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B.C. ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

The Bridgewater College Summer Alumni Choir will give a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, **August 8**, at 3:00 p.m. The group will perform works by Palestrina, Mendelssohn, Howells, Britten and others, and will be conducted by several of B.C.'s alumni who are choral conductors. The 28 voice choir includes several members of our congregation: Andy Duffey, Bill Stovall, Courtney Flory, Curtis and Andrea Nolley, Dick Stutzman, Jesse Hopkins, Mary Beth and Ted Flory, Phyllis Wine, and Rebekah Miller. The program is free and open to the public.

HARP RECITAL TO BE PRESENTED AFTER WORSHIP

On Sunday, **August 15**, Bergen White, daughter of Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir director Julia White, will present a harp mini-recital **immediately after morning worship**. Bergen is a harp performance major at Butler University and is preparing for her junior recital. Bergen will also provide service music during morning worship and accompany the Sanctus Choir anthem. Please plan to enjoy this wonderful pre-lunch program of harp music.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: August 29

On Sunday, August 29, at 9:45 a.m., all adult Sunday School classes are invited to the Social Hall for the Sunday School hour. We will have guest speaker, Cynthia Beadle, who is a volunteer for the American Heart Association. Cynthia will share her message focusing on balancing the mind, body, and spirit. Her presentation is entitled "Search Your Heart-What did you find?" We hope everyone will join us for this time of fellowship and reflection on our health, wellness, and faith. Refreshments will be served.

SANCTUS CHOIR NEWS AND INVITATION

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord;
for His song is our refuge and strength.
And if we but listen, God's music can be an open door
through which melodic strains invite us to experience
His grace and redeeming love."*

~ Anonymous

With another summer schedule fast drawing to a close, the Sanctus Choir looks forward to beginning a new church music year. All members who love to sing are invited to be a part of this very special ensemble. The Sanctus Choir's dedication through music provides an essential contribution to our worship service and to the life of our church. Please consider joining us.

Regular rehearsals for the Sanctus Choir will begin Thursday, August 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Additionally, the Sanctus Choir will continue to provide childcare during Thursday rehearsals. So, if you have small children and want to sing, your young ones will be taken care of. Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of this service or if you have questions regarding the Sanctus Choir by calling Curtis Nolley at 433-3031 or emailing at carnolley@hotmail.com.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, **August 4**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Social Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Grilled Gourmet Hamburgers, Broccoli Salad,
Potato Chips, Ice Cream Sundaes, Iced Tea,
Lemonade

Prepared and served by Bridgewater Office of Edward Jones to benefit the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Peaceful Living Program on 2nd Floor Nursing Care.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the pink carnation bud vase when I was a patient at R. M. H. A special thank you to pastors Jeff, Chris and Andy for your visits and special prayers. They certainly played a big part in my healing process.
~ **Voiletta Huffman**

The June decorators would like to thank Hope & Clarke Staton, Jackie & Clayton Towers, Dorris & Fred Wampler, Anita & Jim Beckman, and Kathy Williar for sharing flowers with us this month. We would also like to thank the VBS decorating committee for sharing their talents and bringing to life Galactic Blast.

Three months ago our lives changed in a tragic way. Our son and brother, Mark, died. We have been touched in many ways by your kindnesses....the emails, phone calls, cards, food, love, visits, support, hugs and gentle words...you were there within hours of Mark's death and you are still here. We loved hearing from you in the first days and we love hearing from you now. Thank you. Jan and John welcome your visits...please come by to see us. Just give us a call and sit with us on the porch. We are grateful for our wonderful church family. Love,
Jan, John, Scott, Casey and Richie

I have the MOST AMAZING secret sister. I don't know who you are, but I love you. Thank you for all that you have done for my family and me during this incredibly sad time in our lives. The flowers you sent to me during the week after Mark's death were incredible....what a beautiful tribute to Mark's Asian culture...and I was proud to have that arrangement at his private service. Thank you for the cards....they arrive at the most appropriate times! You are wonderful! I am grateful everyday for my JOY circle sisters. I really don't know what I would have done over the years without this group of women! But, YOU, my 2010 Secret Sister, have made me smile over and over (with a few tears in there too!).....Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love, **Jan**

We would like to thank all the church family for the many prayers, cards, calls, and visits over the past two months due to Warnie's hospitalizations, surgery, and recovery. We are grateful to Pastor Jeff, Pastor Chris, and Andy for all their visits to the hospital and also at home. A special thanks to Pastor Jeff for his sharing and the time he spent with our family.
~ **Warnie & Geneva Lambert**

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED

Thank you for the beautiful flower, cards, thoughts, and prayers during our recent loss.
~ **Marguerite & Jeannie Turner**

Thank you for your generous donations to our program in Burma as a response to Emily Wampler's presentation – very much appreciated! Many in our society have little understanding of the situation in Burma – one of the most poignant places on earth – and even fewer feel an urge to assist these struggling neighbors. Nevertheless, we've felt compelled to offer support, amounting to over \$12,000 in 2010 for women's projects in the southwest delta and tailoring and reforestation in the hill tribe areas. Thus your concern and your donation are both very much appreciated!... Sincerely,
David Radcliff

WITH SYMPATHY

The Bridgewater church family expresses its sincere Christian Sympathy to:

- the family of **Harold Smith**, husband of **Miriam** and brother of **Wendell**, who died on July 21
- the family of **Glenn Felix** who died on July 23

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

AUGUST WORSHIP PERSONNEL

Decorators: Joyce Benedict & Bea Miller

Sound/Light Operator: Ellsworth Neff

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

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

For the month of August, Food Pantry specially requests cereal and peanut butter. Donations can be left in the shopping cart found in the greeting hall on Sunday, August 15. Thanks.

