

Church Picnic



**Join us after Worship at 11 o'clock
on September 9 for our
All-Church Picnic!**

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

Meats & veggie options will be provided.
As are the buns, ketchup, mustard, and other condiments.

Portable grills and grillers are needed.

So if this is your thing, we'd love to have you!

Drinks and dinnerware are also provided.

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

**Bring your lawn chairs, favorite backyard games,
and some potluck food to share.**

Food service lines and some seating will be available inside.
And don't worry if it is too much for you to bring a dish. Come anyway...

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Don't let the end of summer get you down. Come to the Family Game Night, sponsored by Fellowship & Recreation Commission, on Saturday, September 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. As usual, we'll have tables set up in the Greeting Hall for board and card games; and the Social Hall will be set up for half-court basketball, Ping-Pong, Corn Hole, Four Square, and any other active games you and your friends want to play. Besides bringing your favorite games to play, please also bring your favorite snack to share; drinks will be provided.

Got a favorite game to play? Bring it!
Got a favorite finger food to share? Bring it!
Got some friends that want to play? Bring them!
All by yourself? Just come and have fun! **Let's Play!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Wednesday Night Meals are back for the 2018-2019 School Year, beginning September 12. Everyone is welcome to join in these meals, served in the Social Hall most Wednesday Nights 5:30-6:30 pm through mid-May. Catering will be provided by local restaurants and in-house chefs on a rotating basis. Check the bulletin, mid-week emails, or the church website for menu and schedule. A free-will offering supports the cost of these meals, with a suggested donation based on the catering/menu. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes. To sign-up, please contact the church office or go directly to the online volunteer calendar by visiting the church website and following the link for Wednesday Night Meals found under the "Fellowship" menu. Contact the church office with any questions (or to suggest menu options!)

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for your cards—get well and for my 84th birthday—and your notes, visits and prayers. I received a total of 94 cards. I am making good use of the green shawl from the Church Shawl Ministry. I also appreciate the visits from Pastors Jeff and Chris. I am grateful to be a part of a loving and caring church family. Blessings to all.

~ JoAnn Rhodes

Our family wishes to thank our Bridgewater Church of the Brethren family for the prayers, cards, and the delicious lunch that was served to us by the Caring Hands Committee. We also wish to thank Jeff Carr for the visits to our home, and for the memorial service. Thanks to Dr. John Barr for the beautiful music. All of this in memory of my husband, son to Freda Garst, father, brother, granddad, uncle and friend.

~ Sue Garst & Family

AUTHORS IN OUR CONGREGATION

Your church library is proud of our members, past and present, who are authors. Their books include a variety of fiction, picture books, biographies, memoirs and nonfiction. In our library they are marked with a red sticker on the bottom of their spines so you can more easily locate them. If you know of authors from our church not listed below, please contact Peggy Lineweaver.

Tom Angleberger	Kathryn Kiracofe
Helen Annan	Steve Longenecker
John Barr	Robert McFadden
Fred Bernhard	Joyce Miller
Emmert Bittinger	Betty Neher
Carl Bowman	Greg Owen
Sylvia Bowman	Glenn Reitze
Naoma Clague	Jacob Replogle
Earle Fike	Roger Sappington
Mike Fike	Fred Swartz
Mabel Flora	R. Jan Thompson
Esther Pence Garber	Roma Jo Thompson
Doris Good	Hugh Whitten
Wayne Judd	



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

September 2—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*
Scripture Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 & James 1:17-27
Sermon: *"What Comes Out"*

September 9—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: *Pastor Chris Zepp*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 146
Sermon: *"Another..." (The one where Chris and Jeff eat a salad)*

September 16—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-9
Sermon: *"The One About Mercy"*

September 23—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*
Sermon: *"Bob Ross, Art Class, and Other Places to Pay Attention"*

September 30—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*
Scripture Readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 & James 5:13-20
Sermon: *"Fish Oil"*

UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please make the following corrections and additions in your 2018 Congregational Contacts Directory:

- * Philip & Sue Hutchinson
Delete land phone line
Phil (cell): 820-3502
Sue (cell): 820-3501
- * Melvin & Glenda Wampler
mdwampler1@gmail.com
- * Marvin Georg
828-2197
- * Kaity & Kyle Remnant
8206 War Branch Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802



PASTOR CHRIS' WEEKLY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Beginning in September, Pastor Chris will be taking Tuesdays as his Sabbath day off.

