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## Leadership chair message

*A message from leadership chair Evelyn Sandin*

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in selecting me as leadership chair for 2015. I want to emphasize prayer this year. We need your prayers and God's anointing. Continually pray for me, your pastor, your moderator and the Leadership team & Focus teams as we plan and work to praise God and do His will through Beaver Creek Church. My wish is to keep the congregation informed of actions taken by your leadership. Please feel free to come to me at any time with your thoughts and concerns.

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## Five-week series begins February 22

**LIVING  
GENEROUSLY**

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it?" How often do we stop to consider the commitment Christ expects? He's not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but a life that is completely focused on giving to others what He has so graciously given to us.

Beginning on February 22, I hope to address some of these questions and ideas as we begin a series entitled Living Generously. This series will run during the Sundays of Lent, from February 22 through March 22, and will include a series of short film clips that tell the story of the Donovan family as they seek to understand what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call of Christ. Adult and Youth Sunday School classes will have an opportunity to journey alongside the worship experience with complementing lessons. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my hope that this series prompt us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, I hope we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God.

At the end of the series, we will give a way in which we can share how we have been impacted. What an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God's generosity! I invite you to join me in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear His message of transforming generosity.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Glenn*

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## A reflection on women in ministry

*By Regina Cyzick Harlow  
1/9/2015*

I recently experienced my first out-right shunning since saying yes to the call of ministry several years ago. A much more frequent encounter are those who engage me in conversation concerning their understanding of Scripture on the matter of women in ministry. I respect that.

This call has not come without resistance, deep soul searching, intense Scripture study, dying to self, and continued submission to God.

I was raised on 1 Timothy 2:12, "*I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather she is to remain quiet.*" And Titus 2:3-5, "*Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*"

I do not take these Scriptures lightly. They are, after all, "*God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.*" (2 Timothy 3:16)

Yet we read in Acts 2:17-18, "*And in those last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*" Luke 2:36-38 "*And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*" Philip, the evangelist, had four daughters who prophesied, Acts 21:9, Paul mentions many women in various forms of ministry in Romans 16, Euodia and Syntyche were women who labored side-by-side with Paul in the Gospel together, Philippians 4:2 and 1 Corinthians 11:5 gives instruction to women who pray and prophesy.

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## A reflection on women in ministry

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Miriam, Noadiah, Deborah, Huldah, and Isaiah's wife were female prophets in the Old Testament.

These Scriptures are also a part of the sacred text, "God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16) According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary, a prophet is "a member of some religions (such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) who delivers messages that are believed to have come from God."

I don't believe Scripture contradicts itself. *We see through a glass darkly and know only in part*, 1 Corinthians 13:12. I believe all of Scripture is sacred and that our obstacles stem from our limited human understanding.

What I do know, is that out of fear of human response, I almost said no to the clear and urgent call God has placed on my life. What I have experienced by stepping out in obedience is the freedom and joy of serving the Lord in full submission to God, my husband, and the leadership of our denomination and local district. There are no words to describe the delight of walking with those who are surrendering their lives to Christ and entering into relationship with him, and being a part of that influence and journey. No words can articulate the humble calling of sitting with those in illness and death and the incredible ways God uses us, his imperfect, flawed people, to extend his grace and comfort in those times. In spite of the many times I've missed it or completely blown it, I do not have words to express the joy of serving others in the Lord, encouraging them in despair, urging repentance and intentional living, pointing them to Jesus and to a Kingdom not of this world. All of these specific opportunities to minister have been a direct result of fulfilling the role of pastor.

Yes, this has cost me relationships. Yes, I have been judged, shunned, criticized, condemned, called out by those who understand Scripture differently, but mostly I have been affirmed by God again and again that I am walking in his will for my life, and by many others who see God working directly in and through me. I have counted the cost and the peace of walking in the will of God far exceeds the approval of man.

I do not know what the next steps will be for me, but I pray I will have the courage to say "yes" to God, wherever it is he leads.

### Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren February Calendar

2015 FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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

**Scheduled church events in February:**

February 1, Congregational Business Meeting (immediately after worship dismisses)

February 3, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group

February 4, 9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group

February 8, after worship, Koinonia luncheon (freewill offering)

February 19, 7 p.m., Leadership team

February 15, monthly newsletter deadline

February 22, beginning of "Living Generously"

**Birthdays in February:**

<p>1 Angie Rhodes, Maggie Newman, Jessie Hess</p> <p>4 Ruth Smith</p> <p>5 Faye Wampler, Deanne Dastoli, Pat Shiflet, Tommy Simmons, Cheyanna Healy</p> <p>6 Alex Hareford (Wheelbarger)</p> <p>9 Ian Suter</p> <p>10 David Simmons</p> <p>13 Madelynn Jordan</p> <p>14 Trent Cornwell (Southerly)</p> <p>15 Bob Hess, Chandler Jordan</p>	<p>16 Kate Corder</p> <p>17 Janet Showalter</p> <p>18 Jim Grove, Deborah Hoover</p> <p>20 Jane Wood, Douglas Wood</p> <p>22 Elizabeth Evans</p> <p>23 Ty Cyzick, Phyllis Simmons</p> <p>24 Roger Simmons</p> <p>27 Denise Shiflet</p> <p>28 Tina Healy</p>
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#### Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Minutes November 20, 2014

**Present:** Jeanette Hess, Candy Hulvey, Donna Miller, Evy Kaye Sandin, Denise Shiflet, Bill Wood, Charles Wright. **Ex-Officio:** Glenn Bollinger – Pastor, Darlene LaPrade – Church Clerk. **Absent:** Marlin Simmons. Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Candy Hulvey opened with devotions. The minutes from the October and the Special Called Leadership Team meetings were approved. The Treasurer's Report was distributed and

approved. The Master Calendar was updated.

**Focus Team Reports:**

**Deacons:** Bill Wood reported that Bread and Cup Communion will be held on January 4. The Deacons continue with visitations.

**Worship:** Candy Hulvey reported that the Children's Christmas Program will be held during worship on December 21. Christmas caroling will be on December 22 @ 5:30 pm. The Junior Highs will be in charge of the Christmas Eve Service.

**Finance:** Charles Wright reported that the team will meet on Monday night with Darlene LaPrade to discuss the new teller system.

**Fellowship:** Denise Shiflet reported that a French Toast breakfast will be held on the 5th Sunday in November.

**Christian Education:** Jeanette Hess reported that the team needs to find a replacement for Elizabeth Evans. This will be a 2yr term.

**Ministry:** No report.

**Congregational Care:** No report.

**Facilities:** Donna Miller read a report sent from Roger Simmons. The new furnace has been installed. Roger is having difficulty getting the temperature to 70 degrees in the sanctuary. The front row pew has been taken to the upholsterer for repair. 18 of the 22 pews have tears in the upholstery.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Glenn reported that Advent booklets will be available at Hanging of the Greens. Glenn will be meeting with his health insurance agent tomorrow. Due to the changes in the tax laws, Glenn will have to pay taxes on his share and the amount the church pays. He is looking into other options for getting health care insurance. Glenn discussed a series of materials called "Living Generously". This is a 5 week focus study with 7 min. video clips that would be done during worship. Additional materials are available for use in Sunday School classes. The cost is \$300.00 with some opportunities available to offset the cost. Glenn would like to start this study on February 22 ending March 22 (Lent).

**Old Business:** Donna discussed the need to let Steele and Alice Dunn know that their request for insurance funds is not in our 2015 budget. They will be informed that support will be given to them through First Sunday Offerings. The church also needs to know when the money is needed.

**New Business:** Donna reported that Elizabeth Evans, Kenny Wheelbarger, and Bob Hess have all resigned their positions on Focus Teams. A replacement is also needed for Bill Wood due to his election as Chair-Elect in 2015. Donna distributed an assessment tool for Focus Team members and asked for feedback. The assessment will be tweaked and sent out to current team members and past team members.

**Other Business:** The next Leadership Team meeting will be held on December 18 @ 7:00pm. Current Focus Team members and new Focus Team members will be asked to attend to organize their teams for 2015. Letters will be sent to current and new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren**

**Leadership Team Minutes**

**December 18, 2014**

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

Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Denise Shiflet opened with devotions. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report was distributed and approved. The adjusted 2015 Budget was presented with changes to the Pastor's insurance noted. The Master Calendar was updated.

