



CONNECTIONS



Bridgewater Church of the Brethren * Bridgewater, Virginia

September 2011

Church Picnic



Join us after 11 o'clock worship on September 11 for our All-Church Fall Kick-Off Tailgate Picnic!

That means you might want to dress in your best
"picnic clothes" that day.

Burgers (beef and veggie) and hot dogs are on the house

As are the buns, ketchup, mustard, and other condiments.

Drinks and dinnerware are provided.

But feel free to bring your own if you are picky or want to be more eco-friendly.

Bring your lawn chairs, favorite backyard games, and some tailgate (potluck) food to share.

And don't worry if it is too much for you to bring a dish. Come anyway...
Have you ever been to a picnic that ran out of food?

Fun for all ages!!!

That includes some organized games for the kiddos.



FALL FESTIVAL 2011

You are invited to the
Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Fall Festival

PREVIEW &

ARTIST / QUILTER RECEPTION

Sunday, **September 11**, 1-3 p.m.

Houff Community Center, Alexander Mack Rooms

Bridgewater Home Auxiliary presents

FALL FESTIVAL 2011

Saturday, **September 17**, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Benefit Auction Silent Auction

Specialty Shops

Food

Breakfast served 7:30-10 a.m.

Lunch begins at 10 a.m.

All proceeds will benefit Bridgewater Home

Bridgewater Home Auxiliary ReRun Shoppe
presents

YARD SALE

Friday, **September 23**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, **September 24**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Houff Community Center, Alexander Mack A & B

Bargains Galore!

Clothes Bric-A-Brac

Miscellaneous Items

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB SELECTION

After a summer break, the book club is reconvening in September. The group has chosen The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver for discussion at the September Book Club meeting. All are welcome to come join in the discussion on Monday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new church **pictorial directory** is being planned by the Witness & Renewal Commission. Pictures will be taken the first two weekends of November. There will be sign-ups in the greeting hall the last two Sundays of September and the first two Sundays of October. Sign-ups can also be made on the church's website by going to: <http://www.bwcob.org/lifetouch/lifetouch.shtml> The link is now active and signups can be made on the calendar to schedule portrait sessions. For those who wish, prints will be available well before Christmas. Mark the date.

BRIDGE OF HOPE ROAD RALLY

Help end and prevent homelessness for at-risk mothers

September 18, 2011, Sunday Afternoon

Bridge of Hope Road Rally

“Treasure Hunt on Wheels”

All vehicles welcome. Start at Church of the Nazarene.

Entertainment and scrumptious meal

See pamphlet-information at Hospitality Desk in Greeting Hall

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dr. Robert McFadden, the Anna B. Mow Professor of Religion *emeritus* at Bridgewater College, had an article, “The Deuteronomistic History,” published in the *Brethren Life and Thought* journal, Vol. 55, Nos. 3-4, pages 68-73. The article describes the content of a discovery in 1943 that the seven biblical books of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, I & II Samuel and I & II Kings were at one time a great historical narrative. The discovery rivals the Dead Sea Scrolls in significance for understanding and interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures. The summer and fall 2010 issue was released this July.

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Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-Noon & 1-5

YOUNG WOMEN'S RECEPTION

Young Women—Put Sunday, September 25, on your calendar. Women's Fellowship invites you to join us for a reception during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in the church lounge. It will be a time to meet each other and explore the wonderful connections and support systems that women can offer to one another. Our church family has wonderful groups for young women, including Millennium Circle. Come, meet, greet, have a treat at this reception honoring our young women.

FOR SALE

- Actiontec High Speed DSL Modem
- Telecom 100 ft. line cord
- Telecom inline coupler
- RCA DSL filter

All products are brand new and have never been used. Asking price: \$100 or best offer. Please contact Shannon in the church office if interested.

2012 BUDGET REQUESTS COMING UP

Just a reminder to all Commission and Committee Chairs to have on your agendas the preparation of your 2012 budgets. The memos and current financial information were distributed to you in early August. The Finance Commission is asking for the preliminary figures to be turned in to the church office no later than October 10. The time schedule following the First Fruits Celebration is short for the budget preparation and approval. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Business Manager Glenna Wampler.

