



“Beaver Creek Cares” set for November 2-3



**November 2-3,
2018**

Plans are proceeding for the third “Beaver Creek Cares” service weekend. The dates are November 2-3.

On the night of Friday, November 2, the weekend will begin at 6 p.m. with a hot dog roast, campfire and evening vespers in song. Those who want to camp out overnight are invited to bring their tents or campers to the field behind the picnic shelter.

On Saturday morning, all participants will meet for an 8 a.m. breakfast and then go out into the community for service projects arranged by the Outreach and Missions Focus Team. There will be lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday for everyone that has helped with Beaver Creek Cares. Then on Sunday we'll have time for reflection, and for prayers for those we serve.

Signup sheets for participants will be available in the church vestibule. If you have questions, contact Diane Miller.

Business meeting to follow carry-in

Our annual Congregational Business Meeting is set for October 21 after our worship service and a carry-in lunch. Agenda items include:

- Cemetery and Church Trustee elections and reaffirmations
- Election of leadership from a slate assembled by the Gifts and Calling Team
- Approval of a new budget for Calendar Year 2019



Spiritual renewal services held

Beaver Creek's spiritual renewal services September 15 and 16 featured a variety of music and inspiring messages from Regina Cyzick Harlow on "The Liturgies of our Lives."

Photos by Douglas and Bill Wood



Come join us!

Worship starts at 11 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (30 minutes earlier June through 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

October 2018						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
7	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	8	9	10	11	12	13
21	15	16	17	18	19	20
28	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Scheduled church events in October:
 October 2, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
 October 7, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship, breakfast food
 October 7, 7 p.m., Love Feast
 October 18, 7 p.m., Leadership Team meeting
 October 21, Congregational Business Meeting after worship and carry-in lunch
 October 27, Men's Fellowship Chicken Barbecue

<p>Birthdays in October: 1 Chris Dastoli 5 Debbie Bollinger 7 Doug Rhodes 9 Megan LaPrade, Jared Eckard 12 Adam Wampler</p>	<p>16 Nikki Hoover 18 Norma Suter, Joyce Wright 25 Valerie Wampler, Jeanne Wright 27 Glenn Bollinger, Denny Wright 28 Chase Dunn, Tess Southerly 30 Tim Grove, Scott Suter</p>
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting August 16, 2018

Present: Theresa Eckard, 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, Candy Hensley, Donna Miller-Treasurer.

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

John opened with devotions.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Calendar Roundtable: Sept.2 – First Sunday breakfast at 9:15, Sunday School starts at 9:45, Worship begins at 11:00, Sept. 29 – Men's Fellowship Steak Dinner, Oct. 3 – Communion Bread making at 6:00 p.m., Oct. 7 – Love Feast, Oct. 21 – Congregational Business Meeting following a carry-in meal.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Joe reminded teams that their budget is due by the end of August.

Focus Team Reports:

Worship Team: Reba introduced a motion from the Worship Team to use \$600.00 from the Hospitality Fund to cater a meal during Spiritual Renewal services. The meal will be on September 16 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was approved by the Leadership Team.

A question was raised as to who will trim the shrubbery bordering the cemetery. Jeanette will discuss this concern with Denny Miller.

A suggestion was made that we invest in more headsets for use during worship. The Leadership Team asked Bill to order 2 more headsets with money from the Evangelistic Fund.

Jeanette will check with Donna about the separate account for the parsonage rent.

Pastor's Report: Elaine has been documenting her hours for anyone that would like to see them. Elaine will be out of town on October 28, 2018. She is also looking to take 2 weeks off in November.

Search Committee Report: The committee continues to look for profiles from Pastors. There have not been any new profiles to consider. The committee discussed the possibility of seeking part-time pastors instead of a full-time pastor. The committee decided that we are not ready to consider that at this time.

Old Business: The renters of the parsonage are moving out before the end of the month. After discussion. Joe made a motion to pro rate the rent for August with consideration of pro rating the electric bill as well. Kenny seconded the motion and it was approved. The Facilities Team will facilitate this motion.

New Business: A question was raised about the need for a ballot vs slate for electing a chair and chair-elect. The consensus was that a slate would be acceptable.

