



# CONNECTIONS



Bridgewater Church of the Brethren \* Bridgewater, Virginia

June 2011

## MID-WEEK EMAIL UPDATE

In the very near future the church office will be sending a midweek email update. The update will include congregational announcements, prayer information updates, and other pertinent information. If you would like to receive this email, please contact the church office with your most current email address. You can email [churchoffice@bwcob.org](mailto:churchoffice@bwcob.org). In addition, we are looking for a good name to call this weekly update. Please submit your ideas to the church office for consideration.

## BULLETIN ARCHIVE

Past bulletins, for up to five weeks, can be found in the literature rack in the Greeting Hall. Missed a Sunday? Check the rack for a bulletin.

## EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be included on the email prayer chain, please submit your name and email address to Shannon in the church office.

## YOUTH MINISTRY STAFFING PLANS

With the resignation of Josh and Erin Eye from their position as Sr. High Youth Directors, effective July 31, along with a desire for re-visioning in our youth ministry, the executive committee has accepted a recommendation to create a single Interim Youth Director position. This intentional interim youth director will be responsible for programming for grades 6-12 for at least the next school year. Anyone who is interested in or has questions about this interim position, or wishes to see a job description and/or salary details, should be in touch with Pastor Chris or the church office this month.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Sunday, June 12, during the Sunday School hour, there will be an Annual Conference preview forum. During this time conference delegates will be present, along with this year's Annual Conference Moderator. The business items for this year's conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be presented, along with an opportunity for questions about Annual Conference. All are welcome and invited to attend this gathering in the social hall. Following Conference, on July 31, there will be a Conference Wrap-Up Session to review the happenings of Conference.

## SUMMER INTERN

Kyle Remnant will be serving our congregation this summer as a ministry intern. Kyle will begin on June 1 and will serve through August 14th. We are excited to welcome him in this role and look forward to his ministry among us.

## VACATION NOTICE

Pastor Jeff will be away on vacation June 13-19.



*Thanks to all who called, sent cards, visited me, and for prayers during my surgery and recovery. Also, thanks to Pastors Jeff & Chris for their visits. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless each of you.*

*Sincerely, Sara Wine*

*It is with our sincere gratitude and Christian love that we send this heartfelt thank you letter. We were so overwhelmed with your love, support and generosity of spirit shown to Hazel during her illness and her days at the Bridgewater Retirement Community. Your cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of food and support will be remembered always. Love, Marvin and Cathy*

*We want to thank our Bridgewater Church family and friends for surprising Marvin on his 88th birthday, April 14, with the wonderful cards you all sent. He received 150 plus birthday cards!*

*We gratefully acknowledge your love and support of him during the difficult months of Hazel's illness. Your card shower touched his heart and blessed his special day. ~ Marvin, Judi, Rick, Terry & Cathy*

*Thanks to you, my church family and staff, and Pastor Jeff for countless acts of kindness and concern: for each prayer, phone call, and visit. My son and granddaughter are recovering from surgery and have been told they are cancer free; thank God!*

*Thanks again, Marguerite Randolph*

*Thank you so much for all your expressions of sympathy in the passing of Joyce's father, Ivan Rohrer. This is truly a caring faith community making life transitions much easier to bear. Thank you for all your loving and caring.*

*~ Joyce Benedict & Family*

*Thank you for your generous gift (\$1913.35) to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren...Emergency situations...often result in great need for relief aid. We respond because you respond—volunteer hours and voluntary gifts ensure the work continues here in the U.S. and through partnerships that reach around the world. God's blessings to you for helping us restore hope and uplift hearts in Jesus' name.*

*~ Roy Winter, Exec. Director, Brethren Service Center*



## AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 1

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Church Social Hall

Cost: \$5.00

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 Training for Second Floor and Gardner Wing.

## JUNE WORSHIP PERSONNEL

**Decorators:** Jeanie & Denny Eye

**Sound / Light Operator:** Ellsworth Neff

**Ushers:** Devin Bowman, leader

Palmer Lee Berry, David Evick, Rick Fawley, Leroy Harsh, Missy Hipps, Chuck Horn, Harold Jennings, Jim Lane, Michael Mason, Sr., Stephen Miller, Bill Miracle, Brad Neher, Jonathan Nicholas, Fred Showalter

## EARTH DAY EARTH BOWL CELEBRATION May 1, 2011 Contributors



- A deteriorated wood fragment from Hurricane Katrina, Chalmette, LA, where our disaster team of 14 served in March 2011 for Church of the Brethren Emergency Response helping to rebuild homes. Brought by Wayne Angleberger.
- The connection with our Church of the Brethren in Haiti in rebuilding after the earthquake in 2010; a piece of charcoal reminding us of the many who remain in tents without water and electricity. Presented by Chuck Clouse, volunteer.
- Celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Beaver Run congregation, the oldest Church of the Brethren in West Virginia. A colorful maple leaf from the church yard, contributed by West Marva District historian Emmert Bittinger.
- Memories of springtime in New Zealand with blooming flowers in December, where natives engage in sheep raising for their livelihood. Represented by a plaque shared by Joyce Wampler.
- Reminders of deforestation and pollution of rivers in Ecuador threatening the ecology, as experienced on a New Community Project learning tour by Margaret Horn.
- Connections to our distant past, a Roman artifact, a small vessel with a spout, from Beirut, Lebanon, unearthed in 1957 while residing in Lebanon and shared by Lois Snavelly.

