



Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

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September

2016

Annual Church Retreat Coming Up

Our Annual Church Retreat is coming right up, with activities starting on Friday, September 9 at 5 p.m. with a campfire for mountain pie making, reflection time and s'mores. Our venue is again the Woodland Retreat at Camp Brethren Woods, 4896 Armentrout Path, Keezletown, VA 22832. (If you haven't been to camp before, set your GPS or check for directions at brethrenwoods.org, or ask for directions.)

Activities are planned throughout the day on Saturday, highlighted by Low Ropes and High Ropes for Junior and Senior High Youth. Saturday night we will have a traditional barbecue followed by evening vespers and more campfire time.

Sunday morning worship is set for 10:30 a.m. at the Brethren Woods lake. We'll break camp at 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Important notes:

1. Sign up in the church vestibule for lodging arrangements. There are bunk rooms available in the retreat center and also tent and camper sites available.
2. There is no Sunday School or Sunday morning service back at the church on Sunday, September 11.
3. The Fellowship Team is looking for individuals and Sunday School classes to help with food service. Contact Deanne Dastoli or Deb Hoover if you're available.

"Beaver Creek Cares" set for Nov. 11-12-13



Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren will sponsor a weekend of service this November, called "Beaver Creek Cares." Here's how it will work:

On the night of Friday, November 11, the weekend would begin with a hot dog roast, campfire and evening vespers. Those who want to camp out overnight could stay in tents or campers.

On Saturday morning, all the campers and anyone else who wanted to participate would go out into the community for various service projects arranged by the Outreach and Missions Focus Team. Possible projects would include serving at local nonprofits and helping identified individuals.

On Sunday morning, the worship service would include reflections from those participating in the weekend.

If you have suggestions, or projects to suggest, or would like to volunteer, contact Diane Miller.

Baptism and membership service Sept. 18

A service of baptism and acceptance of new church members by transfer is set for September 18. We will begin our worship service at 11 a.m. at the church as usual, and then adjourn to Beaver Creek for the remainder of the service. Friends and relatives of candidates are especially welcome to attend.



Annual Conference report

Our Annual Conference report Sunday was held on August 21. Reflections were shared by Ann Healy and Debbie Bollinger, who attended the meeting in Greensboro, NC, along with Pastor Glenn on behalf of the congregation. In putting the service together they used scriptures and music from the conference theme, "Carry the Light." At left, the conference attendees are joined by Bill Wood and by Deanne Dastoli (piano) in performing "Light of the World" as an opening.

Photo by Douglas Wood

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-September Calendar

September 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Scheduled church events in September:
 September 4, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship time
 September 4, Deacon carry-in lunch and meeting after worship
 September 6, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group
 September 7, 8:30 a.m., Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group
 September 9-11, Annual Church Retreat at Camp Brethren Woods (*Worship service at Camp only on September 11*)
 September 12-16: Church Office closed
 September 15, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
 September 18, Baptisms at Beaver Creek at the end of the worship service

<p>Birthdays in September:</p> <p>1 Louise Shirkey 2 Cheyenne Cline 3 Sandy Bennington 4 Malena Hoover 5 Joe Wampler 7 Jesse Hoover, Eli Harlow 8 John Bennington 9 Dick Miller 11 Shirley Miller, Abby Wampler 13 Liz Rhodes</p>	<p>14 Sean Newman 17 Sean Dunn, Ryan Evans, Burkely Wampler 18 Evy Kaye Sandin 20 Bill Wood 21 Alma Long 25 Hannah Hensley, Nicky Southerly 26 Tamara Bennington 27 Ann Simmons 29 Bob Healy 30 Janet Stepp</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting July 21, 2016

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

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

Pastor Glenn led the group in devotions and prayer.

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

Calendar Update: First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast August 7th, Vesper Campfires at the parsonage: Meal at 5:30, Vespers at 6:30 on July 24th, August 7th, and tentatively August 21st. 1st Sunday offering for August goes to World Hunger, Baptism Class to be held after church on July 31, August 14, 18, and September 4th. Baptism held either September 18th or 25th.

Finance Follow-up: team met with Financial Secretary and have a plan set up. 2 people with FS in counting the offering. Linda Rhodes will be working as assistant FS. Plan outlined on paper. Working to get person B. bring to leadership team next month.

Committees are encouraged to begin looking into budget construction for October's council meeting. Consideration of current giving shortfall should be part of budget discussion.

