



The Lord is risen! Celebrate Easter with Beaver Creek

Beaver Creek Church will have a full and joyful celebration of Easter.



The 2016 sunrise service drew a joyful (and cold!) group.

Early Christians exchanged the greeting based on Luke 24:34 "The Lord is risen!" and "The Lord is risen indeed!" In that spirit, Beaver Creek Church will have a full and joyful celebration of Easter. Here's what's planned:

- Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. we meet in the church kitchen to make Communion bread for the Palm Sunday Love Feast. Come join us!
- Friday, April 7, a youth lock-in begins at 6 p.m. and continues overnight with snacks, games and peanut butter egg making. A signup sheet is available in the church vestibule to reserve these chocolate-covered delights. All proceeds support youth programs.
- Saturday, April 8, 5 p.m., the last of our "Three Lenten Campfires," with cookout food followed by singing, Scripture reading and a meditation from Pastor Glenn. Main courses will be provided, so bring a side dish or dessert and join the campfire circle at the parsonage!
- Palm Sunday worship 11 a.m. April 9. This is the day we remember when Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Palm leaves will be provided as part of the service.
- Full Love Feast with communion 7 p.m. April 9. All are welcome. Baptized members of the church take part in the entire service with foot-washing, symbolic meal and communion. All others, including observers, are welcome; only the communion itself is reserved for baptized members of the church.
- Easter Sunrise Service is at 7 a.m. April 16. We will meet at Dwight Miller's front yard, 8143 Abraham Lane, for a service led by the Outreach Sunday School class. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall will follow.
- Easter Sunday worship at 11 a.m. April 16 will feature music from the Adult Choir, a special message from Pastor Glenn and a sanctuary decorated with Easter lilies.

This year's sunrise service is set for 7 a.m. Easter morning in front of Dwight Miller's home. Bring your lawn chairs and set up in the side yard of 8107 Abraham Lane, home of Todd and Mandi Glendye.

Pastor search begins with District help

Beaver Creek Church has begun the process of finding someone to succeed Pastor Glenn, who will become senior pastor at Mill Creek Church of the Brethren June 1. John Glick has been appointed by the Shenandoah District to guide the process, which begins with choosing an interim pastor to serve during the search. Brad Eckard, Jeanette Hess and Ann Healy will interview interim pastor candidates. Then a search committee will find someone to serve on a longer term basis.

Good Friday cross walk is planned

The Bridgewater Area Ministers Association is sponsoring a Good Friday cross walk starting at noon April 14 at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church, 110 E. College St. A cross will be carried to remind us of the burden Christ carried for the world. There will be six stops with scripture and prayer around town on a route that returns to the starting point.

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-April Calendar

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Scheduled church events in April:

April 2, 9:15 a.m. Coffee fellowship time with breakfast food

April 4, 6 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group

April 5, 6 p.m., Communion bread making

April 7, overnight, youth lock-in and peanut butter egg making

April 9, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday worship

April 9, 7 p.m., Full Love Feast with communion

April 16, 7 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service followed by Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

April 16, 11 a.m., Easter Sunday worship

April 23, All Team luncheon after worship, followed by Leadership Team meeting

April 29, 7:15 a.m., Men’s Fellowship meeting at Thomas House, Dayton

Birthdays in April:

- 2 Corey Jarvis**
- 3 Jane Cyzick**
- 5 Will Eckard**
- 6 Ann Healy**
- 15 Dana Suter**

- 17 Craig Eckard**
- 18 Linda Rhodes, Shylee Hoover**
- 20 Blake Suter**
- 22 Winnie Wilfong**
- 25 Mike Suter**
- 28 Bill Eckard, Tom Wilfong**

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Leadership Team Meeting - February 19, 2017**

Present: Brad Eckard, Bill Eckard, Joe LaPrade, Darlene LaPrade, Diane Miller, Ann Healy, Reba Kline, Theresa Eckard, Jeanette Hess. Ex-officio: Glenn Bollinger – Pastor, Dana Suter – Church Clerk. Absent: Deanne Dastoli, Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Brad Eckard called the meeting to order at 12:48 pm.

