



Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

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MISSION EXTRAVAGANZA – June 6

Have you ever wondered how your offerings serve to extend the work of Christ? Our church's outreach plays an important role in many local, regional, national and international programs. You are invited to explore a number of these programs, which will exhibit in our Social Hall during our biannual Mission Extravaganza, Sunday morning, June 6, from 9:30-11 a.m.

The theme of this year's Mission Extravaganza is ***Faith in Action: Our Gifts for Christ's Work.***

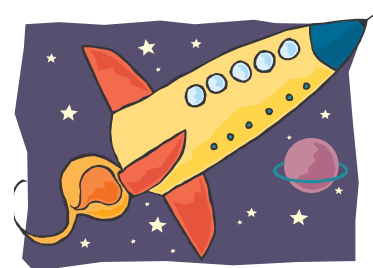
Those who attend will have a chance to view displays and visit with representatives from programs which receive support from our church. Since this event is occurring during the Sunday School hour, the junior high, youth and adult Sunday School classes are encouraged to participate in this event in lieu of regular sessions.

GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are aware of someone whom we should recognize who has completed or will be completing their course(s) of study during this school year (high school, college, or graduate school), please contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

MINISTRY INTERN BEGINS

A warm welcome to **Andy Duffey**, who will once again be joining our staff this summer as a ministry intern with our congregation. Andy just completed his first year of seminary study at Bethany Theological Seminary after graduating in 2009 from Bridgewater College. His service with us will begin on June 1 and continue through August 13.



GALACTIC BLAST VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL is only **four short weeks away** and there are lots of ways you can help.

1. You can help us load the rocket by donating or lending the supplies listed on the "stars" that are behind the rocket in the greeting hall. When you take one or more of the stars, please complete the sign out sheets on the clipboard. Return nonperishable supply items, with the star attached, to our rocket by June 13 and perishable items should be delivered to the refrigerator on June 20, with the star attached. Then you can check off the item on the clipboard.
2. If you're donating cash, please give the money or check, made payable to the Church with a notation that is for VBS, to the Church Office or to Laura Evick.
3. Another way to help is by volunteering your time and talents either in working with the children or with decorating that will be done June 19 and 20.
4. Perhaps the best way to support our VBS is to invite as many children, ages 2 through completion of 6th grade, as you can to attend VBS. Children may pre-register by completing the registration form located at our VBS display or online at www.bwcob.org.

For more information call Laura Evick at 828-6921 or by email at levick@hooverpenrod.com.

THANK YOU NOTES

*Special thanks to **S.L. & Delores Simmons** for allowing us the use of their beautiful olive wood carvings during Lent & Easter.* ~ **Mary Miller**

We would like to give thanks for all the prayers, cards, and words of love and comfort during Sheldon's sister's illness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Jeff and Wendy for sharing time with the family. God bless you all! ~ **Sheldon & Betty Propst**

I am grateful to the church family for each card, each visit, each phone call and inquiry during my surgery and recuperation. I appreciated watching and listening to the church service during my stay at the Bridgewater Home. And since I am home, the cassette tapes have really been nice to hear and I really enjoy the music of the church. The shepherd visits of pastors Jeff and Chris were meaningful and appreciated. Gratefully, ~ **JoAnn Rhodes**

Many thanks to you for your expressions of concern and care regarding my falling accident as well as expressions of sympathy upon the death of our brother-in-law. It is a blessing to be part of this warm and supportive church family. ~ **John & Ann Barr**

Our handbell choir finished its season on Mother's Day. I want to thank all the ringers for their dedication and hard work this year. The transition away from a youth bell choir to a mixed-age choir worked very well. I also want to thank the many substitutes that filled in and parents of our youth for their help and the congregation for their support. Look for us playing again in church in October. ~ **Jim Benedict**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all my wonderful friends and acquaintances for the sympathy you expressed via cards, letters, phone calls, and personal contact after the death of my dear wife, Miriam. ~ **Norman Wagenschein**

Many thanks for the hugs, gifts, flowers, kind words, visits, prayers, and cards during the illness and death of our step-mother. God blesses us in life and death by the kind acts of His servants. Thank you, our church family, for your blessings during this time. ~ **Alice Lee and Jesse Hopkins**

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED

On behalf of the Virginia Council of Churches, please express my deep appreciation to the members of Bridgewater CoB for your gift of \$200.00...The work of the Council depends on Covenant Churches like yours, and I want to again express my deep appreciation for your continued support and understanding of our ministries. Blessings, ~ **The Rev. Jonathan M. Barton**, General Minister