Facilities: Roger Simmons reported on an insurance meeting with a representative on premium. There was a recommendation that the church increase the deductible from \$1000 to \$5000, (they are also waiting on final figures for a higher deductible as well) this would decrease premiums by \$324. Additional liability coverage would be added to the insurance. Roger suggested that the money for deductible if unavailable in budget be taken from capital improvements first followed by Building fund. An alternative was mentioned about possibly setting aside money to cover deductible.

Facilities follow-up: Parsonage driveway paving has been completed, parsonage is going to need new shingles. Been 20 years since roof was shingled and currently losing shingles when it is windy.

Pastor's Report: September 4th is first day of new Sunday school and will be back to regular time. Annual Conference focus bumped for another Sunday. Gifts and Calling doing their work and asking

for ideas from teams in moving forward for members of their teams. VBS combined with Montezuma and was a positive experience. Wedding first weekend of September. Will have some transfers of membership when baptisms are held.

Next meeting scheduled for August 18th, Ann Healy has devotions

Glenn closed the meeting in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Eckard, acting secretary

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/>.

Open Doors coming up this fall

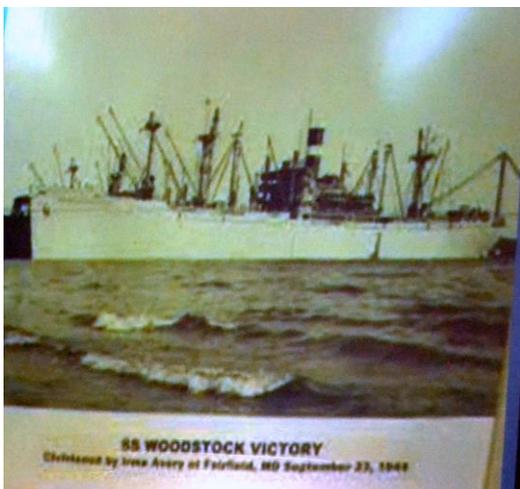
This fall, Beaver Creek Church will again be providing volunteers and support to the Open Doors homeless ministry. Volunteers will be needed to help with meals, assist with cleanup, and just hang around to interact with all those who are served. We will again be working with the Montezuma Church of the Brethren, which will be the host site. Our assignment is expected to be in the November 28-December 4 week



Above, Gary Keppel was one of several musicians who provided special music this summer. Thanks are due to all who contributed their talents to our worship and to the Worship Focus Team for making arrangements.

Summer activities conclude

Below, the Campfire Vespers series for the summer concluded with a final campfire and cookout on August 21. We had three Campfire Vespers during the summer months. Thanks to all who came, to Glenn and Debbie for hosting, and especially to those who contributed food!



At Children's Story, Debbie tells kids about the "seagoing cowboys" who took care of animals sent overseas to help the needy in the early days of the Heifer Project, which began with a Church of the Brethren initiative.

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Glenn Bollinger, Pastor
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.

Time changes on September 4

On September 4 we return to our regular hours: 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship. Because it's a first Sunday, there will be coffee fellowship time at 9:15 a.m. with breakfast foods. This is also the first day of the new Sunday school year, including third grade Bible presentation, recognition of our 2015-2016 teachers and reorganization of the children and youth classes as the kids move up one grade.

Choir resumes August 31

The Adult Choir will resume its activities with regularly scheduled practice at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday beginning August 31. The choir sings a variety of music, from traditional sacred to contemporary Christian. The choir will sing for worship on September 25, and afterward on the second and fourth Sundays of most months. Adrienne Whiteside returns as choir director. New singers are welcome!

Special Needs time set

Song and Story Time for Special Needs Adults resumes September 4 in the Fellowship Hall at the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) If you know a special needs adult (high school or older) who might benefit, please contact Bill Wood (woodwc@gmail.com). This fall's sessions will concentrate on group singing and lessons from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*.

Andrew's Arkansas address

Andrew Bollinger has reported to his Brethren Volunteer Service assignment. For a year, Andrew will be working with the Heifer International Ranch in Arkansas. Greetings and care packages may be directed to this address:

Andrew Bollinger
55 Heifer Road
Perryville AR 72126

Beaver Creek bits

The Gifts and Calling Team is looking for people to fill service and leadership positions in 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. ♦ Don't forget coffee fellowship time, set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) September 4. ♦ The church office will be closed September 12 through 16. Regular hours resume September 20. ♦ The First Sunday offering in September goes to the Bridgewater and Stokesville food pantries.
