



**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren**

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**EASTER MORNING FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP**

Breakfast will be served as a fundraiser for the AGAPE Relay for Life Team on Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. in the social hall. Please come and join us for a brief Easter devotional and this time of fellowship.

**BWCOB Coffeehouse Worship – “Which Way...?”**

*Sunday evening, April 11, at 6:30 p.m.*

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we long to meet Jesus on “the way.” We may even say that Jesus is “the way.” We’ll explore these ideas together at our next Coffeehouse worship. Check us out on Facebook: “Bridgewater COB Coffeehouse Worship”

**AUXILIARY LUNCH**

Bridgewater Home’s April Auxiliary Lunch will be the rescheduled Shrove Tuesday **Pancake Brunch & Supper** on Wednesday, **April 7**, in our social hall.

**Lunch** will be served from **10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, and **supper** will be served from **4-7 p.m.** Menu: Plain & Buckwheat Pancakes, Sausage Gravy, Chicken Gravy, Applesauce, Fruit Cup, Tea, Coffee. Donations will go to the Auxiliary to benefit Bridgewater Home residents.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

On Sunday, **April 18**, Another Voice will “kick off” Earth Week with Sierra Club’s “Coal Country.” The DVD documents the devastation of mountain top removal both to Earth and the surrounding communities. We meet in the Seekers Room at 6 p.m. Refreshments are provided; discussion is encouraged.

**JUBILEE CIRCLE** will not meet at Bridgewater Home on April 14 for a workday. Instead, plan to meet in the church kitchen at 2 p.m. to bake cookies for the Auxiliary’s May Tea. After baking cookies, stay and watch a video of Wendell & Sonya Eller’s recent trip through the Panama Canal.

**2010 BUDGET REVISION**

As was promised following our last budget discussion in Church Council, you will find in this news letter mailing a one page front and back summary of our proposed 2010 budget prepared by the finance commission and approved by the church board. Revision was needed due to our pastoral change and additional pledges were received for 2010. As you will note, there are significant changes in our staff recommendations and our outreach giving categories. The revised budget will be presented to the congregation in our April 25th council meeting. There will be several copies of the complete budget available for your review in the Library.

~ **Earle Fike, Jr.**, Board Chair

*We would like to say a tremendous and heart-felt thank you to our church family in the gracious “welcome” we have received into the role of Pastor and family. We can feel your prayers lifting us up in this time of transition, and your many and varied expressions of thoughtfulness (cards, flowers, words of encouragement, and others) have touched us. How exciting to continue “building the circle of love” (as the children’s choir song so sweetly put it) with each of you!*

*With gratitude,*  
**Pastor Jeff, Wendy, and Gabe**

**CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT**

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of **Curtis Nolley**, will present “Mozart Fest,” its 40<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert on Friday, **April 16**, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert will feature W. A. Mozart’s *Te Deum*, and his enduring masterpiece, *Requiem*. The chorus will be accompanied by the SVCS orchestra and featured soloists. Tickets are available from Choral Society members, Family Christian Book Store and Red Front Supermarket, Ruth’s Books, and at the door. Admission is \$10 for adults/\$9 for seniors and students.

## THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Ray Martindale, who passed away March 15, 2010, wishes to extend thanks to family, neighbors and friends who gave support by visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and donations. Thanks to those who helped to make the memorial service so special. A very special thanks to RMH Hospice nurses and aids who provided care and comfort. May God bless everyone who touched our lives in any way during this difficult time. ~ **Miriam, Susan, Steve, Paige Martindale**

We thank you so much for the helping hand you lent to the Bridgewater Love Feast. It was a wonderful, meditative, and spiritual experience for many. Thank you for all of your help. God bless, **Tim, Katie, Marianne, & Tyler (BSM Love Feast Team)**

Special thanks to the anonymous person who so lovingly sent me flowers recently. The bouquet was gorgeous and lifted my spirits. I don't know who you are, but please know how grateful I am for your thoughtfulness! ~ **Shannon** ☺

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**At 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays**

### **April 4 – Easter Sunday**

Pastor Jeff preaching  
Sermon: "Idle... Amazement"  
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

### **April 11 – First Sunday in Easter**

Pastor Jeff preaching  
Sermon: "A Trusting Witness"  
Scripture: John 20:19-21 & Acts 5:27-32  
*Children's Worship – Worship @ 11*

### **April 18 – Second Sunday in Easter**

Pastor Chris preaching  
Sermon: "The Word: It is Written"  
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13  
*Bible Presentation*

### **April 25 – Third Sunday in Easter**

Pastor Jeff preaching  
Sermon: "The Perfect Crease"  
Scripture: John 10:22-30  
*Children's Worship – Worship @ 11*



## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MAY EVENT**

***It's a Garden Party!!***

May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in hosting a table,  
please call Mary Ann at  
885-5802

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Congratulations** to **Bill Stovall** who was among 20 BC students selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are cited for academic achievement, community service, and leadership activities.
- **Congratulations** to **Brad & Denise Grove** on the birth of a second son, **Brady Garrett**, on Friday, March 19. Big brother is **Zachary**; grandparents: **Sid & Joyce Grove**; great-grandparents: **Olive Mae Grove** and **Berlin & Ethel McElwee**.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes to **Marie Cox**, who will celebrate **108** years of life on Tuesday, April 6. Cards are may be sent to Marie at Bridgewater Home.

