



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

October 25, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren,

Today, and every day, we celebrate the many ways that our church family continues the work of Jesus in the world. We do it each day by showing healing, hope, love and faith in Christ's name to neighbors near and far. We do it by sharing from our abundant blessings in praise and thanks to God.

Bridgewater Church of the Brethren is full of incredibly generous givers. Whenever there is a need, our church family responds with love and generosity that we sometimes take for granted. Everyone from the smallest child with their Sunday School offering to regular givers and donors of special gifts, we say "Thank you!!" Your financial gifts DO make a difference in our community and in the world.

We thank you, also, for your gifts of time and action. Delivering worship bulletins. Speaking words of comfort to a hungry heart. Guiding youth and college students along their faith journeys. Bringing joy through music. Praying without ceasing. Supporting ministries like the Food Pantry, Childcare Center, and the Backpack program. These are only a few of the many ways that you serve. You do it because you care. You do it because our faith calls for action.

We have reached the time of year when we begin to think of the many ways that we can serve and contribute in 2019 for the continuing ministries of our congregation. Prayerful thought has been given to all areas of budgeting for 2019, including supporting ongoing ministries and programs, providing salaries and benefits for our staff, and maintain our physical campus as a site for many community ministries. Additionally, as a congregation, we would like to tithe (10%) of our projected income to our Mission and Ministry Partners. However, we have designated ~6% of our budget to these partners, based on income projections for 2019. We would like, for our income to projections to be adjusted in order to increase this portion of our budgeted giving.

Over the next few Sundays, you will hear from several of our fellow members regarding their thoughts, feelings and faith on our 10% tithe to Mission and Ministry Partners. You will be given an opportunity to consider if you will help our congregation reach that goal. This can be done weekly or monthly or in other pledges or a specific amount toward this goal.

The enclosed card will allow you to estimate how much you will give in 2019, as well as, how you want to give, either with envelopes, or through regular electronic withdrawal from your financial institution. We welcome special gifts, as well. If you have any questions, the Finance Commission will be glad to speak with you.

Please complete the enclosed card and bring it to worship on Sunday morning, November 4, 2018, as we give thanks for the future and for the gifts that God has given to us. Thank you for your caring hearts and generous gifts.

In Christian love and gratitude,

*Anita Beckman*  
Chair, Finance Commission

**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren**  
**Budget Proposal for 2019**

	Budget 2018	Proposal for 2019
<b>INCOME</b>		
41001 Envelope Offering--Estimated Giving	\$ 611,200.00	\$ 593,500.00
41002 Loose Offering	26,000.00	28,000.00
41003 Church User Fees	7,500.00	7,000.00
41005 Designated to Budget	3,000.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 647,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 630,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
52100 Mission and Ministry Partners	\$ 66,587.00	\$ 40,899.00
52300 Employed Staff	369,235.00	377,001.00
52400 Christian Education	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 15,100.00
52500 Fellowship & Recreation	8,700.00	8,700.00
52600 Ministerial Services	700.00	700.00
52650 Office Expenses	34,000.00	34,300.00
52700 Mission and Service	2,500.00	2,500.00
52900 Finance	800.00	800.00
53000 Witness & Nurture	5,100.00	7,000.00
53100 Worship & Music	13,150.00	13,150.00
53700 Youth and Younger Adult Program	16,640.00	15,900.00
53200 Deacons	1,100.00	1,100.00
53300 Conference Delegates	5,638.00	4,450.00
53400 Church Board	4,300.00	4,300.00
Church Programs		
52800 Property & Custodial Care	110,278.00	108,000.00
	101,600.00	104,100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 647,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 630,000.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## CROP MEAL / CROP WALK

On Thursday, November 1, from 5-7 p.m., the community is invited to the Bridgewater College **CROP Meal**, where anyone can purchase and enjoy meals surrendered by B.C. students in the college's Kline Campus Center Dining Hall, with all proceeds going to Church World Service's hunger education and relief programs in 80 countries around the world.

