



**All Church Retreat set for August 11-13 at Natural Chimneys**

Our All Church Retreat is in a new format and location this year. The festivities begin with camp setup on Friday, August 11. Hot dogs will be provided for roasting over the campfire Friday evening; bring a dish to share. On Saturday we'll have pool time and games during the day. (If you have a favorite, such as corn hole or horseshoes, bring it to camp!). Our location is Natural Chimneys Regional Park, Mt. Solon. We'll have vespers in song Saturday night after a 6 p.m. catered dinner at the picnic shelter. There's no need to bring anything, but do sign up to let the Fellowship Team know how many to expect.

*Vespers in song will highlight the Saturday evening campfire.*

We will be breaking camp on Sunday morning, August 13. Regular morning worship **will be held at Beaver Creek at 10:30 a.m. that day** (another change from last year's format). To volunteer to help, see Deb Hoover or Deanne Dastoli.

**Time to Be Family**

Barbara Streisand sang this song written by Ann Hampton Callaway.

*Think of all the hearts beating in the world at the same time  
Think of all the faces and the stories they could tell at the same time  
Think of all the eyes looking out into this world  
Trying to make some sense of what we see  
Think of all the ways we have of seeing  
Think of all the ways there are of being  
Think of all the children being born into this world at the same time*

*What might your family look like if you dreamed "family" as including new people, new neighbors, strangers?*

*Just think of all the hands that will be reaching for a dream  
Think of all the dreams that could come true  
Yes, if the hands we're reaching with could come together joining me and you  
When it comes to thinking of tomorrow, we must protect our fragile destiny  
In this precious life, there's no time to borrow  
The time has come to be a family."*

Say or sing these words for several days in a row. What comes to your heart and mind?

How do you describe your family?

The Bible tells us to remember the stranger, the widow[er], the child, the person who is lost or alone. Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . . ." [Matthew 25:35b]

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Pastor Elaine

**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](mailto: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

<b>August 2017</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

**Scheduled church events in August:**  
 August 6, 8:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship, breakfast food  
 August 9, 7 p.m., Worship Team  
 August 11-13, All Church Retreat at Natural Chimneys  
 August 13, 3 p.m., Caregiver Circle  
 August 17, 7 p.m., Leadership Team meeting

**Birthdays in August:**

- 1** Charles Wright, Sara Hulvey
- 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 22, 2017**

Present: Brad Eckard, Joe LaPrade, Darlene LaPrade, Diane Miller, Bill Eckard, Theresa Eckard, Jeanette Hess. Ex-officio: Elaine McGann, Dana Suter – Church Clerk. Absent: Ann Healy, Deborah Hoover, Reba Kline, and Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Brad Eckard called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Diane Miller led the group in devotions and a prayer.

The minutes from last month’s meeting were approved with an addition. The LT voted to move the monthly LT meeting back to the third Thursday of each month.

Calendar Update: First Sunday Offering in July – Gideon’s International, Bread and Cup Communion – July 2, Outdoor Worship and Carry – In Meal – July 23.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Focus Team Reports:**

**Finance:** Joe reported that the money from a CD that was due in June has been moved to a Vanguard Account. The Finance Team will be discussing possibilities for another CD that is coming due in July.

**Facilities:** Bill Eckard reported that the new directorial signs to the church are now in place.

Theresa Eckard gave an update from the Search Committee. There were 42 surveys turned in to the committee. The information has been compiled into a church profile and will be available to prospective pastors. The Search Committee wanted to have the profile complete prior to Annual Conference.

The salary and benefits agreement between Elaine McGann, Interim Pastor, and Beaver Creek COB has been finalized. *(Editor’s note: Details of the agreement are on file with official minutes in the church office.)* The minister requests that one half of this amount be designated as a “housing allowance” for tax planning purposes.

**New Business:** Brad reported that Glenn and Debbie will be requesting to move their membership to Mill Creek COB in the near future.

