



Christ the Savior is Born – Rejoice!

Editor's note: Although this is a "January" newsletter, the Christmas holiday requires an early deadline, so you will likely receive it before Christmas. So – plan on participating in all the remaining Advent and Christmas activities, and we'll see you in the New Year!

Hanging of the Greens



The youth decorated the Chrismon tree.

Beaver Creek Church ushered in the season of Advent on November 30 with the Hanging of the Greens. After a light meal, groups scattered around the church for decoration and service projects. This year the youth decorated the main Chrismon tree in the sanctuary. Others draped the balcony rails with greens, prepared fruit baskets for church members who are not able to get out and about, collected food for distribution through the food pantry, and led smaller children in crafts.



Morgan Click Dakin sings on Dec. 14

Funds raised at auction

The Women's Fellowship had its annual Christmas auction on December 6. The crowd bid on baked goods, canned goods, handcrafted items, homegrown produce, gift certificates, and more. It was a wonderful evening supporting a great cause – the service and outreach projects of the Women's Fellowship.

Right, Nancy, Debbie, and Winnie helped auctioneer Ray Wine describe and sell the items. Below, there were plenty of bidders. Bottom right, Harley, Elsie, Emma, and Cece were among the great "runners" who carried items to those who purchased them.

Story and photos by Regina Harlow



**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 January Calendar

| 2015 JANUARY | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Scheduled church events in January:
 January 4, Bread and Cup Communion in morning worship
 January 6, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible Study
 January 6, 3:30 p.m., Ministry focus team
 January 6, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
 January 11, Deacon meeting after worship and carry-in lunch
 January 15, 7 p.m., Leadership team
 January 18, monthly newsletter deadline
 January 20, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible Study

Birthdays in January:

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| <p>2 Joe LaPrade 4 Golden Brunk 5 Sam Evans, Kasey Cyzick 7 Laura Wall (Grove) 14 Ava Lynne Wampler 15 Theresa Eckard</p> | <p>23 Michael LaPrade, Emma Eckard 25 Jody Cyzick 26 Anna Suter, Scotty Evans 28 Cole Wheelbarger 29 Greg Evans 31 Stuart Wood</p> |
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Editor's note: November minutes were to be approved at the December 20 Leadership Team meeting, after press time for this newsletter.

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting October 16, 2014

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

Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Evy Kaye Sandin led 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:

Facilities: Roger Simmons reported for the Facilities Team that the new furnace has arrived in Harrisonburg, but installation work will require either a new chimney or extensive chimney work, additional vent pipe and a power vent to provide additional draft. Figures are being requested for the proposed new chimney. Evy Kaye Sandin moved that up to an additional \$6000 be allocated for the chimney; Charles Wright seconded the motion and it was approved on a show of hands.

Christian Education: Teachers have been secured for all Sunday School classes; no further report.

Fellowship: Denise Shiflet reported that there is a French Toast Fifth Sunday set for November 30.

Finance: Charles Wright reported that work on the budget is complete and it is ready for the Congregational Business Meeting. Work also continues on the offering teller system.

Worship: Candy Hulvey reported that the Junior Highs volunteered to lead the Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. December 24. Pastor Geordany Joseph from Haiti will be delivering the sermon on October 19 and there will be an opportunity for an offering for his work.

Ministry: Bill Wood reported that LaDawn Knicely has come forward as a candidate for the licensed ministry. After discussing LaDawn's hopes and plans with her at its October meeting, the team unanimously recommended LaDawn's candidacy to the Leadership Team for the fall Congregational Business Meeting agenda. (On a show of hands, the Leadership Team unanimously endorsed LaDawn's candidacy.)

Congregational Care: No report.

Deacons: Bill Wood reported that the Deacons were pleased with the turnout at Love Feast on October 5. The attendance included a number of youth observers, who were most welcome. They took part in every aspect of the Love Feast except the bread and cup, which is reserved for baptized members. Bill expressed appreciation for all who helped with Love Feast preparation, including the Wednesday session to bake communion bread.

Pastor's Report: Glenn reported on preparations for Pastor Geordany's visit. The Bridgewater College Chapel band, Outspoken, will be providing special music for that service. Glenn also reported on Jonathan Shively's visit and the church program in general, reminding the Leadership Team that the season will be very active from now to the end of the year.

