



Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

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EASTER EGG HUNT: Palm Sunday, March 28

For all children, toddlers through fifth graders, after Children's Worship. An Easter basket with goodies will be given to each child. Easter eggs will be hidden outside or in the Social Hall, depending on the weather. Please come and join the fun.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS – Wednesdays during Lent (March 3, 10, 17, & 24) at Harrisonburg First CoB, 315 S. Dogwood Drive, Harrisonburg: 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. (Speaker begins at 12:30 p.m.) Cost of the meal is \$5.00. Proceeds to Benefit Gemeinschaft & OCW (Our Community Works, a program of Our Community Place). All are welcome.

Speaker Schedule

March 3	Rev. J.D. Glick, Pastor Sunrise Church of the Brethren
March 10	Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor Community Mennonite Church
March 17	Pastor Ross Erb, Assoc. Pastor Park View Mennonite Church
March 24	Rev. Mr. Fred LaSpina, Deacon Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

VBS 2010 – Galactic Blast

Mark your calendar to join us this summer as we blast off for an out of this world VBS adventure, June 21 - 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you are able to help or if you have questions about VBS, please contact Laura Evick at 828-6921 or by email at levick@hooverpenrod.com.

BWCOB Coffeehouse (“Alt.”) Worship Sunday, March 14, 6:30 pm

An “alternative” style worship gathering bringing music and praise together with conversation and ministry.

Join us as we explore our relationships with God and each other as a community of faith.

Check us out on Facebook:

“Bridgewater COB Coffeehouse Worship”

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you wish to honor or remember someone in a special way, you may do so by donating \$8.00 to the church decorating committee for potted spring flowers. After Easter worship, you may take one of the potted flowers home for each \$8 donation. Envelopes for this donation are included in the newsletter and need to be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, **March 21**. Names received after the 21st may not be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

CLOCKS AND KITS

Remember to do two things on March 14. First, remember to set to your clocks **ahead one hour** as we start Daylight Saving Time so you get to church on time! While you set your clock to “spring ahead,” remember the deadline for collection of **Hygiene & School Kits** for Church World Service is also March 14. Haitian relief has depleted the kits at CWS and more are needed. Information sheets listing the items for Hygiene & School kits are available from the hospitality desk in the greeting hall or can be found on the Church World Service website at www.cwserp.org. Mission & Service Commission will provide the funds for shipping the kits. **So remember to set your clock ahead and bring your kits on March 14.** There is a large box in the greeting hall where kits may be placed.

THANK YOU NOTES

Our family has been blessed by the thoughts, prayers and many expressions of support and condolence upon the death of my father. We are grateful to be a part of such caring and loving community of faith. Blessings and thanks to all. **Curtis, Andrea & Ryan Nolley**

*Dear Church Family,
Wayne and I would like to thank you so much for the cards, emails and other expressions of sympathy when Wayne's mother died. It is hard when you have to leave your support group behind when funerals are away from here. But it was a joy and comfort to come home and find so many expressions of love and concern. Many, many thanks. Love,*
Wayne & Mary Ann Angleberger

Because of your incredible generosity, over \$560.00 was raised for our Habitat for Humanity trip! Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support of this great organization. We couldn't do it without you!
B.C. Habitat for Humanity Club

SDDRA KICKOFF DINNER

The **Disaster Response Auction Kick-Off Dinner** will be held at Kline Campus Center on Saturday, **March 6**, at 6:00 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds of this dinner provide the seed money for the Shenandoah District Disaster Response Auction. Tickets are sold in advance for \$20.00. See or call Teresa Crawford to purchase or reserve your tickets 828-2095 (home) 246-3120 (cell). Please consider supporting this very worthwhile cause with your presence, prayers and donations.

BENEFIT WALK / RACE FOR AUTISM

On Saturday, **March 27**, JMU will be hosting the 3rd annual 5k race/walk for autism. This year the event will be held at the University Commons at EMU and Jim Bishop will once again be the emcee for the day. 100% of the proceeds benefit the Shenandoah Valley Autism partnership and are tax deductible. If interested in participating, please visit www.runwalkjog.com/autism to register online. Questions? Contact Jenny Hummel (540-246-8925)

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

March 7 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “Here We Are”
Scripture: Genesis 8:15-19; 9:8-17
Installation Service for Pastor Jeff – Worship @ 11

March 14 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “A New View”
Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21
Children's Worship – Worship @ 11

March 21 – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “Table Talk”
Scripture: John 12:1-8

March 28 – *Palm Sunday*

Pastor Jeff preaching
Sermon: “A Passionate Need”
Scripture: Luke 19:28-40
Children's Worship – Worship @ 11

CBS (Church Board Summary)

At the Feb. 17th meeting, the church board approved:

- approved the revised 2010 Budget. It will be shared for congregational review well in advance of the April 25th Council Meeting.
- approved a Stewardship Commission proposal for a major Stewardship Emphasis in our congregation in late August and September.
- approved our congregational participation in the extended HARTS program this spring.
- approved two required resolutions related to staff employment.
- approved the District required list of Ordained Minister members in our congregation.
- approved negotiating with Andy Duffey for summer of service employment again this year.

