



The Lord is risen! Celebrate Easter with Beaver Creek



“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

-- From Luke 24

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren has a full set of activities and services leading up to Easter. Here is what will be happening:

March 27 Campfire (6:30 p.m.) and Lenten Vespers (7:30 p.m.) at the parsonage

March 29 Palm Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Love Feast 7 p.m.

April 3 Good Friday: Youth peanut butter egg making 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday Cross Walk: 12 noon, starting at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

Campfire (6:30 p.m.) and Good Friday Vespers (7:30 p.m.), parsonage

April 4 Easter Egg Hunt for the children starting at 10 a.m.

**April 5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7 a.m. near the picnic shelter
(Service followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall)**

Easter Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Easter lilies have been given in honor and in memory of loved ones. You will see them throughout the sanctuary and displayed at the front of the church on Easter morning.

Meet Zander Willoughby!

This summer we will have a ministry intern, Zander Willoughby. Zander is currently studying Political Science and French at Manchester College, in Manchester, Indiana. Zander will be exploring his call to Christian service through Ministry Summer Service, a leadership development program for college students in the Church of the Brethren who spend 10 weeks of summer working in the church. Zander will be working with youth at Camp Brethren Woods and in our congregation, shadowing Glenn, and generally learning about the nature of ministry in a congregation like Beaver Creek. Zander is from Big Rapids, Michigan.

LaDawn Knicely's licensure set

LaDawn Knicely will be formally licensed into the ministry of the Church of the Brethren during the 11 a.m. worship service on April 19. LaDawn was endorsed by our congregation in 2014 and then approved by the Shenandoah District in March. LaDawn is currently completing studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and is a candidate for graduation on April 25. In the Church of the Brethren, licensure is the last step before full ordination, which involves additional practical requirements and supervised experience.

Beaver Creek experiences new series



Beaver Creek has been using the video series “Living Generously” in worship, and special Sunday School classes. This series dramatizes the journey of Frank Donovan, a successful businessman who discovers that he has not been generous with his resources, even though he has been writing checks to church and charity for some time. Through the work of his gardener, Re, Frank comes to appreciate true generosity.

“Outspoken” provides praise music



On March 1, the Bridgewater College praise band “Outspoken” provided music for morning worship. The band’s style is contemporary praise and worship, with a flavor of traditional Brethren music. Our own Andrew Bollinger plays keyboards for the group, but in the photo at the left only his hands are visible. It was our first Sunday back together after two weeks missed to snow, and it was a great day with great music!

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
April Calendar**

2015 APRIL						
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	29	30		

Scheduled church events in March:
 April 1, 9:30 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Sunrise Group
 April 3, 12 noon, Good Friday pilgrimage
 April 4, 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt
 April 5, Easter!
 7 a.m., Sunrise Service followed by breakfast
 9:45 a.m., Sunday School
 11 a.m., Easter morning worship
 April 7, 7 p.m., Women’s Fellowship Sunset Group
 April 14, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible study
 April 16, 7 p.m., Leadership Team
 April 19, monthly newsletter deadline
 April 19, All Church Birthday Party after worship
 April 28, 10 a.m., Mixed Bible study

Birthdays in April:

<p>2 Corey Jarvis 3 Jane Cyzick 5 Will Eckard 6 Ann Healy 15 Dana Suter 17 Craig Eckard 18 Linda Rhodes, Shylee Rose Hoover</p>	<p>19 Phil Liskey 20 Blake Suter, Jacob Liskey 22 Micah Berry, Winnie Wilfong 24 Evelyn Wall 25 Mike Suter 28 Bill Eckard, Tom Wilfong</p>
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**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Leadership Team Meeting February 19, 2015**

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

Evy Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Evy Kaye led the group in devotions and a prayer. The Treasurer’s report and a copy of the minutes from last month’s meeting were distributed and approved. The master calendar was updated.

Focus Team Reports

Facilities: Bill Eckard reported that 3 pews have been refurbished and replaced. Two more are being repaired now and there are 2 more that are ready to be transported. The trees on the church property have been trimmed and the toilet in the ladies restroom has been repaired. Bill reported that Tom Wilfong took care of the snow removal recently but Tom is not interested in continuing in this effort. The Facilities Team reported that the rate to pay someone is \$40 - \$65/hour. Bill reported that Michael Wenger is interested in the job and funds will need to be budgeted next year in the lawn care line item. The funds will be taken out of maintenance line item at the present time. Outreach and Missions: No report.

Worship: Candy Hulvey reported that the First Sunday Offering for April will be collected on the second Sunday due to the first Sunday being Easter. Stafford Frederick has been retained as the speaker for the Spiritual Renewal in September. Stafford Frederick is originally from Trinidad and is presently serving as pastor of the Summerdean COB in Roanoke.

Fellowship: Deborah Hoover reported that the Progressive Hearts Party was held last weekend with a great turnout. The Fellowship Team will be planning the next event in April.

Ministry: No report.

Christian Education: Jane Cyzick reported that her team is working on developing a Youth Advisory Team. They have Vacation Bible School details in order and some new shelving will be placed in the library soon. The Christian Education Team is in the process of reviewing the Bible Study surveys.

Finance: Charles Wright will give report under Audit.

Deacons: Donna Miller reported that Love Feast will be held on March 29.

