Donation**



**All proceeds will be donated to  
SSAFE 2018 Alaska Mission Trip**

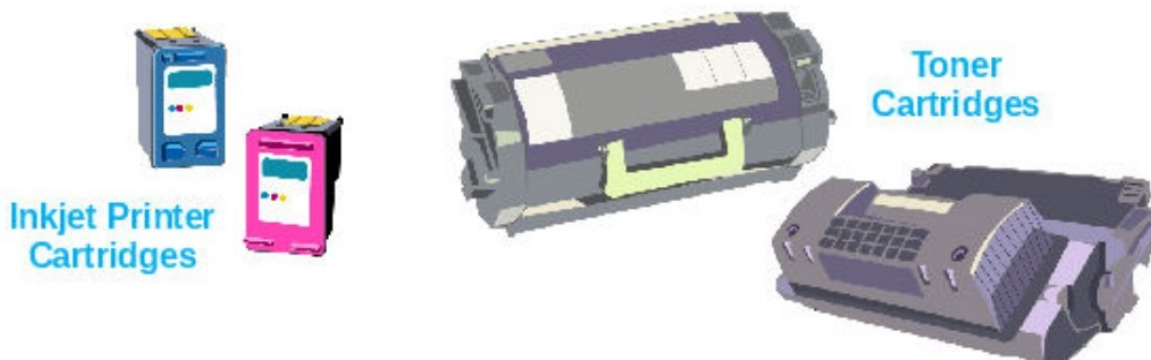
**For information please call or email  
716-664-1586 or bustifederatedchurch@gmail.com**

# Help Us Raise Funds By Recycling Busti Federated Church

2018 Alaska Mission Trip



**RECYCLE WITH US**  
**FOR A CLEAN EARTH,**  
**FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.**



*For more information about our cartridge recycling program and drop off locations, please contact:*

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# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Community Sewers	4 National Orange Juice Day 	5
6 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	7 Book Signing "Miracle Maria" By Kim Rambacher Hazeltine Library 6:30-8:00pm	8 National Have A Coke Day 	9	10	11 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	12 Wedding
13 Mother's Day  Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	14	15	16 National Sea Monkey Day 	17	18 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am  Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Dinner 4:00-6:30pm	19
20 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30 Special Business Meeting	21 National American Red Cross Day  American Red Cross Together, we can save a life	22	23	24	25 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	26
27 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	28 	29 National Paperclip Day 	30	31	Pastor Lee & Carol will be away on vacation from Monday April 30th till Tuesday May 8th.	

If you would like to submit an article, information or event to be placed in the Newsletter please have into the church office by the 25th of the month

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	4	5	6 National Yo-Yo Day 	7 Community Sewers	8	9
10 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	11 Resource Team Meeting 6:30pm	12 National Call Your Doctor Day 	13	14	15 SSAFE Pancake Supper 4:00-6:30pm Cost: Donation	16
17 Father's Day Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	18	19	20	21 National Seashell Day 	22	23
24 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	25	26	27	28	29 National Waffle Iron Day 	30

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