



Lenten activities scheduled at Beaver Creek

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren has a number of activities scheduled in March, in the time leading up to Easter. Lent begins on February 14 (Ash Wednesday). Activities include:

- Worship services on Lenten themes.
- Special music by the adult choir.
- Communion bread making in the church kitchen March 21 at 6 p.m.
- Palm Sunday Love Feast with full communion March 25 at 7 p.m.

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On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate with a sunrise service at 7 a.m. April 1 at the back corner of the cemetery. This will be followed by sunrise breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our Easter worship celebration begins at 11 a.m.

There will be an opportunity to purchase Easter lilies in memory or honor of a loved one. These live plants will be delivered to the sanctuary in advance as part of our Easter decorations, and then will be available after the service for donors to take with them. Call Tess if you have questions (540 828-2767).

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There's more on Lent from Pastor Elaine on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Business meeting set for Feb. 4

Beaver Creek Church will have a short Congregational Business Meeting right after worship on February 4. The light agenda of business is centered on acceptance of reports from the church treasurer, focus teams and pastor. Reports will be available before the meeting in the church vestibule.



Stokesville bound

These bags of food collected at Beaver Creek were picked up by appreciative volunteers from the Stokesville Food Pantry. They reported that this carload would go a long way in feeding the 37 families supported in Stokesville. (Different food items were collected in each of the weeks of Advent.)

Photo by Roger Simmons

Beaver Creek celebrates Epiphany

Reprinted from the Shenandoah District of the Church of the Brethren's newsletter:

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren celebrated Epiphany during worship on Sunday, Jan. 7. This bright, shining worship center was created by Tess and Chris Southerly. Elaine Hartman McGann, interim pastor, explained that Epiphany celebrates the showing of Jesus to the world. "A star led people to Jesus at his birth. Now we are to be shining stars reflecting the ways of Jesus. Be star-shine!"



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-Monthly Calendar

February 2018							Scheduled church events:
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
				1	2	3	February 4, 9:15 a.m., coffee fellowship with breakfast food February 4, 12:15 p.m. (right after worship), short Congregational Business Meeting February 6, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group February 14, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team February 15, 7 p.m., Leadership Team February 18, Carry in lunch and All Church Birthday Party after worship
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
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25	26	27	28				

This month's birthdays 1 Angie Rhodes, Maggie Newman, Jessie Hess 4 Ruth Smith 5 Faye Wampler, Deanne Dastoli, Pat Shiflet, Tom Simmons 6 Alexander Gage Wheelbarger 9 Ian Suter 10 David Simmons 13 Madelynn Jordan	15 Bob Hess, Chandler Jordan 18 Deborah Hoover 20 Douglas Wood, Jane Wood 22 Elizabeth Evans 23 Phyllis Simmons 24 Roger Simmons 27 Denise Shiflet
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

Leadership Team Meeting

December 21, 2017

Present: Brad Eckard, Jeanette Hess, Diane Miller, Bill Eckard, Reba Kline, Deborah Hoover, Joe LaPrade,

Darlene LaPrade, Theresa Eckard, Bill Wood, Elaine McGann – Interim Pastor, Dana Suter – Church Clerk.

Absent: Ann Healy and Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Brad Eckard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Brad led the group in devotions and a prayer.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Calendar Update: January 7 – Celebrate Epiphany, January 14 – Bread and Cup Communion

Elaine inquired as to who would make a decision on cancelling church services in cases of inclement weather. Brad will ask several church members that live closest to Beaver Creek to check the roads and parking lot and make a final decision. They will then call Elaine and get the information to the television/radio station as well as call Evy Kaye to place on the church prayer chain.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Suter – Church Clerk

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

Re-organizational Leadership Team Meeting

December 21, 2017

Present: Jeanette Hess, Chris Dastoli, Roger Simmons, Joe LaPrade, Theresa Eckard, Reba Kline, Bill Wood, Diane Miller, Kenny Wheelbarger, Amy Saum, Candy Hensley, Deborah Hoover. Ex-officio: Elaine McGann – Interim Pastor, Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk.

Jeanette Hess called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm.