## BOOK CLUB

The April Book Group will review [Schools Into Stones](#) by Greg Mortenson, the sequel to [Three Cups of Tea](#), and discuss the development of education in the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Central Asian Institute promotes the building of schools and education for women, continuing the work begun by Greg 16 years ago. You are welcome to join this discussion Monday, **April 26**, at 7 p.m. in our church library.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

We welcome into our fellowship Mac & Melanie Bair and Lois Snavely:

**Lois Mow Snavely** has joined our church by transfer of letter from the Methodist Church in Loris, South Carolina. She says she is “coming home.” Her parents were Baxter and Anna Mow, missionaries to India, where she spent the first 15 years of her life. There she spent much time in a boarding school. The teachers were excellent and also served as dorm Mothers. She thanks her parents for giving her a wonderful start learning to inquire and be adventuresome.

She and her husband, Ernest Snavely, have four children and now five grandchildren. All of their children attended Juniata or Bridgewater College, both Brethren colleges. Because of Ernest’s career as an Agricultural Engineer, they traveled to a number of foreign countries including Monterey, Mexico; Beirut, Lebanon; Iraq and Afghanistan while he worked for John Deere, to help them set up and manage their agriculture and the use and repair the equipment. He was also one of the Brethren cowboys. Lois has traveled to China many times, once with a grandson. Ernest was a brother to Hazel Heisey, who now is also in the retirement village.

Ernest passed away in 2008 and she has recently moved to the Bridgewater Retirement Community. She has many friends here one of whom is Phyllis Weaver. Phyllis took care of her granddaughter Barbara while attending college. They lived in Loris, South Carolina for 40 years. She was always active in the church. Lois taught school, first elementary, then junior high and then to high school. Her training was in history and art. She has sung in choirs in many of her ‘homes’ around the world. She also likes to play the piano and organ.

In Mexico she sang in a choir that sang opera and had guest soloists invited to participate. Her special treat was to have Placido Domingo as one of the guest soloists before he went to Europe to sing. She especially enjoys classical music. Lois enjoys her many collections she has made during her travels. Eggs are a favorite. While in Mexico she studied and then taught archaeology. She has always been very active in women’s groups.

What gifts will she share? Lois would be happy to talk about her life experiences or BVS for special programs.

**Mac and Melanie Bair** have been attending our church for several years. They both met at and graduated from Bridgewater College. They now live in Dayton with their two children: Cooper who is 3 and Rowan who is 1. Melanie grew up in Lewisburg, West Virginia and attended the Rhena Christian Center. Mac grew up in Westminster, MD and attended the Hanover Church of the Brethren right over the border in Pennsylvania. Mac joins our church through transfer of letter while Melanie was baptized at the 8:30 service on Palm Sunday.

Both Melanie and Mac are teachers. Melanie teaches kindergarten at John Wayland and Mac teaches biology at Harrisonburg High School. Their biggest joy now is playing and spending time with their boys. But during those few free moments, Melanie enjoys scrapbooking and Mac enjoys playing sports including basketball and softball here at the church. When asked what they liked most about our congregation both mentioned the welcoming nature of people at our church, the Agape Sunday School class and the traditional nature of the Sunday service.

Regarding church involvement and sharing of gifts, Mac is interested in all aspects of service in the church. Melanie has interest in Christian Education and Mission and Service.

## **PRESCHOOL SANDWICH FUNDRAISER**

Bridgewater Preschool will be selling ham sandwiches and beef BBQ sandwiches from Gayle’s Market. Price: \$2.50 each. Orders, along with money, are due in the church office by Wednesday, April 7. Sandwiches can be picked up on April 28 or 29.

## **APRIL WORSHIP PERSONNEL**

**Decorator:** Heather Barkey

**Sound/Light Operators:** Ellsworth Neff & Dean Neher

**Ushers:** David Evick, leader

Palmer Lee Berry	Harold Jennings
Devin Bowman	Jim Lane
Rick Fawley	Michael Mason, Sr.
Chad Flora	Stephen Miller
Leroy Harsh	Bill Miracle
Missy Hipps	Jonathan Nicholas
Chuck Horn	Fred Showalter

## APRIL CALENDAR

All events take place at the church unless otherwise noted.