Thank you for your annual contribution! Your donation of \$300 will help us share our faith legacy with visitors who come to CrossRoads...Thank you for helping CrossRoads fulfill its mission of sharing and celebrating the story of Jesus Christ as it has been reflected in the lives of Mennonites and Brethren in the Shenandoah Valley. Sincerely, ~ **Steve Shenk**, Executive Director

On behalf of the Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg & Rockingham, I extend our sincere thanks for your recent check of \$300 for your current year's dues and donation. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to meeting with your representatives this year as we work and learn together. Sincerely, ~ **Juanita Brady**, Treasurer

We at Habitat for Humanity are so grateful for the continuing support of Bridgewater CoB. It was great to see so many of your members at our Annual Banquet. ~ **Marsha Smith**, Executive Director

Thank you for your generous gift to fund health services and medication needs of the patients at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Free Clinic. Your contribution of \$2,690.99 will assist the uninsured residents of our local community, many of which are chronically ill with multiple health conditions...Your gift makes a difference in the life of a Free Clinic patient!...Thank you for remembering the Free Clinic in your charitable giving throughout the year. Sincerely, ~ **Keith Gnagey**, Executive Director



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.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, **June 2**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Social Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Pork Tenderloin BBQ on Martin's Potato Roll, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Pickled Eggs, Super Sweet Garlic Dill Pickles, Cream Pudding with Fruit Topping, Taste of Bazaar Cookies, Iced Tea or Coffee

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

VBMHC NEWS

www.vbmhc.org

June 6. Cove Church Homecoming

The annual homecoming celebration in the former Whitmer School/Cove Church at CrossRoads, 1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg, will be held on Sunday, June 6, at 4 pm. It will include singing old-time gospel songs, reminiscing and special music. An offering will be received to support the work of the Heritage Center.

June 19. Luncheon at Burkholder-Myers House

The CrossRoads Heritage Center, 1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg, is sponsoring a luncheon in the Burkholder-Myers House on June 19, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Seating is limited, so make reservations early by calling (540) 438-1275. The meal will be catered by the Rhodes Sisters.

CPS, VBS LUNCHEON

All those who were in CPS, BVS (past & present) and alternative service are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, **July 1**, in Maple Terrace dining room at Bridgewater Retirement Home. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.50. Please call Fonda Erdman (828-3883) or email ferdman@verizon.net by June 27 if you plan to attend. **Lois Snavely** will be guest speaker.

TELLING THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

Join together with others across the spectrum of age and life experience in writing your "spiritual autobiography". Pastor Chris is offering a course this summer that will lead participants through a process of exploring our most meaningful life experiences, helping us to understand and sort out the factors that help define each of our own spiritual journeys, following the pattern laid out in Dan Wakefield's *The Story of Your Life*. The course will cover six sessions over the next two months, with Wednesday evening meetings (7-8:30 p.m.) on the following dates: June 9, 16, and 30, July 14 and 28, and August 4. Because of the intense personal nature of this experience and the developmental process that builds from week to week, participants will be asked to make a commitment to confidentiality and to regular attendance for the length of the course, missing no more than 1 session over the duration. If interested, please sign up on the list in the greeting hall or contact Pastor Chris or the church office by Monday, June 7.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: More than a Good Deed

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Senior Recognition – Worship @ 11

June 13 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: Au Bon Pain

Scripture: John 6:31-38 & 48-58

Communion in both worship services

June 20 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Chris preaching

Sermon: Our World(view)

Scripture: Psalm 8

June 27 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: Of Cosmic Proportions

Scripture: Psalm 150 & selected VBS texts

MEET YOUR CHURCH STAFF

The New Member Orientation committee of the Board of Deacons has taken on a project of interviewing each of the church staff as if they were new members. Below is the narrative derived from an interview with our Associate Pastor Chris Zepp.

Chris grew up in Maryland.

Chris came to our church by transfer of letter in 2007 from Mountville Church of the Brethren in Mountville, PA where he was the Associate Pastor to serve as our Associate Pastor. He married Amanda Beckwith in 2001 and they have two children, Shylah, and Tristan. They reside on Sandstone Lane in Bridgewater.

Chris worked as a volunteer farmer with the mentally ill in western Massachusetts. He has worked with the youth from 2000-2004. He has been an Associate pastor since 2003 at Mountville Church and then here at Bridgewater.

Chris has a talent for singing and writing comedy. His biggest talent however, is holding down the backup catcher in a baseball game.

