



**Coming right up: Beaver Creek Cares set for November 3-4**



**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 at 6 p.m. 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. There will be lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday for everyone that has helped with Beaver Creek Cares. Then 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.

**Help beat winter!**

As part of Beaver Creek Cares, we will be helping those served by Our Community Place to fight winter cold. We will be collecting coats and other items for delivery to OCP on Saturday, November 4. So bring us your coats, either new or gently used (laundered or dry cleaned), hand warmers, foot warmers, packaged snacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, soap, deodorant or hand wipes. Bring these items to the Fellowship Hall and we’ll take it from there!

**Business Meeting adopts budget, approves funds**



*Robert Alley moderates the meeting.*

*Photo by Douglas Wood*

The Oct. 22 Congregational Business meeting adopted a 2018 budget for Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren totaling \$133,011.87. The adopted budget represents a reduction of 18.7 percent from last year’s \$163,637.52

Most of the reduction comes from the change in pastors, with an interim pastor’s salary replacing part of the full-time pastoral salary in that budget item. Not knowing when a new pastor might be called, the Finance Team estimated six months of interim salary and six months of full-time salary for 2018 – recognizing that a later or earlier call of a full-time pastor would change the budget.

Meeting the estimated total budget would require an average weekly offering of \$2,557.92

Also at the October 22 meeting, the congregation approved starting two new designated funds with money received from the Lewis and Frances Cook estate:

- The Good Samaritan Fund would go to outreach projects as approved by the church Leadership Team. An example would be the Salvation Army’s homeless shelter, which Beaver Creek has supported in the past with funds from other sources.
- The Lewis and Frances Cook Hospitality Fund would be used for hospitality expenditures, broadly defined, that would advance the purposes of the church and the kingdom of God. Examples of such uses would include funding for the backpack program for food insecure families and reimbursement of hospitality expenses for hosting in-home Bible studies.

*Mark your calendars – Hanging of the Greens Nov. 26 5 p.m., Children and Youth Christmas Program 11 a.m. December 17, Christmas Eve service 11 p.m. December 24 – details next month!*

**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](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-November Calendar

November 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		

**Scheduled church events in November:**  
 November 5, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship, breakfast food  
 November 7, 6:30 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group  
 November 8, 6:30 p.m., Worship Team  
 November 12, Deacon meeting after worship and carry-in lunch  
 November 13-14, Beaver Creek volunteers serve at Open Doors homeless outreach, Montezuma Church of the Brethren  
 November 16, 7 p.m., Leadership Team meeting  
 November 25, Chrismon Tree getting  
 November 26, 5 p.m., Hanging of the Greens

**Birthdays in November:**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 Chris Southerly           | 7 LaDawn Knicely             |
| 3 Eva Jordan                | 10 Darlene LaPrade           |
| 4 Phyllis Rhodes, Henry Eye | 11 Misti Wheelbarger         |
| 5 Diane Miller              | 15 Sierra Cline              |
| 6 Brenda Cline              | 21 Lee Harlow                |
|                             | 27 Jeanette Hess, Lisa Moran |

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren  
 Leadership Team Meeting  
 September 21, 2017**

Present: Brad Eckard, Jeanette Hess, Bill Eckard, Diane Miller, Ann Healy, Reba Kline, Deborah Hoover, Darlene LaPrade, Joe LaPrade, Elaine McGann – Interim Pastor, Dana Suter – Church Clerk.

Absent: Theresa Eckard, Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Brad Eckard called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Darlene led the group in devotions and a prayer.

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

Calendar Update: Oct. 1 – First Sunday Offering designated for Operation Christmas Child, Nov. 3 and 4 – Beaver Creek Cares weekend.

**Focus Team Reports:**

**Facilities** – Bill reported that the Facilities Team had gone through the parsonage and made a list of things that need to be done.

**Outreach** – Diane reported that a sign-up sheet will be posted in the vestibule next month for the Beaver Creek Cares weekend. A box for donations to Heifer International will also be in the vestibule in October.

**Finance** – Joe handed out copies of the budget for 2018 that the Finance Team had put together. Joe stated that the LT needs to meet with Bill Wood to try and estimate the Pastor’s salary, insurance, etc. for placement in the 2018 budget in the event that a Pastor is secured for the upcoming year. The LT will meet again next Thursday, Oct. 28 with Bill to work on the budget and to finalize the ballot and agenda for the October Congressional Business Meeting.

**Pastor’s Report:** Elaine reported that she would be gone October 8, November 5, and November 12. Chris and Deanne Dastoli will be the worship leaders/speakers on October 8.

