



Pastoral candidate's trial sermon set for August 18

Meet-and-Greet
6-8 p.m. August 17

Trial sermon
10:30 a.m. August 18

Carry-in lunch and
vote to follow

The Search Committee is pleased to report that it has selected a candidate for our current pastoral vacancy. There will be a meet-and-greet with the prospective pastoral family in the church fellowship hall from 6 to 8 p.m. August 17. Then our candidate will deliver a trial sermon at the morning worship August 18, followed by a carry-in lunch. After lunch we will have a Congregational Business Meeting to vote on the candidate.

Under district and denomination procedures, all screening and interviewing of candidates continues to be confidential. When a promising candidate is identified, all negotiations about salary and terms are settled before the trial sermon. Then there are two votes of members present: (1) whether to issue the call; and (2) a vote on the negotiated salary and employment agreement.

August 2019						
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 4, 8:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship with breakfast food
- August 6, 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
- August 9-10, Annual Church Retreat at Natural Chimneys Park
- August 10, 6 p.m. All Church Picnic, J-Loop Picnic Shelter, Natural Chimneys Park
- August 14, 6:30 p.m., Worship Focus Team
- August 15, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
- August 17, 6-8 p.m., Meet-and-greet by pastoral candidate
- August 18, 10:30 a.m., trial sermon by pastoral candidate
- August 18, Carry-in lunch and business meeting to follow
- August 25, Carry in lunch in Pastor Elaine's honor after worship

Birthdays this month:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Charles Wright, Sara Hulvey | 17 Josh Bollinger, Elsie Ray Harlow |
| 4 Kristen LaPrade | 18 Kaylene Mays |
| 6 Bryan Suter | 22 Chad Rhodes |
| 7 Lisa Rhodes | 23 Becky Whitmore |
| 15 Regina Harlow | 27 Patrick Eye |
| | 31 Garry Kline |

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Highlights from Leadership Team Minutes (full minutes available in the church office)
June 20, 2019**

Zack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Joe opened with devotions. The minutes from the May meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted with questions.

Matters for Leadership Team: Bill reported that VBS was going well. The church was able to connect with Sightground without problems and it is church owned.

Elaine reminded everyone of the time changes for July. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a.m. This change should be widely advertised.

Zack informed the team that renters are moving into the parsonage on July 23. They will be responsible for paying the electric bill, payable to Beaver Creek. Joe will be the liaison to meet the renters, have them sign the lease (copy of lease available in church office), collect the deposit and rent and give them the keys. The renters will need to check with Joe before installing cable or Direct TV.

Search Committee Report: Bill reported that the team is now at a sensitive and encouraging place in the process. Zack will touch base with Chris regarding the opening in the Search Committee. The Leadership Team has endorsed a replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019

Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk

**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
5651 Beaver Creek Rd.
Bridgewater, VA 22812-3378

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Permit No. 50

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.

All-Church Picnic highlights retreat

Beaver Creek Church will have its annual All Church Picnic for members, friends and family at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 10 at the J-loop picnic shelter, Natural Chimneys Park. A catered meal will be provided, so there's nothing to bring but yourself. A vespers service around the campfire will follow.

Our informal retreat starts at midday Friday at a block of reserved sites in the J-loop. Those with camping trailers and tents are welcome to come in and set up. We have the sites reserved through Sunday morning. We'll have regular Sunday School (9:15 a.m.) and worship (10:30 a.m.) on that Sunday, August 11.

The Making of Pimento Cheese, or Passing On Our Faith

Editor's note: As Pastor Elaine completes her interim service August 31, this is her last newsletter column. She leaves with our profound thanks and best wishes! There will be a carry-in lunch in her honor after the worship service August 25.

An article in *The Wall Street Journal* discussed the history and making of pimento cheese. Part of the headline read: "the tackiest of Southern indulgences, pimento cheese is now a favorite of top chefs nationwide." As I read what was written by Katy McLaughlin, I wondered if she really knew about making pimento cheese. 😊

Pimento cheese making is a labor of love in our household. First, there is the planting of pimento peppers [not just any old pepper], watching them grow, taking care of them until the pimento peppers are ready to harvest. Then we patiently can them, watching as the tiny jars in which the peppers have been placed are filled with the aromatic oil. Later, when the jars are opened and emptied into a huge stainless steel bowl of grated Longhorn and Swiss cheeses, the aromatic oil of the pimentos makes one's mouth salivate. To these ingredients are added the best mayonnaise and bits of Seven Day [sweet] pickles. Then all of this beautiful and pleasurable-smelling food is placed on warm whole wheat bread. Sometimes, to slow ourselves down in the eating of this, we use a fork and knife to cut and taste and savor the tiny bits of pimento cheese.

So what does all of this pimento cheese making business have to do with anything? What I realize is that it is important to have accurate information about making a particular food.

It is also very important that we Christians pass along our faith recipes, our understandings about how to follow Jesus, in accurate and positive ways.

Shawnthea Monroe writes: "For Christians, silence on the subject of Jesus is simply not an option. Remember two things. First, the only story you're required to share is your own story. It's the only story you can share. And second, telling others about Jesus is rooted in real-life experiences, not fancy words. Tell how Jesus has changed your life. That's enough." [Christian Century, July 26, 2011, p. 23]

As a faith community, Beaver Creek needs to keep building on and renewing the study of the Bible among us all. Try to imagine how you will help the next generation of Christians learn about Jesus, who He was and what He did and why God sent Jesus to us on this earth. Think of all the ways we learn about this person Jesus and how to follow Jesus in every way and on every day of our lives. Keep on supporting the programs that the congregation already is. Be creative.

Remember how to make good pimento cheese and how to pass on your faith.

— Elaine Hartman McGann, August 2019

Beaver Creek bits

◆ Coffee fellowship time with breakfast is at 9:15 a.m. August 4. ◆ Mark your calendars! Men's Fellowship Steak Dinner is set for 4 to 7 p.m. September 28.
