



Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

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CHANGE IN WORSHIP; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!!

On Sunday, July 4, our congregation will worship as usual at 8:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. we will join in a webcast of the Annual Conference Sunday morning worship. The 10:00 a.m. service can be seen by the Bridgewater Retirement Community as usual. The bus from BRC will begin its run at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School. In the event of technological problems, Andy Duffey will be prepared to lead a service. Other conference services and programs will be available online for viewing as well.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RE-CAP

On Sunday, **July 25**, delegates from Annual Conference will provide a re-cap and de-briefing of conference events during the Sunday School hour in the social hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL – Summer 2010

Our quarterly business session as a congregation will be held on Sunday, **July 25**, in the sanctuary at noon following Worship at 11. We will hear a financial report for the first 6 months of the year and vote a ballot for elected church board members. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

SANCTUS CHOIR NEWS

The Sanctus Choir will be on recess through the month of July. During this time, special music will be presented by a variety of individuals and ensembles. The Sanctus choir will resume regular rehearsals on Thursday, August 5. Anyone is invited to be a part of this wonderful community of singers. Please consider joining us in the new choir year.

We will continue to provide child care during Thursday evening rehearsals, and will host our second annual choir workshop reading session later in the fall. During this event, the choir will read through new choir literature and share a meal together.

Please contact Curtis Nolley or any choir member if you have questions regarding the Sanctus Choir. We hope you see you in the choir room on August 5th!

THANK YOU...

...to all who made Vacation Bible School a wonderful time, especially those involved with planning and leadership. Your gifts of time and energy provide an important outreach opportunity for not only our congregation, but for our community as well!

~ Pastors Jeff & Chris

PASTORS AWAY

While Pastors Jeff and Chris are away from July 1 through July 8 for Annual Conference events, ministry intern Andy Duffey will be handling pastoral care and will be responsible for worship on July 4th. Andy will have additional pastoral support if needed by others in the congregation. While they are away Pastor Jeff can be reached on his cell phone or via email jcarr@bwcob.org, and Pastor Chris will be checking cell phone messages. You can always contact the church office and your message will be sent to the appropriate staff person.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for all the sympathy and support you have shared at this time of the death of my mother. All the cards, calls and prayers have been deeply appreciated by all of our family.
~ **Jim Miller**

We would like to give thanks for all the cards, flowers, and kind words of sympathy during the illness and death of Pat's father, which followed closely the death of Pat's mother. We feel truly blessed to be the recipients of the love of such a wonderful and caring church family.
~ **Pat & Wayne Judd**

For the month of May, we want to say a special thanks to:

- *the family of Earline Chapman*
- *the family of Clyde Pugh*
- *Harold & Doris Good*
- *Philip & Sue Hutchinson*

for your contribution of flowers used to beautify our church.
~ **Faye Witters & Kathleen Gardner**

Thank you for your support of my trip to Burma! It was so kind of you to allow me to have my Spaghetti Dinner in the fellowship hall. Thank you for opening your hearts and always making sure I felt welcome. Blessings,
Katie Cummings

We really appreciate your opening up your wonderful facility to our school. It was very nice to have our concerts and graduation this past year. May the Lord bless you and your ministry.
~ **The Staff at Blue Ridge Christian School**

PARADE OPPORTUNITY

The town of Bridgewater is having a parade to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the town's founding. Our congregation has been invited to participate by including a float in the parade, scheduled for September 4th at 7:00 pm. We are looking for a person(s), class or group who might be interested in coordinating a float for the parade. If you have interest or desire to be involved in this project please contact Pastor Jeff.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, **July 7**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Social Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Ham Biscuit, Macaroni & Cheese, Cranberry Salad, Veggie Strips, Fresh Apple Cake, Iced Tea or Coffee

Prepared and served by Pleasant Valley CoB to benefit the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Peaceful Living Program on Second Floor Nursing Care.

VESPERS 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.

July 4 Meditation: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Special Music: **Ann Daggett**, harp

July 11 Meditation: **Steve Longenecker**
Special Music: **Curtis Nolley**

July 18 Meditation: Marty Barlow
Special Music: Harmonia Sacra, Table Singers

July 25 Meditation: John Keim
Special Music: Roundhill Recorder Consort

MISSING A DISH?

