

Honoring God

The hummingbird is drawn to sweet nectar. You have created it, Lord, and you care for it and supply its needs.

Lord, we honor you and seek you. Draw us near to you so we can taste your presence in our lives.

Teach us, as you instinctively teach the hummingbird, to know what is good and adequate for our well-being.

Teach us to discern good and how it benefits us, giving life. Show us what is evil and how it can mislead us.

As we honor your presence in our lives, keep our lips from speaking treachery and our tongues from evil speech. The nectar of your love fills us, leading us outward to do good and bring peace to all we meet. *Amen.*

—Carol L. Yeazell, co-pastor
HIS Way—Iglesia Jesucristo, El Camino
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Text for today: “O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and *do good*; seek peace, and pursue it” (Psalm 34:9-14, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Proverbs 9: 1-6; Psalm 34:9-14 (14); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship May 20, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

SR. HIGH YOUTH SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Two organ pieces: *Gordon Young*
Aria
Prelude in Classic Style

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)
Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us *Robert A. Hobby*
Congregation is invited join with the choir on v. 4 as directed – see insert

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

SENIOR RECOGNITION Chris Zepp
Jake Capasso, Madison Evick, Adeline Hipps, Ezra Kasten, Laura Quay, Dillon Rusmiser

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Erika Clary
One: We are God's chosen people.
Called to bear with one another and support each other.
All: We are Bound Together.
One: We must clothe ourselves in virtues reflected by Christ in every situation: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
All: Clothed in Christ.
One: Over all these virtues, we must put on love.
All: Love unifies us. We will let the peace of God rule in our hearts.

***HYMN # 307** *Will you let me be your servant* THE SERVANT SONG

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Andrew and Libby Kreps
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

MOMENT FOR MISSION
NYC T-shirt Offering / Service Project Clarke and Hope Staton

OFFERING
Offertory Prayer ~ Becky Ullom Naugle
Offertory
(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.
Meditation on "Come, Holy Ghost" *John Barr*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ Trevor Haren

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17 *NRSV*

MESSAGE Adeline Hipps

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

***HYMN** *They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love* Insert

SERVICE OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING
Those wishing to receive a blessing and anointing from one of our youth are invited to come as the Spirit leads.
Duet *Christ be in my mind* TERESA'S PRAYER
Jasmine Reitze and Libby Kreps
Jon Wilson, guitar

***HYMN # 322** *For we are strangers no more* STRANGERS NO MORE

***BENEDICTION** Colossians 3:12-17 *The Message*

POSTLUDE (11:00) "Come God Creator, Holy Ghost" *J.S. Bach*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

May 20-26, 2018 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	10-2	Virginia Blood Services Blood Drive	Social Hall
Tues.	6:15	Child Care Center Board	Lounge
Thurs.	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sat.		Youth Trip to Busch Gardens	

NEXT SUNDAY– May 27, 2018 – *Trinity Sunday*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “A Birth Story”

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

2017-2018 BWCOP SR. HIGH YOUTH

Jake Capasso
Gena Day-Miller
Kyle Evick
Madison Evick
Adeline Hipps
Ezra Kasten
Andrew Kreps
Libby Kreps
Ben Neher
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Dillon Rusmiser

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

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Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Karissa Hunt – Interim Financial Secretary

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

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John Barr – Organist

Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

Ellsworth Neff – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

Curtis Nolley – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

Clarke & Hope Staton – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Fellowship Host – Mac Bair

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Alice Lee Hopkins

Van Driver – Wayne Angleberger

Guitarist – Jon Wilson

Worship resources being used today have been created and shared for National Youth Sunday in the Church of the Brethren.

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 5/13/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 25 11:00 – 272 Sunday School: 134

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$6,480.00
Loose Offering	388.25
Wednesday Night Meals	278.01
Youth Programs	860.00
Anna Mae Will Memorial Fund	375.00

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE & BULLETIN DEADLINE

Shannon Puffenbarger, Administrative Assistant, will be out and on vacation, May 24-28. The church office will be open Thursday, May 24, from 9a.m.-3p.m. and will be closed Friday, May 25, and Monday, May 28, over the Memorial Day weekend. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29. The May 27th bulletin deadline will be 4p.m. Tuesday, May 22.

YOUTH COLLECTING T-SHIRTS FOR NYC OFFERING

Do you have more t-shirts than you know what to do with? Give them to the BWCOB youth group! From this Sunday through July 1st our Sr. High youth will be collecting old 100% cotton t-shirts to take to NYC to assist with the Midwives for Haiti service project. There, they will re-purpose the old shirts into the necessary pieces for diapers and send them on to be sewn for babies in need in Haiti. There will be collection bins for the shirts in the foyer – just look for the signs. If you have any questions, please contact Hope Staton at youth@bwcob.org.

PDF DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

Anyone who wishes to have a PDF copy of one or more of our congregational directories (Pictorial, Organizational, or Contacts) can contact the church office to obtain the log-in information to download them from our website – www.bwcob.org.

GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are aware of someone who has, is, 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 with their name(s) and information about their completed program and future plans so that they we can recognize them! We will be recognizing our high school graduates during Sr. High Youth Sunday on May 20 and will publish a spotlight compilation of all of our graduates in a future edition of *Connections*.

They'll Know We are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity & save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
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Herman G. Steumple, Jr.

Robert A. Hobby

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Christ's own love has bought and bound us One with all who bear his name.
Here, within this congregation, Trusting your strong Word alone,
Help us build on this foundation: Christ, the living cornerstone.*
2. *Holy Spirit's fire, falling Where your faithful people pray:
Fall on us, expectant, calling, Gathered in your name today.
Come, through word of mystic power; Come, through water, bread and wine.
Gifts of grace upon us shower; Christ's pure light among us shine.*
3. *Send us where your people languish, Lost in depths of sin, despair.
Send us where they lie in anguish, Wounded, wasted, bowed with care.
Lord, your Gospel's Word of freedom Let our lives, our lips reveal
Till the long awaited kingdom Comes this broken world to heal.*

All:



4. Help us, as the saints be - fore us, Bear with
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