



## Beaver Creek prepares for season of Lent



Lent begins this year on March 6 with Ash Wednesday. This is later than usual, a product of the late Easter this year on April 21. (Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. This year there's a full moon on March 20 and the equinox is March 21, so it's not until after the next full moon on April 19 that Easter occurs.)

Beaver Creek will have a full calendar of observances for this season. Pastor Elaine's messages and worship music will reflect Lenten themes. Other traditional events will be in April this year, including:

- Lenten campfires, at 6 p.m. on April 6 (Saturday), April 13 (Saturday) and April 20 (Friday). On each occasion a food item will be provided, along with drinks and table service. You may bring a dish to share, or just bring yourself! We will be meeting at the fire pit by the picnic shelter.
- Communion bread making will be held in the church kitchen by the Deacons on April 10 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to help!
- The youth will be making traditional chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs with an overnight lock-in on April 12 to 13. An order sheet will be available. The finished eggs will be available for pickup on April 14.
- We will have a Love Feast with full communion on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m. The service includes scripture readings and meditations about the servanthood of Jesus Christ, a symbolic meal and bread and cup communion. If you have never attended Love Feast before, you're especially invited to participate or observe. Those who need a ride to participate should contact Deacon chair Bill Wood.
- The Fellowship Focus Team will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for the kids on April 20, the Saturday before Easter, at 10 a.m. A signup sheet will be available in the church foyer. Beaver Creek kids and friends are welcome.
- Our Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. April 21 behind the church near the southwest corner of the cemetery. It will be followed by a sunrise breakfast coordinated by Deanne Dastoli in the Fellowship Hall.
- For our Easter Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. April 21, the sanctuary will be decorated with Easter lilies to honor or remember important people in our lives. Sign up with the form in the bulletin or call the church office to reserve lilies beginning in April. The choir will be performing a cantata that will be the centerpiece of our morning worship.

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### Women plan luncheon for March 10

The Women's Fellowship at Beaver Creek Church is planning a luncheon fundraiser for March 10 right after the worship service. Soup and sandwich with assorted desserts are on the menu. Freewill offerings will be accepted. All proceeds go to the service and outreach projects of the Women's Fellowship.



### Sadie Rose Foundation fundraiser

On March 2, Dayton Church of the Brethren at 202 Main Street is hosting a pancake supper for the Sadie Rose Foundation. Sausage, gravy, pancakes, applesauce, whipped cream, sprinkles, and drinks will be provided from 4 to 7 p.m. Free-will donations will be accepted. Contact Regina Cyzick Harlow at (540) 810-0307, or email [office@sadierosefoundation.org](mailto:office@sadierosefoundation.org), to volunteer. The Sadie Rose Foundation ([www.sadierosefoundation.org](http://www.sadierosefoundation.org)) is a local non-profit 501(c)3 offering non-clinical peer support to those grieving the death of a child.

**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](mailto: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

<b>MARCH 2019</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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**Scheduled church events this month:**  
**March 3, 9:15 a.m., Coffee fellowship with breakfast food**  
**March 5, 6:30 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group**  
**March 6, Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)**  
**March 10, Women’s Fellowship lunch after worship (freewill offering)**  
**March 10, Deacon meeting after lunch**  
**March 13, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team**  
**March 21, 7 p.m., Leadership Team**

**Birthdays this month**  
**1 Tonya Keller**  
**3 Josh Eye**  
**4 Reba Kline**  
**6 Isaac Grove**  
**8 Daniel Over**  
**14 Mike Plaugher**

**16 Steve Miller**  
**18 Tami Plaugher**  
**22 Grayson Whitmore**  
**25 Dan Rhodes, Elizabeth Eye**  
**29 Abbie Shiflet**  
**31 Savannah Cox, Charlotte Wampler**

### Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting January 17, 2019

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

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

**Calendar Roundtable:** February 3 – First Sunday Breakfast, March 10 – Deacon Meeting, All Church Birthday Party – TBA, April 27 – Chicken BBQ, May 11 – Mother/Daughter banquet, September 28 – Steak Dinner, October 26, Chicken BBQ

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

#### Matters for the Leadership Team:

Elaine reminded everyone to please keep Tess informed of all Focus Team matters.

