



Easter season at Beaver Creek: *Come join us!*



**April 6
campfire,
6 p.m.**

On Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m., we will have the first of our three Lenten campfires. The Fidelis Class will host and will offer pizza as a main course. You're welcome to bring a side dish if you wish. Each of the three campfires will feature singing and devotions appropriate to the season.

**April 10,
Communion
bread making**

In the church kitchen at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, we'll be making Communion bread from the traditional recipe. Volunteers are welcome and no experience is necessary!

**April 12-13,
youth lock-in
and candy
making**

April 12 at 6 p.m. the youth will gather at the church for an overnight lock-in. (Bring sleeping bags and any needed personal items.) They'll be making chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs. A signup sheet will be available and the eggs may be picked up April 14. See Chris Dastoli if you have questions.

**April 13
campfire,
6 p.m.**

Our second Lenten campfire is set for Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m. The Outreach Sunday School class will host and will provide a main course for the carry-in. Side dishes are welcome.

**April 14, Palm
Sunday and
7 p.m. Love Feast**

In 11 a.m. morning worship April 14, we will observe Palm Sunday. Palm fronds will be distributed by the children. Then at 7 p.m. we will have our full Love Feast and communion. Check with Deacon chair Bill Wood if you need a ride.

**April 19
campfire,
6 p.m.**

The final of our campfires occurs on Good Friday evening, Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m. The Over and Wood families will host a carry-in and will offer Good Friday devotions and songs.

**April 20 egg
hunt, 10 a.m.**

There will be an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the church sponsored by the Fellowship Focus Team. All kids are invited. Participants should bring a basket and six filled plastic candy eggs to contribute to the cause.

**April 21 Easter
sunrise service,
7 a.m.**

We will gather at 7 a.m. in the southwestern corner of the cemetery for an Easter sunrise service led by Lynne Miller Lent and Daniel Over on behalf of the Young Adult group. Bring a lawn chair and celebrate the joy of Easter!

**April 21 Easter
breakfast**

Immediately after the sunrise service, Deanne Dastoli and the Fellowship Focus Team will be serving breakfast. This is a great time to be with Beaver Creek friends and family.

**April 21 Easter
Sunday worship,
11 a.m.**

Our Easter Sunday 11 a.m. worship will feature the Adult Choir singing "Calvary's Love: Christ's Sacrifice and Triumph" by Lloyd Larson and Jay Rouse. This stirring cantata tells the Easter story using song and the spoken word. Lynne Miller Lent will be serving as worship leader. Pre-purchased lilies will decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning and then will be available for pickup afterward.

**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

April 2019						
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				

Scheduled church events this month:

April 2, 6:30 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group

April 6, 6 p.m., Lenten Campfire (bring a side dish)

April 7, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship with breakfast food

April 10, 6 p.m., Communion bread making, kitchen

April 12-13, Youth lock-in and peanut butter egg making

April 13, 6 p.m., Lenten Campfire (bring a side dish)

April 14, 7 p.m., Love Feast with Full Communion

April 19, 6 p.m., Final Lenten Campfire (bring a side dish)

April 20, 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt for the kids

April 21, 7 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service, cemetery

April 21, 11 a.m., Easter cantata at morning worship

<p>Birthdays this month:</p> <p>2 Corey Jarvis</p> <p>5 Will Eckard</p> <p>6 Ann Healy, Brian Whitmore</p> <p>15 Dana Suter</p> <p>17 Craig Eckard</p>	<p>18 Linda Rhodes, Shylee Hoover</p> <p>20 Blake Suter</p> <p>22 Winnie Wilfong</p> <p>25 Mike Suter</p> <p>28 Bill Eckard, Tom Wilfong</p>
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**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Leadership Team Meeting
February 21, 2019**

Present: Chris Dastoli, Theresa Eckard, Deborah Hoover, Marlin Simmons, Zack Wampler, Kenny Wheelbarger, Bill Wood. Ex-Officio: Elaine McGann - Interim Pastor, Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk. Absent: Joe LaPrade, Amy Saum, Donna Miller – Treasurer.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bill opened with devotions.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Calendar Roundtable: February 24 – All Church Birthday Party, March 3 – First Sunday Offering (Bridgewater & Stokesville Food Pantries), March 10 – Women’s Fellowship Luncheon, March 31 – Elaine is out of town, April 21 – Easter Egg Hunt (10:00 a.m.), April (?) – Pancake Supper Fundraiser.

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Matters for Leadership Team:

AVA Care has contacted Deborah Hoover about being a coach for the organization. Deborah will work with the Outreach Team on this possibility.

The Worship Team requests that the internet problems at the church be a high priority issue.

The Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center is looking for someone from Beaver Creek to be a liaison. Chris will be the liaison for now and will attend the informational meeting.

Montezuma COB and Clover Hill United Methodist Church have started a monthly contemporary worship service and have invited our congregation to join them. This information will be passed on to Lynne Lint for the young adult group.

Pet insurance is now available as an add on from the church insurance carrier.

The Lenten devotional books are available in the vestibule.