The focus teams met prior to this meeting to re-organize their teams. Focus team responsibilities are as follows:

Facilities Team: Roger Simmons – Chair/LT Representative, Marlin Simmons – Secretary, John Hoover

Finance Team: Evelyn Sandin – Chair, Joe LaPrade – LT Representative, Linda Rhodes – Secretary

Ministry Team: Mike Suter – Chair, Theresa Eckard – LT Representative, John Jordan

Worship Team: Ann Healy – Chair, Reba Kline – LT Representative, Bill Wood – Secretary

Outreach and Missions Team: Diane Miller – Chair, Kenny Wheelbarger – LT Representative, Candy Hulvey – Secretary

Christian Education and Discipleship Team: Misty Wheelbarger, Amy Saum, Mitch Moore

Fellowship Team: Deborah Hoover – Chair, Candy Hensley – LT Representative, Deanne Dastoli – Secretary

The Leadership Team requested that the Finance Team conduct a financial review of 2017.

The Deacons need 6 more units to be a full Deacon body. They will meet on January 14 after church.

Bill Wood reported that we have \$600.00 from the Cook Fund as start up money for a fundraising opportunity. The Men's Fellowship and Outreach Team will work together on this fundraiser.

Theresa Eckard will be the contact person for NYC which will be held summer 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Thoughts on Lent from Pastor Elaine

Here is a preview of Lent 2018 at Beaver Creek from Pastor Elaine's perspective:

The Lenten Season is the 40 day period prior to Easter Sunday. These 40 days do not include Sundays. This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 and continues to Saturday, March 31. The congregation has been provided with the daily devotions booklet written by Erin Matteson, Growing in God's Garden. There are copies on the table in the back of the church building [near front door].

People often talk about "giving something up for Lent." I am proposing instead that we commit ourselves to doing something. Praying is something that every one of us, young or older can do.

Our congregation, our communities and our country and world have so many needs. People are suffering and experiencing violence and displacement. The people of Puerto Rico and the islands in Caribbean continue to suffer from hurricane devastation, as do people in Texas and Florida. There is abuse and neglect among adults and children even in our community. Children go hungry in the USA. Some folks are very rich and some people are very poor-- all around the world.

I am asking you to first write down the things you are concerned about. Make a list. Through my series of sermons and our conversations with each other, we will practice praying and listening to God.

The Psalms are expressions of the human side of the Biblical covenantal relationship-- our words to God. The writers of the Psalms knew a form or a way of talking to God that both allowed them to speak bluntly and honestly about life itself and allowed them to listen and let go so that God might act in their lives.

More than half of the Psalms are laments or complaints. We rarely use these confronting and pain-filled psalms in worship. Yet Jesus prayed Psalm 22 from the cross as he was dying. We tend to use only the Psalms that are confessional such as Psalm 51 [also a hymn in our hymnal # 128] or reassurance such as Psalm 23.

Beginning on Sunday, February 18, I will preach and teach our way through the "form" of the lament psalm. This way of prayer may help us learn how to put our most painful and secret difficulties in words to God. The following is the list of my proposed sermons: February 18--Address to God and Lament; February 25--Confession of Trust; March 4--Petitions; March 11--Words of Assurance; and March 18--Promise to Praise.

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Did you know? In addition to live webcasting of our Sunday morning church service, recordings are available on our church website at <http://beavercreekchurchva.org>. You may replay audio-only or audio and video recordings on most computers, tablets and smartphones.

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Jeanette Hess, 2018
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.

Standing Still

Here is Pastor Elaine's February reflection:

Sometimes I think we forget that singing is a powerful way to speak our faith. Words to songs or hymns are meant to be meaningful and supportive of our journey with Jesus. The words below are from an older song entitled, "Stand still, let God move."

"Stand still and let God move,
Standing still is hard to do
When you feel you have reached the end,
He'll make a way for you

Though we have many stories of Jesus' teaching and journeys, we also have learned that Jesus took time to "wait," to hear God's messages.

Stand still and let God move
When you feel you have reached the end, He'll make a way for you
Stand still and let God move
The answer will come, But only in His time
Stand still and let God move, Stand still and let God move"

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Here we are, moving into a new month. The Search Committee is faithfully and conscientiously working to find a person who will pastor our congregation, who will be a good leader for us. I have no doubt that all of us find the waiting—well, not easy to do.

Though we have many stories of Jesus' teaching and journeys, we also have learned that Jesus took time to "wait," to hear God's messages. So the Good News for us is that we can "stand still and let God move."

All Church Birthday Party set for Feb. 18

On February 18 after worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for our annual All Church Birthday party. On this occasion, we honor everyone's birthday and sing "Happy Birthday" to each other. The seating is designed to promote conversation among people who might not otherwise be sitting together. Volunteers will be called on to bake a cake for each month.

Bring a dish and join us! (and if you don't bring a dish, just bring yourself – there's always plenty of food).

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. February 4. ◆ The first Sunday offering of February is for the Open Doors homeless ministry. ◆