UPCOMING RETIREMENT

Jeanie Eye has announced her retirement as CE Director effective at the end of 2018. Executive Committee is working on a plan to address this vacancy.

BVS ROVER PROJECT

On behalf of the BVS sub-committee of the Mission & Service Commission, an idea has come forth to systematically remember our BVS volunteers. Twelve different groups within our congregation (Sunday School Classes, Circles, etc.) will be invited to send a signed card/greeting to each of our BVS Volunteers. (Lauren Capasso, Lauren Flora, and Stephen Miller). A roving paper guide will be passed month by month to these congregational groups. The goal is for our BVS Volunteers to be remembered monthly by their Church family. Persons who would like to send individual greetings are welcome to do so.

~ BVS Sub-Committee
David Holl, Rebekah Overman, Wayne Spangler

TIME CAPSULE REINCARNATION

Did you hear about the Sunday School time capsule that was lost? An attempt was made this summer to open the time capsule a Sunday School class planted soon after the move to this building. Unfortunately, it couldn't be found. Inspired by this unfortunate event, we, the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class, decided to start a new time capsule to represent our church during this year of the 20th anniversary of this building. We plan to open the time capsule in 10 years...the time some of our class will be graduating from high school.

We would like to invite all of the church to participate in the creation of this time capsule which will be housed in the church library (not under 4 feet of dirt). We will be bringing manila envelopes and zippered bags to each Sunday school class for including items they believe represent our church as it is during this anniversary year. If you do not attend a class, please look for an envelope on the breakfast/snack table in the greeting hall for including your contribution to the time capsule.

We want to hear from the whole church because "we [all] are BWCOB" in 2018.

Thanks,
The 3rd-5th Grade Class

SURPRISE CARD SHOWER

You are invited to send a birthday greeting to Nellie Gentry to help her celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sunday, September 2. Her address is:

Nellie Gentry, room 16B
Curis Harrisonburg Transitional Care
and Rehabilitation Center
94 South Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Nellie loves cards. It would be helpful for her if you would include in your card that you are a member of this congregation so she has more of an idea of whom the card is from when it arrives.

COB MISSION OFFERING

The Church of the Brethren Mission Offering highlights our relationships with international churches and organizations. It supports Core Ministries like Brethren Volunteer Service, Global Mission and Service, and others that allow us to walk with brothers and sisters around the world. Bookmarks with more information on the Mission Offering, as well as offering envelopes are available in the literature rack in the greeting hall.

INTERESTED IN LEADING WORSHIP?

Would you be interested in helping to lead congregational worship one or more Sundays during the upcoming year? Opportunities exist for those looking to do as little as reading scripture or as much as working with the pastors to shape an entire worship service. Assistance and coaching are available as needed or desired. If interested, please contact Pastor Chris to schedule or inquire, or visit our church website (www.bwcob.org) and follow the links from the Main Heading Menu: “Connect” → “Volunteer!” → “Worship Leading.”

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE “SITTING IN THE GAP” SCRIPTURE STUDY GUIDES?

This time last year, we were exploring the possibility of starting a new adult Sunday School class, initially called “Sitting in the Gap.” While a viable class meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings did not ultimately materialize, one continuing opportunity did emerge – a weekly online study guide that is now posted on our website for anyone interested in deeper exploration of and reflection on the scriptures and topics guiding our worship each Sunday. The study guide for each Sunday is published online by the preceding Friday of each week. It can be used as a resource for personal growth and reflection, preparation for Sunday morning worship, or continued learning and reflection afterward. Or perhaps a starting point for small group or family discussions. You can find these study guides by clicking the link in our midweek e-mail or by visiting the church website (www.bwcob.org) and following the links from the Main Heading Menu: “Faith Formation” → “Sunday School” → “Adult Classes” → “Sitting in the Gap.” So check it out! And if you have questions, feedback, or ideas for improving or building on these study guides, feel free to contact Pastor Chris.

GREETERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as GREETERS for worship, needed at both the North and South entrances. Your responsibility will be to arrive 20-25 minutes before the service begins and welcome folks as they arrive. Feel free to include your family or someone else if you so desire. Some serve one Sunday at one entrance and another Sunday at the other entrance. To sign up, please contact Margaret Horn at 540-908-2585 or Mhornf@gmail.com or visit our church website (www.bwcob.org) and follow the links from the Main Heading Menu: “Connect” → “Volunteer!” → “Sunday Morning Greeters.”

PASTOR’S BOOK STUDIES

Once again, Pastor Chris will be facilitating a series of book studies during this school year. Generally, these studies will meet 2-3 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from October through May (though there will, of course, be exceptions).

The first book we will be studying (October 3 & 17) will be *Forbearance: A Theological Ethic for a Disagreeable Church* (2017) by James Calvin Davis, Presbyterian minister and professor of religion at Middlebury College.

What happens when we approach disagreement not as a problem to solve but as an opportunity to practice Christian virtue? In this book James Calvin Davis reclaims the biblical concept of forbearance to develop a theological ethic for faithful disagreement. Pointing to Ephesians and Colossians, in which Paul challenged his readers to “bear with one another” in spite of differences, Davis draws out a theologically grounded practice in which Christians work hard to maintain unity while still taking seriously matters on which they disagree. The practice of forbearance, Davis argues, offers Christians a dignified, graceful, and constructive way to deal with conflict. Forbearance can also strengthen the church’s public witness, offering an antidote to the pervasive divisiveness present in contemporary culture.

Order your copy through our office at an estimated cost of \$12-\$20 (if ordered by Sept. 12) OR obtain your own copy. We will discuss the first five chapters (thru page 109) on October 3.

If you have suggestions for books you would like to study together this year, be sure to share your ideas with Pastor Chris!



We are looking for someone who would like to donate land or sell land for a discounted price for us to build on in the Turner Ashby School District. One of our families has been waiting for a house since 2016 because we don't have a property that would correctly suit their needs. The property would need to be approximately 5,000 Sq. ft. and have access to County or Town water/sewer hook-up. We would like to avoid properties that require a well due to the added expense to the homeowner. We try to keep our homes as affordable as possible for our families and we would like to find a property so they can have a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. If you are interested or know anyone that is interested in donating or selling for reduced price a property that fits the above criteria, please call our office at (540) 828-6288 or email kirsten@centralvalleyhabitat.org.

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

The first annual Harrisonburg Sacred Arts Festival will take place September 21-22. Focusing on the theme "Welcoming the Stranger," the festival will include a number of events that will be of interest to the community at large. On Friday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a community-sing at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The winner of the first annual hymn competition will be announced and premiered. During the day on Saturday, September 22, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Church of the Incarnation, the HSAF will feature workshops, panels, and other interactive experiences including an organ crawl to local organs, among other events. At 7:30 p.m., Harrisonburg Mennonite Church will host an inaugural massed choir concert (including members of the BWCOB choir). For a complete listing of festival details visit www.hburgsacredarts.org.



AN EVENING WITH THE STARS

Sponsored by Bridgewater Home Auxiliary
Friday & Saturday, September 28-29

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton in Harrisonburg

6 p.m. each night

Frank Sinatra Tribute Artist Steve Flynn

7 p.m. each night

Elvis Tribute Artist Gib Maynard from Texas

\$55 general admission each night
dinner buffet and show

\$75 per person each night for VIP seating,
dinner buffet and show

For reservations, call 828-2473

More information is posted on the flyer on the large bulletin board in the greeting hall.

BWCOB SEPTEMBER 2018 **EVENTS PROGRAM CALENDAR**

This is a church-related program calendar and does not include all building use. Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS and building use through the church office. All events are at BWCOB unless otherwise indicated.