Complete Minutes are available upon request

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER COOKBOOK

In connection with The Town of Bridgewater's 175th Anniversary Celebration this year a cookbook is being compiled. Anyone interested is invited to submit their favorite recipes. Send recipes to Phyllis Lambert at 108 South Pope Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812 or email pllambert26@yahoo.com or Jill Seal at jseal@town.bridgewater.va.us. Deadline for submission: May 1, 2010.

MARCH 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.

1-8 HARTS

1 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.

2 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.

3 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.
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Witness & Renewal Commission – 7 p.m.
Worship & Music Commission – 7 p.m.

4 Interfaith Association – Noon – EMU
Altruistic Class Planning Committee – 2 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

6 Seekers Class Prepares KITS – 9 a.m.

7 Sustainable Living – 8:30 a.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Installation Service for Pastor Jeff – Worship @ 11
Lenten Study Group – 7 p.m.

8 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
Retired Ministers & Spouses – Noon – Maple Terrace

9 Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.

10 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
Character Builders Circle – Noon – Maple Terrace
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
Friendship Circle Bingo at Bridgewater Home – TBA
JOY Circle at the home of Janet Shank – 7 p.m.

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

12 Ministerial Services Commission – 4 p.m.

14 *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Children's Worship – Worship @ 11
Coffeehouse ("Alt") Worship – 6:30 p.m.

15 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
Stewardship Commission – 7 p.m.

16 Food Pantry – 7 p.m.

17 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

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

19-21 Roundtable @ Bridgewater College

20 Men's Fellowship – 7:30 a.m.

21 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Lenten Study Group – 7 p.m.

22 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.

24 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. – Boitnott Room

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

27 Relay For Life Coffeehouse – TBA

28 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Children's Worship – Worship @ 11
Easter Egg Hunt – Noon
Lenten Study Group – 7 p.m.

29 Spanish Conversations – 9:30 a.m.
Book Club – 7 p.m.

30 Food Pantry Coordinating Committee – 7 p.m.

31 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

MARCH WORSHIP PERSONNEL

Decorator: Mary Miller

Sound/Light Operators: Ellsworth Neff & Dean Neher

Ushers: John Hipps, leader	Beth Day-Miller
Justin Carpenter	Rod Miller
Mark Cubbage	Ann Monger
Dustin Dedrick	John Monger
Clif Keplinger	Brad Neher
Kevin Keplinger	Don Remnant
Burton Metzler	Fred Zimmerman

PASTA WITH THE PASTORS, Bridgewater Home Auxiliary's Spring Supper, will take place Friday, **March 19**, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Houff Community Center. Choose your pasta & sauce; salad, rolls, drinks, and angel food cake with strawberries also provided. Meal will be followed by a Rockingham Male Chorus Concert at 7 p.m. in Lantz Chapel. All donations will benefit the Employee Scholarship Fund. Concert is free and open to the public.

ARE YOU LIVING IN A FIVE AND DIME?

Remember the old adage "Cluttered home, cluttered mind"? A lot of us have the "blankey syndrome." We want to hang on to favorite clothes, knickknacks or other comfort items. These items are really triggers that remind us of the great memories they hold for us. Too much holding on eventually leads to clutter. (Didn't Fred preach on this? YES!)

Rejuvenate your peace and well-being by finding other ways to hold on to the memories and vow to clear up the clutter. Here are some tips to help you decide whether something is worth keeping or not:

- Go room by room, tidy each room completely before moving on and make a list of things that can be let go.
- Establish zones or boxes for recycling, charity, sentimental or monetary value, and undecided items. Label your boxes: recycle, sell, store, give away. Put trash in the trash right away.
- If an item is going into the store box, ask yourself what you plan to do with it. Will you give it to your children or a friend? Is it really worth keeping? For example, do you think your child will want your fifth-grade report card?
- If you think an item has monetary value, consider having it appraised. You may learn it has none, or you might decide to sell it for some extra green!
- For items in the undecided box, give yourself a deadline. If you do nothing with the items by your next de-clutter session (say, in three to six months), consider tossing or donating them to charity.
- Check your safety deposit box or home safe and make sure all of your important documents are current. Medical records and directives should be filed with both family and doctors.

Having a clean and clutter-free home or office space will leave you feeling calm and relaxed and even more organized for the next day.

MARCH / APRIL BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Due to inclement weather in February, the Book Club discussion of Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn is postponed to March 29. The selection for April is Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan by Greg Mortenson. All are welcome to join in the discussion in the church lounge on the last Monday of the month.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Demetra Heckman & Paul Johnson** on the birth of their second son – **Blake Edwin** – born on Monday, February 15. Proud big brother is Andrew.
- Congratulations to **Heather & Jeremy Driver** on the birth of their first child, a son – **Bryce Philip** – born on Wednesday, February 17. Grandparents are **Phil & Dawn Flory**; great-grandmother is **Marie Flory**.

CPS / BVS LUNCHEON

All those who were in CPS, BVS (past & present) and alternative service are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, **April 1**, in a 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 (434-3902) or email herdman@verizon.net if you plan to attend. Greg Owen will talk about his book on Shenandoah Valley history which includes some of the CO camps that were in the area during WWII.

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Information is due by noon on Monday, March 29.

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