



Community turns out for Cosner fund



Beaver Creek Church held a freewill spaghetti dinner April 23 to contribute toward medical expenses faced by Randy Cosner of Briery Branch, who was injured in a woodcutting accident earlier this year. Randy is pastor of the Briery Branch Church of the Brethren. Donations on the night of the event amounted to \$2,456.81, and additional donations on Sunday took the total past \$2,900. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who showed up to cook, serve and clean!

Regina Harlow ordained



Beaver Creek's own Regina Harlow (shown, left, with Shenandoah District Executive Minister John Jantzi) was ordained to the ministry on April 17. Special guests were members of the Mountain View congregation, which Regina now serves as associate pastor. A reception in the fellowship hall followed.

Mothers, daughters invited

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. Cooking, serving, cleanup and entertainment will be provided by the Men's Fellowship, which promises "something different" for the program this year. A signup sheet is available in the church vestibule.

T.A. Singers Concert Set

The Turner Ashby Singers will present a concert of choral and sacred music May 15 at 7 p.m. at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. The Fellowship Focus Team will be providing refreshments after the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

Calling all graduates!

The Christian Education and Discipleship Focus Team is planning to recognize graduating seniors (high school and up) in the Sunday worship service June 12. If you know of someone among Beaver Creek families and friends who will be graduating, please let Misti Wheelbarger know. We want to be sure not to miss anybody! Graduates will be recognized and will receive a small gift in honor of the occasion.

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-May Calendar

| May 2016 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 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 | 31 | | | | |

Scheduled church events in May:
May 1, Youth Sunday
May 1, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship time
May 4, 9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group
May 7, 6 p.m., Mother-Daughter banquet
May 15, 7 p.m., Turner Ashby Singers in concert, followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
May 19, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
May 20, Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Auction at the Fairgrounds

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| <p>Birthdays in May: 1 Alda Miller 8 Pidge Rhodes 10 Brandon Over 11 Kendall Knicely 12 Miles Sandin 13 Dwight Miller</p> | <p>15 Andrea Mullens 17 Jay Hensley 24 Donna Miller 26 Jeremy Rhodes, David Simmons 29 Julie Rhodes 30 Greg Corder, Natalie Wisman</p> |
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting March 17, 2016

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

Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Diane Miller led the group in devotions and prayer.

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

Calendar Update: Men's Fellowship Chicken BBQ - April 30, Sunrise Service - March 27 at 7:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt - March 26 at 2:00 pm, Love Feast - March 20 at 7:00 pm, April 3 - Shenandoah Story Tellers Guild for Worship with carry-in meal to follow.

Shenandoah District Pastor's Appreciation Dinner- Churches are encouraged to help defray the cost of the meal. The cost is \$32. Check to be sent in with the form. Ann made a motion for the Pathfinders' Leadership Hospitality fund to pick up the cost if there are no funds to cover in the budget and Bill Eckard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Facilities: Bill Eckard reported an update on the items approved by the congregation (Driveway, Acoustics, and Railing). Contract authorization for Roger Simmons to sign a contract for the acoustic baffling for the basement. There was an upgrade made to the original quote that will allow for removable clips instead of permanent placement. The additional cost is \$1000. Voted on facilities to sign contract for specific amount approved by church with the extra amount being covered by another group or ministry of the church. Motion passed. Bill also reported about replaced motors for circulation pumps of the furnace, the rail has been installed, the nursery repainted, 2 pews have been returned, cabinet placed in library, and gutter guard installed.

Pastor's Report: Easter Season is coming. The larger church is still reeling from the loss of a dynamic leader, Mary Jo Flory-Steury. Shenandoah District news Randy Cosner has had amazing recovery. Groups are helping to support family with financial needs. Our church looking to do a spaghetti supper open to the community on April 23. Checking to make sure there isn't a conflict with Randy's wife. Glenn expressed his thanks for the support during Debbie's recovery and cards she received, some from outside the congregation.

Church Finances: Charles Wright reporting. The finance proposals and recommendations from last month's meeting were revisited. A worksheet with a summary of the recommendations was distributed to the leadership team. Offering question came up about anonymous checks. Question to be posed to accountant. Do we hold checks to the following week or ask consultant what we should do? Deposit placed in tamper evident bags. If tellers would make the deposit themselves this would require a change in policy. Photocopy of checks need to be stamped as copy and destroyed once the data is transferred.

Disbursement –vendors' security better with 2 signatures on a check. Quick Books switch is complete, waiting on finance committee to tell Donna to use. Other church accounts to review every 3 years. Need to structure and schedule reviews.

