

Busti Federated Church

In All Things Give Thanks

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Most of you I am sure have heard of the novel Moby Dick by Herman Melville. It tells the story of Captain Ahab's relentless hunt for the great white whale Moby Dick who had destroyed his ship and bitten off his leg. Ahab was obsessed with destroying the whale - his life revolved around his resentment, bitterness and the desire for revenge and it tarnished everything he did.

His bitterness had twisted him into a cruel and hateful person and the saddest thing about the book, and bitterness in general, is the fact that the real victim of Ahab's bitterness and hatred was Ahab himself. His obsession had made him a most unhappy man and that is what bitterness will do to you. Do you know any bitter people? Those who have been wronged in some way in life and have allowed such to turn them into negative and critical people? Bitterness is a terrible thing for not only does it make us miserable, it makes those around us miserable.

Webster's defines bitterness as an attitude of unfriendliness, resentment and animosity. Doris Black said that if we fail to overcome our resentment and animosity, it will likely develop into bitterness. Bitterness is a malignant form of resentment and anger and it is capable of spreading rapidly until it affects every area of our lives. It causes us to become harsh, reproachful, unpleasant and unfriendly. Do you know anyone that this describes? Do you know any Christians that this describes?

Bitterness can be the result of someone doing us wrong and getting away with it. It can be brought about by someone achieving a success that we feel we deserve and have not yet attained. It is often the result of the feeling that life has somehow been unfair to us. Regardless of what causes it, bitterness can rob us of our joy for life and make us unbearable to be around.

Bitterness can prevent us from practicing kindness and forgiveness (Ephesians 4:30-32). It can destroy relationships with our families, friends, and brethren (Hebrews 12:14-15). And bitterness can cause us to put all of the focus in our lives on self (James 3:13-14). In the end, bitterness causes us to grieve the Holy Spirit, possess a heart of ingratitude, lack kindness and compassion and be unwilling to forgive.

So, how do we overcome and rid our lives of this extremely negative emotion? While there is much I could write, let me suggest that you stop often to count your many blessings. *"Count your blessings; name them one by one. Count your blessings; see what God hath done. Count your blessings; name them one by one. Count your many blessings see what God hath done."* When it comes to the bitterness, anger and resentment of the world, God has the solution, be thankful in all things.

Let us never forget that regardless of what trial or difficulties we may be experiencing, we will always have a great deal for which to be thankful. It is like the man who said, "I was sad because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." Whenever you start feeling bitter about your lot in life, how about stopping for a minute and think instead about all the blessings God has bestowed upon you, and give thanks in all things.

Pastor Lee

Around the Church

Mark Your Calendars

Join Us Every Sunday For

Morning Bible Discussion
Sunday Mornings 9:00-10:00am
Studying the Book of Daniel
All ages are welcome

Worship Service
Beginning at 10:30am

Resource Team Meeting
Wednesday, November 6th @ 6:30pm

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Collection**
Sunday November 10th & 17th

Gideon Presentation
Sunday, November 24th
During Morning Worship
Randy Wiltsie will be presenting the
work that the Gideons are doing

Living Christmas Tree
December 6th at 8:00pm
December 7th at 5:00 & 8:00pm
December 8th at 6:00pm

**S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach
Cookie Walk**
Saturday, December 7th 9:00am - Noon
Mix and Match Christmas Cookies
\$4.00 per dozen or \$10.00 for 3 dozen

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

Busti Federated Church
875 Mill Rd.
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716)664-1586

November

Birthdays

James Fried	8th
Jerry Phillips	9th
Catie Siggins	12th
Robert Ellis	12th
Kitty Boutureira	20th

Anniversaries

Collin & Marly Hanson	25th
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December

Birthdays

Ruth Serrano	7th
Jim Chapman	8th
Joyce Dahlgren	11th
Ivan Pangborn	13th
Chick Morrison	22nd
Cale Ash	27th
Todd Hanson	28th
Gordy Robbins	29th
Joel Davis	29th

Anniversaries

Bill & Joanne Lucas	4th
Jim & Cindy Dustin	24th
Jim & Jane Chapman	28th

Pastor Lee O'Brien (716) 720-0115
Administrator CJ Kelley (716) 708-6920
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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

Lifting Each Other Up In Prayer

Pray for our Nation & Military
Cpl Collin Hanson Cadet Clayton Hanson Tyler Davis

Pray for our community and first responders

Pray for those that are looking for jobs & seeking career guidance

Pray for those that are facing difficult life decisions

Pray for those that have lost loved ones

Pray for those fighting with addiction

Pray for community outreach programs:
Love INC, UCAN, St. Susan Center, Blue Star Mothers