The next LT meeting will be July 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Dana Suter – Church Clerk

**Men’s Fellowship  
 meets July 29**

The Men’s Fellowship is set to meet at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, July 29, at Thomas House in Dayton. If you’re a guy and you’re a member or friend of Beaver Creek, you’re invited! At this meeting we’ll discuss upcoming fundraisers and service projects

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## Vacation Bible School inspires kids, adults



*Beaver Creek and Montezuma churches held a joint Vacation Bible School July 17-20. The kids and adults had a great time celebrating that God made us all for a purpose!*

*Photos by Douglas and Bill Wood*

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## CROP meal is Oct. 26, CROP walk Oct. 29

Once again this fall, we'll have the opportunity to fight hunger in the world and locally through CROP events. Specifically:

- October 26 at the Kline Campus Center of Bridgewater College, the CROP meal will raise funds, thanks to Bridgewater College students who have agreed to surrender their evening meals to the fight against world hunger.
- October 29 we'll have the CROP walk, with walkers encouraged to collect pledges in advance, per distance walked or for the entire event.

Our area coordinator Robbie Miller reports: "The 2016 BC CROP Meal and Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk raised \$6,292.00 for Church World Service's hunger relief, education, and development programs in 80 countries around the world, with 25% coming back to fight hunger in our own communities through the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry!"

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## Caregivers Circle continues

Our newly formed Caregivers Circle continues to meet on a monthly basis. We meet in the church library at 3:00 p.m. one Sunday each month. (Our next meeting is August 13.) Watch the slide announcements on Sunday mornings. We strive to have the announcement posted two Sundays ahead of time.

The aim of this group is to offer support in a casual and comfortable atmosphere. The session begins with devotions, then moves on to discussions about caregiving. Members share experiences with each other. Sometimes it is asking for suggestions about handling situations that arise concerning health, medications, finance, doctor visits, etc. Other times someone shares tips on ways to handle difficulties and stress. Through sharing, we have learned many helpful hints, and we offer each other understanding that comes from experiencing similar lifestyles and emotions.

In talking with individuals outside of the church, many have found others who said they wish they had the opportunity to belong to a caregiving group. This is one way Beaver Creek can reach out to others in the community beyond our walls. Therefore, Beaver Creek Caregivers Circle is now open to anyone who would like to attend. If you know of a person who needs this service, please send them our way.

If you are not presently providing care for a loved one, you might be able to offer helpful suggestions. Come if you have ever had the responsibility of caring for someone you loved. Come if you know that you will soon be needing information and support as you enter into the world of caregiving.

One of the greatest benefits of all, members find, is that caregiving is a chance to return the same love and care to a loved one that they once shared with us. A wise person once said, "You'll never regret the time you spend with one who needs you, but you will one day regret the time you did not spend with them!"

—Ann Healy

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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.*

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## Outdoor worship held on July 23



*We held morning worship in the great outdoors July 23, using the picnic shelter as our gathering place. Ann asked the children if a huge crowd could be fed with five pieces of pita bread and two chicken nuggets, previewing the feeding of the five thousand, which was the subject of Pastor Elaine's message. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a carry-in picnic.*

*Photos by Bill and Douglas Wood*

## Children's ministry help needed

If you're willing to tell the Children's Story during morning worship, please let Ann Healy know. If you're willing to help with a children's Sunday School class, notify Darlene LaPrade. And if you'd be new at either activity, just ask and an experienced Beaver Creeker will work with you to help you feel comfortable in either role.

## Conference update set for July 30

Wondering what is happening in the of the Church of the Brethren denomination? Annual Conference report will be given on July 30 during the Sunday School time for youth through adult classes. Listen to a summary of conference activities and business sessions. There will be a question and answer time following.

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## Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast foods is set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) August 7. ◆ August's First Sunday offering goes to combat world hunger. ◆ If you know of a local charity or nonprofit that could use help with a service project this November 3-4, let Diane Miller know! "Beaver Creek Cares" weekend can help. ◆ The Men's Fellowship steak dinner is now scheduled for September 30.

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