If you took a dish to the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Free Clinic in February, **BLESS YOU! Did you get your dish back?** Please read the list of items left at the Clinic and **pick up as soon as possible** if one is yours: Hamilton Beach crock pot, Pyrex bowl with purple lid, tupperware orange and white bowl w/ lid, Corningware French White Stoneware with lid, and Pyrex rectangular baking dish (8X12). Thank you!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dr. Steve Longenecker, professor of history at Bridgewater College, has a review of Charles F. Irons' book, *The Origins of Proslavery Christianity: White and Black Evangelicals in Colonial and Antebellum Virginia*. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2008, published in *Brethren Life and Thought* (Summer 2009): 45-46.

BALANCE LESSON TWO

How physical balance fits into a life-long goal for health.

Why is it my five year old can stand on one leg for hours and I cannot? You can, it just takes practice. Quite possibly one of the most underrated aspects of fitness is maintenance of physical balance skills.

Especially as we age, balance affects not only physical well being, but mobility, independence and mental outlook as well. Excellent balance skills allow us to drive, walk, and play sports. Even normal social activities rely on it heavily.

Just like any wellness or fitness endeavor, balance skills can be improved. Three key action steps to improve your abilities are listed below.

Stretching: Think about how you walk right after you wake up. If you are slower and sometimes unsteady on your feet, it is because your core muscles aren't properly stretched and warmed up.

Flexibility ties directly into stretching. It stands to reason that if you're doing stretching exercises as part of your fitness regimen, you will be more flexible. Our pets are smart enough to stretch and flex before they move from lying or sitting positions.

Strengthen Core Muscles: Core muscles are the pectoral, oblique, and abdominal muscles located in your torso. If your core muscles aren't developed, flexible, and functional, your balance will suffer.

Plan your exercise to focus on stretching, flexibility, and stabilizing your core muscles. Working on your physical balance skills will have a positive effect on your long-term well being.

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

SPONSOR A CHILD AT BRETHERN WOODS

There are so many young children in our area that need an experience like Brethren Woods. You can make a difference in the lives of children attending Brethren Woods by helping to replenish the *Helping Hands Scholarship Fund*. Contribution forms are available in adult classrooms and from the literature rack in the greeting hall. A regular week of camp costs about \$255.00. Your support is needed and appreciated.

WITH SYMPATHY

The Bridgewater church family expresses its sincere Christian Sympathy to:

- the family of **Lester Stinson**, father of **Pat Judd**, who died on May 21
- the family of **Marjorie Stinebaugh Miller**, mother of **Jim Miller** & grandmother of **Greg Miller**, who died on June 5
- the family of **Mary Miller**, mother of **Marguerite Turner** & grandmother of **Jeannie Turner**, who died on June 14
- the family of **Marie Cox** who died on June 21

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

July 4 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Andy Duffey, Ministry Intern, preaching

Sermon: "Expectant Living"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-55

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Conference Webcast

July 11 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Andy Duffey preaching

Sermon: "The Brethren Trinity"

Scripture: Romans 12:1-5 and John 10:22-30

July 18 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: "Do What?"

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

July 25 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: "Door Jams"

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

JULY WORSHIP PERSONNEL

Decorators: Tony & Dwynn Stovall

Sound/Light Operator: Ellsworth Neff

Ushers: John Hipps, leader

Justin Carpenter

Rod Miller

Eli Quay

Ann Monger

Clif Keplinger

John Monger

Kevin Keplinger

Brad Neher

Burton Metzler

Don Remnant

Beth Day-Miller

Fred Zimmerman

JULY 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.