Chad Rhodes has requested transfer of membership.

The district has asked each church to list some joys and concerns regarding their church. Our joys are that we are blessed with a welcoming and high functioning congregation that has a depth of talents. Our strength is our members that are not only open and friendly but are also willing to step up when they see a need and answer yes when called upon. Our concerns are our need of a full-time pastor and the lack of pastoral candidates for us to even consider or interview.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20

Why we celebrate Love Feast

Editor's note: Love Feast is set for 7 p.m. October 7. Here are Pastor Elaine's reflections for this month:

*When you remember me, you carry something of who I am with you.
When you remember me, I leave a mark of who I am on you.
You can summon me back in your mind,
While other memories are left far behind.
When you remember me, I am carried in the heart of you.*

*When you remember me, you carry memories of my eyes when I look at you.
When you remember me, you carry memories of my voice when I sing to you.
You are one of the ways I remember me.
If you forget, the past will no longer be.
When you remember me, I am carried in the heart of you.*

*Remember the
daily gifts of our
Love Feast:
soothing water,
nourishing food,
and the symbols
of juice and
bread.*

--Words by Marge Maust, February 1997

Memory is a powerful thing. God seems to make that clear in all the Bible stories. God wants to be remembered, even as you and I want to be remembered.

In Exodus 12, there is a description of the feast which the people of God were to celebrate in order to remember God's delivery of the people from slavery in Egypt. The Lord God says, "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast for the Lord God. . . ." (verse 14).

In Luke 22 as he eats with his friends, Jesus says, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Memory is given to us as a gift. God created us in such a manner that we can use our minds and hearts to "pull back words" and sights and smells and sounds of past times and people who are not in our immediate presence. We can live daily with trust in the memories of how God has acted in our lives. We can live daily in the hope of how God will act in our lives in the coming future.

Memory is transforming as we allow it to be a way God heals and provokes us. Remember the daily gifts of our Love Feast: soothing water, nourishing food, and the symbols of juice and bread. Remember the daily activities of bathing and being refreshed, of being calmed and sweetened, of being freed and having company in the suffering of our journeys.

Remember me. I shall remember you. Together, wherever we are, we shall remember the Lord, our God, who brought us together and goes with us into the future.

— Elaine Hartman McGann

More on NYC

Editor's note: Here are reflections on National Youth Conference from Andrew Stine that didn't make it into last month's newsletter:

In my trip, never did I think I'd travel over 1,600 miles to make friends with someone who lives thirty minutes away. I saw parts of the country I may never see again. It was truly an amazing experience and possibly the best week of my life. I have never been closer to my youth group and God himself. I would go back in a heartbeat, because everybody deserves to experience that. National Youth Conference is a MUST, for all of the Brethren youth.

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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.

Steak and chicken BBQ both coming up

Two notes from the Men's Fellowship:

1. The annual steak dinner is set for 4 to 7 p.m. at the Mt. Crawford Ruritan Hall. Helpers and diners are needed! All proceeds go to hurricane disaster relief.
2. The men will be barbecuing chicken on the morning of October 27. Chicken will be sold beginning around 9:30 a.m. at the Montezuma Ruritan Park and in downtown Bridgewater.

CROP meal and CROP walk set



On Thursday, November 1 from 5 to 7 p.m., members of local churches are invited to the Bridgewater College CROP Meal in the college's Kline Campus Center Dining Hall, with all proceeds going to Church World Service's hunger programs around the world. The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. .

Beaver Creek note: Please contact the church office at 828-2767 to let Tess know if you're planning to come to the CROP Meal. Tess will reserve tables for us based on the count.



Shoe box time of the year!

Above left, last year's helpers put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Above right, the completed boxes form a nice backdrop for children's story. This year the youth will be shopping and also assembling boxes; Any donations should be brought to the church by October 26. Shoeboxes will be taken by Samaritan's Purse to needy children around the world following this year's collection on November 12.

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 8:45 a.m. October 7. ◆ The youth are planning an Escape Room activity. Stay tuned for further details! ◆ Men's Fellowship meets at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Thomas House.
