



Annual Conference set for July 4-8

John Jordan will represent Beaver Creek Church at our denomination's Annual Conference 2018 in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 4-8. The theme is "Living Parables" (Matthew 9:35-38). We will have a brief time of prayer and consecration for John in our July 1 worship service.

Moderator Samuel K. Sarpiya will be assisted by moderator-elect Donita Keister and secretary James Beckwith (Jim is known to many Beaver Creek members and friends as former pastor of Montezuma Church of the Brethren).

In addition to business sessions, Annual Conference offers opportunities for spiritual enrichment, educational sessions, family friendly activities, and fellowship with Brethren from across the country and around the world.

Delegates will address ten new and unfinished items of business and will receive numerous reports. New business includes:

- "Change in Delegate Representation at Annual Conference"
- "Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren"
- "Polity for Electing Brethren Benefit Trust Board Directors"
- "Polity for Electing the District Representative to the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee."

Unfinished business includes:

- "Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century"
- "Vitality and Viability"
- "Creation Care"
- "Compelling Vision"
- "Denominational Leadership Gathering"

The full text of business items is at www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business.

Pastor Elaine is planning to use some of the Annual Conference scriptures and themes in worship later this summer.



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"

— From Matthew 9

Youth headed for Colorado in July

On July 15 we will have a time of prayer and consecration for the youth attending National Youth Conference at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Occurring once every four years, NYC is the premier event nationally in the Church of the Brethren's youth program.

Attending this year from Beaver Creek are: Malena Hoover, Becca Shifflett, Emma Eckard, Will Eckard, Andrew Stine and Ryan Evans. Advisors are Brad and Theresa Eckard and Deborah Hoover. Typically the total attendance is around 3,000. The week includes worship twice a day, small groups, workshops, service projects, recreation and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. Conference organizers report, "It is a full week with lots of exciting activities, but there is a good balance of time for reflection and down-time as well."

The theme of this year's NYC is "Bound Together: Clothed in Christ," from Colossians 3:12-15



Parsonage to be rented

Following a June vote by the Leadership Team, Beaver Creek's parsonage will be rented on a short-term basis this summer to a family moving to the area from Indiana. Please welcome John and Heidi Kruggel and children Gabe and Kathleen if you see them around. Special thanks are due to the Women's Fellowship and the Facilities Focus Team for making the parsonage rental-ready.

Come join us!

Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (30 minutes later September through May). ♦ 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

July 2018						
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	31				

Scheduled church events this month:
 July 1, 8:15 a.m., coffee fellowship with breakfast food
 July 1, in morning worship, prayer and consecration for John Jordan, annual conference delegate.
 July 15, in morning worship, prayer and consecration for those attending National Youth Conference in Colorado
 July 19, 7 p.m., Leadership Team

<p>Birthdays in July: 1 Sherrill Wright 2 Becca Shiflet, Krystal Mays 8 Bill Miller, Chris Grove 9 Lori Grove 10 Gail Miller 12 Andrew Bollinger</p>	<p>18 Kenny Rhodes 20 John Wright 22 Waylon Wilkins 25 Sylvia Brunk 27 Bonnie Sue Eckard 29 Connor Hensley, Michael Over</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting May 17, 2018

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

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Elaine opened with prayer.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Calendar Roundtable: May 20 – Deacon Meeting, June 3 – First Sunday breakfast 8:45 a.m., June 3 – Graduate Sunday, June 10 – Outdoor Worship followed by a carry-in meal, July – Bread and Cup Communion

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Focus Team Reports:

Facilities Team: John reported that the shed at the parsonage has a new roof. Estimates have come in for painting projects.

Pastor’s Report: Elaine reported that visitation is going well. She is working 30-35 hours a week. The church will be receiving five new members this Sunday: Tammy Stine, Becky Whitmore, Brian Whitmore, Grayson Whitmore and Kailey Whitmore.

