



Baptisms set for late September

We will be having a baptism service in the waters of Beaver Creek in late September. Interested candidates should contact Pastor Glenn right away, as classes for baptism candidates begin on July 31. These classes will meet after worship (pack a lunch) in Glenn's office across the street in the parsonage. Additional classes are set for August 14, August 28 and September 4.

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In the Church of the Brethren, baptism is reserved for those who make an informed adult commitment to the baptismal vows. This makes baptism distinct from baby dedications, in which we stand with parents and children in the church for the purposes of blessing, prayer and support.

On the same day with baptisms, we will welcome those who have indicated an interest in joining Beaver Creek through transfer of membership. See Pastor Glenn for further details.

Sunday School teachers sought

The Christian Education and Discipleship team is continuing to look for Sunday School teachers. There are vacancies for the K-3 class, Junior Youth and Senior Youth. Anyone interested should contact Misti Wheelbarger. Please consider making a difference in the lives of some very special young people!

Campfire Vespers set for August 7

Everyone is invited to Campfire Vespers, starting at 5:30 p.m. on August 7 at the parsonage deck. A cookout style main course will be provided, and you may bring a side dish or dessert to share if you wish. After the cookout, we will have a time of singing and a meditation on themes of the Christian faith. This is an informal gathering with more opportunities for interaction and reflection than would commonly be available at Sunday morning worship. All are welcome! (We're also looking at August 21 for a possible final Campfire Vespers of the summer.)

Men's Fellowship meets July 30

The Men's Fellowship meets for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. July 30 at Thomas House, Dayton. All guys are welcome! Meanwhile, nearly-final figures indicate the Steak Dinner brought in a profit of \$1,778.07, with \$3290 of deposited revenue and \$1,511.93 of expenses. Thanks are due to all who donated and helped!

Capital improvements completed

With the completion of repaving work on the parsonage driveway, this year's capital improvement projects are now winding down. The completed projects are:

- Adding baffling to improve the acoustics of the Fellowship Hall.
- Adding gravel and substrate to improve the westernmost turn-in to the on-grass parking.
- Adding a hand railing to the east entrance of the sanctuary.
- Replacing the parsonage driveway (including preparation, site work and new pavement).

Gideons bring worship service on July 3

The Gideons brought our worship service July 3. The Gideons International is an interdenominational association of Christian business and professional men who are members of Protestant/evangelical churches. The Gideons' mission is saving the lost through personal witnessing and the distribution of God's Word in more than 190 countries around the world.



Come join us!

Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (30 minutes later beginning in September). ♦ 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-August Calendar

August 2016						
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 August:
August 3, 9:30 a.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunrise Group
August 7, 8:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship time
August 7, 5:30 p.m., Campfire Picnic, followed by vespers at 6:30 p.m.
August 18, 7 p.m., Leadership Team

Birthdays in August:
1 Charles Wrights, Sara Hulvey
2 Louise Dunn
4 Kristen LaPrade
6 Bryan Suter
7 Lisa Rhodes
15 Regina Harlow
17 Josh Bollinger, Elsie Ray Harlow
18 Kaylene Mays
22 Chad Rhodes
27 Patrick Eye
31 Garry Kline

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting June 16, 2016

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

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

Brad Eckard led the group in devotions and a prayer.

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

Calendar Roundtable: June 18 – Father/Son Breakfast, June 25 – Men’s Fellowship Steak Dinner, July 3 – First Sunday Breakfast, July 24 – Vespers.

Ann Healy reported that the Worship Team needs volunteers to tell the Children’s Story during the worship hour.

Finance Team Update: Bill Wood reported that due to incompatibilities of schedules and procedures, Darlene would not be serving as Financial Secretary past the end of June. The Finance Team contacted a number of candidates to succeed Darlene as Financial Secretary but, in the end found no one willing to serve. Bill stated that they are looking for someone with the following characteristics: 1.) Willingness to serve; 2.) Specific time availabilities; and 3.) Computer skills. Bill asked for those present to think of individuals that meet these criteria and may be willing to serve as Financial Secretary. The Finance Team, along with Bill, Glenn, and Brad, have a proposed solution that uses a combination of volunteer and paid staff resources to get the job done—temporarily at first, but with the opportunity to learn whether it will work for a longer period. Charles reported that the Finance Team has been working on an alternate plan to reduce the number of people involved in counting the offering. Under the alternate plan, two people would place the offering in locked bags right after the service. There would be no counting at this point and the locked bags would be secured in the church office safe or taken to the bank to secure until Tuesday morning. On Tuesday morning at the church office, one volunteer would prepare the deposit with Tess present and providing clerical support entering contributions into the computer we have dedicated to this process. The deposit would then be taken to the bank. The Finance Team briefed Glenn and Tess on this proposed solution and all agreed that this is a feasible solution to getting the job done while the job of Financial Secretary is vacant. Joe LaPrade expressed concern for the person who would take over the Financial Secretary position. Joe stated that the position is too stressful, especially the way that the offering is being counted at this time. Darlene suggested counting the cash only on Sunday mornings. After hearing discussion around the table, Bill read a letter from Evy Kaye Sandin on the subject. The letter provided background from Evy Kaye’s experience as Financial Secretary for six years, Chair-Elect of the Leadership Team in 2015 and Chair in 2016. The letter outlined Evy Kaye’s perspective on history of changes in offering counting procedures. Evy Kaye recommended that a member of the Leadership Team make a motion, to be properly seconded and voted on, to abandon the counting practices of the Finance Team and to either go back to the way it has been done in the past or count the cash only after church. Under this recommendation, the current Financial Secretary would then be reinstated. Bill