Pastor’s Report: Elaine reported that the Young Adult group had their first meeting with 10 members present. The Women’s Fellowship provided a meal for them. The group will meet once a month and will rotate meeting places.

The sidewalks are not being cleared of snow. The Facilities Team needs to address snow removal for everyone’s safety.

Bill brought forth a recommendation from the Deacons that the Leadership Team conduct a specific, separate gathering of the team to dream about a vision for the Church's future. No action was taken.

Search Committee: The committee conducted a Skype interview and will meet on February 25 to discuss the candidate. There was a discussion about the process and procedure involved in finding a pastor, especially about the District's involvement.

Old Business: The proposal from Comcast was presented. The committee recommends the Double Play Performance Internet + Phone plan. The cost is \$69.95/month for 25 mbps internet service, \$29.95/month for phone service, and \$14.95/month for equipment for a total monthly cost of \$114.85.

Marlin made a motion to go with Comcast for internet and phone services. Kenny seconded the motion and it was approved. Bill mentioned the idea of internet being available to everyone until the service starts. This would make internet available for Sunday School classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Meeting - March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions – Marlin

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

“Lent. What do we do now?”

Elaine Hartman McGann

April 2019

Winn Collier writes,

“We read Matthew’s text [6:1-6, 16-21] as we embark on our Lenten journey because for centuries Christians have approached Lent by practicing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, exactly the things Jesus emphasizes in his unsettling rebuke. To be sure, the scriptures provide abundant encouragement for us to pray often, to be lavish in our generosity, and to surrender the nourishment we require to live—all acts of humility and provocative dependence before God.”

This is the part of Christian life that is familiar to us all the time. We know deep in our souls that we ought to be in constant prayer. We know that Jesus asks us in so many ways to give and to share with others. Some of us even know and try fasting on occasion to “empty” ourselves and wait on God’s word for our troubled hearts.

Matthew’s words still haunt us. Jesus calls out the falseness of our witness. Jesus challenges us to give more of ourselves and our money, but not just to get more attention and praise. Jesus confronted and still confronts our attempts to be more than we are, to try to be better than others, to show other people up by our great talents.

Collier’s words echo Jesus’ words of confrontation:

“We humans have a penchant for grasping whatever’s available to us, even our acts of devotion, and manipulating them in service to our relentless, futile efforts to control our image, our future, our life.”

Jesus calls us out for the ways in which we try to get what we want from our family, from our work, from our community. Jesus speaks bluntly to our desire for success in all forms. We know who we are and we know what we want. And we go after it all!

Such life leaves little room for trusting Jesus, for believing that God alone can fill us and give us an identity. At this time of the Christian year, we keep on rushing into what we want and we know how we will get it. Perhaps God feels emptyhanded, a bit lost in how to get us to pay attention to God’s love and mercy.

What will we do now? These days are ours. These days of waiting through dark hours and uncertainty are ours. What will it take to get us to turn our faces to the Lord God?



A great way to start Easter! 7 a.m. sunrise service at the southwest corner of the cemetery, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Special Easter morning worship is at 11 a.m.

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Elaine McGann, Interim Pastor
Chris Dastoli, 2019
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.

Staying in touch with Beaver Creek

Beaver Creek Church wants to stay in touch with all of its members and friends and also bring the message of Jesus' love to the wider community. We have a small number of volunteers who make it happen and we always welcome additional help. Here are the opportunities:

- Our website is at <http://beavercreekchurchva.org>. Visit for church news and events, meeting minutes, and the newsletter.
- The print version of the newsletter is produced and mailed monthly. See Tess Southerly about being on the mailing list or Bill Wood to help with writing or photography. Your phone photos of events are especially welcome.
- The morning service is webcast weekly at 11 a.m. Click the link at <http://beavercreekchurchva.org> (left side of the home page) to join us live, or later via replay. See David Simmons or Jane Wood if you are interested in helping with video or sound.
- The Women's Fellowship sponsors a prayer chain to let the church community know about joys and concerns for prayer concerns. See Bill Wood if you would like to join by email or Winnie Wilfong to join the phone version of the prayer chain.
- Subscribe to our daily Bible verses for a short Bible reading delivered to your email inbox early each morning. Look for the "Subscribe to our Daily Bible Verses" link at <http://beavercreekchurchva.org>.
- Follow our Facebook link on the website or go directly to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/37390476364/>
- Special note: We are looking for volunteers to update our youth Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/72027017609/> and to step up our Twitter presence at @beavercreekers. (Hint to interested youth: Experience with social media can be a valuable addition to your resume!)



Men's Fellowship meets Saturday

The Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast and a planning meeting at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at Thomas House in Dayton. This is an important meeting for planning the Mother-Daughter Banquet and our April chicken barbecue. Just a reminder: All guys who are members or friends of Beaver Creek are automatically in the Men's Fellowship and all are welcome. There is no lower age limit, either!

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. April 7. ◆ Alice Over will be bringing the message in our morning worship March 31, in Pastor Elaine's absence. ◆