On Sunday, November 4, at 2 p.m., the Bridgewater / Dayton area **CROP Hunger Walk** will bring help and hope to God's hungry children across the street and around the world. Prior to that day, members of area churches and Bridgewater College students will ask others to sponsor them for every kilometer of the 6K (3.7 mile) route they will walk. On that day, they will gather at the Bridgewater Community Center to enjoy good fellowship, good exercise, and the good feeling of knowing they are making a life-saving difference.

If you would like to attend the CROP Meal or participate in the CROP Hunger Walk, please contact our church CROP recruiter, Alice Lee Hopkins, at 828-2059 or B.C. Chaplain Robbie Miller at 828-5383 or [rmiller@bridgewater.edu](mailto:rmiller@bridgewater.edu).

## FUNDRAISER MEAL FOR BSM AT JALAPEÑOS – NEW DATE!!

On Thursday, November 8, from 4-9 p.m., Jalapeños Restaurant in Bridgewater will be hosting a Fundraising Meal for Brethren Student Movement (BSM). (This date is changed from the originally announced Nov. 1 event so as not to conflict with the BC CROP Meal.) All you need to do for BSM to benefit when you purchase your meal is to drop your receipt in the GroupRaise.com donation box at the restaurant. When you do, 15% of your meal will be donated back to Brethren Student Movement! Plus you will probably get to enjoy some pretty good company.

We do need some RSVPs to hold the event, so if you plan to attend, please go to our event page at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/69583> to register your intent. It will only take a few seconds and there is no obligation – it simply assures the restaurant that there will be viable participation. But our participation is unlimited, so even if you don't RSVP in advance, come out and support BSM. The more receipts in the box, the more Jalapeños contributes to BSM! Thanks in advance!

## BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE ORATORIO CHOIR CONCERT

The Bridgewater College Oratorio Choir, directed by Curtis Nolley, will present its annual concert November 2, 7:30 pm, in the Carter Center auditorium. The 63 voice ensemble includes the college Concert Choir, faculty, and community alumni and friends in the annual festival chorus.

The concert entitled "Spiritual Songs" will feature Alice Parker's *Melodious Accord*, a concert setting of selections from the *Harmonia Sacra*, scored for brass ensemble and harp. The *Harmonia Sacra* is one of the earliest examples of singing school hymnals printed in America, and has its genesis in our local community of Singers Glenn. The second half of the concert will feature a selection of African American spiritual arrangements. Dr. Stephen Longenecker of the B.C. history department will provide connecting comments regarding these two distinctly American "Spiritual Songs." Admission is free and open to the public.



## IT'S TIME TO RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

A little time can go a long way in helping others less fortunate to have a brighter Christmas. One way you can be one of those persons is by signing up to Ring the Bell and staff the Salvation Army booth at Bridgewater Foods Supermarket. Our church will staff the booth Thursday-Saturday, November 29-December 1, from 9 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. each day. There will be sign-up sheets on the greeting hall hospitality desk on Sundays, November 19 & 26 for you to select a time convenient for you. You can staff the booth by yourself for two hours or sign up with a friend and each ring the bell for an hour. Your participation is very much appreciated!

## SHARING CHRISTMAS WITH CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The Mission and Service Commission invites you to share Christmas gifts with children and adults that the Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services District has identified as having little for the holidays. Last year our church joined in helping our community to provide gifts to approximately 1300 children and 196 adults in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area. This year they anticipate 1500 children and 200 adults. Our church will again help with providing 30 gifts for children and 10 gifts for elderly or disabled adults. Gift tags will be available **November 11 and 18** in the Greeting Hall. To participate, select a gift tag from the display, purchase gift requested (\$25), and return wrapped gift with tag attached to the Greeting Hall by **November 25**.

## NO ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS YEAR

Another Voice, who has sponsored and hosted the Alternative Christmas Fair for the last 14 years, has decided to take a Sabbatical; therefore, the fair will not be held this year. We appreciate all who have participated in, volunteered, made contributions to groups and agencies, for that is what made this such a meaningful and successful event over the years. We hope you will continue to support these groups as you prepare for and celebrate Christmas this year. We look forward to a renewed Alternative Christmas Fair next year.

