

Busti Federated Church

Newsletter

July 2019

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Firecracker Christians

It's that time of year when the summer heat will increase and eventually we'll long for cooler evenings. As the sweat rolls down your checks and you prepare for yet another Fourth of July Picnic, I call on you to consider the firecracker.

Before I discuss firecrackers, I want to confess a frustration I have had since my childhood days. You see, when my family would return from the fireworks stand with our fireworks and sparklers, my mother wouldn't allow me or my brother to pop one firecracker or one single skyrocket. My father did those things. All we were allowed to do was wave sparklers in the night sky. Eventually, I did come up with my own idea as to how to improve the use of the sparklers (more on that in a moment). Thus, for me there are no fond memories of lighting the fuse and running as fast as I could from the impending blast. On the positive side however, I still have all of my fingers. Back to the new and improved sparkler. One Fourth of July evening I duct taped a sparkler to my arrow and shot it high into the starlit sky. Finally I found a way to send my own firework into the air! My Father was impressed and that started a new 4th of July tradition that took place up until I left the nest. I've never seen anyone else use a sparkler in that manner and do not recommend anyone trying it.

Wikipedia defines firecrackers as follows: *"Firecrackers are generally made of cardboard or plastic, with flash powder or black powder as the propellant. This is not always the case, however. Anything from match heads to lighter fluid have been used successfully in making firecrackers. **The key to loud firecrackers, however, although in part lying in the propellant substance, is pressure. The entire firecracker must be very tightly packed in order for it to work best.** Flash powder does not need to be packed tightly, however."*

There is, I think, an analogy for Christians in their walk of discipleship: Are we like firecrackers?

For a firecracker to work properly, it must be packed tightly so that enough pressure can be built up to make a loud bang. This raises a question for all of us. Are we packed tightly with the Holy Spirit so that we are ready to burst with the loud bang of enthusiasm for the Lord? Remember when you or some friends would light the fuse of a firecracker and then toss it away but nothing happened? That was a disappointing experience. To ensure that the same thing does not happen in our churches, we need to open ourselves to be filled completely by the Holy Spirit so that something will happen when the fuse is lit.

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Around the Church

Prayer Needs

Pray for our Nation & Military Cpl 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 & Manny Boutureira, Donny Dittman,
Carol Abbott, Terry Lata, Bill Allshouse, Dee Gould,
Lois Cesna, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom) Sherry Core
Jonathan Gibbs (Pastor Lee & Carol's nephew)
Jim Buttafaro (Back Surgery), Don Ray (Rehab)

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Remember the exhilaration of hearing the loud pop when a firecracker was lit and it exploded after being thrown in the air. The expression, "*a real firecracker*" reminds us of the excitement generated by those who live life to the fullest. Even more exhilarating was the excitement generated when several firecrackers were tied together and lit. Remember the popping that seemed to go on forever? That, my brothers and sisters is the same thing that happens when we are tied together as disciples and turned on to a common purpose. As God's firecrackers we explode with enthusiasm for the Lord. We pop pop pop with the Good News. We flash with the light of the Cross.

This 4th of July, as you watch a fireworks show or pop your own, think of the tightly packed firecrackers with pressure ready to be released. Then, think of the Church as being a package of firecrackers ready to explode with the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And, even though you may not feel like a firecracker, I want to assure you; I still had fun with the sparklers under a starlit sky. So, a church full of sparklers will certainly light a pathway to the Kingdom.

Enjoy your summer,
Pastor Lee

July Birthdays

Jim Dustin	5th
Pam Ellis	16th
Anna Phillips	18th
Julie Fried	22nd
Kathy Lenihan	31st

Anniversaries

Sue & Bill Allshouse	3rd
Steve & Judy Grove	3rd
Bernie & Kathy Lenihan	5th
Jim & Julie Fried	10th
Jim & Shirl Streib	28th

August Birthdays

Tom Bergstue	1st
Jim Shantz	2nd
Barb Shantz	3rd
Colleen Anderson	12th
Boyd Matteson	13th
Bill Lucas	18th
Jim Fried	25th
Paul Hazzard	29th

Anniversaries

Joel & Helen Davis	11th
Tom & Caryl Bergstue	14th
Lee & Carol O'Brien	21st
Todd & Barb Hanson	24th

Sanctuary Roof Fund: \$9,401.10

Goal: \$12,000.00

Around the Church

Mark Your Calendars

Church Rummage Sale
September 12th-14th

Quilt Guild Blanket Collection
Tuesday, September 17th
5:00 - 7:00pm

S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
Friday, September 20th
4:00 - 6:30pm

Harvest Dinner
Saturday, October 13th

S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach
Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 7th

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, September 14th
Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown
Ceremony begins at noon

Church Parsonage

The church parsonage is currently under contract to be sold. The closing date is scheduled for July 15th. The Resource Team will be meeting to form a proposal in how to handle the proceeds from the sale. We will be scheduling a Congregational Meeting when more information is available.

Recognizing the Church Building as an Asset

The church building is one of the most underused and ignored assets of many churches. There are some churches that utilize their building throughout the week with multiple groups utilizing the space. Unfortunately, many churches are only seeing their building being used on Sunday mornings and maybe an additional day here or there. For a church to survive we need to use every tool that is available to us.