asked if there was support to have Darlene and one other person count only the cash after church. Theresa made a motion to put in place a plan, effective immediately, that only the cash would be counted after church and to look at a proposal the Finance Team is working on at the present time to have implemented by the September LT meeting. Charles seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken and the motion passed with seven yes votes and one no vote. Charles stated as a point of information that the Finance Team will have identified two persons by that time to be volunteer counting partners to count the offering with the Financial Secretary. This will greatly reduce the number of people involved in counting the offering.

New Business: Bill reported that he was informed the church has two Certificates of Deposit due for renewal—one in June 2016 and the other in June 2017. After a brief discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of staggered renewals, Bill made a motion that the Leadership Team request the Finance Team to renew the one CD for one year. With both CD's up for renewal in June 2017, this would allow next year's Leadership Team to evaluate alternatives for these funds. Charles seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

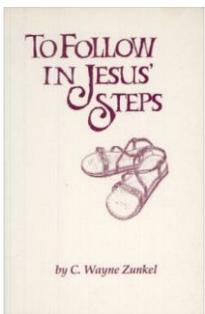
The next Leadership Team meeting is July 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Suter

Church Clerk

Special series continues



August is the last month for our special Sunday School series at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the church library. The series is based on Wayne Zunkel's *To Follow in Jesus' Steps*. This volume on Brethren life and thought outlines the basic history, beliefs, and perspectives of the Church of the Brethren. Each week's topic is self-contained, so you may join us any week. Here is a list of topics and dates:

- July 31: The Cup of Cold Water
- August 7: Of One Blood
- August 14: Stewards of God's Gifts
- August 21: "Saved by Grace"
- August 28: Cathedrals of Love

CROP events scheduled for October

This comes from Robbie Miller, chaplain at Bridgewater College: The Bridgewater College CROP Meal is set for Thursday, October 27 and the Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 30. Last year we raised over \$6,000 for Church World Service's hunger education, development, and relief programs in 80 countries around the world and 25 percent of that total came back to fight hunger in our local communities through the Bridgewater Area Interchurch Food Pantry. Further details will be available as October approaches, but for now more information is available at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgewaterva/>.

Conference report planned

Beaver Creek's representatives to the denomination's Annual Conference will be reporting fully to the congregation. (The report was originally planned for July 24, but the conference video was not yet available in time for that day.)

A number of controversial issues came up, but there were no final actions on any of them. Here's how the official wrapup summarized the business items:

Delegates to the 2016 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren addressed five queries, including some items of considerable controversy. Presiding over the business sessions was moderator Andy Murray, assisted by moderator-elect Carol Scheppard and Conference secretary James Beckwith. The five queries were "Same Sex Weddings" from West Marva District, "On Earth Peace Reportability/Accountability to Annual Conference" also from West Marva, "Viability of On Earth Peace as an Agency of the Church of the Brethren" from Southeastern District, "Continuing the Study of Our Christian Responsibility to Care for God's Creation" from Illinois and Wisconsin District, and "Living Together as Christ Calls" from Pacific Southwest District.

Our representatives this year were Ann Healy, Debbie Bollinger and Pastor Glenn.

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Vacation Bible School with Montezuma!

Beaver Creek's Vacation Bible School was a combined program with Montezuma Church of the Brethren this year. Beaver Creek hosted and both churches provided kids, leaders and resources. Here are some photos from our week of "Cave Quest."

Photos by Bill Wood and Douglas Wood



Beaver Creek bits

Coffee fellowship time is set for 8:45 a.m. (before Sunday School) August 7. ♦ Summer hours (Sunday School 9:15 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m.) continue through August 28. On September 4 we resume normal hours (all times 30 minutes later). ♦ The new Sunday School year also begins on September 4. ♦ The Gifts and Calling Team is looking for people to serve in service and leadership to the church. If you would like to nominate someone (or nominate yourself!), talk to John Wright or submit written nominations to the box in the vestibule. ♦ If you're willing to tell the Children's Story during worship, or you want to nominate a Hymn of the Month, or you have suggestions for special music during the worship service, please contact Ann Healy.