**Sundays: Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

- 1 Interfaith Association – Noon – EMU  
Maundy Thursday Love Feast – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Bridgewater Area Churches Good Friday Service  
– 12:05 p.m. – Carter Center
- 4 Easter Sunday  
Challenger Baseball – 6 p.m.
- 5 Church Offices Closed – Easter Holiday  
Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
- 6 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.  
Women’s Fellowship Cabinet – 7 p.m.
- 7 Auxiliary Luncheon (Pancakes) – 10:30-1 & 4-7  
Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace  
Children’s Ensemble – 3:30 p.m.  
YORFFs – 4 p.m.  
Puppet Practice – 4:30 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Center  
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.  
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.  
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.  
Witness & Renewal Commission – 7 p.m.
- 8 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Blue Ridge Christian School ACSI Music Festival  
– 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 9-10 Junior High Lock-In @ Brethren Woods
- 11 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Children’s Worship – Worship @ 11  
Coffeehouse Worship (“Which Way...?”) – 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.  
Retired Ministers & Spouses – Noon – Maple Terrace
- 13 Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.  
Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 14 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace  
Character Builders Circle – Noon – Maple Terrace  
Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace  
Jubilee Circle – 2 p.m.  
Children’s Ensemble – 3:30 p.m.  
YORFFs – 4 p.m.  
Puppet Practice – 4:30 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Center  
Friendship Circle Trip to Silver Lake Mill – 7 p.m.  
JOY Circle – 7 p.m. – Home of Deb Mitchell

- 15 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 VBMHC Antiques / Collectibles Auction – 4 p.m.  
– Weavers Mennonite Church  
SV Choral Society Concert – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Men’s Fellowship – 7:30 a.m.
- 18 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Another Voice Film Night – 6 p.m.
- 19 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.  
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.
- 20 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.  
Gifts Discernment Committee – 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace  
Children’s Ensemble – 3:30 p.m.  
YORFFs – 4 p.m.  
Puppet Practice – 4:30 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Center  
Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 22 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Children’s Worship – Worship @ 11  
Fellowship Meal (Potato Bar) – Noon  
Council – 1 p.m.
- 26 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.  
Book Club – 7 p.m.
- 27 Child Care Center Board – 7 p.m.  
Senior Organ Recital (Ben Hizer) – 8 p.m.
- 28 Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace  
Children’s Ensemble – 3:30 p.m.  
YORFFs – 4 p.m.  
Puppet Practice – 4:30 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Center
- 29 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 New Community Event – 3-10 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement Picnic – 5:30 p.m.  
– Wildwood Park

### FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUEST

For the month of April, Food Pantry personnel are requesting boxes of cereal. Grocery carts will be available in the greeting hall on Sunday, **April 21**, where items may be placed.

## MEDITATION, ROUTINE TO BENEFITS

A regular meditation practice may help you fall asleep or sleep more deeply. Meditation is not as complicated as you might think. There are a number of simple ways to meditate —

- \* gazing at a candle flame,
- \* sitting alone in a quiet space,
- \* following a guided meditation DVD or podcast.

Consider taking a seminar about meditation and its benefits. Ask questions and learn more about how meditation has affected others. The most convenient aspect of meditation is that you can do it anytime, anyplace, and for as long or as briefly as you want — just five minutes can provide results. Plus, it costs nothing; all you need is a quiet location and time to be relaxed and alone with your thoughts! With time, your regular meditation will have additional benefits. It may help alleviate feelings of stress, depression, or anxiety, and it may even lower your blood pressure. With all those benefits, what do you have to lose?

~ *Health & Wellness Committee of  
Women's Fellowship*

## CONVERSATIONS WITH WRITERS AT NRL

North River Library

presents

**Conversations with Writers**

**Thursday, April 8, 2010**

**7:00 - 8:00 pm, Meeting Room**

Light refreshments will be served.

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**Judy Yoder**

*Vera's Journey*

The Life Story of Vera (Early) Heatwole

Copies of *Vera's Journey* will be available for sale. Mrs. Yoder will be glad to autograph any copies of her book (bought or brought).

**118 Mt. Crawford Ave., Bridgewater, VA -  
828-4492**

## HAITI RELIEF CONCERT

Sunrise CoB will host a special concert with monies collected to go toward Haiti Relief on Sunday, **April 18**, at 3 p.m. Our **bell choir**, under the direction of **Jim Benedict**, will perform. Everyone is invited to attend.

