



Joint Love Feast set for World Communion Sunday Oct. 1



Beaver Creek will welcome its sister congregations, Montezuma and Mt. Bethel, for a Love Feast on October 1 at 7 p.m. The Love Feast is a distinctively Brethren service, in which we re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus had with the disciples, including a symbolic meal and full communion. Here are some of the details from the Deacon Board:

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- We will gather in the church kitchen at 6 p.m. September 27 to bake communion bread. The recipe includes no yeast or baking powder, reflecting the tradition of unleavened bread handed down from the Old Testament exodus of God's people from captivity in Egypt. No baking experience is necessary – all are welcome!
- On October 1, the Fellowship Hall will be set up for the larger number of participants. (We have a joint Love Feast at one of the three congregations every few years. Montezuma was the last to host; Beaver Creek hosted in 2006 as part of our 200th anniversary celebration.)
- Child care will be available, as our babysitters will convene in the nursery and take the kids upstairs to the library during the service.
- Transportation is available to and from the Love Feast – just ask any deacon.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the Love Feast. Those who want to be observers (for example, youth who have not yet been baptized) are welcome to participate in every part of the service except the bread and cup communion.

Churches around the world celebrate their unity in Christ by having communion on the first Sunday of October, World Communion Sunday. On this occasion, our communion table symbolically stretches from Beaver Creek to believers all around the world.

“Beaver Creek Cares” scheduled



November 3-4, 2017

Plans are coming together for the second “Beaver Creek Cares” service weekend. The dates are November 3-4.

On the night of Friday, November 3, the weekend will begin with a hot dog roast, campfire and evening vespers in song. Those who want to camp out overnight are invited to bring their tents or campers to the field behind the picnic shelter.

On Saturday morning, all participants will meet for an 8 a.m. breakfast and then go out into the community for service projects arranged by the Outreach and Missions Focus Team. On Sunday we'll have time for reflection, and for prayers for those we serve.

Signup sheets for participants will be available in the church vestibule. If you have questions, contact Diane Miller.

Business meeting to follow carry-in on October 22

On October 22, we'll have our annual Congregational Business Meeting after our worship service and a carry-in lunch. Agenda items include:

- Approval of a new budget for Calendar Year 2018
- Approval of a ballot for church leaders and deacons
- A Leadership Team recommendation to divide the \$30,381 gift from Cook Estate as follows: 1/3 in a Good Samaritan Fund, 1/3 to the Capital Improvement Fund, and 1/3 in a Hospitality Fund.

Come join us!

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

October 2017						
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	31				

Scheduled church events in October:
 October 1, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship, breakfast food
 October 1, 7 p.m., Love Feast (joint with Montezuma and Mt. Bethel)
 October 3, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
 October 19, 7 p.m., Leadership Team meeting
 October 22, Congregational Business Meeting after worship and carry-in lunch
 October 28, Men's Fellowship Chicken Barbecue

Birthdays in October:

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| <p>1 Chris Dastoli
 5 Debbie Bollinger
 7 Doug Rhodes
 9 Megan LaPrade, Jared Eckard
 12 Adam Wampler</p> | <p>16 Nikki Hoover
 18 Norma Suter, Joyce Wright
 25 Valerie Wampler, Jeanne Wright
 27 Glenn Bollinger, Denny Wright
 28 Chase Dunn, Tess Southerly
 30 Tim Grover, Scott Suter</p> |
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**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
 Leadership Team Meeting
 August 17, 2017**

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

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

Elaine led the group in devotions and prayer.

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

Calendar Update: Sept. 3 – Sunday School Teacher recognition, First Sunday Offering designated for the Bridgewater/Stokesville area food pantries, and Bibles presented to third graders, Sept. 10 – Homecoming, Sept. 30 – Men's Fellowship Steak Dinner, Oct. 1 – Joint Love Feast with Montezuma COB to be held at Beaver Creek.

Facilities Team: Roger reported that the Facilities Team is beginning to make a list of work that will need to be done at the parsonage.

Finance: Joe reported that the Finance Team needs the budgets for all the focus teams before the September LT meeting.

Worship: Ann Healy reported that plans are underway for the Homecoming Worship Service. Adrienne Whiteside, choir director, will be able to attend the full choir practice due to her getting a new job. Ann made a plea for new choir members. The choir begins practicing again on August 30 at 7:30 pm. Advent and Lent devotionals have been ordered.

Outreach: Diane Miller reported that plans are being made for the Beaver Creek Cares weekend on November 3-4. The Sadie Rose Foundation and White Birch Estates have been contacted and Diane asked for other possible outreach opportunities.

Christian Education & Discipleship: Darlene reported that they still need a couple of Sunday school teachers for the Cradle Room and Pre K – Kindergarten.

Fellowship: Deb Hoover reported that the All-Church Retreat was a success with a good turnout.

