



“Beaver Creek Cares” weekend: all set to go



November 11-13, 2016

What is Beaver Creek Cares????

A Weekend of Service

Members of Beaver Creek will volunteer to serve in some capacity for those outside our walls. It may involve work, play, visiting, sharing or just writing a letter. Regardless, it is a way to say “WE CARE” to someone who may need a boost.

When is Beaver Creek Cares????

November 11-13, 2016 Friday - Sunday

Friday night we begin the weekend with a hot dog roast, campfire and evening vespers focused on serving.

Those who want to camp out overnight are invited to bring their tents or campers to the field behind the picnic shelter.

Sometime after vespers when things begin to slow down, the youth will travel to Walmart and shop for Operation Christmas Child. All items will be brought back to the church.

Saturday morning: Meet at 8 a.m. for breakfast

Several outreach opportunities will be available to choose from.

Packing up Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes

Taking plates of Cookies to local rescue and service personnel.

Helping at the Sadie Rose Foundation in Dayton with various needs.

Playing Bingo with White Birch residents after lunch.

Other service and outreach projects may be included.

We will join together for a light lunch, 12-1:00 p.m.

What about Sunday????

Volunteers will be asked to write down their reflections from the service project on index cards. Our Sunday worship on November 13 will include those reflections—directly, or by reading of cards written by those who would rather not get up in front of the worship service to share.

A signup sheet is posted in the church vestibule. Sign up and participate! If you have questions, contact Diane Miller

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Congregation adopts budget, taps new leaders

The annual Congregational Business Meeting on October 23 adopted the 2017 budget and tapped leadership for the church Leadership Team in the new year. The budget, at \$163,658, represents a reduction of \$4,850 from this year. Here are the newly designated leaders:



Robert Alley presides.

Photo by Douglas Wood

Leadership team chair (2017)

Leadership team chair-elect (2018 chair)

Moderator (through 2017)

Deacon

Church Clerk

Financial Secretary

Conference Delegates

Gifts and Calling Team

Focus team appointments (3-year terms, each to expire at the end of 2019)

Facilities

Finance

Ministry

Worship

Outreach and Missions

Christian Education and Discipleship

Fellowship

Brad Eckard

Jeanette Hess

Robert Alley

Alice Over

Dana Suter

Darlene LaPrade

Two Annual Conference delegates and

two District Conference delegates needed

One member needed

Marlin Simmons

Evelyn Sandin

Theresa Eckard

Reba Kline

Chris Dastoli

Amy Saum

One member needed

Come join us!

Worship starts at 11 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (30 minutes earlier beginning in June). ♦

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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-November Calendar

November 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		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			

**Scheduled church events in November:**  
**November 1, 7 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group**  
**November 2, 8:30 a.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunrise Group**  
**November 6, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship time with breakfast food**  
**November 17, 7 p.m., Leadership Team**  
**November 26, Chrismon Tree getting**  
**November 27, 5 p.m., Hanging of the Greens**  
**November 28-29, Open Doors at Montezuma Church of the Brethren**

<p><b>Birthdays in November</b>  <b>2 Chris Southerly</b>  <b>3 Eva Jordan</b>  <b>4 Mac Evans, Phyllis Rhodes</b>  <b>5 Diane Miller</b>  <b>6 Brenda Cline</b>  <b>7 LaDawn Knicely</b></p>	<p><b>8 Annie Simmons</b>  <b>10 Darlene LaPrade</b>  <b>11 Misti Wheelbarger</b>  <b>15 Sierra Cline</b>  <b>21 Lee Harlow</b>  <b>27 Jeanette Hess, Lisa Moran</b></p>
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### Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

#### Leadership Team Meeting

**September 15, 2016**

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

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

Diane Miller led the group in devotions and a prayer.

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

Calendar Update: Sept. 25 – LaDawn Knicely filling the pulpit, Oct. 2 – First Sunday Breakfast, First Sunday Offering for AVA Care, Oct. 8 – Church Workday, Oct. 29 – Men’s Fellowship Chicken Barbecue, Nov. 11/12 – Beaver Creek Cares Service Weekend, Nov. 20 – Joint Thanksgiving Service with the Bridgewater area churches at the Bridgewater Baptist Church.

The LT needs to place a new member on the Gifts & Calling Team and get at least three units of Deacons to place on the ballot for the Fall Congregational Business Meeting. Bill Wood will follow-up with some suggested nominees. The Gifts & Calling Team is having difficulty finding a second candidate for Chair-Elect. They have secured one candidate but are asking the LT for guidance if they are unable to secure another person to have an election. Diane Miller made a motion to ask the Gifts & Calling Team to bring one name to the ballot by acclamation if they are unable to secure a second candidate. Ann Healy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Pastor’s Report: Baptisms/Membership Transfers will be taking place Sunday, Sept. 18. Baptism candidates are Emma Eckard, Becca Shiflet, and Ryan Evans. The transfer of membership candidates are Alice Over and Morgan Martindell and Ben Martindell.

#### Old Business:

Beaver Creek Cares Service Weekend: Diane Miller reported that plans are coming together for the weekend of Nov. 11-12. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule in early October to see how many people are interested and get a better idea of how many places we are able to serve. The Outreach Team has secured White Birch Estates and the Sadie Rose Foundation so far with possible other locations if needed. The weekend will start with hotdogs/vespers service on Friday night. On Saturday morning, breakfast will be served around 8:00 and then everyone will get their assignments for the day. A sharing period will occur during the Sunday worship.