**New Business:** Glenn and Debbie Bollinger and Jessie Houff have requested transfers of membership.

The LT decided to make a recommendation to the congregation to divide the monetary gift from the 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. This will be presented to the congregation at the Oct. Congregational Business Meeting for a vote.

The next LT meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Dana Suter – Church Clerk

**Leadership posts listed**

- Leadership Team Chair 2018** – Jeanette Hess
- Leadership Team Chair Elect (serve as chair in 2019)** – Chris Dastoli
- Facilities Team**
  - 3 year term to expire end of 2018 – Roger Simmons
  - 3 year term to expire end of 2019 – \*Marlin Simmons
  - 3 year term to expire end of 2020 – John Hoover

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## Leadership posts listed

### Finance Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – Joe LaPrade  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Evelyn Sandin  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – Linda Rhodes

### Ministry Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – John Jordan,  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – \*Theresa Eckard,  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – Mike Suter

### Worship Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – \*Ann Healy, Chair  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Reba Kline,  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – Bill Wood

### Outreach and Missions Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – Diane Miller  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Chris Dastoli  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – Kenny Wheelbarger

### Christian Education and Discipleship Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 –(Vacant)  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Amy Saum  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 –\* Mitch Moore

### Fellowship Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – Deanne Dastoli  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Candy Hensley  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – \*Deborah Hoover

### Gifts and Calling Team

3 year term to expire end of 2018 – \*John Wright  
3 year term to expire end of 2019 – Phyllis Simmons  
3 year term to expire end of 2020 – (Vacant)

As noted at the Congregational Business Meeting, some of the posts are vacant. If you have an interest in any of these positions, contact a member of the Gifts and Calling Team.

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## Preparedness

*Thoughts this month from Pastor Elaine:*

Years ago, I learned to know some folks who moved here from Puerto Rico. They said that they came to the United States mainland so that they could get better services for their children. Their children had numerous needs related to health issues.

They felt positive about moving here. Their level of hope rose significantly. They worked hard here, held several jobs, and became a part of the community.

I think of these folks now as I read about the problems the American citizens living on Puerto Rico continue to have as a result of the devastation from the hurricanes. I have no doubt that the Americans who are living on the island of Puerto Rico—like many of us—had other difficulties before the hurricanes struck this fall. Yet in the midst of the people's daily problems and the forecast of numerous hurricanes, the people of Puerto Rico shared their preparations for disasters with other people in the Caribbean. They sent food and water and other supplies to other islanders.

Preparedness. What does that mean in the face of the need for clean drinking water and food? What does that mean in the face of disasters that overwhelm even the most capable and prepared people?

From my experiences doing disaster work, I realized then and know now that I am not sure I would be so gracious, so accepting of having strangers come into my house. Would I accept strangers even though they came to help? We realize how much these people have lost: home, clothing, precious memorabilia, and sometimes friends and neighbors. I did come to understand that I received more from these people who had lost so much.

As we think about Thanksgiving and the offering of our time, gifts and money to the work of the Church, think about the Americans living on Puerto Rico. People have lost everything, yet pray to God with gratitude for the blessings they have received from others.

What is preparedness for us as God's people? What do we offer to our neighbors near and far?

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Elaine McGann, Interim Pastor  
Brad Eckard, 2017  
Leadership Team Chair

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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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## **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 5. 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 26. 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. Play practice and Advent Music Minutes for all kids, children, junior youth and senior youth are at the beginning of the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) starting November 26 in the Fellowship Hall. We will practice for the December 17 Christmas play and will also sing songs of the season for five or ten minutes, then head straight to Sunday School.

## **Guest speakers scheduled**

We will have two special guests bringing the message at 11 a.m. worship this month. November 5 we will hear from Mark Steury, who has held a variety of leadership positions in the Church of the Brethren. On November 12, guest speaker Teresa Simmons will share her unique faith journey with us.

## **Note of thanks from the Caribbean**

*Note: With donations from family and Beaver Creek Church, and shipping covered by the Men's Fellowship, hurricane relief supplies were sent to Chris Dastoli's sister Cara Jane earlier this month. Here's her note of thanks:*

We would like to send a big island thank you to Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren: the generator and all it needed, the boxes of amazing supplies, and the beautiful handmade quilt! These material things are life here and you've made ours a million times easier with your generosity!!!! And..... the Martin's chips, as simple as they seem, made the three of us feel a little more normal (not to mention they are our favorite thing on the earth)!!!! Thank you!!!!

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## **Beaver Creek bits**

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast foods is set for 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday School) November 5. ◆ October's First Sunday offering goes to the Ottobine backpack program to aid children from food insecure families. ◆ Our Nov. 5 worship service will be on Eastern Standard Time. Set your clocks back! (“Fall back” the night before). ◆ The light outside over the front church door will be replaced to allow for better illumination of the area.

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