Search Committee Report: A prospective candidate for pastor was interviewed. Committee felt he would be a good fit for Beaver Creek. After thought and prayer, the candidate decided it wasn’t the right time for him to enter into a full-time pastor’s position. The committee is waiting for additional candidates to apply.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bill reported that additional funds will be coming from the Cook Estate. **A motion to accept these additional funds from the Cook Estate was made, seconded and approved.** Suggestions for use of the money were to set up a Pastor Transition Contingency Fund or divide it between the original three accounts set up previously. After discussion, **Joe made a motion to divide the money between the original three funds. John seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Our contract with Elaine as an Interim Pastor will continue as is going into our second year. Elaine has asked for feedback from members as to what needs to be done, what is being neglected or done

well. The Leadership Team unanimously expressed that Elaine is doing a great job and there is no need for a formal evaluation.

Joe stressed the importance for receipts to be turned in to the Treasurer for reimbursement. This helps each team know how much to budget for the next year. It was noted that some members consider the items bought to be a donation to the church. It was suggested that members could give their reimbursement back to the church if desired. Joe also requested that members keep a copy of the receipts for their records.

Bill would like information for the newsletter by May 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next meeting: June 21

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

Legume or Nut?

Does It Matter Anyway?

Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for July:

Please patiently ponder "peanuts." And smile.

Peanuts are one of favorite foods of many people. Just imagine all the forms in which peanuts are used. That's what George Washington Carver did. [You can check that out on the internet.]

But what are peanuts? Legume [bean] or nut? **And does it matter anyway?**

Thinking about peanuts reminds me of the early church's struggle to determine who was truly a follower of Jesus and who was not. Following Jesus' death and resurrection, the disciples were fearful and became rigid in their beliefs and actions.

Yet in Acts 10, Peter's life experiences show that God acts in daily life and releases the Holy Spirit to work in amazing ways. Peter was challenged to give up worrying about whether "peanuts were legumes or nuts"; Peter was encouraged to consider what really mattered: that no person should be considered unclean or unforgivable or outside God's realm. No human being is "just a trifling" [See Webster Dictionary's definition of "peanut."]

In many Bible stories, Jesus is portrayed as not being very concerned about the arguments that disciples got into--like the one about who would sit next to Jesus in heaven. Instead, Jesus took the small things and used them to show us what is really important to God.

The Good News is that what really matters to God is that we follow Jesus' ways and words. We are encouraged to let go of petty arguments, selfish demands, and to seek God's Kingdom right now in our lives in small ways: in forgiving over and over again, in letting go of one's own past sins and the sins of others, in moving on and walking with others, in finding shared values and aims in following Jesus day by day.

"All faiths insist that compassion is the test of true spirituality and that it brings us into relationship with the transcendence we call God. . . . Each [religion] has formulated its own version of what is sometimes called the Golden Rule, "Treat others as you would like to be treated." Further, religions insist that you must have concern for everybody--even your enemies."

Karen Armstrong, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, pp. 3-4. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

— Elaine Hartman McGann

Retreat coming up in August

Our annual All Church Retreat is set for August 10-11 at Natural Chimneys in Augusta County. We have reserved 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.

Special note: Even if you're not able to attend other events, you're especially welcome at the picnic Saturday, August 11, at 6 p.m. at the large picnic shelter in the J Loop, followed by singing and vespers. Food is provided, so you don't even need to bring anything!

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Elaine McGann, Interim Pastor
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.

Summer scenes at Beaver Creek



Connor Hensley was recognized as a new graduate of Ft. Defiance High School on Graduate Recognition Sunday June 3. (Not pictured is Jared Eckard, who graduated from Turner Ashby High School.)



Winnie Wilfong had excellent help in drawing names for prizes at the Father-Son Breakfast June 16. This annual event for all the men of the church on Father's Day weekend. was much appreciated.



Honorary choir members Nora and William enjoyed the annual choir picnic.



The children looked around to see who loved them in Pastor Elaine's story for outdoor worship June 10.

Photos by Douglas and Bill Wood

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 8:45 a.m. July 1. ◆ Men's Fellowship meets at 7:15 a.m. June 30 at Thomas House-Dayton. ◆ July's First Sunday offering is going to the Gideons. "The Gideons' primary activity is distributing copies of Scripture free of charge," the organization reports, adding that Gideons also engage in personal witness and evangelism. ◆ Focus teams are asked to put together budget estimates for the Finance Focus Team's assembly of the 2019 church budget next month.
