



# He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

## **Celebrate Easter at Beaver Creek**

As March begins, we are in the middle of Lent – but by month's end we will be celebrating Easter at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. Here are planned events and services:

- March 12, 6 p.m., **Lenten campfire** followed by vespers at 7 p.m. (hotdogs and basics provided; bring a dish or just yourself)
- March 16, 6 p.m., **Communion Bread making** in the church kitchen (new bread bakers especially welcome; no experience necessary)
- March 19, 6 p.m., **Lenten campfire** followed by vespers at 7 p.m. (hotdogs and basics provided; bring a dish or just yourself)
- March 20, 11 a.m., **Palm Sunday worship**; Palm leaves will be provided to all present as we reflect on Jesus's triumphal entry
- March 20, 7 p.m., **Full Love Feast** and communion
- March 26, 6 p.m., **Lenten campfire** followed by vespers at 7 p.m. (hotdogs and basics provided; bring a dish or just yourself)

Below, the Adult Choir sings for Easter 2015.



- March 27, 7 a.m., **Easter Sunrise service** outdoors at the church followed by sunrise breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- March 27, 11 a.m., **Easter morning worship** featuring the Adult Choir and abundant Easter lilies (forms for ordering lilies for honor or memorial purposes are available in the sanctuary)

## **Congregation approves projects, funding**

Our congregation approved three capital improvement projects at its Congregational Business Meeting on February 7. The three projects are:

- Replacing the parsonage driveway, at an expected cost of \$8,450
- Adding a hand railing to the north ramp of the Fellowship Hall (similar to the existing south ramp rail), at an expected cost of \$906
- Adding baffling to improve the acoustics of the Fellowship Hall, at an expected cost of \$2,260.

The congregation also approved funding the projects by transferring \$11,616 from the Building Fund. Work will begin as weather and availability of contractors permits.

Also in the February 7 meeting, the congregation approved giving up ownership interest in the Spring Creek Hall. Thanks are due to all who have helped with these matters of business, especially the Facilities focus team.

## **Hand rail installed**

A hand rail has been installed at the east entrance to the sanctuary (the side entrance facing the cemetery). The rail is intended to facilitate access at the best entrance for those who have difficulty negotiating steps. This railing was one of the projects identified during Facilities Discussion Sunday in the fall of 2015.

## **Come join us!**

Worship starts at 11 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (30 minutes earlier beginning in June). ♦ Church office 540 828-2767, email [secretary@beavercreekchurchva.org](mailto:secretary@beavercreekchurchva.org), office hours 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ♦ <http://beavercreekchurchva.org> ♦ Twitter: @beavercreekers ♦ Facebook: **Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren** and **Beaver Creek COB Youth**

## Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren-March Calendar

<b>2016</b>		<b>MARCH</b>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

### Scheduled church events in February:

- March 1, 7 p.m. Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
- March 12, 6 p.m. Lenten campfire, vespers at 7
- March 16, 6 p.m. Communion Bread making
- March 17, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
- March 19, 6 p.m. Lenten campfire, vespers at 7
- March 20, 7 p.m. Full Love Feast and communion
- March 26, 6 p.m. Lenten campfire, vespers at 7
- March 27, 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

### Birthdays in March:

- 1 Tonya Keller
- 3 Josh Eye
- 4 Reba Kline
- 6 Isaac Grove
- 8 Daniel Over
- 10 Katie Houff
- 14 Michael Plaugher
- 16 Steve Miller

- 18 Tami Plaugher
- 25 Dan Rhodes, Elizabeth Eye
- 29 Abbie Shiflet
- 31 Savannah Cyzick, Charlotte Wampler

## Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

### Leadership Team Meeting

**January 21, 2016**

Present: Bill Wood, Darlene LaPrade, Ann Healy, Brad Eckard, Deanne Dastoli, Bill Eckard, Diane Miller, Charles Wright. Ex-officio: Glenn Bollinger – Pastor, Donna Miller – Treasurer, Dana Suter – Church Clerk. Absent: Theresa Eckard

Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Bill led the group in devotions and Glenn led the group in a prayer. The minutes from last month's meeting were approved with changes. The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### Calendar Roundtable:

February 28 – Walt Wiltchek sharing the morning sermon

April 3 – Bible Guild Story Tellers during morning worship

May 15 (evening) – TA Singers

February 21 – All-Church Birthday Party

September 9 – 11 – All-Church Retreat at Brethren Woods

Christian Education & Discipleship: Darlene shared that Mitch Moore is filling the vacancy on their focus team.

Outreach: Diane shared that Winnie Wilfong has agreed to continue mailing out bulletins to the shut-ins. The Outreach Team will start collecting donations to the Heifer Project earlier next year, preferably in August. The proposed recipients of the First Sunday Offerings are as follows: January – World Hunger, February – Open Doors, March – Steele and Alice – Ukraine Mission, April – Ottobine Elementary School Backpack Program, May – Brethren Disaster Response, June – Bridgewater and Stokesville Food Pantries, July – Gideons International, August – World Hunger, September – Bridgewater and Stokesville Food Pantries, October – AVA Care, November – Operation Christmas Child, December – Salvation Army

Worship: Ann shared that Adrienne Whiteside has returned as the choir director and thanked Glenn for filling in during the interim.