Pastor’s Report: Glenn report that he will be flying to Chicago on Friday, Feb. 20 and returning on Saturday night (weather permitting). He is attending a meeting there as one of two advisors on the National Youth Cabinet. The Living Generously Series will begin this Sunday during the worship hour and continue for the next 5 weeks during the Sunday School hour. Glenn reminded everyone to check on our

shut-ins during the extreme weather we have been experiencing. The Summer Ministry Service Intern has cleared the first hurdle. Glenn reported that he has talked with a young man from Michigan. He is waiting to hear back from him as to his interest in coming to Virginia and serving as our summer intern. At that time, housing, food, and transportation needs will have to be addressed.

Unfinished Business: There was no report on the Polity update or the Leadership/Focus Teams Assessment. The Leadership Team approved handing out the Congregational Assessment on Sunday, March 1.

Audit: Charles Wright reported that the Finance Team has looked at the cost and the different types of audits that are available as requested by the Leadership Team. They talked with Glenna Wampler – accountant at Bridgewater COB, Dan Martin - P. B. Mares, Sandy Kinzi – District Office, Sadie Begoon – Audit Manager, and Kirk Knott – Advantage Solutions. A full audit for an average size organization is about \$4,000. Charles reported the other types of audits that are available: 1. Review- which is not a full audit which costs approximately \$2,500. 2. Agreed Upon Procedures – A CPA meets with all the financial leaders of the organization to review all the accounts. This review costs approximately \$3,500. 3. Financial Consulting – consists of working with an accountant on an hourly basis at a cost of \$80 - \$150/hour. Most of these audits are done during the summer to avoid busy tax season. Charles reported that the Finance Team has budgeted \$500 a year beginning in 2013 for the purpose of an external audit and there is now \$1,000 available. In light of all the research of the Finance Team, they recommend continuing to accumulate funds in the budget line until appropriate funds are available to obtain an external audit of the financial procedures. If the Leadership Team feels this is not soon enough, funds will need to be appropriated from elsewhere. The recommendation was approved. A motion was made by Sean Dunn to get the Finance Team to employ a CPA for financial consulting at the hourly rate to establish a relationship and lay the groundwork for a future external audit. Bill Eckard seconded the motion and it was passed.

New Business: None.

Evy Kaye led the group in a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next Leadership Team meeting is March 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Dana Suter, Church Clerk

A Second Touch

Submitted by Evy Kaye Sandin, from Today's Devotion by Mike MacIntosh

Sometimes we need a second touch from Jesus –

Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

Mark 8:22-25

"Do you see anything?" After spitting on a blind man's eyes, Jesus placed His hands on the man and asked him this telling question. It's a strange scenario, isn't it? Would you or I ever think to spit on someone's eyes to heal them? Just as we saw in Mark 7:32, Jesus uses ordinary means to make supernatural things happen. But the man's vision was not yet fully restored. "I see men like trees, walking," he told Jesus. His vision was blurred and all he could see were shadows of unclear images. Verse 25 says Jesus once again put His hands on the man and his sight was fully restored. The man needed a second touch from Jesus.

Sometimes, as followers of Jesus Christ, we need a second touch from Jesus. We sometimes lose sight of God's will in our lives. Maybe family or financial stresses steal our attention, or we get tired of "church" because someone offended us. Maybe a past failure has caused our vision to become blurry, or our pride is blinding us altogether. When you look to the Lord, do you see anything? Are His ways clear to you? Do you understand His purpose for your life, and see His guidance of your every step? Or do you only see the junk that's on nearly every magazine, billboard, DVD, and television show? Are you blinded by the materialism and pornography that causes you to stumble in your faith? Today, wherever you are and whatever you are experiencing, Jesus is willing to touch your life... maybe for the second (or third or fourth or fiftieth) time. You see, Jesus never gives up on you.

Maybe today you need a second touch from the Master. Not only is He right there asking if you can see -- He is also ready to heal your wounds and make you whole. If so, just pray right where you are and simply ask Him to heal you. He loves you so much and wants to bless you abundantly.

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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.

Beaver Creek bits

In the pew restoration project, seven pews have been completed and 15 remain to be done, with work resuming after Easter. ♦ April 12's special offering will go to the Gideons International to support its ministry of Bible distribution. This would ordinarily be a "First Sunday" offering but it was moved to avoid conflict with Easter Sunday. ♦ The Fellowship Team will hold an All Church Baby Shower for AVA Care on April 25 at 2 p.m. Harrisonburg-based AVA Care is a medical non-profit serving women facing unintended pregnancy.



On March 8, the Women's Fellowship served lunch and collected a freewill offering to support outreach and service projects. There was a lot of good food and good fellowship! (Photos by Douglas Wood)



Sweet Pea ready for Palm Sunday

Tom Wilfong's donkey Sweet Pea is planning a return visit to Beaver Creek this Palm Sunday. Sweet Pea helps us remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, as prophesied, taking on the role of a servant rather than a conquering king on a battle horse.

At right, Sweet Pea gets attention from admirers on a previous Palm Sunday.



Isaac Grove makes debut



Tim Grove reported on March 6: "We are excited to announce that Isaac William Grove was born this morning at 6:42. Arriving almost three weeks ahead of his due date, Isaac woke us up at 4:00 and was delivered just 30 minutes after arriving at UVA. He and Lori are both doing extremely well, and he weighs in at a healthy 6 lbs 9 oz."

Isaac made his Beaver Creek debut on March 22, attending his first Sunday worship service.