Brad led the group in devotions and Glenn had a prayer.

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

Calendar Update: First Sunday offering in March – Bridgewater/Stokesville Area Food Pantry, Mar. 5 – Ordination Service for LaDawn Knicely, Mar. 26 – All-Church Birthday Party, Apr. 16 – Easter Sunrise Service

Focus Team Reports:

Finance: Joe reported that the information for the 2016 financial review has been given to Bill Wood. The Finance Team plans to ask Linda Rhodes to help Bill with the review. The Finance Team is planning to meet with Donna Miller to ask questions about various reports.

Worship: Reba Kline reported that the Worship Team has asked the Outreach Class to be responsible for the Easter Sunrise Service and they are waiting to hear back from the class.

Christian Education & Discipleship: Darlene reported that they were having trouble finding a Brethren Woods Camp Representative and asked a few questions about the camp representative’s duties.

Facilities: Bill reported that the electrical receptacles and lights at the church /parsonage have been replaced. Tile has been placed at the front door of the church to keep the door from dragging on the carpet. The Facilities Team has gotten a bid from Sign Pro to replace the directional signs to the church. Any ideas on colors or designs of these signs should be given to Roger Simmons. The water softener will be installed next week. A refrigerator at the parsonage needs to be replaced. The refrigerator is the one currently in the utility room—the refrigerator in the kitchen belongs to Glenn and Debbie.

Pastor’s Report: Glenn reported that he had received a request for transfer of membership from Jim and Carole Grove to the Parnassus United Methodist Church. The 2017 church directory is available on the table in the vestibule. Glenn will bring a list of the current e-mail prayer chain to next month’s meeting to see if there are names that need to be deleted or added to this list. Glenn stressed the importance of getting the minutes from Focus Team meetings and the LT meeting to Tess as soon as possible especially during this transition period as she will be the main contact person. Glenn’s last Sunday will be May 21 and he will be taking vacation through the end of May. Glenn will be in North Carolina March 15 – March 17 as he is on the planning committee for Inspiration 2017 which is the older adult national conference.

New Business: Homecoming is scheduled for Sept. 10 and Brad asked LT members for possible names to serve on the Homecoming Committee as well as names for a possible speaker. Denise Shiflet and Ann Healy have agreed to serve on the Homecoming Committee and Brad will contact others on the list.

Brad reported that the Shenandoah District has assigned John Glick to be the representative for Beaver Creek in the pastoral search. The LT will meet with John Glick in March and he will inform the LT on the process and answer any question that member may have about the search process.

Becca Shiflet is going to work on all the requirements needed to receive the Silver Medal Award in Girl Scouts.

She would like to give the church nursery a facelift for her major project. She will oversee the entire project and raise the money herself as part of the requirements for this award.

Ann reported that recently a group from Beaver Creek had formed as a faith based caregiver support group. There are around 25 people interested in participating within our church and maybe later they will branch out into the surrounding community. Ann made a motion asking the LT to give their support to this group. Jeanette seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm.

The next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Suter, Church Clerk

A tidbit from the church librarian

From Phyllis Simmons:

Recently, I ran across a basket of free books at the place where Tom & I get our hair cut. I looked through them and picked out a few for the library. There were Bibles, children's books, fiction, self-help books. I can't think of all that were in that basket, marked 'Free'. There were probably 10-15 books in it. Cheryl, our hairdresser, told me to take as many as I wanted. She then told me about a lady, by the name of Sandy Dudley, who had had cancer. She no longer has any signs of cancer now, praise God! But, during the time she had cancer, she enjoyed reading books and found they helped her get through that time of her life and through the treatments. Now, she wants to share her love of reading with others. She picks up books from thrift stores, yard sales, etc. to share with others. Because of the content of the books being Christian, she wasn't allowed to put them in the hospital. Now, she places baskets of books in different areas in Harrisonburg, one being the Beauty Palace. I am unsure where others are at this time. Inside each book, she places a handwritten card, paper-clipped to the inside. On that card, it reads:

God bless Sandy and may we all learn, myself included, that it doesn't take much to impact someone else.