~ Mary Cline Detrick, of Another Voice

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

November 4—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Ruth 1:1-18 & Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: "*Sacrifices and Offering*"

November 11—25th Sunday after Pentecost

Junior High Youth Sunday

Scripture Reading: John 10:10

Sermon: "*A abundant Life in Jesus*"

November 18—26th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Psalm 16 & Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: "*Glad Hearts and Big Buildings*"

November 25—27th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Sermon: "*Endings and Beginnings*"

## BRIDGEWATER HOME AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, November 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Social Hall

Cost: \$6 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Chili (with rice), shredded cheese, onions, crackers, pumpkin pie with whipped topping, iced tea, coffee

To benefit the Pastoral Care Endowment Fund.

## PASTOR'S BOOK STUDIES

This month's book study with Pastor Chris will meet on Wednesday afternoons, 2-3 pm, Nov. 7 & 21, and will focus on *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* (2018) by Rachel Held Evans.

*If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read...Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.*

If you have not already ordered a book through the church office, you should obtain your own copy. We will discuss the first four chapters (thru page 114) on November 7.

**Looking Ahead** – The next book study will meet on December 5 and 19, and will focus on *Against Empathy: The Case for Rational Compassion* by Paul Bloom (2016).

*"We often think of our capacity to experience the suffering of others as the ultimate source of goodness. Many of our wisest policy-makers, activists, scientists, and philosophers agree that the only problem with empathy is that we don't have enough of it. Nothing could be farther from the truth, argues Yale researcher Paul Bloom. In *Against Empathy*, Bloom reveals empathy to be one of the leading motivators of inequality and immorality in society. Far from helping us to improve the lives of others, empathy is a capricious and irrational emotion that appeals to our narrow prejudices. It muddles our judgment and, ironically, often leads to cruelty. .. With precision and wit, he demonstrates how empathy distorts our judgment in every aspect of our lives, from philanthropy and charity to the justice system; from medical care and education to parenting and marriage. Without empathy, Bloom insists, our decisions would be clearer, fairer, and—yes—ultimately more moral."*

Order your copy through our office at an estimated cost of \$13 (if ordered by Nov. 14) OR obtain your own copy.

## FALL YARD CLEAN-UP DAYS

Youth and young families of our congregation are teaming up to work for congregational members who would like assistance with fall cleaning. Jobs may include (but are not limited to): raking, washing, cleaning out garages, bush trimming, moving boxes, etc. 100% of any and all donations will benefit the [Lybrook, NM Community Ministries](#) – a COB non-profit served by our youth at a recent workcamp. Here's how it works: Choose one of the following dates and times below and call Leanne Kreps at 540-209-6887 to indicate which one you are interested in having youth work at your house: Saturday, November 10, 9:00-1:00 or Saturday, November 17, 1:00-5:00. A date and time will be confirmed with interested individuals by November 7, 2018.

## BITS AND PEACES

[brought to you by Peace Committee and Mission & Service Commission]

Let there be light, Lord God of Hosts!  
Let there be wisdom on the earth!  
Let broad humanity have birth!  
Let there be deeds, instead of boasts.

~ William Merrell Vories

In the king's days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

~ Psalm 72:7, NRSV, adapted



# **BWCOB NOVEMBER 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.

- 1 Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 3 BSM “Halloween” Picnic – 6 p.m. – Zepp’s Home
- 4 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Children’s Worship during Worship at 11  
Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Noon  
Council Meeting – 1 p.m.  
Sr. Hi. Movie Night & Discussion – Zepp’s Home
- 6 Executive Committee – 7 p.m.
- 7 Pastor’s Book Study – 2 p.m.  
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.  
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.  
Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.  
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.  
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.  
Ministerial Services Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 BSM Fundraiser Meal at Jalapeños – 4-9 p.m.  
Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m. – Carter Center  
Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Youth Sunday Night Live @ Sangerville CoB
- 12 Staffing Task Team – 7:15 p.m.
- 13 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 14 Friendship Circle – 3:30 p.m.  
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.  
JOY Circle – 7 p.m.
- 15 Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m.
- 17 Youth to Charlottesville JUMP

