



Brethren Woods in 2015



A message from our camp representative, Debbie Bollinger:

Brethren Woods has some really cool opportunities this year. Some may think it's just summer camp but it's not. Here are just a few examples:

They have a retreat called "**Big & Small Retreat**" that takes place March 27-28. This is an opportunity for a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or even just a mentor of a child between the ages of 5-15 to go on a one night retreat. The cost is only \$85 for each pair which includes your meals, lodging and snacks.

There is a **Men's Retreat** scheduled for October 9-11. Guys, what a great opportunity to get away and fellowship with other men of Christ.

A **Fall Food Series** includes Dutch Oven Cooking on October 10; Learning how to make Butter and Cheese on November 14 and a Cookie Exchange on December 12.

For all you crafty people out there, they have a **Craft Camp** September 11-12. Whether you scrapbook, do yarn work, quilt or another craft this is a chance to get away to work on your project.

Do you love **gospel music**? They have two concerts scheduled in April. Southern Grace will sing on April 12 and The Promised Land Quartet on April 19. Both concerts are at 7:00 p.m.

Canoeing and Tubing Adventure Days. Canoeing will be on May 9 and Tubing on August 22.

Ladies "**Garden Getaway**" retreat will be March 13-14. Ladies, here is your opportunity to get away and enjoy a retreat in a beautiful setting.

On April 25 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Brethren Woods is having their **Spring Festival**. This is a great day of fun and fellowship for kids and adults. There is a fishing contest, a yard sale, auction, breakfast, games, hiking or just sit around and relax. This is a fun way of helping the camp raise some money to offset expenses of running the camp.

If you have questions you can go to the Brethren Woods website at <http://www.brethrenwoods.org/BW-Web/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1> or contact Debbie Bollinger.

Ukraine mission supported



On February 8, the Koinonia Sunday School class served a fellowship lunch after the worship service, with a freewill offering going to support the Ukraine mission of Steele and Alice Dunn. Steele and Alice report that their outreach to youth and others in the Rakhiv area is going well, though the war in the East is having effects throughout Ukraine.

Snow, cold delay start of new series

The winter snow and cold forced us to cancel Sunday School and worship on February 15 and February 22, but warmer weather is on the way! Our rescheduling also delayed the beginning of our "Living Generously" series, now set for March 1. Here's information on the series from Pastor Glenn:

This Sunday we begin a 5 week series on Living Generously during our morning worship.

We will also be having an optional combined Sunday School focus that will begin on March 8. For those who are participating in the Sunday School focus, you are welcome to attend regardless of your past involvement in a Sunday School Class. We will meet in the Sanctuary between 9:50 and 9:55 so that individual Sunday School classes have a chance to meet for 5-10 minutes before we come together in the sanctuary. Sunday School Classes will follow their usual routine this Sunday (March 1) and we start the combined opportunity on March 8.



Living Generously is a five-week campaign using films, weekend teachings, small group studies and much more to explore the heart of generosity. It encourages families/ churches/ communities to commit to a more radical generosity modeled on the self-giving of Christ.

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren March Calendar

March 2015							Scheduled church events in March:
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	March 3, 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship Sunset Group
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	March 4, 9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Sunrise Group March 8, Women's Fellowship luncheon after worship
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	March 19, 7 p.m., Leadership team March 15, monthly newsletter deadline
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	March 21, Oyster Supper (by advance ticket purchase only)
29	30	31					March 29, last Sunday of "Living Generously" March 29, Palm Sunday March 29, 7 p.m., Love Feast

Birthdays in March:	
1 Tonya Keller 3 Josh Eye 4 Reba Kline 8 Daniel Over 10 Lyle Berry, Katie Houff 14 Michael Plaugher	16 Steve Miller 18 Tami Plaugher 19 Mariah Liskey 25 Dan Rhodes, Elizabeth Eye 29 Abbie Shiflet 31 Savannah Cyzick, Charlotte Wampler

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team Meeting January 15, 2015

Present: Evy Kaye Sandin, Jane Cyzick, Candy Hulvey, Bill Wood, Sean Dunn, Deborah Hoover, Bill Eckard, Jeanette Hess, Theresa Eckard, Charles Wright. Ex-officio: Glenn Bollinger-Pastor, Donna Miller-Treasurer, Dana Suter-Church Clerk.

Evy Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Glenn led devotions. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Master Calendar was updated.

Copies of the church polity were given out to those present. Leadership Team responsibilities were reviewed as listed in the polity.

Focus Team Reports:

Facilities: Bill Eckard reported that the Facilities Team did a walk-thru of the church and parsonage on Jan.5. The items listed for the church are as follows: Repair ceiling in Pathfinders classroom and paint room, paint basement, repair trim on front doors and paint doors, purchase magnets for front doors, put crash bar on basement door and key like other doors, repair pews and remove headphone jacks, remove white paint on brick, repair metal trim on window, trim trees, purchase 2 nonskid rugs, and repair square cutout on corner of asphalt. The items listed for the parsonage are as follows: Grout the master bathroom, repair holes in basement ceiling, repair picture window, and resurface driveway and possibly pave lower driveway. Jane Cyzick asked if there were plans to add additional shelving in the library. The Christian Education Team will discuss the need with Phyllis Simmons, Library Committee, and follow-up with the Facilities Team.