Pastor's Report: Elaine reported that Montezuma COB Pastor, David Miller, had asked her if Beaver Creek wanted to help with Open Doors on Nov. 13 and 14. Deb Hoover will find out if there is enough interest and follow up with Pastor Miller. Elaine inquired about the need for child care during the Joint Love Feast. Joe LaPrade will make sure there is childcare available.

Homecoming Report: Ann reported that the five members of the Homecoming Committee have organized their committee as follows: Ann – Communications, Denise Shiflet – Church history commemoration, Bonnie Sue and Joyce Wright – Dining and clean-up, and Abby Wampler – Decorations (may need an additional helper). Jane Wood is finishing the fourth wall hanging to be presented that day.

New Business:

There was discussion last month about increasing the wages of the church's secretary. Deb Hoover made a motion to increase the pay rate by .75 cents an hour. Joe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Brad Eckard presented a letter from Bill Wood, Executor of the estate of Frances and Lewis Cook. The letter states that Beaver Creek COB is the recipient of an undesignated monetary gift in the amount of \$30,381. Ann made a motion to accept the gift and Deb Hoover seconded the motion and the motion passed. The LT will decide on a recommendation as to the disbursement of the money at next month's meeting to present to the congregation at the October Congregational Business Meeting.

The next Leadership Team meeting is September 21 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Suter – Church Clerk

Homecoming highlights

At Homecoming on September 10, we remembered those who have gone before and also had a historical commemoration of the 100th anniversary of our church building. Special music abounded.

*Photos by
Bill and
Douglas Wood*



The Itsy Bitsy Spider Song (or How Jesus Will Walk with You All the Way)



Thoughts this month from Pastor Elaine:

"Itsy, bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy, bitsy spider went up the spout again."

This spider discovers that life is filled with wonderful upward journeys and mountain-top experiences. Yet the spider also discovers that things like Rain can almost overwhelm a body; that deluges of bad things can undo all one's work and progress in life. Then the good news comes in the form of the Sun. The Sun with its warmth and nurturance comes and renews the spider's spirit. And the spider sets out once more to climb and journey forward in its life.

In Matthew 18, Jesus is talking with a young person who has asked Jesus a very difficult question: "What must I do to have eternal life, life with God?" Jesus talks with this young person at length. The young person wanders away after discovering that God wants to be FIRST in a person's life. Before we are too hard on this young person, we need to stop and ponder our own relationship with Jesus. Do we put God FIRST in our own lives? Do we choose to live as Jesus did every moment of every day?

These questions require us to be honest with ourselves first of all. And in considering our own words and actions, we may discover that we have also wandered away from following Jesus because of God's desire to be FIRST in our lives.

The Good News is that Jesus goes on to say, "With human beings salvation is impossible, but with God all things are possible." So our journeys with Jesus are much like the itsy bitsy spider's journey. We are to keep on trying to follow in Jesus' Way. Rain and storms of life may almost overwhelm us. But we keep on watching how God comes to us, in sunshine or so many other ways.

For God can and will do the impossible if we give our all to God.

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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.

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

On Thursday, October 26 from 5 to 7 p.m., members of local churches are invited to the Bridgewater College CROP Meal where they can purchase and enjoy meals surrendered by Bridgewater College students in the college's Kline Campus Center Dining Hall, with all proceeds going to Church World Service's hunger education and relief programs in 80 counties around the world.

On Sunday, October 29 at 2 p.m., the Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will bring help and hope to God's hungry children across the street and around the world. Prior to that day, members of area churches and Bridgewater College students will ask others to sponsor them for every kilometer of the 6K (3.7 mile) route they will walk. On that day, they will gather at the Bridgewater Community Center to enjoy good fellowship, good exercise, and the good feeling of knowing they are making a life-saving difference.

If you would like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk, please contact Bridgewater College Chaplain Robbie Miller at rmiller@bridgewater.edu or 540-828-5383.

Beaver Creek note: If you would like to attend the CROP Meal, notify the church office at 540 828-2767 or secretary@beavercreekchurchva.org. We will be meeting at 6 p.m. at the Kline Campus Center fireplace on October 26.

Steak Dinner!

Just a reminder: The Men's Fellowship Steak Dinner is September 30, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Mt. Crawford Ruritan hall. Helpers are needed, and tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds go to outreach and service projects.

Christmas Child rules updated

"No candy or toothpaste" is the new rule for those packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. Otherwise, the process is much the same: Samaritan's Purse takes these individually packed gift boxes and delivers them to children all over the world. We will be collecting Beaver Creek's contributed boxes on November 5.

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast foods is set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) October 1. ◆ October's First Sunday offering goes to Operation Christmas Child. ◆ The Facilities Team has gone through the parsonage and made a list of things that need to be done. ◆ The Men's Fellowship will have a chicken barbecue on October 28. Helpers are needed at every stage! ◆ At right, Ty and Cole received their third grade Bibles on September 3.



