



Youth and leaders have mountaintop experience

At right, here's Beaver Creek's official delegation to National Youth Conference 2018 at Colorado State University in July. From left, top row, they were Andrew Stine, Will Eckard, Ryan Evans and leaders Brad and Theresa Eckard. Bottom row from left were Becca Shiflet, Emma Eckard, Malena Hoover and leader Deb Hoover. The youth will lead worship later this year using the NYC theme, "Bound together, clothed in Christ" (Colossians 3:12-15).



VBS highlights

Beaver Creek teamed up with the Montezuma and Dayton congregations to put on Vacation Bible School this year at Montezuma. The fun and learning were nonstop!



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

AUGUST 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:
 August 5, 8:15 a.m., coffee fellowship with breakfast food
 August 7, 6:30 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group
 August 10-11, Annual Church Retreat at Natural Chimneys Park
 August 11, 6 p.m. All Church Picnic, J-Loop Picnic Shelter, Natural Chimneys Park
 August 16, 7 p.m., Leadership Team

<p>Birthdays in August: 1 Charles Wright, Sara Hulvey 4 Kristen LaPrade 6 Bryan Suter 7 Lisa Rhodes 15 Regina Harlow</p>	<p>17 Josh Bollinger, Elsie Ray Harlow 18 Kaylene Mays 22 Chad Rhodes 27 Patrick Eye 31 Garry Kline</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

Called Leadership Team Meeting

June 10, 2018

The Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren met to discuss the possibility of entering into a rental agreement for the parsonage. After much discussion, **Chris Dastoli made a motion to enter into an agreement with the John Kruggel family to rent the parsonage. John Hoover seconded the motion and it was approved (see attached rental agreement for details).**

The meeting was adjourned.

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

Leadership Team Meeting

June 21, 2018

Present: Chris Dastoli, Theresa Eckard, Candy Hensley, Jeanette Hess, Roger Simmons, 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.

Chris opened with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Calendar Roundtable: June 24 – Bread and Cup Communion, July 1 – First Sunday Offering-Gideons International, July 1 – First Sunday Breakfast 8:45 a.m., July 1 – Consecration for John Jordan as our delegate to Annual Conference, September 15-16 – Spiritual Renewal Services led by Regina Harlow

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Focus Team Reports:

Christian Ed. Team: Amy reported the team is working on securing Sunday School teachers for the fall.

Facilities Team: Due to the fact that the renters for the parsonage have two dogs, the question was raised concerning the need to raise the security deposit. **After discussion, Joe made a motion to raise the security deposit from \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00. Chris seconded the motion and it was approved.** The parsonage will be ready for a July 1st move-in. The locks on the doors of the parsonage will be changed before July 1st.

Pastor’s Report: Elaine reported that she was able to visit Golden & Sylvia Brunk. They expressed

their appreciation to the congregation for the cards, mail and communications.

Search Committee: Bill reported that they are still waiting for new candidates to apply. A report from The Messenger indicated there are three openings for every pastoral candidate.

Old Business: Mike Suter and Bill Wood have completed the Annual Review for 2017 (see attached letter).

New Business: Joe reminded each team to begin working on their budget for 2019. Bill suggested to have Tess send each team their 2018 budget as a guide for completing their 2019 budget. Joe will ask Tess to do this.

Bill will send out a draft of the newsletter this week. Please inform him if there are any changes or corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting: July 19

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

Freedom from fear

Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for August:

Think about "being afraid." What makes you fearful? Maybe you are not afraid of anything or anybody. How did you come to be not afraid?

In 1 John 4:18-19, the writer says,

"There is no fear in love, but whole love, God's kind of loving, casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and the person who fears is not made whole in God's kind of loving. We can love, because God first loved us and put God's kind of loving in our hearts."

What is the point of living in God's kind of loving? What are we to be? What are we to be doing? Being without fear helps make us strong, brave, capable of using all our talents to make our community a healthy and pleasant place to live. Being without fear helps us to open up to the ways God might be challenging us to change our attitudes, our beliefs, or our opinions. Being without fear can widen our relationships, increase our acceptance of others who may not be like us, sound like us, celebrate like us and so on.

David Foster Wallace in his book, *This Is Water* [2008] writes:

"The really important kind of freedom involves attention, and awareness, and discipline, and effort, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them, over and over, in a myriad of petty little ways, every day."

I believe that this is the style of living that the writer of 1 John was talking about to the early Christians, especially when they were discouraged and afraid. There is a kind of freedom from fear that comes when we place all of our faith and trust in God who is Creator, Sustainer and Presence in our lives.

Let's check out our style of living. Look in the mirror and who do you see? Are you free in Christ? Are you afraid because, right now, your trust is weak? How do you experience freedom? What do you think freedom in Christ means in your everyday life?

Jesus calls us to let go and trust even when we cannot see the way forward. We need to become more attentive to the people who live and work with us. Write out your own ideas about freedom from fear. Write your own perspective about the "most important kind of freedom."

— Elaine Hartman McGann



Shylee discovers that a beater without a mixer can't do much as Ann makes a point in her children's story.

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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.

All Church Picnic set for annual retreat

Our All-Church Picnic on Saturday, August 11, at 6 p.m. highlights this year's annual church retreat at Natural Chimneys Park. The picnic will be held 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!

The retreat starts August 10 with setup in our block of reserved sites 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. The retreat wraps up in time for regular Sunday services back at Beaver Creek.

Offering to support Yowell family

This is from the Shenandoah District of the Church of the Brethren: "We continue in prayer for those grieving the death of the Rev. Richard H. (Richi) Yowell, 48, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church of the Brethren and former pastor at Cedar Run Church of the Brethren. The Celebration of Life service was held July 20." Sunday, July 29, was designated as a time for congregations to reach out in a practical way to hold a special offering for the Yowell family. Beaver Creek's participation included a general offering and donations from several fellowships and Sunday School classes.

Richie and Christal were long-time members of Beaver Creek, serving as youth directors for a number of years. Richie entered the pastorate on a part-time basis through the Christian Growth Institute of our denomination.

Spiritual renewal set for next month

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.

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 8:45 a.m. August 5. ◆ August's First Sunday offering goes to fight world hunger. ◆ Spiritual renewal services with Regina Cyzick Harlow as featured speaker are set for September 15 and 16. ◆ Focus teams are asked to put together budget estimates for the Finance Focus Team's assembly of the 2019 church budget. ◆ John Jordan will be sharing about his experience as an Annual Conference delegate during an upcoming Sunday School hour. The "big meeting" was held in Cincinnati in July.