Worship: Candy Hulvey reported that the choir will continue to practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. They are seeking a new Choir Director. Glenn will be on vacation April 5-15.

Finance: Charles Wright reported that the offering teller program was implemented in January. The focus team members are serving as the tellers for the month of January. Commitment pledge cards were collected. Thirty-four cards were received with a total of \$98,072.20 pledged. Team members feel there is a need to develop some guidelines for individual focus teams to help them create their budgets. They are also working on creating a position for a Financial Secretary Assistant to act in the absence of the Financial Secretary.

Christian Education and Discipleship: Jane Cyzick reported that the members of her team had recommended the possibility that the Outreach and/or Fellowship Teams take over some of the programs for the youth. Obtaining a youth leader or re-instating the Youth Activities Team were items that were also

discussed. Sean Dunn made a motion to table the discussion and get the focus team to clarify their recommendations. Charles seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Outreach: Jeanette Hess reported that the recipients of the First Sunday offerings were confirmed.

Fellowship: Deborah Hoover reported that several dates/activities had been placed on the calendar. The All-Church Retreat at Brethren Woods will be held August 21-23. They are also having a baby shower for AVA Care, checking on congregational interest for a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event, and sponsoring a possible hayride.

Ministry: Theresa Eckard shared that Glenn would present information about hiring a possible summer intern during New Business.

Congregational Care: Sean Dunn reported that the focus team discussed the necessity for audio/video tapes. The Wi-Fi connection continues to make the video drop while watching the service live.

Deacons: Donna Miller reported that Love Feast would be held Mar. 29.

Pastor's Report: Glenn informed the group of the death of R. Jan Thompson. He reported that the Dayton Church of the Brethren had called a new pastor who would be starting in April.

Old Business: Copies of the results of the Leadership Team and Focus Teams Assessment and the proposed Congregation Assessment form were handed out to members. Evy Kaye encouraged members to read over them and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Members were also asked to look over the polity changes that have been made in red before next month.

New Business: The sign-up sheet for devotions was circulated. Glenn discussed the possibility of getting a summer ministry intern for 10 weeks. The intern would be a Brethren College Student who is interested in going into the ministry. Although an application has been submitted, there is no guarantee that Beaver Creek would be chosen to receive a summer intern. Deborah Hoover made a motion to present this at the Congregational Business Meeting on February 1. Bill Eckard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Glenn reported he had mistakenly left his Life Insurance out of the total for his group insurance in the 2015 Budget. Charles made a motion to add that into the group insurance line item and accept the budget as revised. Sean seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Leadership Team discussed the possibility of an external audit this year. Several firms as well as cost/options were debated. The Finance Team will gather information and report back next month. The agenda for the February 2015 Congregational Business meeting was approved. The meeting will be held immediately after the church service. Evy Kaye led the group in a prayer. The next meeting is February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dana Suter, Church Clerk

Snow is pretty but inconvenient

These pictures, contributed by Crystal Smith, show how the Beaver Creek area looked after the February 21 snow. Most local Churches of the Brethren cancelled services on February 22, including Montezuma, Bridgewater and Dayton.



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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.

Why we're giving to the pew project

A reflection from an anonymous member

I once read that traditional church pews are inefficient because they let you sit too far apart. A church supply firm said that with molded seat bottom cushioning, you could get people to sit 5 inches closer together, increasing the number of people who could be seated in the same space.

I thought about that when our pew restoration project began at Beaver Creek. When our kids were just old enough to sit with us in the worship service, they sometimes fidgeted and sometimes sat all over us and sometimes napped. There was never a ridge or molded bottom to get in the way, just a flat and comfortable cushion. As time went by, they paid more attention to the message and the music – and yes, they sat upright, because hanging all over mom and dad was such a “little kid” thing. But the pew was there when we needed it because of the provision made by Beaver Creekers 40 years ago.

So, in gratitude for those who made the pews possible then, and in support of the sleepy and fidgety kids who will hang all over them and their parents in the future, we're giving to support the renovation of one pew in the project.

Beaver Creek bits

The Annual Church Retreat for 2015 is now set for August 21-23 at Camp Brethren Woods. Special fellowship and spiritual activities are planned for the entire weekend. ♦ *“Thanks to the Women's Fellowship for cleaning and reorganizing the church kitchen.” (From a guy who did not help.)* ♦ The new furnace passed a stern test in February, maintaining temperature during several days of subzero weather.



Left, Ann's children's story is always meaningful and sometimes funny. Right, Will Eckard shows off the prize he won at the February 15 Progressive Hearts party. Will was top in individual play with 5 perfect rolls.



Lunch set for March 8

The Women's Fellowship will be serving lunch on March 8, with a freewill offering to support the fellowship's outreach and service projects. Plan on coming out for a great lunch for a great cause!
