

October
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Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

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Apple butter time!

Our annual Apple Butter Boil is set for October 3-4, starting Friday morning with peeling and coring apples at Onyx Hill Orchard and then snitting apples from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday at 3 a.m. fires are started and cider is poured into kettles. Around 8 a.m. apple snits are added the kettles and the stirring begins. In the afternoon the canning begins and usually wraps up around 6 p.m. Come on out for a good time of fellowship, working together – and of course, there is always food to eat.

To place orders on the “wish list,” see Jane Wood or call 828-4015. (It’s called a “wish list” because apple butter yields are variable and we don’t always know whether we’ll be able to meet all requests.) The price is \$6 per pint and \$10 per quart, with all proceeds going to the National Youth Conference 2018 fund.

Homecoming celebrated

Homecoming featured a special message and music, and a conversation-promoting video from 19 years ago.



Beaver Creek celebrated Homecoming September 7. Highlights included a Homecoming message and gospel story telling by Robert Alley, a big crowd for Denise’s children’s story, a conversation-promoting video from 19 years ago, and the Adult Choir singing “Shout to the Lord” and “Come, Christians, Join to Sing,” directed by Adrienne Whiteside and accompanied by Deanne Dastoli. It was a great day for Beaver Creek!

Sunday excitement for kids

There’s always something exciting for kids at Beaver Creek on Sunday morning, as Will sets fire to the symbolic threads of the friendship bridge in Joe’s children’s story. Far right, third graders Layla, Kasey and Caleb receive their presentation Bibles from Glenn and Elizabeth.



(Photos by Douglas Wood)

Come join us!

Worship starts at 11 a.m. ♦ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (30 minutes earlier in June-July-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 October Calendar

OCTOBER 2014							Scheduled church events in October:
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	October 1, 9:30 a.m., Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	October 3-4, Apple Butter Boil
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	October 5, 7 p.m., Love Feast
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	October 7, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
26	27	28	29	30	31		October 14, 3:30 p.m., Ministry focus team
							October 14, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible study
							October 15, 9:30 a.m., Women's Fellowship extra sewing
							October 16, 7 p.m., Leadership team
							October 19, November newsletter deadline
							October 26, 1:15 p.m., Congregational business meeting
							October 28, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible study

Birthdays in October:	
1 Chris Dastoli	18 Norma Suter, Joyce Wright
3 Michael Jordan	25 Valerie Wampler, Jeanne Wright
5 Debbie Bollinger	27 Glenn Bollinger, Denny Wright
7 Doug Rhodes, Caleb Wall	28 Chase Dunn, Tess Southerly
9 Megan LaPrade, Jared Eckard	29 Ava VanBenschoten
12 Adam Wampler	30 Tim Grove, Scott Suter
16 Nikki Hoover	

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting August 21, 2014

Present: Jeanette Hess, Candy Hulvey, Donna Miller, Evy Kaye Sandin, Denise Shiflet, Kenny Wheelbarger, Bill Wood, Charles Wright. **Ex-Officio:** Glenn Bollinger – Pastor, Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk. **Absent:** Marlin Simmons.

Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Glenn Bollinger opened with devotions.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and approved.

The Master Calendar was updated.

Focus Team Reports:

Ministry: Bill Wood reported that the team is studying the paper on Ministry that was adopted by Annual Conference. This paper involves a change in expectations for a required mentorship. More information can be found on the church website.

Congregational Care: Bill Wood reported that the new soundboard has been installed. Sean Dunn held a training session for those interested in helping with the sound system.

Deacons: Bill Wood reported that the Deacons will meet on September 7.

Worship: Candy Hulvey reported that most seem pleased with the new way of giving announcements at the beginning of the service. A CCLI Copy License, which will allow items to be projected on the screen, will cost \$196.00 yearly.

Christian Education: Jeanette Hess reported that Sunday School teachers have been secured for fall. The team is still working on Nursery helpers. Teacher Appreciation Sunday and 3rd grade Bibles will be given out on September 7. New materials have been ordered for Junior Highs and the Elementary Age group.

Fellowship: Denise Shiflet reported that attendance at the Church Retreat was very good. John Jantzi led the Vesper Service. Dates for next year's retreat will be September 18-20. The breakfast on August 31 will be French Toast. A movie night will be held on September 5 at the church. The youth will serve ice cream sundaes as a fundraiser. A Fall Vesper Service will be held on September 21.

Outreach: Kenny Wheelbarger reported that the team is working on the Heifer Project and the Shoebox Project. A volunteer list is being developed for the backpack program. The choir is planning to help pack the backpacks on Wednesday nights.

Finance: Charles Wright reported that the team met on August 6 to work on the budget. The team discussed the fact that the giving reported weekly in the bulletin is not a good representation of where the church is financially. A better way to report this information would be to report the amount given weekly and give a quarterly report on how the giving compares to the budget needs. A recommendation from the Finance Team to report weekly giving in the bulletin and give a full report quarterly was proposed. These reports will be in the bulletin and the newsletter. The recommendation passed. Charles made an amendment to the recommendation that we will

continue to report the year to date giving. The team continues to work on an offering teller program. He will bring a recommendation to the Leadership Team at a later date.