VESPER AT CROSSROADS AMPHITHEATER

Experience the serenity of evenings in a lovely woodland setting with music and a meditation to inspire you. The services, held each Sunday evening in July and August, run from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. An offering will be received. In case of rain, meet in the nearby one-room schoolhouse. Bring lawn chairs.

Aug 1 Meditation: Myron Augsburg
Special Music: Inner Harmony Quartet

Aug 8 Meditation: Loren Swartzendruber
Special Music: Stan & Joan Schifflett

Aug 15 Youth Night led by singer/songwriter Jessica Crawford

Aug 22 Family Night led by Pleasant Valley CoB and Pastors Matthew Fike & Steve Spire. Carry-in picnic at 5:30 p.m.; bring sandwiches for your family and finger foods to share

Aug 29 Meditation: Jean Hawk
Special Music: Sharon Miller & Becky Hunter

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

August 1 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Chris preaching
Sermon: “Acting Like It”
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11

August 8 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Andy Duffey preaching
Sermon: “A New Way to be Human”
Scripture: Romans 5:12-6:4

August 15 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “Maps, Apps, and it still calls”
Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 & Romans 12:6-8

August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Sunday

August 29 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “Babies and Bathwater”
Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

AUGUST 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 Annual Conference Recap – 9:45 a.m.
- 2 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 3 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 4 Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Story of Your Life – 6:30 p.m.
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.
Witness & Renewal Commission – 7 p.m.
- 5 College Ministry Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 BC Alumni Rehearsal and Lunch – 10 a.m.
- 8 BC Alumni Concert – 3 p.m.
- 9 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
Retired Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.
- 10 Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.
- 12 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Ministerial Services Commission – 4 p.m.
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Bergen White Piano Recital – 12:30 p.m.
- 16 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
District Evangelism Committee – 6 p.m.
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.
- 17 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 19 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 22 Youth Sunday
- 23 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Child Care Center Board – 7 p.m.
- 26 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 29 S.S. Classes in Social Hall for Guest Speaker – 9:45 a.m.
- 30 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
- 31 Food Pantry Coordinating Committee – 7 p.m.

GIFTS TO BE A FOCUS IN WORSHIP

On Sunday August 15th, our worship will be focused on the use, calling and naming of gifts for service in the church. Each of us will have an opportunity to consider, discern, and identify our own gifts, and to think about where God might be calling us to use and/or offer our gifts in the service of the church and our world. We will also have the opportunity to name the gifts we see in others, and to suggest the names of persons whose gifts are well suited for church leadership and service. To that end, you will find included in this newsletter the familiar form which our Gifts Discernment Committee uses to solicit names for potential candidates for various positions of congregation leadership and service. While this form is by no means an exhaustive list of opportunities for using our gifts, it is one way for you to begin thinking about certain areas of congregational service. We invite you to give these areas prayerful thought in the coming weeks, and to either bring this form with you to worship on the 15th or to submit your completed form to the church office on or before August 15.

SPECIAL RESPONSE BIBLE STUDY

As many of you are aware, our denomination is in the midst of a two year process of responding to two business items related to homosexuality that came to Annual Conference in 2009. Given the controversial nature of the issue, we have been asked to engage in a series of studies, hearings, and discussions that have been specially designed to help us “engage each other in conversation and study with the Holy Spirit using scripture, prayer, and the bonds of covenant.” To that end, our congregation will be offering a number of opportunities beginning next month for all of us (hopefully) to engage in the 8-session study which has been specially prepared for this process by the Special Resource Committee named by Annual Conference. Be listening and watching for details in the coming weeks.

VACATION NOTICE

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation from Saturday, July 31 through Friday, August 6. Pastor Chris or Ministry Intern Andy will be available for meeting pastoral needs during this time.

Pastor Chris will be on vacation Saturday, August 7 through Saturday, August 14.

MAIL NOTICE

After consultation with the executive committee and board of administration, plans are being developed to change the location of receiving church mail. Since moving to the new location, the church office staff has picked up our mail at the post office box. Beginning in October mail will begin being delivered to a mailbox at the street by the church. This is an effort to be good stewards of our time and resources. Please watch as more information becomes available. This change will result in a change of mailing address for the church. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact Pastor Jeff.

Bridgewater Home Auxiliary **FALL FESTIVAL 2010**

Saturday, September 18
7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Rockingham County Fairgrounds

In loving memory of Glenn Felix who was a regular collator of this newsletter.

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Information is due by noon on Monday, August 30.

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Jr. Hi. Youth Director, Heather Galang-Ellerbee
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