Facilities: Bill Eckard shared that two more pews have been taken to be repaired. There are unisex signs on the restrooms in the church. Michael Wenger has been retained for snow removal this winter. Bill shared three projects that the Facilities Team would like to complete:

1. Pave driveway up to the parsonage - \$8450
2. Install hand railing on the upper entrance into the basement - \$906
3. Install acoustic boards in basement similar to the ones at the Mt. Crawford Ruritan Hall - \$2260

The total cost of these three projects is \$11,616. Bill proposed, on behalf of the Facilities Team, transferring money from the Building Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and placing the

resolution on the agenda for the February Council Meeting. Darlene seconded the motion and the motion passed. The congregation will be informed of the proposed resolution prior to the February 7 Council Meeting.

Fellowship: Deanne shared that the Fellowship Team may schedule a movie night in the next quarter. The team may ask Montezuma COB to join with Beaver Creek at the All-Church Retreat in September. Due to the vacant position on their team, the fellowship time on Sunday mornings may be reduced to once a month which may boost attendance. The Lenten Vespers will be scheduled on Saturdays so as not to interfere with the Truth Bible Study which is meeting on Friday evenings.

Finance: Charles reported that the Finance Team is requesting time at next month's LT meeting to give a report on the interactions they have had with Dan Martin in regards to the church financial review. The Finance Team will be presenting a quarterly graph showing the churches expenses vs. income. A sample graph was shown of the last three years expenses vs. income to the Leadership Team.

Old Business: Due to the impending snow storm, the free-will luncheon this Sunday is cancelled. The luncheon may be postponed until February 7 prior to Council Meeting if the Sunday School sponsoring the luncheon is agreeable. A resolution will be presented to the congregation at the Council meeting about Beaver Creek's ownership of the Spring Creek Town Hall. The resolution is as follows:

*The congregation of Beaver Creek COB hereby approves of the conveyance of any and all of the church's interest in that certain parcel of real estate located in the Spring Creek community, Ashby District, Rockingham County, Virginia, and known as the Spring Creek Hall property, by "quit claim" deed to the trustees of Spring Creek Hall Association. The congregation further authorizes the Trustees of Beaver Creek COB to execute a deed and such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effect such conveyance.*

Bill Eckard made a motion to place resolution on the agenda and Ann Healy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Leadership Team discussed several different ideas for Homecoming 2016. In light of the year 2017 being the 100 year anniversary of the church building, Ann made a motion to defer homecoming to next year combined with a special anniversary celebration and use the money budgeted this year toward next year's event. Bill Eckard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Glenn reported that John Jantzi is back in the district office after a leave of absence. Glenn gave an update on Randy Cosner's condition after his accident earlier in the day. Glenn shared that the deacons had discussed the declining numbers in attendance.

The Leadership Team shared ideas on what we can do as a body of believers to boost attendance. Those ideas are prayer, youth programs, evangelism, utilizing the media, block party, having Christ-like interactions with others, and an Easter Egg Hunt inviting friends of the Beaver Creek kids. Members received several of our church brochures to share with others in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next Leadership Team Meeting is February 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Suter, Church Clerk

## **Mother's Day race set**

The Mother's Day 5k for Peace is a foot race set for 1 p.m. at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds on Saturday, May 7, 2016. All proceeds benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries' work in Nigeria following recent violence and social unrest. Registration is set for 12:15-1:00 p.m. Race organizers provide the following details:



- A 3.1-mile course on paved roads in the rolling hills around Bridgewater on the West side of Main Street. Suitable for large-wheeled strollers. Well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome.
- Generous merchandise awards to overall male and female winners, as well as deep age groups.
- Water and post-race picnicking will commence after the race.

How to enter:

- \$25 before April 30 guarantees t-shirt;; \$30 after April 30 and on race day. Family/team discount of \$25/individual regardless of entry date.
- Teams and individuals are welcome to run in honor of a lost friend or relative.
- Register, join a team, and donate at <http://www.brethren.org/mothersday5k> .

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Glenn Bollinger, Pastor  
Bill Wood, 2016  
Leadership Team Chair

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*Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren is a loving, caring and authentic fellowship of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit and called to be God's church: to worship, humbly serve others and proclaim Jesus Christ.*

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*At the annual All-Church Birthday Party, lucky diners dig into a carry-in lunch while others wait for Emma to draw their month from the basket. Seating by birth month is a tradition at this event.*

*Photos by Douglas Wood  
and Bill Wood*



*Left, Joe puts down his white crown and explains to the kids he isn't a king. Right, the Koinonia-Fidelis luncheon provides tasty soup and sandwiches while raising funds for service and outreach.*



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## **Open dates available**

There are two open dates available for church events in 2016 that would not have been available in previous years. First, March 19 would have been an Oyster Supper night, but it was felt too close to Palm Sunday (March 20) this year. That date is now available for an alternative fund-raiser (though time is short for an interested group to take advantage). Second, the Men's Fellowship decided not to sponsor a church-wide Apple Butter Boil this year, freeing up a prime Saturday in October (first or second Saturday, depending on other community events). The Men's Fellowship decision leaves open the possibility that a smaller or different version of the event could be sponsored by another church group or Sunday School class.

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## **Beaver Creek bits**

The Outreach focus team is pleased to report that Bob Hess has agreed to serve as Peace Representative for our church. ♦ Camp Brethren Woods reports that more than \$1.2 million has been raised in its capital campaign. (Beaver Creek was an active participant in the campaign). ♦ Did you know? Any member of the congregation is welcome to visit Leadership Team meetings. Those meetings are open by default, and closed only rarely when sensitive matters such as personnel or contracts need to be discussed.

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