Pray for all those that are travelling

Pray for all of the unspoken requests and special needs

Pray for those who have a chronic illness:
Katie Lewis, Kay Calendar, Carol O'Brien, Jason Gould,
Kitty & Manny Boutoureira, Carol Abbott, Bill Allhouse,
Terry Lata, Dee Gould, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom)
Charlie Hannah, Cancer treatment, Val Nunn

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Romans 12:12

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful

Colossians 4:2

How To Submit A Prayer Request

Complete a prayer card - They are located in the back of each pew as well as the foyer outside the sanctuary. Then place the card in either the prayer box located on the communion table or in the prayer box located in the foyer

Email - bustifederatedchurch@gmail.com

Contact Pastor Lee - 716-720-0115

Text CJ Kelley - 716-499-1810 or call 716-708-6920

Website - www.bustifederatedchurch.org/pray and complete the request form and it will be sent to the church

Jonathan Gibbs (Pastor Lee & Carol's nephew)
Linda Fegley, Recovering from hit and run accident
Chick Morrison, Arthritis Pain
Ellen Emehizer, Receiving Radiation for Brain Tumor
Jean Brown & family as she has a short time left to live
Boyd Matteson, Bladder Cancer
Jerry Phillips, Healing for Arthritis
Caryl Bergstue, health concerns
All of those affected by violence
Shirl Streib's daughter Renea, health issues and depression
Sue Allhouse, knee pain caused by Arthritis
Roberto, experiencing seizures and going to a neurologist; his meds are in the process of being adjusted
Lisa Saff (Boyd & Mary Lou's niece) battling cancer
Barb Heintzman, Cancer of the Appendix waiting for surgery
Muriel Jackson, heart attack and was transferred to Erie
George Barone, COPD
Charlie Hannah, will be having surgery in Colorado in November
Art Swanson recovering at Hamot
Colin Hanson training for deployment & promotion
Bill Luoma (CJ's uncle) seeing doctors for possible surgery
Bill Lucas, continue to heal from knee replacement and recovery for minor surgery
LeRoy Pierce, facing many medical issues and is in WCA.

Update

Art Swanson is no longer at Hamot; having different issues now: when he eats, the food is going into his lungs. He's at a rehab. in Erie down the street from Hamot, to get this corrected.

Harvest Dinner Recap

You've probably heard it all before..... This is an opportunity for us to make some money for our church. Well, that's true, but it's so much more. Each time we put on this dinner, we're pulling together and enjoying times of fellowship with each other as we make preparations for that day. We're also making a difference in every person who walks in the door. Some may be in need of a good meal. Others might not have seen a friendly face for a while. Sure, there are some who have come for years and enjoy the dinner while catching up with their neighbors, but there are some who don't know what to expect when they come in. It was their first time and they saw you. You gave them a smile. You put food on their plate. You helped them to a seat at the table. You got them something to drink. You made a difference.

Once again this year, the Matteson men headed up the kitchen. We so appreciate Tim's leadership and all their help. I am also grateful for each of you who helped by donating food, helping to bake squash or pies, helping with preparations the morning of the dinner and/or helping during the dinner itself. This year we again took leftovers down to the UCAN mission. Some leftovers were used for community friendship time and some were frozen to be used for a church dinner this winter. \$2536 was taken in and we had expenses of \$738 for food and paper products. As you can probably imagine, it takes all of us doing what we can to make this dinner possible!

Thank you all!! Julie

SSAFE Sportsmen's Outreach **Christmas Cookie Walk**



Saturday, December 7th

9:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$4.00 per Dozen or

\$10.00 for 3 Dozen

Busti Federated Church

5 Corners Busti

716-664-1586

Blue Star Mothers Lake Erie will be collecting items to fill care packages to send to deployed armed service members for Christmas. If you have participated in the past please discard any old lists, even though the items may appear mostly the same. Please take note of the items not accepted. If those items are received, they will be re-donated locally. Packing will be on Saturday, December 7, at 9 AM, at Fluvanna Community Church, 3363 Fluvanna Avenue in Jamestown. Again this year, they are hoping to pack between 750 and 1000 boxes! Set up and organization will be on Thursday, December 5th, starting at 5 PM, so they ask that all donations be delivered to the church by that time. And your help is greatly appreciated too! Come when you can, and leave when you must. Postage is upwards of \$15 a box, so any monetary donations are also appreciated. The Blue Wing Fest is Sunday, November 10th at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. Join them for the biggest fundraisers of the year! Visit their Facebook page or website for details and contact information. Items can be delivered to the church and we will make sure they arrive at the packing facility. Thank you for supporting this great mission!