Church Insurance: Roger Simmons was in attendance to answer any questions from the LT about the proposed increase in the church insurance policy which would increase the deductible to \$10,000. Roger reported that the Facilities Team feels the need to proceed with the increased amount as advised by the insurance representative and this will be presented to the congregation at the Fall Congregational Business Meeting.

Budget Preparation: Bill reported that there were a few focus teams that had not turned their budgets in to the Finance Team and so he had taken the liberty of filling in those numbers with some help

from Glenn. In an effort to lower this year's budget, Glenn requested to suspend the Pastor's Housing Fund for this year. After some discussion and a few corrections to the proposed budget, Charles made a motion to accept the budget for presentation at the Fall Congregational Business Meeting. Deanne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Team: Charles reported that at the June LT meeting it was decided to count only the cash after worship and revisit a plan that the Finance Team was working on in September. Charles gave the LT members a handout of the proposed procedure and asked the LT if they could implement this plan at the beginning of November. The Finance Team has an Assistant Financial Secretary and an alternate counter secured but the process to train these individuals would need to start soon. A discussion of the offering counting procedures (both in the past and present) began with many concerns and ideas shared. Ann made a motion that we continue counting the cash only after church like is currently being done since June 16 LT meeting and Diane seconded the motion. A vote was taken by written ballot with 7 yes and 1 abstained. Charles asked the LT for a clear direction as to what the Finance Team needed to do in moving forward.

New Business: Agenda for Fall Congregational Business Meeting on October 23, 2016

1. Opening and devotions
2. Minutes of previous Council Meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Update on church financial procedures
5. Ballot
6. Appointment of Cemetery Trustees (Marlin Simmons, Dan Rhodes, Dennis Miller)
7. Reaffirmation of Church Trustees (Marlin Simmons, Roger Simmons, Dan Rhodes)
8. Church insurance policy recommendations
9. Budget
10. New business
11. Ballot results
12. Adjournment

Darlene made a motion to accept the agenda and Theresa seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

The next Leadership Team meeting is October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana Suter, Church Clerk

***Remember to set your clocks back one hour as daylight time ends Sunday, November 5!***

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## **Work day thanks!**

The Beaver Creek Church Facilities Focus Team would like to thank everyone who showed up Oct. 8 for maintenance and cleaning projects. The projects included installing new light bulbs in the sanctuary, network maintenance, and cleaning all around.

## **Backpack program: call for donations**

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren is participating in the backpack program, which sends backpacks with nonperishable foods home with selected schoolkids in our area. The backpacks go out on Friday and then are returned empty after the weekend. The served youngsters come from food-insecure households, and the food in the backpacks can make a big difference in their lives – both by providing nutrition and showing that someone cares for them.

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*Backpacks with nonperishable foods are sent home with selected schoolkids in our area on the weekends.*

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Since we began participating in this program, participation has more than doubled to 24 kids currently receiving help. The increased numbers have caused us to run through the appropriated funds before the end of the year. As a result, we are calling for donations to the program from anyone inclined to give. Just mark your check "Backpack program," place it in the offering plate, and we'll see that it gets to the right place. One Sunday School class has already stepped up with a donation and we know that others have expressed a willingness to help.

For the New Year, we will be looking at funding sources to put the program on a strong long-term footing. Meanwhile, thanks in advance for your donations!

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Glenn Bollinger, Pastor  
Bill Wood, 2016  
Leadership Team Chair

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## **Auction set for December 3**

The Women's Fellowship will be holding its traditional Christmas Auction at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. This annual evening of fun and fellowship raises money for the Women's Fellowship outreach and church support projects. The tradition is for items to be home crafted in some way. Quilts, comforts, sewing, canning, wild harvest, woodwork, locally grown plants and crafts – this just scratches the surface of possibilities. You may bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall the night of the auction. On auction night the Outreach Class offers a nice selection of auction food for supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Women's Fellowship is grateful for the donations received in previous years, and we all look forward to a great auction this year.

## **Advent approaches**



In November, we have several activities that remind us that the holiday season is coming – the Advent of Jesus – and “Jesus is the reason for the season”:

1. Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection is set for November 20. The idea is to pack shoeboxes with children's gifts for collection by Samaritan's Purse, which will deliver the shoeboxes to needy children around the world. Information on how to pack the shoeboxes is available in the church vestibule and at <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>
2. The Hanging of the Greens, when we decorate the church for the season of Advent, is set for 5 p.m. November 27. We'll have a light evening meal, and then do some decorating and singing and reflecting before an ornament exchange in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now – bulletin inserts will provide the details.
3. Advent Music Minutes for all kids are at the beginning of the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) starting November 27 in the Fellowship Hall. The kids will practice songs of the season for five or ten minutes and then head straight to Sunday School. Kids of any age are welcome!

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## **Beaver Creek bits**

◆ Don't forget coffee fellowship time with breakfast foods, set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) November 6. ◆ Henry Elsea (Nov. 20) and Robert Alley (Nov. 27) will bring Sunday worship messages during the Bollingers' vacation, during which they are planning to visit Andrew at the Heifer Farm in Arkansas. ◆ The first Sunday offering of November goes to Operation Christmas Child. ◆ You may get this “November” newsletter in time to take part in the annual CROP meal October 27 in the main dining hall at Bridgewater College. Meet at the fireplace of the Kline Campus Center at 6 p.m. Meals that night are surrendered by Bridgewater College students and your payments and donations go to fight hunger. ◆ There's still time to pledge to support our Oct. 30 CROP walkers, Josh Bollinger and Megan LaPrade.

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