



Budget for 2015 adopted

The church's overall budget will be little changed from 2014, following congregational action at the fall business meeting on October 26. The total budget will be \$172,726.92, up 0.92 percent from 2014. Stewardship letters with a copy of the approved budget and pledge cards have been mailed. On Stewardship Sunday, November 9, we will collect and dedicate pledge cards. Also at the October 26 business meeting, the following individuals were chosen for leadership and service positions:

Leadership team chair (2015)
Leadership team chair-elect (2016 chair)
Moderator (through 2017)
Deacons

Church Clerk
Financial Secretary
District Conference Delegates*

Focus team appointments (3-year terms, each to expire at the end of 2017)

Facilities
Finance
Ministry
Worship
Outreach and Missions
Christian Education and Discipleship
Fellowship
Congregational Care and Connections

Evy Kaye Sandin
Bill Wood
Robert Alley
Sandra Bennington
Bill and Donna Miller
Kenny and Misti Wheelbarger
Dana Suter
Darlene LaPrade
Jane Wood, Louise Dunn

Bill Eckard
Mike Suter
Faye Wampler
Debbie Bollinger
Jim Grove
Jane Cyzick
Deborah Hoover
David Simmons

**For Annual Conference, there are still two delegate openings. Travel expenses are paid; the conference is set for Tampa, Florida July 11-15. If interested, volunteer to Bonnie Sue Eckard, Chris Southerly or John Wright.*

From Haiti to Beaver Creek

We had a lively worship service on October 19, as Pastor Geordany Joseph from Haiti delivered the message and Outspoken, the Bridgewater College praise band, brought special music.

In his message, Pastor Geordany related how he was called by God away from a comfortable job in Port au Prince to serve his people. His network currently includes multiple congregations and an orphanage that serves 36.

Pastor Geordany spoke of the unity we all have in Christ. He concluded by saying America is a blessed nation and expressing thanks for the ministry support he has received from U.S. congregations. An offering taken on that Sunday, including outside contributions, totaled \$5,755.

Above right, Pastor Geordany and Pastor Glenn talk with LaDawn Knicely after the service. Right, Outspoken leads the congregation in the Song of the Month, "Shout to the Lord."



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 November Calendar

NOVEMBER 2014							Scheduled church events in November: November 1, 4:30-7 p.m. Oyster Supper (by advance ticket purchase only) November 4, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group November 5, 9:30 a.m., Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group November 7-8, Shenandoah District Conference November 9, Deacon meeting after carry-in lunch November 11, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible Study November 11, 3:45 p.m., Ministry focus team November 16, monthly newsletter deadline November 20, 7 p.m., Leadership team November 19, November newsletter deadline November 25, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible study November 30, 5 p.m., Hanging of the Greens
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Birthdays in November:	
2 Chris Southerly 3 Eva Jordan 4 Mac Evans, Phyllis Rhodes, Henry Eye 5 Diane Miller 6 Brenda Cline 7 LaDawn Knicely 8 Annie Simmons 10 Darlene LaPrade 11 Misti Wheelbarger	13 Jason Jordan 14 Jackson Healy 15 Sierra Cline 16 Geraldine Suter 17 Grace Wright 21 Lee Harlow 27 Jeanette Hess, Lisa Moran 30 Austin Grove

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting September 18, 2014

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

Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led devotions. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as amended. The Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. The Master Calendar was updated.

Focus Team Reports:

Ministry: The Ministry team spent some time discussing the Springs of Living Water survey results. Meetings with our ministry candidates will be set up. Glenn reported that the ethics training required by the new paper adopted by Annual Conference has been completed.

Congregational Care: No report.

Deacons: Bill Wood reported that the Deacons will be making communion bread October 1 and preparing for the October 5 Love Feast at 7 p.m.

Worship: No report.

Christian Education: Jeanette Hess reported that teacher recognition is complete, but some teachers have not yet claimed their flowers. Third graders have been recognized with presentation Bibles. Donated video equipment has been received for the Sunday School program.

Fellowship: Denise Shiflet reported that more than 40 people attended the Movie Night and around \$100 was raised for the work camp fund. Vespers are set for September 21 with a 5 p.m. campfire and hot dog roast, followed by music and devotions at 6 p.m. Fellowship mornings on Sunday are also going well.

Outreach: Kenny Wheelbarger reported on progress with the backpack program for children in food-insecure homes. Sign-ups for buying and packing are in progress. Additional work is necessary to arrange for reimbursement for those who go on the buying trips.

Finance: Charles Wright had reported to Donna before the meeting that the finance team was continuing to work on the offering teller system, and continues to work on the budget for the October council meeting.

Facilities: Glenn read an email from Roger Simmons reporting on the furnace situation. The HVAC contractors who looked all agreed that the current furnace is at the end of its life. The one estimate received is that another boiler like our current one will cost \$20,886, with an effective life of 20 to 25 years. Additional estimates are pending. Wall repairs and carpet cleaning have also been done.