Joe reported that the Finance Team is working on getting people to conduct the annual review. They are also working to get different financial reports from the Treasurer for the Leadership Team.

Bill asked for items for the newsletter. He reported that the church website was hacked. The passwords have been changed and we may need to look into a safer server. He also reported that there will be three Lenten campfire services held at the church during Lent.

**Pastor’s Report:** Elaine reported that she is back to visiting since being sick. She has visited Dwight Miller and Steve Miller. She stressed the importance of sending Focus Team minutes to Tess.

**Search Committee Report:** A new profile is available for consideration. The committee will meet to consider this profile.

**Old Business:** There was no update on the change of carrier to Comcast. The team is still gathering information needed.

**New Business:** The agenda for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregational Business Meeting was presented as follows:

- Opening and Devotions
- Minutes of previous Council meeting
- Treasurer’s report
- Financial Secretary’s report
- Focus Team’s reports

- Leadership Team report
- Pastor's report
- Acceptance of reports
- New Business
- Adjournment

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda. Kenny seconded the motion and it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting – February 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Devotions – Bill Wood**

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

## **What does it take to love others like Jesus did?**

*A reflection for March 2019 by Elaine Hartman McGann*

In church, we talk a lot about “love” and “loving one another.” In our country, “love” is talked about, advertised, sold in cards and gifts and other material ways. Yet the question remains: what does it take to love others like Jesus loved?

The Bible stories give us information and examples of who and how Jesus loved. Jesus’ love seemed to have no boundaries, no “who’s loveable and who’s not loveable.” Jesus’ example of loving seems to challenge our narrow-mindedness, our desire to love only those people who “deserve” our love.

And, if Jesus’ example is not already difficult enough to follow, Jesus says that we are to love even our enemies, that we are to love those people we truly and honestly hate.

Recently I discovered a musical group named *Alternate Routes*. I encourage you to read about this group. They wrote this song, “Nothing More,” as part of a response to the horrible killing of school children in Newtown, Connecticut.

May these words remind us of the teachings and example of Jesus: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” We call that The Golden Rule. It sounds so simple. Yet we know how difficult it is to love as Jesus did.

### **“Nothing More” by Alternate Routes**

To be humble, to be kind  
 It is the giving of the peace in your mind  
 To a stranger, to a friend  
 To give in such a way that has no end.

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We are Love.

We are One.

We are how we treat each other when the day is done.

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Tell me what it is that you see.

A world that’s filled with endless possibilities?

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We are how we treat each other and nothing more.

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We are how we treat each other.

## **Heritage Center looking for advocates**

The Valley Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center is looking for a continuing relationship with congregations in the area. The Center would like for each congregation to appoint a liaison. See Chris Dastoli if you are interested. The mission of the Center is to share and celebrate the story of Jesus Christ as reflected in the lives of Brethren and Mennonites in the Shenandoah Valley.

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Chris Dastoli, 2019  
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## Happy Birthday to all of us!

Beaver Creek celebrated all of our birthdays at the All Church Birthday Party on February 24. Right, Kailey draws months to determine the lucky tables that go first for the food. Special thanks are due to all of those who baked cakes, provided food, and kept us organized.

Photo by Bill Wood



Come shop LuLaRoe with Sierra Cline  
and jewelry by Tess Southerly  
**On Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
in the fellowship hall from **10 am. to 2 pm.**

## Young Adults meeting regularly

Our new Young Adult group is meeting twice a month on selected Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for food and fellowship. Locations will rotate among individuals' homes and the church, so that no one has a long drive for every meeting. See Lynne Miller Lent if you are interested or if you know some young adults who might be interested.

## Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. March 3. ◆ Our March 10 worship service will be at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Set your clocks ahead! ("Spring forward" the night before). ◆ Alice Over will be bringing the message in our morning worship March 31, in Pastor Elaine's absence. ◆ The First Sunday offering for March will go to support the Bridgewater and Stokesville food pantries. ◆ The Leadership Team has authorized a church subscription to Comcast Internet which, when fully installed, will provide improved reliability for our webcast and open wi-fi for the Sunday School hour.

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