For many years members of several sewing groups have called Busti Federated Church home. These groups have taken on several organizational changes and different meeting locations. There has been an ongoing group meeting at the church during the mornings of the first Thursday of the month. After speaking with this group and others there is now another group meeting the 4th Tuesday of the Month in the morning and their monthly guild meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the Month during the evening.

The church has also held several other fundraisers and events to bring in non-members of the church to help raise funds for ongoing projects but we need to do more. If you were to travel around the country and visit many old towns you would usually see a church toward the middle of town because the town used to revolve around the church. In today's world priorities have changed and the church is no longer the focus.

It is important for us to make Busti Federated Church relevant again to the residence of our community. We need to reach out and become a place where people can go and meet or come together for fellowship. It's up to all of us to help bring the church into this time of revitalization.

Congratulations!!

Audrey Ash

2018 Recipient of the
Gordon Anderson
"Man In the Back"
Award



Clayton Hanson, along with three other cadets traveled to Hanoi, Vietnam, for a three-week cultural immersion. The group spent all three weeks in and around Hanoi. During this time the cadets completed three volunteer projects. First, they spent several days with students at the Hanoi College of Technology and Trading, where they provided the Vietnamese students with classes on both English and self defense. Second, the cadets worked in the small rural village of Mai Chau, 160 km from Hanoi, where they harvested rice and assisted a local factory staffed solely by physically-disabled women of several ethnic minorities. Finally they spent several days at the Vinh Ngoc kindergarten. In addition to these volunteer projects, the cadets had the opportunity to visit a variety of important cultural and historical sites around Hanoi.



Cpl. Collin Hanson was one of the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment that commemorated the 75th Anniversary of Pointe du Hoc June 5, 2019. This event was part of several events commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day



Monthly Outreach Focus

Blue Star Mothers Lake Erie NY Chapter 4



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www.bluestarmotherswny.com



The group consists of mothers who now have, or have had, children honorably serving in the military. They are a non-profit (501[c]3) Veterans service organization supporting our military children while promoting patriotism.

There goal is to get information out there so they can reach more moms and more of our sons and daughters who serve and to build awareness that there are still men and women from all of our neighborhoods still there, still fighting terrorism. It's important to reach those mothers who feel the stress of having their child in the path of extreme danger. They support one another while their children are deployed.

The collect items throughout the year to send care packages to active military members for Christmas. They are also help coordinate the local Wreaths Across America event held at Lakeview Cemetery.



Blue Star Mothers Donation List

Food:

- Beef jerky
- Slim Jims
- Beef Sausage
- Individual Serving Sizes Of Tuna Or Chicken – Foil Pouches Or Pull Top Cans
- Tuna/chicken Box W/crackers Water Enhancers- Especially Individual Portions
- Ready-to-eat Chili, Pasta, Soup In Pouch/pop-top Lid Snacks
- Instant Individual Soup Mixes

Breakfast

- Individual Serving Instant Hot Cereals
- Cereal Cups
- Cereal Bars/Granola Bars/Pop Tarts
- Protein Bars, Power Bars, Cliff Bars

Snacks

- Crackers
- Mints
- Gum
- Hard Candy
- Dried Fruit
- Fruit Snacks
- Fruit Rollups
- Trail Mixes
- Hard Candy
- Pop-top Canned Fruit (No Plastic)
- Nuts, Corn Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Microwave Popcorn Peanut Butter

Personal Items

- Baby Wipes
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Sunscreen
 - Lip Balm
 - Dental Floss
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Mouthwash
 - Deodorant
 - Q-tips
 - Disposable Razors
 - Eye Drops
 - Liquid Body Soap
 - Shaving Lotion
 - Shampoo
 - Flip Flops
 - Foot/baby Powder
 - Pocket Tissues
 - Tylenol
 - Bug Spray
 - Hand/body Lotion
- Travel Size Personal Items

Miscellaneous

- Batteries (preferably AA)
 - Crossword Puzzles
 - Word Search
 - Sudoku
 - Playing Cards
 - Current Paperback Books
 - Magazines
 - Cd's
 - Nerf Or Tennis Balls
 - Yo-yos
 - Miscellaneous Games
 - iTunes Gift Cards
- Zip Lock Brand Bags (All Sizes)

Community Corner

2019 Busti Gazebo Concerts

6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

July 6 - Slim Griffin and the Country Gentlemen

July 13 - Old Dawg Bluegrass

July 20 - Rustic Ramblers

July 27 - Mountain Railroad

August 3 - Kokomo Time Band

August 10 - Sunny Side Up Band

August 17 - Pat Cook - (Women of Country)

August 24 - Denny Maze & the Misfits

Everyone is welcome. Please bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of great entertainment. The event is sponsored by The Busti Hamlet Development Association and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundations.

2019 World Series of Wheels

Sunday, July 27th, Bergman Park

7:00am - 5:00pm

The event includes several different categories of classic cars, motorcycles and power sports. There is also a flea market and several food vendors. Proceeds support the Jamestown Babe Ruth World Series Committee which will be hosting it's next series in August, 2020.

