



Beaver Creek celebrates Easter

Our Easter celebration included a Sunrise service featuring Cassie and Sadie, two lambs on loan from LaDawn and Kendall. Pastor Glenn told the Easter story from the viewpoint of a shepherd. In the 11 a.m. worship, Adrienne led the combined choir and congregation in singing.

Photos by Bill Wood



Ordination vote scheduled



Left, Regina Harlow was licensed as a minister in the Church of the Brethren in 2013. On April 3, in conjunction with the worship service, we will take a vote on recommending Regina for full ordination. A positive vote would result in an ordination service at Beaver Creek, 3 p.m. April 17.

Special worship service planned

On Sunday morning April 3, five members from the Shenandoah Valley Biblical Storytellers Guild will bring us our morning worship.

Robert Alley, our church moderator, is one of five storytellers who will tell of the last week of Jesus' life, His crucifixion, resurrection from chapters 23-25 of Luke's gospel. You are encouraged to attend this special service which promises to inspire its listeners.

A carry-in meal will follow in the church basement. Please come and share in worship and fellowship.

—Ann Healy

Youth take part in Cross Walk

Left, a group of youth and leaders took part in the annual Good Friday Cross Walk sponsored by the Bridgewater area ministers. Their participation was part of a Good Friday youth tradition that included starting chocolate and peanut butter eggs in the morning and completing the dipping in the afternoon.

**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, 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

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

Scheduled church events in February:
April 5, 7 p.m. Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
April 6, 9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group
April 21, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
April 23, 4 p.m., Randy Cosner freewill fund-raiser
April 30, Men's Fellowship chicken barbecue

<p>Birthdays in April: 2 Corey Jarvis 3 Jane Cyzick 5 Will Eckard 6 Ann Healy 15 Dana Suter 17 Craig Eckard</p>	<p>18 Linda Rhodes, Shylee Hoover 20 Blake Suter 22 Winnie Wilfong 25 Mike Suter 28 Bill Eckard, Tom Wilfong</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting February 18, 2016

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

Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Bill gave an update on Debbie's condition and Donna and Bill led the group in a prayer.

The minutes from last month's meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved.

Calendar Update: Love Feast – March 20, Sunrise Service – March 27 at 7:00 am at a location yet to be determined.

Facilities: Bill Eckard reported that a hand rail has been installed at the door on the side of the church next to the cemetery. Kenny Wheelbarger will paint the wainscoting in the basement.

Outreach: Diane reported that Bob Hess has agreed to be the Peace Representative for Beaver Creek COB.

Pastor's Report: In Glenn's absence, Bill shared a letter from Doug Phillips regarding the amount of money raised for Brethren Woods and thanking the Beaver Creek Congregation for their contribution.

Finances: Charles reported that John Wright and Linda Rhodes will do an internal review of the church financial records for the calendar year 2015. The Finance Team gave a presentation of the review of the church's financial procedures that Dan Martin, CPA at P B Mares prepared. The report contained best practices and recommendations for the offering, other receipts, disbursements – vendors, disbursements – payroll, general ledger, financial reporting, and accounts held by other ministries. The Finance Team requests the affirmation and support of the Leadership Team in implementing the change in procedures of the financial activities as were reported. A copy of the recommendations and the Finance Team's proposed actions will be e-mailed to LT members prior to the March LT Meeting.

Charles made a motion to consider these recommendations and proposed actions at next month's meeting and Theresa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

The next Leadership Team Meeting is March 17, 2016.

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> .

Acts Bible study set to resume

A study of the second half of Acts (Chapters 13 -28) will be offered during the Sunday School hour on April 10, 17 and 24 and May 1, 8 and 15. Please contact Elizabeth Evans (liz3beth@gmail.com, 540-810-6233) if you plan to attend so materials can be prepared.



Love Feast preparation

Above left, thanks are due to those who gathered in the church kitchen March 16 to make communion bread for our Palm Sunday Love Feast. This traditional unleavened recipe provides the bread that symbolizes the body of Christ in the communion service. Above right, Emma and Bob illustrate the importance of service with a skit demonstrating the washing of feet. Bob's feet had become symbolically dirty when he walked on a paper runner that had been prepared with green and purple art paint.

Photos by Douglas Wood and Bill Wood

Cosner fund-raiser scheduled

Details are still coming together, but Beaver Creek Church is planning to host a freewill fund-raising dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, to benefit Randy Cosner. The menu will feature spaghetti and garlic bread. Randy, who serves as pastor of Briery Branch Church of the Brethren, is now at home after two months in the hospital and rehabilitation since his Jan. 21 accident. His wife Christy wrote in the Shenandoah District newsletter published March 24:

"We are going HOME! Randy is being discharged from Rehab. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and many acts of kindness. . . . This is a day we have longed for!"

The newsletter says notes of encouragement may be sent to Randy and Christy at 6590 Briery Branch Road, Dayton, Va. 22821. If you would like to make a contribution apart from Beaver Creek's fund-raiser, checks may be sent to Farmers & Merchants Bank, Attention: Dianne Nelson, P.O. Box 5, Bridgewater, Va. 22812. Make checks payable to Christy Cosner with "Randy Cosner Gift" in the memo line.

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Bill Wood, 2016
Leadership Team Chair

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.



Musicians wanted

Left, Daniel Over provides music for taking up the offering on a Sunday morning. Beaver Creek Church offers many opportunities for those who would like to provide music, including worship accompaniment, special music and choir membership. Even if you're only interested in occasional or one-time service, the worship focus team would like to hear from you! Contact Ann Healy if you are interested.

Photo by Douglas Wood

Creative opportunity awaits

The responsibility for altar flowers, or other arrangements that add to the worship atmosphere in the sanctuary, has been divided quarterly.

Following are the names of those who have agreed to serve:

- January-March, Tess Southerly
- April-June, Jane Wood
- July-September, Bonnie Eckard, Phyllis Rhodes, and Joyce Wright;
- October-December, Ann Healy



If, at any time during the year, you would like to provide an altar arrangement please contact the person who is responsible for that quarter. Your offers would be greatly appreciated. Don't hesitate to call.

—Ann Healy

This attractive display was on the altar during the Sundays leading up to Easter.

Beaver Creek bits

The Men's Fellowship will be having a chicken barbecue on April 30 to benefit its outreach and service projects. Barbecuers, wrappers and sellers are needed! The Men's Fellowship was originally scheduled to have a business meeting at Thomas House on that morning, but will instead substitute a fireside meeting. ♦ The annual Mother-Daughter banquet is set for Mother's Day Eve, May 7, at 6 p.m. All of the women and girls are invited – officially, any member or friend of Beaver Creek who's somebody's mother or somebody's daughter. ♦ The Turner Ashby Singers will present a concert of choral and sacred music May 15 at 7 p.m. at Beaver Creek.
