



Easter joy

Left, the youth mix up the centers for chocolate-peanut butter eggs; right, Lynne and Daniel lead a joyful sunrise service.

Photos by Theresa Eckard and Douglas Wood



MAY 2019

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Scheduled church events this month:

May 7, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group

May 11, 5 p.m., Mother-Daughter Banquet (for all the women of the church; sign up in vestibule)

May 8, 6:30 p.m., worship focus team

May 16, 7 p.m., leadership team

(Next month: Vacation Bible School at Dayton Church of the Brethren June 17-20, with dinner 5:30-6 p.m. nightly and the program concluding at 8 p.m. Ages are 4 years to rising 8th graders, but age 3 welcome with parent. High schoolers are encouraged to help or join the junior highs.)

Birthdays this month:

1 Alda Miller

8 Pidge Rhodes

10 Brandon Over

11 Kendall Knicely

13 Dwight Miller

15 Andrea Mullens

17 Jay Hensley

24 Donna Miller

26 Jeremy Rhodes, David Simmons

29 Julie Rhodes

30 Natalie Wisman

Seeing One Another, Seeing Jesus

Elaine Hartman McGann

May 2019

John O'Donohue writes in his small book, *Anam Cara, A Book of Celtic [Irish] Wisdom*, [pp. 38-39]:

"The human face is an artistic achievement. On such a small surface an incredible variety and intensity of presence can be expressed. This breadth of presence overflows the limitation of the physical form. No two faces are exactly the same. There is always a special variation of presence in each one. . . . The human face is the subtle yet visual autobiography of each person. Regardless of how concealed or hidden the inner story of your life is, you can never successfully hide from the world while you have a face. . . . The face always reveals the soul; it is where the divinity of the inner life finds an echo and image. When you behold someone's face, you are gazing deeply into that person's life."

In the Bible stories, Jesus asked his friends and family to be together as a community. Jesus asked them to see one another, to be with one another and to love and befriend one another.

Jesus asks us to follow the same path of relationship and community. Jesus asks us to be together as a group of people who tolerate each other's differences and who hold together through some Power larger and more wonderful than individual personalities.

As you work, play, and practice following Jesus during the coming days, be aware of how you see other people and how you see yourself. Look into the face of another. It is possible we will see the face of Jesus.

**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**

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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.

Mother-Daughter Banquet set

All the ladies who are members or friends of Beaver Creek Church are invited to the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet May 11. By popular demand, the banquet will begin at 5 p.m. this year, an hour earlier than on previous occasions, to better fit schedules. The invitation to this banquet is extended to "anyone who is anyone's mother or anyone's daughter." The Men's Fellowship will do all of the decorating, cooking and cleaning up. Prize flowers will be awarded at each table.



Left, Adrienne directs and Deanne accompanies as the choir sings from "Calvary's Love" on Easter morning. Right, eager Easter egg hunters congregate in the fellowship hall on the day before Easter.

Photos by Bill Wood and Deb Hoover

Apple dumpling bakers needed!

The Women's Fellowship will be baking apple dumplings for the Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Auction on Friday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen. "We have about 60 to make so please come help if you can," Tess reports.

Auction events are set for May 17 and 18 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Highlights of the schedule include multiple auctions and food service events, with proceeds used worldwide to provide help in areas affected by major natural disasters, violence and terrorism..

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. May 5. ◆ Save the dates! All Church Retreat is set for Natural Chimneys August 9-11 (J Loop sites and picnic shelter; catered picnic is set for Saturday followed by informal vespers). ◆ If you know of a member or friend of Beaver Creek who is graduating from any level of education this spring, please let Tess know (540 828-2767)! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be in June.
