



## Beaver Creek prepares to observe Easter

“The Lord is risen!” “The Lord is risen indeed!” This traditional greeting has been used by Christians to observe the most important holiday of the church year, and our focus at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren will be on the sacrifice and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here are our planned events:

- Every Sunday through March 23, we will be observing Lent in worship. Pastor Elaine will be featuring the lament Psalms in her messages.
- We will be having Lenten campfires on March 17, 24 and 31, with a light meal at 5 p.m. and vespers starting at 6 p.m. A food item such as barbecue or hot dogs will be provided, along with drinks and table service. You may bring a dish to share, or just bring yourself! We will be meeting at the fire pit by the picnic shelter.
- Communion bread making will be held in the church kitchen by the Deacons on March 21 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to help!
- The youth will be making traditional chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs with an overnight lock-in on March 23 and 24. An order sheet will be available. The finished eggs will be available for pickup on March 25.
- We will have a Love Feast with full communion on Palm Sunday, March 25, at 7 p.m. The service includes scripture readings and meditations about the servanthood of Jesus Christ, a symbolic meal and bread and cup communion. If you have never attended Love Feast before, you're especially invited to participate or observe. Those who need a ride to participate should contact Deacon chair Bill Wood.
- 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. A signup sheet will be available in the church foyer. Beaver Creek kids and friends are welcome.
- Our Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. April 1 behind the church near the southwest corner of the cemetery. It will be followed by a sunrise 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. Sign up with the form in the bulletin or call the church office to reserve lilies.

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### Key dates:

Lenten campfires  
March 17-24-31

Communion bread making  
March 21

Youth peanut butter egg making  
March 23 after school

Love Feast-Palm Sunday  
March 25

Easter egg hunt  
March 31

Easter sunrise service and worship  
April 1

### February scenes

February scenes at Beaver Creek included, clockwise at right, small amounts of snow and ice, Lynne's stories on the Claddagh ring, Candy and Deborah drawing months at the All Church Birthday Party, and altar decorations going along with Pastor Elaine's Lenten messages.

Photos by Douglas and Bill Wood.



**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-March Calendar

March 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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 this month:**  
 March 4, 9:15 a.m., coffee fellowship with breakfast food  
 March 6, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group  
 March 11, Women's Fellowship lunch after worship (freewill offering)  
 March 11, Deacon meeting after lunch  
 March 11, 3 p.m., Caregiver Circle  
 March 14, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team  
 March 15, 7 p.m., Leadership Team  
 March 21, 6 p.m., Communion Bread making  
 March 25, 7 p.m., Love Feast with full communion  
 March 31, 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt for the kids

<p><b>Birthdays this month</b></p> <p>1 Tonya Keller              3 Josh Eye              4 Reba Kline              6 Isaac Grove              8 Daniel Over              14 Mike Plaugher</p>	<p>16 Steve Miller              18 Tami Plaugher              25 Dan Rhodes, Elizabeth Eye              29 Abbie Shiflet              31 Savannah Cox, Charlotte Wampler</p>
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### Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting January 18, 2018

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

Jeanette Hess called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Jeanette opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

The minutes from the December meeting were distributed and approved.

Calendar Roundtable: Jan. 28 – Church luncheon with a quick meeting after the meal for those interested in doing children's story, April 1 – Sunrise Service, Feb. 1st Sunday offering – Open Doors, Feb. 4 – Congregational Business Meeting at 12:15 pm., Feb. 18 – All Church Birthday Party, Feb. 4-1st Sunday breakfast at 9:15 am., March 11 – Deacon Meeting after church, March 21 – Communion bread making at 6:00pm., March 25 – Love Feast at 7:00pm.

The treasurer's report was distributed. After a discussion pertaining to the report's format and information most helpful to the Leadership Team, Joe made a motion on behalf of the Finance Team that the Profit & Loss vs Actual report and the account listings should be made available to the Leadership Team monthly. Theresa seconded the motion and it was approved. It was noted that there is money for church retreats available from the Cook Hospitality Fund. It was also reported that the money in the youth account is available for NYC 2018.