"What Cancer Can't Do"
Can't steal your memories
Can't rob your joy
Can't touch your eternity
Can't remove you from God's care
Can't stop you from loving and being loved

This basket of books doesn't seem like much when you see it, but when you read the card and discover her story, it becomes so much more. What a simple, yet huge contribution Sandy is making in her community. It really doesn't take much, to make an impact in someone else's life. A simple gift of a book that can open a person's mind and life to so much more, can bring laughter, encouragement, hope, peace and love to the person reading it. It can let them know they are not alone and that God is always there. Sandy will never know the complete impact that she is making on this earth. God bless Sandy and may we all learn, myself included, that it doesn't take much to impact someone else. Be open, willing to follow God's leading and find a way to simply share something.

Fundraiser for the Seaman/Shiflet family

With the birth of Lauren Renee coming 6 weeks early, she required (and is still requiring) special care at UVA. Care like that comes at a price. There is insurance but that doesn't always cover everything.

The Women's Fellowship (with the men's help too) plan to have a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser open to all the community on Saturday, April 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Beaver Creek fellowship hall. We hope you will mark your calendar and be sure to come out to show your support to the family. This will be a free will offering.

Search Committee being formed

The Leadership Team is seeking volunteers to serve on the Search Committee to find a new pastor. The number we are looking for is seven. We have four who have volunteered already. All we need is three more people to step up. Last week when you were asked for volunteers to make cakes for the All Church Birthday Party, three hands immediately shot into the air. It would be nice to have that response now. You will not be alone in this; John Glick will be working with you and guiding you through every step of the process, start to finish. If you're interested please call me or talk to anyone on Leadership Team. – Brad Eckard, Leadership Team Chair

All Church Birthday Party



Left, there was plenty of cake cutting after the traditional singing of "Happy Birthday" at the March 26 All Church Birthday Party. Arranged at tables by birth month, we had the opportunity to connect with people we don't usually sit with.

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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.

Caregiving conversations continue

Reminder from Ann Healy:

We are exploring options for mutual support among those of Beaver Creek Church engaged in caregiving. We are beginning with a series of meetings, just for conversation and connection. No plans have been made on any particular kind of programming because we want to hear each other's thoughts first.

There was a most constructive conversation on March 5. The additional two opportunities are:

- Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the church library
- Sunday, May 7, at 1 p.m. following a joint carry-in lunch with the Deacons.

Afterward we will invite all interested to continue the conversation on how best to support each other.

Contact Ann Healy if you're interested or if you have questions.

Retreat feedback sought

Beaver Creek's Fellowship Focus Team would like to hear your thoughts about All-Church Retreat. In recent years, the retreat has been a two-night event at Camp Brethren Woods. Other possibilities include a one-day event and combining with another church for part of all of the weekend. Let Deb Hoover know your thoughts on this. (The Fellowship Team has not yet set a date for a 2017 retreat, wanting to get feedback from church members first to see what the interest level is.)

John 9 account relived



In John 9, the Gospel writer recounts how Jesus gave the miracle of sight to a man born blind. On March 26 in worship, Brad Eckard got a muddy face to help us all connect with the story in Pastor Glenn's message.

John 9:11 says:

He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

Photo by Joshua Bollinger

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast foods is set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) April 2. ◆ Ladies, mark your calendars! The annual Mother-Daughter banquet, for anyone associated with the church who is someone's mother or daughter, is set for Mother's Day Eve, May 13. ◆ The first Sunday offering this month will go to the Ottobine Elementary School backpack program to send food home with kids from designated families. ◆ The Men's Fellowship will be having a chicken barbecue (with secret sauce!) on April 15. ◆ Men's Fellowship breakfast and business meeting is set for 7:15 a.m. April 29 at Thomas House, Dayton.