Congratulations!!

Brandon Sargent

SWCS Class of 2019



Busti Victorian Hall

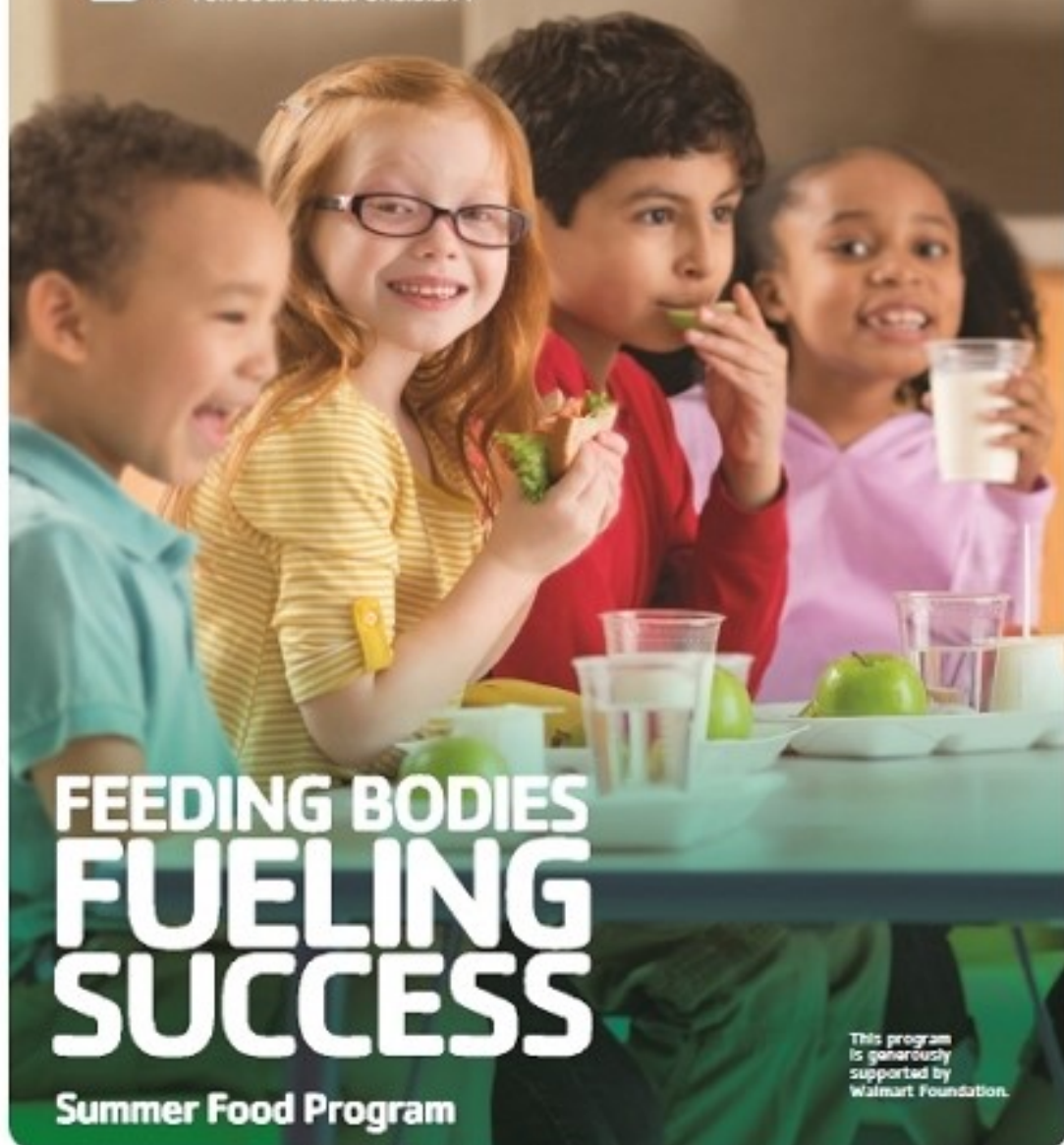
Stop by and sit on the porch while you enjoy ice cream and burgers. Opening at 5:00pm, right in the heart of Busti. There is also a beautiful indoor venue that can be rented for weddings, graduations and much more.

www.bustivictorianhall.com

Upwards Youth Basketball Camp

Basketball Camp for 5th & 6th grade
Monday, July 22 - Thursday, July 25, 2019
Boys from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Girls from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Busti Church of God



FEEDING BODIES FUELING SUCCESS

Summer Food Program

This program
is generously
supported by
Walmart Foundation.

Feed your potential with free healthy lunches for 0-18 year olds from the YMCA!

**LUNCH AT THE HAZELTINE LIBRARY
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

11:30-12:30

BEGINS JULY 8TH-AUGUST 15TH

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
JAMESTOWN YMCA
(716) 664-2802**



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6 Gazebo Concert 6:30-8:30pm
7 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00am Morning Worship 10:30am	8	9	10	11	12	13 Gazebo Concert 6:30-8:30pm
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August

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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 15th of the month