He enjoys spectator sports, including the Redskins and Orioles. In his leisure time, Chris likes to read epic and scientific fantasies!

Comedy programs are one of his big interests.

Chris appreciates the diversity and the many prospective views of our congregation, and how supportive of him we, as a church are.

Chris has given hair to Locks of Love before and is in the process of growing hair again as you can tell! The hair needs to be 12 inches long. The hair goes to make wigs for children in need of hair.

WITH SYMPATHY

The Bridgewater church family expresses its sincere Christian Sympathy to:

- **Kay Hunter & Ruth Sanger** and the friends & family of **Elizabeth Spitler**, who died on Aril 28
- **Anita Beckman** and the friends & family of **Thelma Crummett** who died on May 16
- **Pat Judd** and the friends & family of **Lester Stinson** who died on May 21

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

REQUESTS / SUGGESTIONS FROM TELLERS

In addition to our pledged giving to support the church budget, there are a number of worthwhile causes, sponsored or supported by the church, to give to during the year. Checks for these designated gifts should be made to the church with the name of the recipient in the memo space on the lower left corner of the check. Please do not combine your giving to 2 or 3 causes in one check. In our totaling and recording, it makes it easier for us to have a separate check for each designated gift. Checks, for pledges or other causes, not in giving envelopes, will be credited to your giving record. If you recall your envelope number, please write it in the memo area of your check. Thank you for your support of the church and its mission, and your cooperation in writing your checks to the church.

~ **Leon Rhodes**, Head Teller

BALANCE LESSON ONE

Offering you information for a balanced, healthy and hopefully active life is one of the goals for the Health and Wellness Committee. This month we are focusing on balancing meals. Eating nutrient-packed meals is important, and not as hard as it may seem.

Here are four simple rules.

1. Plan your meals. Look for variety! Choose foods from different food groups every meal. Try whole grains, a rainbow of fruits and vegetables, and lean proteins. Make your plate as colorful as possible and the nutrients will be there, and with all these choices you won't get bored.
2. Go Veggies! Add crunchy greens, sweet red berries, all colors of bell peppers! Don't avoid starchy veggies like potatoes, limas, and corn because they have valuable nutrients as well, but allow for the calories they add -especially if you're adding sour cream (dairy) to that potato!
3. Size does count! Portion control is your best tool. Fill half of your plate with veggies, a quarter with a single serving of protein (about 3 oz.), and another quarter with a healthy starch (brown rice, whole grains). This is a great formula for weight control.
4. Yes you can have dessert! Occasional sweets or high calorie dishes are fine if you factor them into your daily calorie intake, but when you splurge at one meal, balance your splurge with a simple salad or some other low-cal dish at another.

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

JUNE 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 A.C. Delegate Briefing – 5:30 p.m.
– Mrs. Rowe’s Restaurant
Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 2 Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.
Witness & Renewal Commission – 7 p.m.
- 3 Interfaith Association – Noon
BRCS Graduation – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Mission Extravaganza – 9:30 a.m.
Senior Recognition – Worship @ 11
Jr. Hi. End-of-Year Picnic – Home of the Bowman’s
- 7 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
Retired Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 8 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – VBMHC
TAHS Baccalaureate – 7 p.m.
- 9 Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 10 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Hope Woodard/Clarke Staton Rehearsal – 6 p.m.
- 12 Woodard/Staton Wedding – 2 p.m.
- 13 *Communion in both worship services*
- 14 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.
- 15 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 16 Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 17 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Audio-Visual Booth Instructions Training – 10 a.m.
- 20 *Father’s Day*
Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.

21-24 Vacation Bible School: *Galactic Blast*

23 Another Voice – 2 p.m. – Maple Terrace

24 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

28 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.

29 BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
Food Pantry Coordinating Committee – 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S CAUCUS INFORMATION

1. Anyone willing to work at the Women’s Caucus (WC) booth at Annual Conference, please call Peggy Yoder as soon as possible.
2. Women’s Caucus Luncheon will be Sunday, July 4, at noon. Please buy your tickets asap after arriving at Conference.
3. Auction items for the WC luncheon should be brought to the WC booth or given to Peggy Yoder at Conference.
4. WC welcomes any monetary contributions. These may be made using the pre-conference WC *Femaling* publication or give to Peggy in person or stop by WC booth.

Peggy Yoder: 814-599-9910
8467 William Penn
Huntingdon, PA 16657

JUNE WORSHIP PERSONNEL

Decorators: Denny & Jeanie Eye

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

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