Matthew 4:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

We have come to the season of Lent. Lent is a season in which we are to prepare our heart, mind, and soul for the sacrifice coming. Lent is a period of 40 days and 40 nights in which often we sacrifice to bring our minds closer to the sacrifice that will occur on the cross. You may ask yourself, what is significant about these 40 days and 40 nights.

Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days and nights. The story of Noah’s Ark takes place with rain coming for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years. The reigns of King David, Solomon, and many of the Judges was for 40 years. Jonah warned Nineveh that they would have 40 days to repent. The number 40 typically illustrates a time of testing or a time of probation. A time of wandering and waiting in anticipation.

When meditating on the sacrifice and temptation of the Lenten season we often look to the passage above of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus three time, offering to Jesus bread, to throw himself from the temple for angels to lift him up and to save him, and for offering Jesus the very kingdoms of the world.

In the crucifixion story in Matthew, we see some of the same temptations coming again. The Roman soldiers mock him as king putting a crown of thorns on his head. The religious leaders ask him to perform a sign and prove himself. Perhaps most profound, his disciple Peter, his rock, asks him to reject the cross and stay with his disciples.

These 40 days in the desert are a preparation for what Jesus would ultimately face on the cross. In this season we should consider the same. Why we should choose peace over war? Why we should choose community over self-interest? Why we should lay down the authority of humanity and look to the glory of God? Why we should choose to follow the one that sacrificed and not the one that oppresses?

Let us embrace this season of trial and tribulation by drawing closer to the one that died for all of our sins for no reason other than love.

Pastor Scott

“Continuing the work of Jesus Christ by inviting people to…
discover…grow…share…live…God’s Word…God’s Love…God’s Grace.”
Sermons for March 2020

March 1 – Pastor Scott
John 6:35-51
“I Am the Bread and the Life”

March 8 – Pastor Britnee
John 8:12-20
“I Am the Light of the World”

March 15 – Pastor Scott
John 10:1-10
“I Am the Door”

March 22 – Pastor Britnee
John 10:11-18
“I Am the Good Shepherd”

March 29 – Pastor Scott
John 11:17-27
“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

Church Nursery Schedule for March
    March 1 – Joyce
    March 8 – Dawn
    March 15 – Kaye
    March 22 – Jolinda
    March 29 – Barbara

M & M Meeting
The M and M Group will meet Thursday, March 12.
Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Our program
for the day will be a talk on the life of Bees. Come join us for a time of fellowship, fun
and good food. If you plan to attend, please sign your name on the pad in the church office or call 410-775-2717.

Souper Bowl of Caring Reports Success: Your generosity resulted in the collection of 136 cans or boxes of food
for the St. James Foody Pantry in Union Bridge. And $290 was given to buy fresh fruits and vegetables for the
Elmer Wolfe Elementary School Food Bank. Hungry families right here in Union Bridge see God’s light through
your gifts. Thank you!!

Meat Canning
The 2020 Volunteer Meat Canning dates run from April 13-16 and end on April 20th. Union Bridge Church of
the Brethren is signed up for 5 volunteers for the 2nd shift on Monday, April 13. The second shift is from 9:00
a.m. to 2:30 p.m. As usual, the work is done at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, Pa. If interested, please contact
Steve H.

Potluck Dinner
Please join us for our Potluck on March 15th. This is a great opportunity for us to enjoy fellowship and
community while breaking bread together around the table. We hope to see you there. Pastor Scott
SAVE the DATE
"Mother, Daughter and Friends Tea"
Saturday, April 25, 2020

Easter Family Activity
Save the date: Easter Family Activity - Sunday April 5 - Activities to include Potluck lunch, Chili Cook off, craft and egg hunt. More details to follow.

Plant Sale
The 2020 Disaster Auction PLANT SALE
needs potted and labeled green growing things.

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You may bring plants Friday or early Saturday. Label each individual plant and if able include a photo for flowers not blooming.

Where do Church World Service Blankets go?
Blanket Sunday is approaching again, on March 8, and you may be wondering where the blankets purchased with our offerings go. They are used in many communities – both overseas and here in the U. S. – to provide comfort families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty).

Around 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold Church World Service Blanket events each year. Here at Union Bridge, we have been involved for decades, because caring for others in distress is part of continuing the work of Jesus.

You can help someone like the Burchette family in Prestonburg, KY keep out the cold due to broken windows in their home or Nerline, a mother of four in Haiti, who lived in a tent for several years after the 2010 earthquake destroyed her house.

When you partner with us, through the CWS Blanket program, you are helping our neighbors in need. In 2019 CWS distributed 59,173 blankets in the United States. The blanket signals to a hurting community or individual that someone cares about them. That we find light together in our darkest times.

Please plan to take part in the special offering on March 8th. All gifts placed in the offering should be in an envelope and marked “Blanket Sunday”. Thank you for showing God’s love.
Mid-Atlantic District Relief Auction Dinner
Join us for an evening of fine food and specialty food items. Auction to follow the dinner.

Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 6 p.m.
Co-Hosted By
Bush Creek Church of the Brethren &
Union Bridge Church of the Brethren
4821 Green Valley Road, Monrovia MD – Green Valley Rd. is MD Route 75

Tickets available by reservation - $30 per person

Contact Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958
or jamckee26@msn.com
Shrimp & Pork Loin Stuffed
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Baked Corn, Glazed Carrots,
Baked Brussel Sprouts
Homemade Breads & Rolls & Dessert

If interested in providing a specialty food items
cakes, pies, candy, gift baskets, etc.

Please contact Alice Houck- abhouck1@gmail.com/240-750-4307
Easter 2020 Flower Order Form

The Easter Garden will be created with a variety of spring flowers on April 12. We will use lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths in spring colors. Please see the enclosed order form for prices. If you have questions, you may contact Alice H. So that we can be assured that our garden will be filled with the colors and scents of new life, the deadline for reserving orders will be Sunday, March 8. Please let me know your intent by then. Deadline for payment of an order is Sunday, March 29.

Easter Garden Order Form

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Make check payable to UB Church of the Brethren.

Name___________________________________________________
Choice of Plant___________________________ #_________________________
In honor of _____________________________________________________________
In memory of _____________________________________________________________
Message_________________________________________________________________
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Give order form and payment to Alice H.
Deadline is Sunday, March 29, 2020. Checks payable to UBCOB.
**“Lamb of God”**

**2020 Lenten Services**  
*Area 5 Church of the Brethren*  

Congregational Hymn Sing @ 6:45 pm  
Worship Service Starts @ 7:00 pm

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| Mach. 22, 2020 | Piney Creek COB      | **YOUTH SERVICE (*)**  
Speaker: Salt & Light Youth Ministry, Area 5/6 COB Youth                        |
| March 29, 2020 | Westminster COB      | Speaker: Rev. Linda Lambert, Former Pastor Thurmont COB                          |

Child Care will be provided.  
Refreshments & Fellowship after each service.

(*) Youth and families are to gather at 5:00 pm for practice and a pizza party.

Offerings to be split between Salt & Light Youth Ministry and Shepherd’s Spring Outdoor Ministry Center.

_O wash me in His precious blood…  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!_