**Focus Team Reports:**

**Worship:** Candy Hulvey reported that those that wish to go caroling will meet at Bob-A-Rea's Monday night at 5:00. The group will carol at Bridgewater Home, return to Bob-A-Rea's for soup and sandwiches, and then carol in the community. Bread and Cup Communion will be held on January 4 during worship. A 5-week study called "Living Generously" will begin on February 22. Adrienne Whiteside is starting a new job and will be working on Wednesday nights. The choir will need to make a decision about changing the choir practice day.

**Deacons:** Bill Wood reported that the Deacons continue visitations. Bread and Cup Communion will be held on January 4.

**Ministry:** Bill Wood reported that Pidge Rhodes will finish out his term on the team.

**Christian Education:** Jeanette Hess reported that Misti Wheelbarger will finish out Elizabeth Evans' term on the team.

**Facilities:** Denny Miller reported that the ice machine has been installed. There was an increase in cost of \$615.05.

Denny Miller made a motion that the church pays an extra \$615.05 for the ice maker due to the unforeseen increase in cost. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Hess and was approved. The front pew is still being repaired. An estimate will be given for repairs of other pews.

**Fellowship:** Denise Shiflet reported that Sunday morning fellowship time continues to be well attended.

**Finance:** Donna Miller reported for Charles Wright that the team met with Darlene LaPrade to discuss the new teller system, which will start in January 2015.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Glenn reported that he will be starting a 5 week study, "Living Generously", on February 22. This study will be held during the Lenten season. Materials have been ordered at a cost of \$292.00. Materials will not be sent until payment is received. This is a non-budgeted expense and no funds remain in the Worship Team budget. After discussion, it was decided to wait until January 1 to send the payment. Glenn is exploring the possibility of Beaver Creek participating in the Ministry Summer Service Program. A college student who is interested in ministry would be hired for the summer to focus primarily on the youth. Glenn noted that changes have been made to his health insurance. He will no longer have a HSA account which the church has putting \$5000.00 into in the past.

**Old Business:** A letter was received from Steele and Alice Dunn (see attached letter). A survey was sent out to focus team members to get feedback on the current organizational system. 21 responses were received.

**New Business:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

Donna thanked everyone for their support and service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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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.*

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## **A reflection on an angel ornament**

While Christmas shopping online this year, I had an "ah-hah moment." I was looking at Willow Tree angel ornaments and came upon a particular one called A Tree, A Prayer Ornament. The description on the tag said, "May you find strength, beauty and peace each day." This struck a chord with me. For the past 18 years (especially the past 10) this has been my way of getting through each day. Firstly, I ask for mental, emotional and physical strength. Secondly, I try to find beauty in something, whether it's a cardinal sitting in our dogwood tree, a dog going for a walk down our street, a Facebook friend's awesome photography, or perhaps a favorite piece of music. Thirdly, I try to find peace. Peace of mind to stay away from negative thoughts and to accept my situation and not worry about what tomorrow may bring.

I could not believe I found an angel ornament that represents exactly what I try to focus on every day. We all have struggles in life that can be overwhelming. Perhaps this motto can help you as well. "May you find strength, beauty, and peace each day."

*Submitted by Liz Rhodes*

## **Beaver Creek bits**

Vacation Bible School is set for June 21-25. More details will be forthcoming, but for now mark your calendars. It will be a great time for kids and adult helpers alike! ♦ The Women's Fellowship will be cleaning and organizing the kitchen on Tuesday, February 3. They would love to have help with this task starting at 6 p.m. ♦ The Koinonia Sunday School Class will serve lunch after the worship service on February 8. A freewill offering will be accepted.

*Below, Nora Elizabeth Whiteside was born December 18 to John and Adrienne. Nora checked in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 20.5 inches. Right, these carolers stopped by the December Leadership Team meeting in the church library.*



## **Deacon Board reorganizes**

Beaver Creek's deacons have reorganized for 2015, with Bill and Donna Miller elected as co-chairs. Winnie Wilfong continues as secretary. Louise Dunn will continue to coordinate hospital visitation. During 2015 the deacons will maintain a schedule of visitation, service, and preparation for communion. Non-deacon helpers are welcome! Contact Bill, Donna or any deacon for details.