General discussion following review of the worksheet. Question was posed about checking with a bank concerning the ability to facilitate online giving for individuals interested in this process. In a general discussion of offering counting procedure, questions were raised about the achieved error rate in preparing deposits for the Financial Secretary, the number of people doing the counting and the potential for reduced confidentiality. Question was asked of minutes from Feb 2015 if external audit groundwork is being made with the consultant. Charles corrected this by saying we are not laying groundwork for a full external audit because it is cost prohibitive, the books would need to be reviewed back to when the new addition was built on the church. There was additional discussion about the offering handling procedures and financial procedures in general.

A member present as a guest asked that leadership minutes be checked to see if the minutes showed that the leadership team had approved dropping the goal of laying the groundwork for an external audit. This member also proposed that a leadership team member request the suspension of the recommendation concerning the collection and counting of offering. As chair, Bill confirmed that guests are welcome to make proposals, but proposals are not properly on the floor unless introduced by a leadership team member. After a general discussion of the history of our changes in offering counting procedure, discussion of that proposal ended because it was not placed on the floor by any leadership team member present.

In further discussion, a number of additional matters were raised. Point was made that the finance team did what was asked, and that it was good to have a team looking at finance. In our old structure the Stewards were responsible both for finance and for building and maintenance issues. A previous financial secretary supported the idea of having more than one set of eyes to see what was being done. Smaller steps in reforming procedures were discussed as a possibility, including the suggestion of having 2 people count cash and not process the checks because of the lesser security problems involved with checks. Would make tellers job easier. Another small step, checking on direct deposit, was recommended. Unresolved issues included a question about having an assistant financial secretary. If so would that person be appointed by the finance team? Voted on by the congregation? How many is too many to count offering?

The leadership team returned to the original agenda item, a request from the finance team for affirmation of its direction. Although the floor was opened for a new resolution or motion, no measure was offered. At that point the discussion concluded without action and Bill commended the team for its patience in a long but necessary discussion in a difficult area of church life.

New Business: Regina Harlow aced her interview and is ready for congregational vote to approve her ordination. Darlene made a motion for a brief congregational business meeting to be held on April 3rd at the close of worship for the congregations vote to approve Regina's ordination. Charles seconded and the motion passed. Ordination will occur on April 17th at 3pm. There will be a reception held with Regina's hope and request for both congregations to be present to celebrate with her and her family.

Glenn closed the meeting in prayer.

Fund-raising races are set

*May 7,
5K for Peace*

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. 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. Register, join a team, and donate at <http://www.brethren.org/mothersday5k> .

*May 22,
Sadie Rose
Foundation*

The Sadie Rose Foundation, founded by Lee and Regina Harlow, will be holding its annual 5K fund-raising race May 22 at 12:30 p.m. to benefit the foundation's programs to provide support for child, infant and pregnancy loss. (Details at <http://sadierosefoundation.org>.)

Note of thanks

A big "Thank You" to Beaver Creek Church for sending Debbie and me to the Shenandoah District Pastors Appreciation Dinner. We had a wonderful evening of fellowship with a number of other pastors and spouses of the district. In addition to a wonderful meal, and a heartfelt address of appreciation by District Executive John Jantzi, we were also blessed by the music of "The Walking Roots Band" who shared in original songs and beautiful harmonies. We are blessed to call Beaver Creek our home!

-Pastor Glenn

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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.

Chicken BBQ upcoming

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! We will be selling at the pit and at a Main Street Bridgewater location – just look for our colorful sign.

Vespers makeup

Although we had planned "Three Lenten Campfires" this spring, a March 19 snow cancelled one of them – later made up on a pleasant (but cool) April evening. Pastor Glenn's interactive meditation was on the subject of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus.



Outspoken music



The Bridgewater College praise band Outspoken brought music to the worship service on April 17. Their music included a variety of contemporary Christian songs. At left, everyone in the band came up front for an a capella rendition of "Be Thou My Vision."

Photo by Douglas Wood

Beaver Creek bits

Acoustic baffles for the Fellowship Hall project have been ordered and are currently expected late in May. The baffles are designed to reduce echoes and make conversations more audible. ♦ Pew restoration continues, with two more pews being refurbished at Mace Upholstery. ♦ We are looking for a church member to volunteer to attend the denomination's Annual Conference in Greensboro, N.C. June 29 – July 3, with travel expenses reimbursed. We already have one volunteer but need one more. ♦ Coffee fellowship time is set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) May 1. Coffee, goodies and conversation furnished! ♦ Also, May 1 is National Youth Sunday. Our youth will actively participate in the 11 a.m. service on the theme "Mountains or Valleys, the Lord is Our Shepherd - Psalm 23."