Facilities: Donna Miller received a report from Roger Simmons. The team met with the heating system repairman who reported that the heating system is on life support. The team is getting bids for 3 contractors to replace the furnace. The team is also getting estimates on carpet cleaning, painting, and tree trimming. They continue to work on small jobs, such as electrical work.

Pastor's Report: Glenn reported that with fall approaching there will be more activities resuming in the church. The service start time will continue to be 10:30 am. until after Homecoming. Jonathan Shively will be our guest speaker on October 5. Love Feast will also be held on October 5. Annual Conference delegates will be sharing during the Sunday School hour on August 31.

Old Business: [There was a discussion of Deacon nominations. Full minutes are available from the Church Clerk]. Bill Wood will ask the congregation for deacon nominations this Sunday. Nominations can be placed in the offering plates.

New Business: A first draft of the proposed 2015 budget was presented. [After a lengthy discussion, the Leadership Team did not have a completed budget for the October council meeting but did have changes in line items and their location in the budget. No new line items were added; additional action from two teams was necessary before a final budget total would be available. Complete minutes are available from the Church Clerk; and the budget as proposed will be available one week in advance of the October council meeting.]

Donna and Mike Suter will work together to re-work the budget changes. The budget will go back to the Finance Team with the changes. The Finance Team will meet on August 27. Outreach and Missions Team will also work on the changes suggested.

Other Business: The Leadership Team went into a closed session to discuss the Pastor's recommended salary and benefits for the 2014 budget. The recommendation will go into the budget presentation for the October council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Springs survey: inside and out

On September 7, we took some time in the worship service to fill out a survey about our spiritual values. I was an "outsider" in the sense of not being on the team that sponsored the survey, but an "insider" in being one of six people back in the library who entered the 3,032 pieces of data from 103 surveys in time to show the results at the end of the service. (Yes, we worked hard.)

As someone who works with statistics often in my job, I was thrilled to have a data set with such a high response rate – it was way above anything I usually get to work with. By combining the highest-rated responses with an index of agreement, I came up with the five values that I believe best represent where Beaver Creek stands spiritually, listed in order of importance to us:

Just imagine where we could go as a church by emphasizing those priorities.

1. The Lordship of Christ
2. Strong learning programs for all ages (Sunday school, small groups, Bible studies)
3. An attitude of grace toward others
4. Reaching people with the gospel
5. Intercessory prayer (praying for others)

Wow, what a list – just imagine where we could go as a church by emphasizing those priorities. We would put Christ first, we would make sure our Sunday school and small groups and Bible studies were thriving, always with an attitude of grace toward others. We would reach out with the gospel and pray for others. We would not worry about tradition or get caught up with small issues.

The Springs of Living Water team will have additional results for us to consider and more steps to take as we define a theme for future projects. For my part, I was glad to do some statistics for us, so that we would know where we stood on core values.

–Bill Wood

Men's Fellowship allocates funds

In its regular August meeting, the Men's Fellowship allocated \$470 to the backpack program to send food home on weekends with schoolkids who have an identified need. The men also set aside \$2500 in Steak Dinner proceeds for furnace replacement. (We are told that our furnace is in the last quarter of the game, the two-minute warning, or even "overtime.")

Love Feast Oct. 5; call for kneaders for Oct. 1

Beaver Creek will be making communion bread Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the church kitchen, in anticipation of the next Love Feast, on World Communion Sunday. For Love Feast on October 5, child care is provided and the service gets under way at 7 p.m.

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Nigerian church faces terrorism, persecution

We are asked to continue in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. Beaver Creek in particular is asked to pray for a girl, Confort Habila, kidnapped by the terrorist group, Boko Haram. Here is the report that comes from the denomination: "As Church of the Brethren churches are being burned, thousands are fleeing their homes, and many more are fearful and prepared to flee. . . most, if not all, of the denominational staff of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) have fled the church's headquarters. . . . Their faith is strong, but the peril is real. Donations to assist those displaced by the violence may be made at www.brethren.org/edf."

Rural ministry seeks funding

The ministry that is sponsoring Jessie Houff's term with Brethren Volunteer Service is in need of funding to continue its efforts. The contact information is: Rural and Migrant Ministry, PO Box 4757, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602, (845)485-8627. Online donations can be made at <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/donations.html>. Jessie adds: "I need to raise at least \$500 to contribute and ensure that our program can continue to run. I'm only expected to raise \$500 myself, so if y'all could make any kind of contribution, it would be greatly appreciated."

Extra sewing sessions set

Women's Fellowship Sunrise group is needing your help with hemming and knotting comforts that we have been commissioned to repair. We also have two items we would like to do for the Christmas Auction. We are meeting at 9:30 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of October and November until the December auction to try and have these items completed. Come help if you can or just come and fellowship with us.

—Tess Southerly

Beaver Creek bits

The new cabinets to accommodate the icemaker are now installed in the Fellowship Hall ♦ Congregational Business Meeting October 26 will follow a carry-in lunch, with the meeting to start about 1:15 p.m. ♦ Pastor Geordanny Joseph, known to many at Beaver Creek, will speak at our October 19 worship about his work with orphans in Haiti. ♦ The CROP Meal to fight world hunger is set for Thursday, October 30 at Bridgewater College. The Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk is set for Sunday, November 2. See Bob Hess for details.

Conference report

Right, delegates John Jordan and Ann Healy report to the congregation on this year's Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

