



Sunrise service, morning worship set for Sunday

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 1, with a sunrise service, sunrise breakfast and morning worship. This follows a final week of pre-Easter activities:

Come join us and bring a friend!

- There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids on March 31, the Saturday before Easter, at 10 a.m. Participants should bring six filled plastic eggs and a snack to share. Beaver Creek kids and friends are welcome.
- The last of our three-campfire series starts with outdoor-type food at 5 p.m. and continues with vespers at 6 p.m. March 31 at the campfire ring next to the picnic shelter. Bring a side dish to share, or just bring yourself!
- Our Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. April 1 behind the church near the southwest corner of the cemetery. Lawn chairs are recommended but folding metal chairs from the Fellowship Hall will also be available.
- The sunrise service will be followed by a breakfast sponsored by the Fellowship Focus Team.
- For our Easter Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. April 1, the sanctuary will be decorated with Easter lilies to honor or remember important people in our lives.

Come join us and bring a friend!

Pre-Easter happenings

Right, Beaver Creekers gather for songs and readings around the Lenten Campfire. Below, communion bread is made and the kids get palm fronds to pass out on Palm Sunday.



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

April 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 this month:
April 1, 7 a.m., Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
April 3, 6:30 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group
April 7, 4-7 p.m., pancake supper to benefit Central Valley Habitat for Humanity
April 18, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team
April 19, 7 p.m., Leadership Team

<p>Birthdays this month: 2 Corey Jarvis 5 Will Eckard 6 Ann Healy 15 Dana Suter 17 Craig Eckard</p>	<p>18 Linda Rhodes, Shylee Hoover 20 Blake Suter 22 Winnie Wilfong 25 Mike Suter 28 Bill Eckard, Tom Wilfong</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting February 15, 2018

Present: Chris Dastoli, Theresa Eckard, Candy Hensley, Jeanette Hess, John Hoover, Reba Kline, Joe LaPrade, Amy Saum, Kenny Wheelbarger, Ex-Officio: Bill Wood – Deacon Chair, Elaine McGann – Interim Pastor, Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk. Absent: Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Joe opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from the January meeting were distributed and approved.

Calendar Roundtable: March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt, March 4 – First Sunday offering for Bridgewater/Stokesville Food Pantries, March 17, 24, 31 – Lenten Campfire Services, April 1 – Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m., April 7 – Pancake Supper Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity (4-7 p.m.), March 21 – Communion Bread making at 6:00 p.m., March 25 – Love Feast at 7:00 p.m.

The Treasurer’s Report was distributed and approved.

Focus Team Reports:

Christian Ed. & Discipleship Team: Amy reported that Mitch Moore has resigned from the team. Misti Wheelbarger will be chair/secretary until a new member is in place.

Bill will send out a draft of the newsletter and requested that each member check dates/times of events. If there are any changes, please let him know.

Pastor’s Report: Elaine reported that plans for Easter are set.

Old Business: The snow cancellation procedure will be as follows: Roger Simmons, Marlin Simmons, & John Hoover will make the decision of whether to cancel services or not. Roger will call Elaine, Evy Kaye (for prayer chain notification), and Tess – who will notify WHSV.

New Business: A discussion was held about non-members being on Focus Teams and their voting rights. Non-members can be on Focus Teams but do not have voting rights. Non-members can become members of Beaver Creek by re-affirmation of faith which would give them voting rights as members. This issue will be discussed further for the future.

Renewal/Revival: Discussed whether to have services this fall. This matter will be discussed further as to which team is responsible for planning – Worship team or Leadership Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

A Faint Honk in the Fog

Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for April:

On my walk, I cannot see more than 25-50 yards in front of me. I have a sense of privacy, of being lost in the fog, enveloped by the low clouds. I walk along the familiar roadway, realizing that little around me will consider me an intrusion. There is little sound penetrating the fog. Shapes appear suddenly--barns, milk houses, sheds and houses. Cows and horses stand still in the silence. Mud oozes from the edges of the fields. Brown water runs down the hillsides and moves peacefully, through the meadows toward "Muddy Creek."

A sound comes. The source of the sound is not visible nor directional. I listen. A faint honk comes through the dense fog.

Oftentimes human hope is like a faint honk in the fog. We long to be enveloped in hope and not to need to use our eyes to see the way ahead.

"Human hope may always have resided in our ability, in time of need, to return to our cultural landmarks and reorient ourselves. (p. 3). . . poet and scholar Kathleen Raine was correct in reminding us that life, like holiness, can be known only by being experienced (*The Inner Journey of the Poet*, Braziller, 1982, pp. 180-181). To experience life is not to 'figure it out' or even understand it, but to suffer it and rejoice in it as it is. In suffering it and rejoicing in it as it is, we know that we do not and cannot understand it completely. . . . Though we have life, it is beyond us. We do not know how we have it, or why." (pp. 8-9)

—Wendell Berry, *Life Is a Miracle*, Wash DC: Counterpoint, 2001

Oftentimes human hope is like a faint honk in the fog. We long to be enveloped in hope and not to need to use our eyes to see the way ahead. We listen and wonder what we hear and know. And, for many of us, we just keep on walking. We do not pretend to be Creator, nor do we even pretend to fathom what the Creator does or will do. We put out our hand and hope against the odds that God will be there, making some kind of noise so that we can follow even on our knees. We are willing to listen for the faint honk in the fog.

So we celebrate Easter again, this holy time in each Christian's life and in our lives at Beaver Creek Church. We celebrate the amazing creativity of our Creator God. We celebrate that even though we do not fully understand how Jesus lived, died and lives again, we still keep walking—even through the fog of our lives. We watch and listen for Jesus' word of hope for our daily lives.

Elaine Hartman McGann

The five- finger prayer

Ann reminds the kids how they can pray intentionally with the five-finger prayer while Cooper practices his crawling skills.

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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.

Men's Fellowship to be busy



**Pancake supper
April 7
4 to 7 p.m.
At the church**

**Freewill offering
to benefit
Habitat for
Humanity**

The Men's Fellowship has a number of events upcoming (remember, if you're a guy and a member or friend of Beaver Creek, you're invited!):

- Regular breakfast meeting Saturday, March 13, at 7:15 a.m. at Thomas House, Dayton. At this meeting we'll complete our planning for upcoming events.
- Pancake supper Saturday, April 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. A freewill offering will be collected. The menu will include pancakes with a selection of toppings and side dishes. Because of a hospitality gift that takes care of all the costs, every dollar of the freewill offering will go to support Central Valley Habitat for Humanity in its mission to help people build a place they can call home.
- Chicken barbecue Saturday, April 28, to support the fellowship's service and outreach activities. The chicken will be hot off the grill starting about 9 a.m., with pickup locations at the Montezuma Ruritan Park and downtown Bridgewater. Just look for our colorful sign! (Helpers are needed at every stage – see Joe LaPrade if you have questions.)
- Mother-Daughter Banquet Saturday, May 12 (Mother's Day Eve), 6 p.m. Ladies, this is your night – if you're anybody's mother or anybody's daughter, you're invited! The men will be cooking and cleaning up and there will be light entertainment after the meal. A signup sheet will be available closer to the time.

Seasonal Treat

The youth had a great time making peanut butter eggs and hanging out during their lock-in.

*Photos supplied by
Theresa Eckard*



Beaver Creek bits

◆ Pastor Elaine will be away on April 22. Bringing the message that morning will be Lynne Miller Lent. ◆ The first Sunday offering of April is for the Ottobine Elementary School Backpack Program. ◆ If you know of someone graduating from school at any level this year, please call the church office and let Tess know. We don't want to miss anyone when we recognize graduates!