Remember that homemade cards and handwritten letters are always appreciated! Please no aerosols, Ramen (instant) noodles, flammables (lighters, matches, hand warmers), nerf guns, pump sprays, plastic containers of fruits, crackers or soft bars, liquids, expired or close to expiration items.

- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Hand sanitizer
- ◆ Sunscreen (no aerosols)
- ◆ Lip balm
- ◆ Batteries (AAA or AA)
- ◆ Beef Jerky
- ◆ Slim Jims,
- ◆ Beef Sausage Rolls
- ◆ Body wash & Shampoo
- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Crossword puzzles
- ◆ Word Searches
- ◆ Playing cards
- ◆ Dental floss
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Mouthwash
- ◆ Deodorant (no aerosols)
- ◆ Q-tips & Disposable Razors
- ◆ Dried Fruit & Fruit Snacks
- ◆ Fruit Rollups, Trail Mixes
- ◆ Energy drinks (in durable container)
- ◆ Eye drops
- ◆ Small travel blankets
- ◆ Nerf or Tennis Balls
- ◆ Yo-Yos
- ◆ Tuna/Chicken box w/crackers
- ◆ Water Enhancers (individual portions)
- ◆ Zip Lock Bags (all sizes, heavy duty)
- ◆ Flip Flops
- ◆ Foot/baby powder
- ◆ Pocket Tissues,
- ◆ Pain Relievers
- ◆ Coffee (ground or instant) & Filters
- ◆ Sugar & Creamer Packets
- ◆ Hand/Body Lotion
- ◆ Hot Drinks Packets
- ◆ Instant Individual Soup Mixes
- ◆ Hot Cereal Mixes
- ◆ Mints, Gum, & Hard Candy
- ◆ Nuts, Corn Nuts
- ◆ Sunflower Seeds
- ◆ Microwave Popcorn
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Pop-top Canned Fruit (no plastic)
- ◆ Protein Bars
- ◆ Power Bars,
- ◆ Clif Bars
- ◆ Ready-to-eat Chili, Pasta or Soup

Wreaths Across America



Saturday, December 14th
Lakeview Cemetery
Jamestown, NY

Ceremony Begins at Noon

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the Bangor Daily News when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch, Inc., generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered with members of the community to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped to organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Love INC received over **825 telephone** calls during the first 9 months of 2019, surpassing 2018. Through volunteers from area churches and resource donors, **16 neighbors in need** (families & individuals) in September were provided with:

- 3 beds -3 dressers - 2 table & chairs -bedding, -4 living room chairs -4 couches
- 5 end tables & nightstands -lamps -Kitchen items -microwave -crib
- TV stand -ride to a doctor's appointment -assistance with a small move
- 4 were provided with toiletries & cleaning products

We still have a **waiting list of 27-beds, 7-refrigerators & 5-stoves needed.**

Love Story

It only took an ask and a phone call

Eddie, a single man in his late 50's, contacted us because he needed appliances. Unable to read or write as the result of childhood disability, Eddie's basic needs are provided for through disability. With the donation of a stove, Eddie would be able to cook meals for himself once again. As the delivery was completed the volunteers and Eddie along with his girlfriend and a family friend gathered to pray. Eddie along with the volunteers prayed for his girlfriend and his family friend who were experiencing difficulties and Eddie himself. After the prayer, Dan, a volunteer from an area church who was assisting with the delivery began conversing with Eddie after noticing his strong faith. He asked Eddie where he went to church, and Eddie responded he "did not have a church but would like to go." The volunteer immediately called another volunteer from a neighborhood church that Eddie had attended a long time ago. The connection made between the neighbor in need and the volunteer from the area church provided Eddie and his girlfriend with a ride to church the following Sunday and it only took an ask and a phone call to provide for Eddie in yet another way.not his real name

Living Christmas Tree

December 6th at 8:00pm
December 7th at 5:00 & 8:00pm
December 8th at 6:00pm

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Living Christmas Tree. In honor of this milestone, they will be presenting the cantata which was performed the first year! It contains many favorite carols and other songs, performed in a 30 foot high wooden structure constructed in the sanctuary at First Covenant Church in Jamestown, NY. Nearly 200 volunteers gather annually to present this musical gift to the community.

Frewsburg Old Fashion Santa Parade

Saturday, November 26th 11:00am
Main Street Falconer

The areas only horse & tractor pulled parade

Jamestown Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6th 6:00pm
Third St. Bridge to City Hall
Followed by City Tree Lighting

Theme: Rockin Around the Christmas Tree

ARE YOU READY?



Learn how to cope when the power goes out, keep yourself and your family safe in emergencies, prepare for the winter ahead.

Presented by Tom Tempel of Practical Preppers



Monday December 9, 2019

7 PM

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED

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Jamestown, NY
phone 716.487.1281



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