## INTERESTED...?

Mary Kay Long has taken used candles and candle containers to recycle and make new candles in containers for sale. She uses the proceeds from the sale of the candles for a non-profit project. She melts the wax and using bought scents turns them into great candles of all sizes, shapes and colors. She is looking for someone to take over her project. If you have an interest please call her at 289-5050 or talk to Kathleen Gardner at 828-6366.

**BLUE RIDGE MINISTRIES** is offering a spring retreat on May 1: Dr. Vigen Guroian, an Armenian Christian who recently was featured on NPR's "Speaking of Faith," will lead a retreat at JMU Arboretum on "**Sensing God in the Garden.**" Contact [blueridgeministries@yahoo.com](mailto:blueridgeministries@yahoo.com) or 560-1605 for more details and registration.

## WOODEN CHURCH REPLICAS

Small wooden church replicas of the three Bridgewater Church of the Brethren buildings (past and present) are being offered for sale by the Seekers class. The cost of the replica of our present church is \$15; the other three replicas are by donation - ALL proceeds from these sales will be donated to the Brethren Disaster Relief effort.

The first Brethren church at Bridgewater was a white frame building located on the north end of town and dedicated in 1878. On January 15, 1915, a new church building was dedicated on East College Street. A new sanctuary and classrooms in the basement were added and dedicated on December 15, 1953, which is shown in the third replica.

The current church building, first occupied in June 1998, is the third to house the congregation of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, and the fourth in the set of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Replicas.

These replicas can be obtained by contacting Seekers class members, emailing [llinewea@comcast.net](mailto:llinewea@comcast.net), or purchasing them in the church narthex after services; look for our replica filled table on selected Sundays!

## SPECIAL NOTE

Brothers & Sisters of Bridgewater CoB:  
In responding to the travel required of being Moderator of the Church of the Brethren, I have tried to have my family come along. It has taken us to many places where we've had the opportunity to experience lots of things and be at lots of congregations. But schedules prevent them from traveling to all the places I've been. In either case, thank you for your gracious hospitality. It has been a pleasure visiting with you and seeing God at work in the ministry location in which you have been placed. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you in worship this past fall. It was wonderful to be "home." Blessings in Jesus' name,

Shawn Flory Replogle

## VBMHC NEWS

### April 4. Easter Sunrise Service

The CrossRoads Heritage Center will hold its annual Easter Sunrise Service on the hill at Heritage Center Way on Sunday morning, April 4, at 6:30 a.m. Come to hear Gordon Zook, interim pastor of Weavers Mennonite Church, speak and to enjoy special music. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, meet at Weavers Mennonite Church, 2501 Rawley Pike, Harrisonburg. Contact (540) 438-1275, [www.vbmhc.org](http://www.vbmhc.org), for more details.

### April 16. Antique Auction

The CrossRoads Heritage Center is launching a first annual fundraising event to bring together collectibles with historic value for sale to the public. Proceeds from the sale of these donated items will be used in the development and operation of the center. The sale will be held on Friday, April 16, 4 p.m., at Shady Oak, Weavers Mennonite Church, 2501 Rawley Pike, Harrisonburg. Donated items should be delivered to the CrossRoads Heritage Center, 1921 Heritage Center Way, by April 12. If you have quality antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items or artifacts that need to find a new home and you would like to donate for the auction, call (540) 438-1275 or send an e-mail to [info@vbmhc.org](mailto:info@vbmhc.org). Col. Jack Bowman will serve as auctioneer.

## MS 3K WALK / RUN

On April 24 at JMU, the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society is having a 3K walk / run. Beth Stovall is going to participate in this event and would like to have your support. Beth was diagnosed with MS in January 2009. Beth says, "I have been fortunate to have the love and support of my family, friends, and church community to pull me through the rough times, and for that I am so thankful! If you would like to support me in this journey you can make donations online at <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site.TRC> or monetary donations can be given to Tony or Dwynn Stovall." Checks should be made out to National MS Society. Any questions, call Tony or Dwynn at 828-2995.

## WITH SYMPATHY

The Bridgewater church family expresses its sincere Christian Sympathy to:

- **Dicie Hutchinson**, mother of **Philip Hutchinson**, who died on Tuesday, March 9
- **Ray Martindale**, husband of **Miriam** and father of **Steve Martindale**, who died on Monday, March 15

*We promise to hold these families in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.*

## FRESH AIR FUND

Open your heart, your home, and a lifetime of opportunities to a NYC child this summer. The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, provides summer vacations in our areas to New York City children. FAF kids 6-12 years old visit local host families for 10 or 12 days during the summer. For more information, contact Kathy Rhodes (434-7843) or visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org). Informative brochures are also available from the literature rack in the greeting hall.

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**Information is due by noon on Monday, April 26.**

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