NEW INGLENOOK COOKBOOK IN THE MAKING

October 15 is the deadline to submit recipes for a new Brethren Press project. In an announcement titled "What's Cooking?" Conference-goers found out that a new "Inglenook Cookbook" is coming and Brethren Press needs recipes to include in it. Since 1901, the "Inglenook Cookbook" has been a tradition passed from generation to generation. The new cookbook project looks to follow in that same tradition by assembling the best recipes from today's kitchens. Submit recipes by October 15, and help continue the tradition. For more information, visit www.inglenookcookbook.org.

The "Inglenook Cookbook": live simply, eat well

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

September 4—*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: "Love Clothes"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

September 11—*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Pastor Chris preaching

Sermon: "The Things that Really Matter"

Scripture Readings: Romans 14:1-19

September 18—*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: "Ad-just Peace"

Scripture Reading: John 14:21-27

September 25—*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Pastor Jeff preaching

Sermon: "Authority"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

118 Mt. Crawford Ave., Bridgewater - 828-4492

North River Library

BOOK CLUB

*In honor of the 150th anniversary
of the start of the Civil War*

Gone With the Wind

The amazing book by Margaret Mitchell tells the story of the Civil War and Reconstruction from the point of view of the Confederacy. Meet Scarlett O'Hara, Rhett Butler, Melanie and Ashley. Live through the burning of Atlanta. Struggle with the South as it rebuilds after the war.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Meeting

Light Refreshments will be served.

Sign up at the NRL desk!



We both want to thank all the Christian friends who have visited, sent notes, and offered prayers on our behalf. It is so good to know that our friends in the Altruistic Class and members of the congregation were so faithful to us. We have always felt "at home" in the Bridgewater Church and we thank God that we are a part of such an active congregation who have a great deal of outreach throughout the world. Thanks for allowing us to be a small part of this congregation. Sincerely,

Pat & Lou DeMonte

For a long time Jake and I had not been able to attend worship. We both missed it and enjoyed reading the bulletins and newsletters as well as watching the services on TV. Please accept my sincere thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, and phone calls of concern during Jake's illness and following his passing. You are wonderful people and I love you all. Special thanks to our ministers Jeff and Chris for their visits. ~Leah Zigler

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WALK

Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m.
Meet on Green Street side of
Bridgewater United Methodist Church

There will be a get-acquainted time at 7:30 p.m. and then will walk for 30-45 minutes on North Main Street. Participants should bring their own candle. Donation box available for "Invisible Child of Uganda" – a group that rescues recruited / abducted children who serve as soldiers. For more information, contact Roma Jo Thompson (515-3581) or Lucile Vaughn (828-1607).

IN OUR LIBRARY

Emmert Bittinger was scheduled to give a lecture at the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists annual meeting in Grand Rapids, MI.

Due to illness, he was unable to attend, however, with the help of his daughter, Lori Lineweaver, arrangements were made to deliver the talk via a DVD video. The title of the presentation is "Crisis of Conscience: Shenandoah Anabaptists and the Civil War." A copy of Emmert's talk is available in the church library.

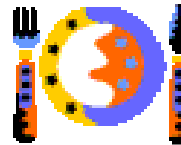


GRIEFSHARE GROUP

If you are experiencing a loss:

Family Life Resource Center is helping to facilitate a GriefShare group on Mondays, September 12 to December 19 from 7-8:30 p.m., hosted by Grace Covenant Church, 3337 Emmaus Road. GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. The sessions are being facilitated by two experienced EMU Graduate Counseling Students, Andy Johnston & Robin Zook. To register, please contact the center at 434-8450.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON Wednesday, September 7 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Church Social Hall



Cost: \$5.00 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Potato Bar with all the fixings, Jello Fruit Salad, Cookies, Iced Tea or Coffee

Prepared and served by the Bridgewater Retirement Community Staff to benefit the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Peaceful Living and Gardner Wing Staff Programs.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PERSONNEL

Decorators: Anita Beckman, Ellie Draper, Lisa Flory, Joyce Grove

Sound / Light Operator: Ellsworth Neff

Greeters: 4—Don & Faye Witters, Ray & Sandra Glick
11—Josh & Erin Eye, Steve & Claire Martindale
18—Raymond & Kitty Carr, Walter & Fonda Erdman
25—Jeff & Elizabeth McNeal, Tim & Leanne Kreps

Ushers: John Hips, leader

Justin Carpenter, Drew Cabbage, Walter Erdman, Courtney Flory, Clif Keplinger, Kevin Keplinger, George Mason, Burton Metzler, Riley Metzler, Beth Day-Miller, Rod Miller, Ann Monger, John Monger, Eli Quay, Don Remnant, Fred Zimmerman