- 18 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Children’s Worship during Worship at 11
- 21 Pastor’s Book Study – 2 p.m.
- 22 Church Offices Closed – Happy Thanksgiving
- 23 Church Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Sr. Hi. NYC Reunion Lunch – Noon  
Junior High Fellowship – 5 p.m.
- 27 Child Care Center Board 6:15 p.m.
- 28 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.  
Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 29 Salvation Army Bell Ringing – 9 a.m.-7 p.m. – BFS  
Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Salvation Army Bell Ringing – 9 a.m.-7 p.m. – BFS  
Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- 1 Interfaith Association – Noon – EMU  
CROP Meal – 5-7 p.m. – B. C. Kline Campus Center
- 2 BC Oratorio Choir Concert – 7:30 p.m. – Carter Center
- 2-3 District Conference at Antioch CoB
- 4 CROP Walk – 2 p.m. – Town Community Center
- 6 Voting Precinct – 5 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 7 B. H. Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 12 Ret. Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 14 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
- 20 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.

## HELP US PROVIDE "CARE PACKAGES" FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

As the fall progresses toward winter, and our thoughts turn from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Advent and Christmas, our college students have a few extra things on their minds – exams, final papers, exams, heading home for the holidays, and more exams. So to show them a little extra love during this stressful time, we will once again be sending "Care Packages" to our students near and far.

We are inviting you to help us fill them with lots of goodies. Throughout the month of November there will be collection bins in the Greeting Hall for you to make contributions to this effort. Some suggestions:

Microwave popcorn  
Hot Chocolate Packs  
Bags of individually wrapped snack size candy  
Prepackaged cookies, crackers, granola bars, etc  
Snack size raisins, peanuts, etc



We will divvy up all contributions, supplement where necessary, and then ship the packages off to the students. If you wish, you may also contribute \$\$\$ for supplementing and mailing the packages. Donations should be marked "College Care Packages" and can be dropped in the offering plate or given to Pastor Chris no later than November 25.

If you would like to help distribute the goodies, fill the boxes, and prep for delivery, we will be doing so on Wednesday, November 28, in the church Lounge. Materials will be ready by 3 pm and work will continue through the afternoon and evening until they are finished. Feel free to stop in and help out for a little or a lot as you are able!

Finally, if your child / grandchild, etc is currently attending a school other than Bridgewater College, we need a CURRENT mailing address to get a package to them! Please contact the church office by Nov. 25 to ensure that we have their most up-to-date mailing address.

Thanks for your help in this ministry of care and hospitality!

## UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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

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## For Our Prayers during the Month of November 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 recovering and reclaiming life after storms*

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

**Ronald Mathias**, father of **Kathy Shrader**, who died October 21

**Robert Zimmerman**, brother of **Fred Zimmerman**, who died October 14

**Kathryn Roller**, sister of **Janet Coffman**, who died September 17; **David Will**, who died September 15;

**Dorothy Dellinger**, sister of **Charlotte Harvey**, who died September 14; **Glendon Shank**, husband of **Mildred**, who died September 12; **Lowell Miller**, husband of **Peggy** and father of **Robbie Miller**, who died September 2;

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

*... 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...*

**Sylvia Bowman**, **Sonya Eller**, **Dean Neher**, **Ralph Shively**

*...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...* **The Figgs Family**, **Martin Rees**

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



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL GIVING CARD for 2019**  
Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, 420 College View Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my/our Christian stewardship,  
I/we submit this estimate of financial giving to Christ's church and the ministry of this congregation in 2019:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly or as follows \$ \_\_\_\_\_

for a total during 2019 of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(This estimate may be increased, decreased, or canceled should circumstances make it necessary.)

I / We would like offering envelopes:  monthly  weekly  I / We would be interested in electronic fund transfer.

I / We want to help meet the 2019 Mission & Ministry Partners Challenge.

I / We commit an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ above the estimate of giving noted above.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH**

An acknowledgement of this estimate of financial giving will be forthcoming.

