



Mother-Daughter Banquet scheduled for May 12

Date: May 12

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

All the ladies who are members or friends of Beaver Creek Church are invited to the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at 6 p.m. on May 12. The invitation is extended to “anyone who is anyone’s mother or anyone’s daughter.” This banquet is a project of the Men’s Fellowship, which does all of the decorating, cooking and cleaning up. There will be light entertainment after the meal.

Choir welcomes newest member

The Choir has enjoyed the year with our newest member who joined us in November. William Whiteside was born in October to our director, Adrienne, her husband, John, and sister, Nora. As soon as his Mom returned to us after her maternity leave, William joined the choir for rehearsals. Various choir members take turns holding him while he teaches us how to keep our eyes on the director. It has been a pleasure to have him with us. Winnie Wilfong has the pleasure of watching William in church on choir Sundays.

New members are always welcome in the Beaver Creek Choir. No auditions are held. You need not send a resume. The only requirement is your desire to “make a joyful noise to the Lord.”

Photo and story by Ann Healy



William helps Bonnie Sue stay on task in rehearsal.

Regina to lead spiritual renewal

Regina Harlow will be leading spiritual renewal services at Beaver Creek September 15 and 16. The format will involve Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. Regina and husband Lee are co-founders of the Sadie Rose Foundation, which provides support for child, infant and pregnancy loss. The foundation is named in honor of the Harlows’ daughter, who was born and died on June 20, 2007. Regina currently serves as associate pastor for Mountain View Fellowship Church of the Brethren.



Pancake supper raises \$801 for Habitat

Photos by Douglas and Bill Wood

Beaver Creek Church’s pancake supper on April 7 raised a total of \$801, all donated to Central Valley Habitat for Humanity. The money will support Habitat’s mission of partnering with people “to help them build a place they can call home.” Homebuyers work alongside volunteers to help build their own houses, which they then purchase with an affordable mortgage.

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

MAY 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	31		

Scheduled church events this month:

- May 1, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
- May 6, 9:15 a.m., coffee fellowship with breakfast food
- May 6, 12 noon, birthday party for Alda Miller (food provided; no presents, please; just come as you are)
- May 12, 6 p.m., Mother-Daughter Banquet
- May 16, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team
- May 17, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
- May 18-19, Shenandoah District Disaster Auction
- May 20, Deacon meeting after carry-in lunch

<p>Birthdays in May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Alda Miller 8 Pidge Rhodes 10 Brandon Over 11 Kendall Knicely 13 Dwight Miller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Andrea Mullens 17 Jay Hensley 24 Donna Miller 26 Jeremy Rhodes, David Simmons 29 Julie Rhodes 30 Natalie Wisman
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

Leadership Team Meeting

March 15, 2018

Present: 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: Chris Dastoli, Theresa Eckard, Donna Miller – Treasurer.

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

Reba opened with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Calendar Roundtable: April 1 – First Sunday offering for Ottobine Backpack program, March 24 – Church clean-up day: 8:30-until (Fidelis Class has volunteered to help), April 22 – Lynne Lent will speak as pulpit supply, April 17-23 – Elaine will be on vacation, March 31 – Easter Egg hunt (need to announce in church as a reminder to sign up), March 31 – Men's Fellowship meeting at Thomas House, April 7 – Pancake Dinner 4-7 p.m., April 28 – Chicken BBQ, March 21 – Communion Bread making 6 p.m. (Fidelis Class has been invited to help), March 25 – Love Feast 7:00 p.m.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Focus Team Reports:

Finance Team: Joe reported that the church has a \$3,416.31 deficit as of February 28. **The finance team proposes that giving vs budget be reported quarterly in the bulletin. Kenny seconded the motion and it was approved.**

Facilities Team: John reported that the team is getting estimates on some painting projects at the church.

Worship Team: Reba reported that this is the year to hold Spiritual Renewal services. The team will work on securing a speaker. The Leadership Team is responsible for appointing a Homecoming committee for next year.

Pastor's Report: Elaine expressed thanks to Roger Simmons for the heater placed in the Pastor's study. Elaine reported on requests received for transfer of membership. She also asked for specific prayers for an older member of the congregation in a caregiving situation.

Search Committee Report: There have been no new candidates for consideration since January 1. [Editor's note: Candidate referral resumed in April after three slow months.]

Old Business: Jeanette reported that Mitch Moore has agreed to continue on the Christian Ed. Team.

New Business: Joe requested that \$600.00 be used from the Cook Hospitality Fund for the Pancake Supper. All proceeds will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Kenny seconded the motion and it was approved.

Bill reported that the Cook Estate is being settled very soon and additional funds will be given to Beaver Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting: April 19

Devotions: Chris Dastoli

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

Celebrating Differences

Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for May:

Here's my challenge for this month. First, make a list of all the differences you know about or see among the people who make up the congregation that gathers at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren.

Second, make a list of all the different ways you function in your daily life. Think about all the words and actions that come out of your own mouth and being. For example, write down when you were kind and when you were hateful, when you were questioning and when you had the answers. That's the idea. Think about your own differing ways of being.

Third, read the following Bible verses and ponder all the differences you have observed and written down in your two lists.

In the midst of all the differences among us and within us, how shall we be the "light to the world," "be Christ to each other"?

"By this we know love, that Jesus laid down his own life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need, yet closes his or her heart against that person in need, how does God's love abide in him or her? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth."

I John 3:16-18

"And Jesus said to the lawyer, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39

Now, finally, think about what this means for us who call ourselves "Christian." In the midst of all the differences among us and within us, how shall we be the "light to the world," "be Christ to each other"? Write down your ideas. Put them into practice now. May Christ give us the power of the Holy Spirit to practice what we preach.



*The family and friends of Alda Miller
invite you to Alda's 89th birthday party*

*May 6 right after church
in the fellowship hall (12 noon)*

*Just bring yourself! No presents requested. Family and friends
are arranging with the Women's Fellowship to provide lunch.*

(So don't even bring food!)



Lynne Miller Lent brought the message April 22 on Ephesians 2:10: "Masterpiece? That's a Laugh!"

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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.

Apple dumpling bakers needed

The Women's Fellowship will be baking apple dumplings for the Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Auction on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen. "We have about 60 to make so please come help if you can," Tess reports.

Auction events are set for May 18 and 19 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Highlights of the schedule include multiple auctions and food service events, with proceeds used worldwide to provide help in areas affected by major natural disasters, violence and terrorism.

Right, apple dumplings require careful attention. Photo by Bill Wood



Save the dates! Retreat August 8 through 10

All Church Retreat is set for Natural Chimneys August 8-10. We have been able again to reserve a block of sites and large picnic shelter in the J Loop. Overnight campers with RVs or tents are welcome both Friday and Saturday. Those not inclined to spend the night are welcome at day activities, including swimming, campfires, and hiking around the Chimneys. A catered picnic is set for Saturday followed by informal vespers. The retreat wraps up in time for regular Sunday services back at Beaver Creek.

Three congregations set for VBS

The kids of Beaver Creek, Montezuma and Dayton Churches of the Brethren will join up this summer for Vacation Bible School. The site will be the Montezuma church and the dates are June 25 through 28, a Monday through Thursday format.

The theme of this year's VBS is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." Interactive activities will take the kids from station to station, with each night's activities coordinated by a Bible point. Additional information and registration will be available next month, but for now just save the date!

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. May 6. ◆ Summer hours begin on June 3. Everything is 30 minutes earlier: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. ◆ If you know of a member or friend of Beaver Creek who is graduating from any level of education this spring, please let Tess know (540 828-2767)! Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 3.