- 3-7 Annual Conference in Pittsburg, PA
- 4 Annual Conference Webcast – 10 a.m.
- 5 Church Building Closed – July 4th Holiday
Retired Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 6 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 7 Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 12 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 13 Creations Bible Study – 7 p.m. – Wildwood Park
Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 14 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
Story of Your Life – 7 p.m.
- 17-22 National Youth Conference in Ft. Collins, CO
- 18 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.
- 20 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 21 Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 25 Annual Conference Re-Cap – 9:45 a.m.
Council – Noon
- 26 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 27 Creations Bible Study – 7 p.m. – Wildwood
- 28 Story of Your Life – 7 p.m.
- 28-Aug. 1 Youth at Workcamp in Roanoke, VA

LIFELINE SCREENING EVENT

Consider this:

- * Every 45 seconds someone has a stroke.
- * Every 3 minutes someone dies of a stroke.
- * Stroke is the #3 reason for deaths in the U.S.
- * 80% of all strokes can be prevented!

Life Line Screening takes pride in the services they provide. Eight to ten percent of all screening results in abnormal to critical findings. *The Screenings are effective and are saving lives.*

You are invited to participate in a Life Line Preventive Health Screening at **Maple Terrace on Wednesday, July 7**. For more information, contact:
Cassandra Morrell:

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Life Line Screening

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CELEBRATE AMERICA!

The annual patriotic/pops concert featuring the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, directed by Curtis Nolley, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band, directed by Bill Posey, will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 2nd, at the Harrisonburg High School Auditorium. This popular annual *Celebrate America!* program will feature rousing music that prepares the community for the celebration of Independence Day. The ever popular *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Armed Forces Salute* are numbers presented each year as a part of the patriotic celebration. This is also a time to give special recognition to the veterans in our community. Tickets are available from Choral Society members, Family Christian Bookstore, Red Front Supermarket, Ruth's Books (Bridgewater), on-line at www.singshenandoah.org, and at the door. General admission is \$10.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT ON JEANIE EYE

Jeanie Eye is seldom seen at church without having a little one by the hand. Jeanie is the Director of Christian Education at our church, a position she has had for the past two and a half years. Prior to this job, Jeanie was an elementary educator, teaching second grade for three years and third grade for 31 years. Yes, she has experience with children!!

Church is a family affair for Jeanie. Denny and Jeanie Eye recently celebrated their 36th anniversary. They were married at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren when it was on College Street. Their sons, Josh and Jason, and their daughters-in-law, Erin and Debbie, all attend BWCOB, a real joy for Jeanie. Speaking of joys, Jeanie also has four grandchildren – Macy, Laney, Brett, and Shelby – who are active in the children’s programs at church.

Jeanie loves her job at church. But when she is not working on children’s activities at church or playing with children, Jeanie enjoys reading any kind of book. Her family is musical and Jeanie likes to sing. As time permits, she also works on cross stitch and creates scrap books.

When asked what she likes about our congregation, Jeanie quickly replied that she loved how our children’s department is growing rapidly, providing her with welcome challenges. She also loves the music and pastors of our church. Jeanie especially likes that there are so many willing people in our congregation who say “yes” when asked to help.

GAMES NEEDED IN CHILDCARE CENTER

Bridgewater Child Care Center, which meets in our facility and is an outreach program of our congregation, is in need of several games, new or gently used:

- Giant Pick-Up Sticks
- Blockhead
- A dog puzzle with 50 pieces or less
- Castle Keep (card game by gamewright)
- Dweebies (card game by gamewright)
- Mastermind
- Guess Who
- Connect Four

Games may be given to Kathleen Arndt, BCCC Administrator; Jeanie Eye; or left in the church office.

LIBRARY NEWS

The book Another Way of Believing by Dale Brown has been lost. Does anyone have a copy you’d like to donate?



Good Reads:

- Amish Grace – How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy by Kraybill, Nolt, Weaver-Zercher
- The Soul of Tomorrow’s Church – “Weaving Spiritual Practices in Ministry Together” – by Kent Ira Groff
- The Ultimate Bible Fact and Quiz Book by Martin Manser
- The Powers That Be – “Theology for a New Millennium” – by Walter Wink
- Springs of Living Water – Christ-centered Church Renewal by David S. Young
- Lessons I Learned in the Light – “All you need to know to thrive in a dark world” – by Jennifer Rothschild



HAPPY 4th of JULY

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Information is due by noon on Friday, July 26.

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