- 2 New Sunday School schedule begins
Sr. Hi. Youth Movie & Discussion – 5-8 p.m.
- 3 Labor Day – Church Offices Closed
- 5 Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.
Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.
Ministerial Services Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Worship & Music Commission – 7 p.m.
- 6 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m.
- 9 Church Picnic – Noon
Youth Sunday Night Live- 4 p.m. – VBMHC
- 11 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 12 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Properties Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m. – Carter Center
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Family Game Night – 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Hi. Youth Putt-Putt
- 18 Financial Leaders Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
- 19 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 20 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m. – Carter Center
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Sr. Hi. Youth Duck Pin Bowling

- 25 Child Care Center Board – 6:15 p.m.
- 26 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Witness & Nurture Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 28-30 BSM Retreat @ Brethren Woods

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 4 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 6 Interfaith Association – Harrisonburg Islamic Center
- 10 Ret. Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 12 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
- 18 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 28-29 An Evening With The Stars sponsored by
Bridgewater Home Auxiliary



For Our Prayers during the Month of September 2018

Each month a prayer list with opportunities for directed prayer is included with our newsletter. In addition to highlighting specific prayer requests, we are invited to pray with particular mindfulness of the persons connected with our congregation and community. Additionally, focusing thoughts and prayers around the following may be helpful as a guide:

Our Congregation and its Ministries, Vision and Mission

Those who are...

Facing financial hardships

Starting new ventures, jobs, establishing new homes and new rhythms

Undergoing significant life changes

Living with illnesses, both chronic and acute

Seeking employment and who have lost work

Finding peace and contentment

Feeling lonely

In difficult relationships or experiencing the loss or lack of relationship

Struggling with mental illness, anxiety, depression and or thoughts of suicide

Criticized, belittled and demeaned because of their beliefs and understandings

Survivors, Victims, Witnesses, and Perpetrators of violence, intolerance, racism and hatred

Advocating for justice and righteousness

Wrestling with their faith

We also lift up in prayer and mindfulness specifically...

...Our Nation and World

...those in Nigeria... facing violence, kidnappings, and deep unrest...and for those committing these atrocities

We continue to pray specifically for Hauwa Abdu, one of over 200 girls and young women kidnapped in April 2014.

...our congregation, district, and denomination

... those starting or restarting school and academic schedules

...those who grieve, especially the families and friends of...

Fred Garst, husband of Sue Garst, son of Freda Garst and brother of Marsha Garst who died August 16

Tammy Wassmann, mother-in-law of Carl McIntyre; **Richi Yowell**, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church of the Brethren; **Nadia Hijjeh**, a student from John Wayland Elementary; **Berlyn McElwee**, husband of Ethel and father of Joyce Grove, who died June 17; **Ryan Puffenbarger**, brother-in-law of Shannon Puffenbarger, who died June 8; **Vernon Miller**, father of Jim Miller, who died June 3; **Anna Smith**, sister of Edgar Flora, who died May 31; **Geraldine Lewis**, who died May 27; **Warren Riddle**, brother of Ed Riddle, who died May 24; **Roberta Messamer**, who died May 8

... those under the care of Hospice, Palliative Care and Comfort Care

...those who have had surgery, been hospitalized, receiving treatments, recovering from illness or are in rehabilitation... Ivan Mason

...those requiring long-term healthcare, specifically... in Avante, Bridgewater Home, Sunnyside, & White Birch Estates

...those in Volunteer Service, specifically...Lauren Capasso (Houston, TX), Lauren Flora (Elgin, IL) Stephen Miller (Japan)

...those in Military Service, specifically...Tyler Hopkins, Kent Hutchinson (on active deployment)

...those who are requesting prayer specifically or have been on the prayer chain recently...

Sharon, an acquaintance of Beth Michael, who suffered a massive heart attack

Ethan, the great-grandson of Grace Fleishman, who has been diagnosed with neurofibromatosis

For these and all God's Children we pray...