Old Business: Donna pointed out that under denominational guidelines, Pastor Glenn is eligible for five weeks of vacation. It was also noted that Glenn has not been taking the vacation time allotted for some years now. No action was taken.

The proposed 2015 budget was discussed and endorsed as ready for Congregational Business Meeting consideration. Copies will be available for distribution on October 19.

Donna distributed a copy of an expense log submitted by Steele and Alice Dunn from their Ukraine mission work.

New Business: The list of candidates for the Congregational Business Meeting was approved.

A separate meeting to review the polity and address issues of wording was set for Thursday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m., with subs and fruit provided.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Wood, substituting for Darlene LaPrade

Activities of the season

Here are upcoming activities to help celebrate the season and get the New Year started right:

- December 20: Ringing of the bells at Dayton Farmers' Market for the Salvation Army (check sign-up sheet in the church vestibule)
- December 21: Kids sing and present dramatized reading in the worship hour, 11 a.m. (this year's Children's Christmas Program).
- December 22: Caroling, starting by meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Bob-a-Rea's, sponsored by the adult choir. Bring a sandwich plate or soup to share.
- December 24: 11 p.m. candlelight service on Christmas Eve
- December 28: Regular morning worship, 11 a.m., with Christmas having fully arrived after the four Sundays of Advent
- January 4: Bread and cup communion for baptized members of the church, during 11 a.m. worship

Children's story wisdom



Michael advises the kids to count their blessings instead of sheep when they can't get to sleep.

Men's Fellowship fund-raisers

When you have enjoyed Beaver Creek chicken barbecue, or attended the June steak dinner, or opened a jar of apple butter, have you ever wondered where the money raised by these events goes? The Apple Butter Boil is dedicated to sending our youth and advisers to National Youth Conference in Colorado every four years. All of the other Men's Fellowship events go to service and outreach projects. First, 10 percent comes off the top to be saved for outreach. Then, the men fund the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. Remaining funds are allocated to serve the church, with big 2014 projects including donations to help pay for the replacement furnace and the new icemaker. So rest assured: When you support Men's Fellowship food events, the profit goes to good causes.

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Pew project begins; money needed



Pew missing

Many in the congregation have noticed that one of the front pews in the sanctuary has been absent for a few weeks. The facilities team would like to update everyone on what is happening.

Although our current church pews have served us well for around 35 years, the team responsible for the facility and buildings has been aware that a number of our pews have rips in the fabric. Because of the expense, it was decided not to pursue repairs or replacement at the time, as there were more pressing needs to be addressed.

Last month one of the front pews experienced a failure when the pew bottom broke loose from its support, causing the pew to be unusable. A closer inspection of the rest of the pews showed that 4 of the 22 pews in the sanctuary have broken glue joints and are at risk of also having the seat drop loose. In addition, 18 of the 22 pews have torn fabric mainly due to a design flaw.

To replace the pews would cost over \$900 each, but a local upholsterer has looked at the pews and estimates that he can repair the pews and replace the fabric with similar heavy duty fabric. This cost would run approximately \$270 each.

As a result of the need to replace the furnace for the church and giving \$20,000 to our local Salvation Army Shelter, the Capital Improvement account is nearly depleted. The Facilities Team realizes the importance of maintaining our worship space and would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to "pay for a pew." The Men's Fellowship and several families have already pledged to cover the expenses of some of the pews. You won't own the pew or get special reserved seats but you can participate by paying for a half a pew, a whole pew or as many pews as you'd like. Simply mail a check to the church office or place it in the offering plate with "Pew Project" written in the memo line. Pews will be repaired 1 or 2 at a time as designated money comes in.

God's blessings to each of you – *Beaver Creek Facilities Team*

Beaver Creek bits

If you would like a daily scripture reading delivered to your email inbox, just send a request to Bill Wood, woodwc@gmail.com. The readings are based on our spiritual renewal program, "Springs of Living Water." ♦ The 2014 Apple Butter Boil generated a total profit of \$1408.56, which has been saved in the youth account for National Youth Conference 2018. ♦ Evy Kaye Sandin takes over as leadership team chair on January 1, succeeding Donna Miller. New focus team members and deacons also begin service on January 1.

Sunday lunch opportunities

Early in the New Year, we're going to have some opportunities for lunch after worship:

- January 11: Women's Fellowship
- February 1: Congregational Business Meeting to follow
- February 8: Fidelis Class lunch on Super Bowl Sunday

Plan to stay and enjoy a great time with food and fellowship!