## BRC SPRING BENEFIT "Island Paradise"



You are invited to attend Bridgewater Retirement Community's 2011 Spring Benefit to benefit the Resident Care Endowment Fund—a fund used for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for residents who are unable to afford the total cost of nursing care at Bridgewater Home. The Benefit will be Friday, **June 24**, with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and entertainment to follow. Tickets are \$75/person. For more information or tickets, contact Bridgewater HealthCare Foundation at 828-2550.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE GREEN(ER)

The Connections newsletter can be delivered via email for any members who prefer to receive their copy digitally instead of a paper copy. Also, the newsletter is posted on the church website monthly, under the link "Newsletter" and copies remain available there for a year. Please let Shannon (spuffenbarger@bwcob.org) know if you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email instead of mail.

### IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

John Barr recently had three short compositions published. The March issue of *The Organist's Companion* included his Pastorale on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" from the tune "Dominus Regit Me." John was featured with a biological sketch and advertisements for two of his compositions published by Wayne Leupold Editions of Colfax, N.C. John's Meditation on "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord" was included in the May issue of *The Organist's Companion*. His Introit for Easter Day, "The Strife is O'er" for mixed choir and organ was published by Beatin' Path Publications, LLC, of Bridgewater, and was first performed on Easter Sunday during our Worship at 11.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

#### **June 5—*Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Guest Preachers: Nathan & Jennifer Hosler, mission staff serving with Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN—Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)

#### **June 12—*Pentecost***

Pastor Jeff preaching  
Sermon: "New Wine"  
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21  
Communion served in both worship services

#### **June 19—*Trinity Sunday***

Pastor Chris preaching  
Sermon: "Roundabout Recipes for Living in Community"  
Scripture Readings:  
Matthew 28:16-20 & 2nd Corinthians 13:11-13

#### **June 26—*Second Sunday After Pentecost***

Pastor Jeff preaching  
Sermon: "Someone is in the Kitchen"  
Scripture Readings: Vacation Bible School texts

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-Noon & 1-5 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION

We are grateful to these teachers, assistants, child care givers, librarians, and substitutes who have worked in our Christian Education Program for 2010-2011. They are a blessing to our church and we appreciate each and every one.

Eleanor Bowman	Greg and Krista Miller
Andrea Nolley	Denny Eye
Jason and Debbie Eye	Gladys Remnant
Diane Metzler	Jeremy and Heather Driver
Michele Martin	Nikki May
Roma Jo Thompson	June Craun
Christy Craun	Mac and Melanie Bair
Josh and Erin Eye	Ann Monger
Penny Keplinger	Debbie Fultz
Kevin and Lisa Flory	Sandie Glick
Shannon Puffenbarger	Tim and Brenna Layne
Peggy McIntyre	Linda Hensley
Brad and Tina Propst	Sheldon and Betty Propst
Kathleen Gardner	Haggi Molalenge
Lauren Flora	Adeline Hipps
Bill and Andrea Miracle	Destiny Davis
Jeannie Turner	Dianne Murray
Wendy Carr	Sylvia Bowman
Amanda Zepp	Kajsa Nicholas
Jonathan Nicholas	Laura Evick
Madison Evick	Corey and Stephanie Hutchinson
Taylor Metzler	Sarah Rees
Joyce Wampler	Ada Longenecker
Linda Alley`	Claire Martindale
Missy Hipps	Tim and Leanne Kreps
Doris Showalter	Janean Fawley
Suzy Miller	Terri Miller
Jill Horn	Mary Miller
Chris Zepp	Randy Mitchell
Dwynn and Tony Stovall	Jean Petre
Lois Stover	Peggy Miller
Catherine Shively	Dorris Wampler
Alton McDaniel	Hugh Whitten
Paula and Brad Neher	Jeanie Eye
Ron and April Howard	Kenny and Heather Galang-Ellerbee
Jeff and Elizabeth McNeal	Lori Lineweaver
Janet Miller	Stacy and Susan Suter
Emma Nicholas	Laura Quay
Hope Staton	Doris Metzler
Jeanne Neff	Jan Flora
Brent Holl	



Congratulations to Judy & Mike Galang on the birth of a grandson, Matias Ishi, on Tuesday, April 26. Matias weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz., and is the son of Jeff & Brandy Galang.



## GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are aware of someone 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.

## LIFE STORY DVD AVAILABLE

On April 11, Pastor Robert Alley told his life story at the Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society at Eastern Mennonite University. His presentation was video-recorded, and the DVD is available for \$5.00. If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact the church office.

## TORNADO DAMAGE TO HEIFER RANCH

Heifer Project's Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, suffered major damage from one of the recent tornadoes that hit that portion of the south. All of the ranch employees, residents, volunteers, guests, and animals remained safe during the storm, but damage to the grounds and facilities was significant. Several buildings and barns were destroyed as were portions of the Global Village. Additional building roofs and exteriors were also damaged. Costs will include the \$10,000 deductible on their insurance and an estimated \$200,000 for repairs and reconstruction not covered by insurance. Gifts to support Heifer Ranch will help them rebuild. Any excess donations will be used to support the ongoing ranch program.