#### Focus Team Reports:

**Finance Team:** Joe reported that Bill Wood and Mike Suter will be conducting the Financial Review for 2017.

**Facilities Team:** John reported that a walk-through has been conducted and they are getting quotes for some projects needed.

**Outreach and Missions Team:** Kenny asked that members let the team know if any need arises.

**Deacons:** Bill reported the Deacons met and still need more units to be filled. A new model of visitation has been implemented. Will invite a Sunday School class to help with communion bread making for the next Love Feast. The beef will be purchased. The Deacons welcome any help from interested members.

**Youth:** Theresa asked for guidance on handling deposits for NYC. There are 7 youth eligible to attend. Joe made a motion to use the Beaver Creek youth account to pay the full deposit for youth that wish to attend NYC this summer. Candy seconded the motion and it was approved.

Pastor's Report: Elaine continues to conduct visitations. She asked members to be mindful of the fact that Tess continues to deal with the changes associated with the Bollinger's leaving.

Old Business: Focus Teams should send their end of year report to Tess as soon as possible, no later than January 24th.

New Business: The agenda for the February 4th Congregational Business Meeting was approved as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Minutes of previous Council meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Focus Team Reports
- Pastor's Report
- Acceptance of Reports
- New Business
- Adjournment

John Hoover will serve as Leadership Team representative for Facilities and Amy Saum will serve as Leadership Team representative for Christian Ed. Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting: February 15 at 7:00 pm.

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

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## Space And Waiting

*Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for March:*

Spring is coming soon. We trust that God will bring another growing season to this Valley. For sure, there are seed packets in the stores, seed catalogues in the mail, and dreams of gardens of every kind. "If that is not faith, then what is?" we ask.

As I write this, a large snow storm is forecast. I have little doubt we will have more snow, more rain, and more windy weather along our way through March. How shall we use the time when we are stuck indoors? How shall we use the time as we lie in bed at night waiting for sleep to come? Do we have just a little time to stop and stare at God's universe?

We are waiting for springtime. Take the time to be still. Give God some extra space to talk with you. Wait — see the beauty of God's handiwork. Trust your future to God.

Welsh poet W. H. Davies wrote in 1911:

*"What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare."*

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extra space to talk  
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"Blessed is the one who delights in the teachings of the Lord God. That person shall be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season."

Psalm 1:2-3

In this space  
Are the tears and joys  
Of living  
A meaningful life

In between the lines  
Are the losses and pleasures  
Of being  
A humane being.

In the silence  
Are the wonders yet to be  
Of having breath and heart  
Filled with mystery."

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Jeanette Hess, 2018  
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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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## **Pancake supper to benefit Habitat**

The Men's Fellowship will be sponsoring a pancake supper on 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.

## **Updated cancellation policy**

Our updated snow procedure says that when Sunday services are in doubt, Roger Simmons, Marlin Simmons and John Hoover (as members of the Facilities focus team living close to the church) will confer on a decision. If church is to be cancelled, those to be notified are Pastor Elaine, Evy Kaye (for the prayer chain) and Tess (to notify local broadcast outlets).

Note: Conditions can vary widely across the parts of the county where our members and friends live. Final decisions on safety are up to each driver. Stay safe!

## **Children's story tips shared**

After our January 28 luncheon there was a mini-workshop on telling the children's story in morning worship. Here are some of the tips that were shared:

- Mostly, just do it and don't worry about the technical quality of your story. Kids need to see a variety of adults willing to come forward and interact with them. They're not a demanding audience.
- Keep it short. Children's attention span can be short. "Five minutes is forever in a children's story," said one presenter.
- Make the story accessible for the children there. Kids need to learn basic principles of the faith, but younger kids especially are not ready for the details of theology or specialized terms.
- Focus the children's attention. This can be done a number of different ways, from showing pictures on the projector to providing an object such as a football or flower.

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To volunteer to tell the children's story for a Sunday or a month, see Ann Healy.

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## **Beaver Creek bits**

- ◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. March 4. ◆ The first Sunday offering of March is for the Bridgewater and Stokesville food pantries.
  - ◆ Set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10 and you won't be late for Sunday School and church on March 11, the first day of Daylight Saving Time.
  - ◆ Caregiver Circle will meet in the library at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. All are invited to come and see how we provide support for each other.
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