Pastor's Report: Glenn reported that Homecoming went well and that he had received good reactions to Robert Alley's message and the video shown downstairs. In addition to regular weekly duties and usual visitation, Glenn officiated at

the wedding of Pieter Tramper and Lydia Croom at Woodstock and is working with an additional couple in pre-marital counseling. Glenn reported that Sam Evans is able to receive letters, but not anything else, at Marine basic training. Glenn passed along word that the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN) are hard pressed by terrorism and war. He also reported that the Gifts and Calling Team is still working on filling positions for 2015. Geordany Joseph from the Haitian orphanage familiar to Beaver Creek will be present for October 19 worship.

Old Business: Work on the 2015 budget is not complete, but the budget will require action to prepare it for October presentation at the next Leadership Team meeting.

New Business: Montezuma Church of the Brethren has asked for assistance with the Open Doors homeless ministry in November.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Wood, substituting for Darlene LaPrade

Apple Butter: The Inside Story

Contributed by Brad Eckard

I had the unique “pleasure” of spending Friday night at the Apple Butter Boil with the Junior Highs and a few of the Senior Highs. It’s during times like this, spent in fellowship with these little miracles from God, that one notices the difference between teen age boys and actual human beings. I’m not sure where they rank in the biological order, but I suspect somewhere between pond algae and a chimpanzee..

Their brains just work differently from everyone else’s. When faced with a decision, a forty-five year old mature adult will look at all sides, weigh all his options against their consequences and then make a decision based on how bad his back will hurt in the morning. Teenage boys, on the other hand, when faced with the same dilemma, only want to know two things; when do we eat and what do we eat? Most of the time they don’t even care about what as long as when is now.

Take the sleeping arrangements Friday night. There’s always the question of who’s sleeping where. My first choice was in a bed on a beach somewhere in the Bahamas. Since I didn’t even ask, I could stand to sleep in my own bed. I’d even settle for a bed made out of the pillows in the Junior High’s room. When faced with the same question, the boys decided... picnic tables. The first problem I noticed was ‘picnic table’ doesn’t have the word ‘bed’ in it anywhere. I mean, who thinks of sleeping on a picnic table?

So the boys pulled the picnic tables together under the shelter, threw their sleeping bags on top and went to sleep. In the morning they complained that they didn’t sleep well. Gee. Know why?

**BECAUSE THEY WERE SLEEPING
OUTSIDE ON PICNIC TABLES!!!**

I looked to the girls for a little common sense, but I found them in the morning, curled up on the ground beside a dying fire. The kids finally quieted down around 2 am. I made sure everyone stayed quiet before making my way to my tent around 2:30 and finally drifted off to sleep about fifteen minutes before the men showed up to start the fires. A tent was not my first choice, or second or even third, but I was out of the weather and able to stand up straight in the morning. So all in all, it wasn’t a bad night.

This was the second year that I’ve spent the night at Apple Butter and as much as it pains me, I’m willing to give up my spot next year if someone would like to step in.

Please.

I’m begging you.

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Above left, fires for boiling down the cider. At right in the picture, sleeping quarters. Below, the snits (cut apple pieces) are added after daybreak.



At right, the apple butter is stirred all day. Far right, the finished product is labeled. Proceeds of the Apple Butter Boil support travel to National Youth Conference.



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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.

Advent season approaches

This year, the first Sunday of Advent – the church season leading up to Christmas -- is November 30. We will kick off Advent Music Minutes at 9:45 a.m. for all children through 5th grade in the fellowship hall, with songs of the season and preparation for the kids to sing in a December worship service. At 5 p.m. on the 30th, we'll have the traditional Hanging of the Greens. All are welcome to come and share in a "finger food" supper, decorating of the church, a brief program and ornament exchange. Details will be available in each week's worship bulletin beginning in November.

LaDawn Knicely recommended for licensure

In its October 26 council meeting, the congregation recommended LaDawn Knicely for the next step in her ministry journey, licensed ministry in the Church of the Brethren. The recommendation now goes to the Shenandoah District for action. LaDawn has been exploring her call in her studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, due to be completed in April. Licensure is the step before full ordained ministry in our denomination.

Chilly Beaver Creekers, a cure is on the way! Our church's new furnace has arrived in Harrisonburg and is set for installation beginning November 10. The Facilities Team received estimates on retrofitting the old chimney to the new furnace, and the extra equipment (including a new power vent) was so costly that estimates on a new chimney were sought. It turned out to be more cost-effective to put in a new chimney. Thanks to the quick and skilled work of Grant Plaughter, the new chimney is ready for the new furnace's installation window.

(Photo by Glenn Bollinger)



Beaver Creek bits

The new icemaker is now functional in the Fellowship Hall ♦ Beaver Creek's own Andrew Bollinger was elected to represent the junior class at Bridgewater College's Homecoming October 25. ♦ The First Sunday special offering for November will be dedicated to Operation Christmas Child, preparing and shipping shoeboxes to needy children around the world through Samaritan's Purse. ♦ The Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. November 5 and 19 to make items for the Dec. 6 Christmas auction.

October happenings

On October 1, deacons and helpers gathered to make communion bread with the traditional recipe. It was used for Love Feast October 5. Earlier on October 5, we heard from Jonathan Shively, executive director of congregational life ministries for the Church of the Brethren.



