

Multiplying Love

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship.

People: We gather to praise and honor our God.

Leader: A God who has delivered us . . .

People: brought us up from the land of Egypt.

Leader: A God who cares for us . . .

People: protects us everywhere we go, among all peoples and in all places.

Leader: Therefore, we will trust the Lord our God.

People: We will serve the Lord with thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

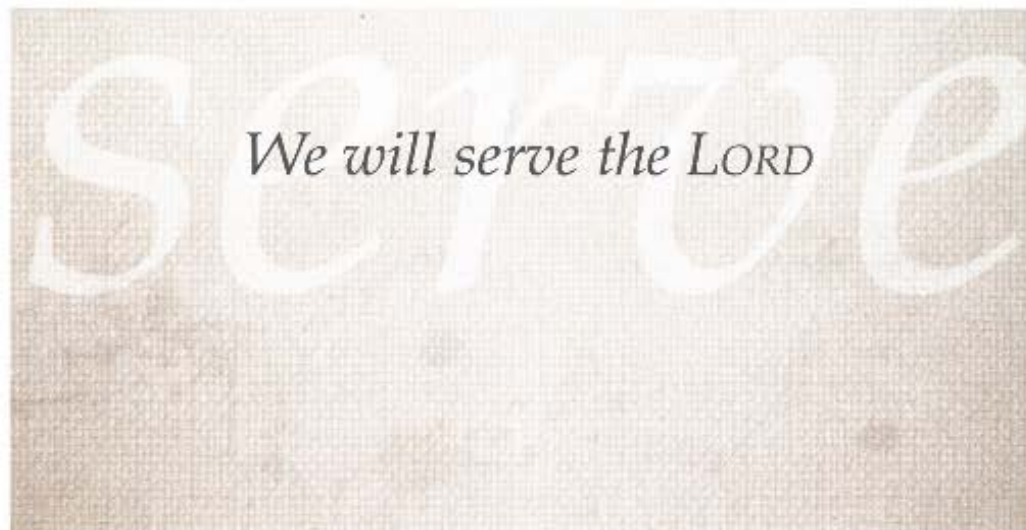
Servant God, we yearn for more love in this world, and are in awe of the magnitude of your love for all people. You offer comfort when we're suffering, send hope when we're ready to give up, and ignite joy when we're stuck in despair.

We offer our service to others as thanksgiving for all that you've done for us. Because Lord, we know that serving the least of these is service to you. Lead us with strength to step out of our comfort zone in humility to serve others. In doing so, your love will be multiplied even here, even now. *Amen.*

—Emily Tyler, workcamp and volunteer coordinator
Brethren Volunteer Service
Elgin, Illinois

Text for today: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, *we will serve the Lord*" (Joshua 24:14-15, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (15); Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship November 4, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Songs of Salvation 478-483
Bicinium on WIR PFLÜGEN *John Barr*

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.

HAND BELL ANTHEM (11:00) Here I am to Worship *Tim Hughes*
arr. *Dan Edwards*

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CHERUB & CAROL CHOIR ANTHEMS (11:00)
Cherub Choir Oh Be Careful arr. *Lyndell Leatherman*
Carol Choir A Thanksgiving Prayer *Price / Besig*

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Josh Eye
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 Mission & Service Alice Lee Hopkins

***HYMN # 96** *We plow the fields and scatter* WIR PFLÜGEN

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-18 *NRSV*

ANTHEM (11:00) Awake, My Soul, and Sing *Allen Pote*

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Prelude on Holy Manna arr. *Cathy Marker*

Prayer of Thanksgiving ~Feasting on the Word, *Worship Companion*, adptd

***HYMN # 119A** *Praise God from Whom* OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~Feasting on the Word, *Worship Companion*, adapted

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34 *NRSV*

SERMON "Sacrifices and Offering" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

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

***HYMN # 89** *For the beauty of the earth* DIX

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Epilogue on DIX *Wm. H. Harris*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

Flowers on the worship center are in loving memory of Kay Rittenhouse and are shared by her family.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

November 4-10, 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
	Noon	Youth Fundraiser Lunch	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: Sandwich Bar</i>	
		<i>All proceeds will be donated to the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation in Emma Nicholas' memory.</i>	
	1:00	Council	Social Hall
	2:00	CROP Walk – Town Community Center	
	5:00	Sr. Hi. Youth Movie & Discussion – Home of the Zepps	
Tues.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Voting Precinct	Social Hall
	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Food Pantry	Greeting Hall
Wed.	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	2:00	Book Study	Lounge
	2:00	Jubilee Circle	Maple Terrace
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: Papa John's Pizza, Chips, Veggies, Drinks</i>	
		<i>Suggested Donation: \$5 adults / \$3 children</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Christian Education Commission	Library
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
7:00	Properties Commission	Open Door Room	
7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room	
7:30	Ministerial Services Commission	Altruistic Room	
Thurs.	4-9	BSM Fundraiser Meal at Jalapeños	
	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Karissa Hunt – Interim Financial Secretary

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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.

Decorator – Lori Lineweaver

Deacon Caregiver – Sally Jane Conner

Fellowship Host – Palmer Lee Berry

Head Usher – Devin Bowman

Pianist (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

Van Driver – Wayne Angleberger

Worship Leaders – Amelia Gunn, Chad Whitzel, & Christen King

NEXT SUNDAY– November 11, 2018 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Junior High Youth Sunday – "Abundant Life in Jesus"

Scripture: John 10:10

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

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

Youth Sunday Night Live – 6 p.m. – Sangerville CoB

BSM FUNDRAISER AT JALAPEÑOS

Enjoy a meal at Jalapeños in Bridgewater this Thursday night, November 8, from 4-9 pm, drop your receipt in the Group Raise donation box on your way out of the restaurant, and 15% of your meal will be donated to the BC Brethren Student Movement. It's that easy!

CHERUB CHOIR ANTHEM TEXT: *Traditional*

O be careful, little eyes, what you see;

For the Father up above is looking down in love;

So be careful, little eyes, what you see.

O be careful, little ears, what you hear;

So be careful, little ears, what you hear.

O be careful, little tongue, what you say;

So be careful, little tongue, what you say.

O be careful, little hands, what you do;

So be careful, little hands, what you do.

O be careful, little feet, what you go;

So be careful, little feet, what you go.

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CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM TEXT: *Nancy Price & Don Besig*

Thank you, Lord, for loving us all. For your gifts both great and small,

For the faith which keeps us strong, now we join in thankful song.

For the beauty all around, ev'ry sight and ev'ry sound,

For the love and friendship we share, Lord, we bow in thankful prayer.

We gather together to share in God's blessings:

The colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring,

The gift of creation, the promise of salvation.

For all His many wonders our thanks now we bring.

Now we join in worship and praise.

Now with joy our voices we raise.

Together we join in our song of thanksgiving,

With grateful rejoicing our voices we raise.

All of us here united this day,

Offering God all glory and praise!

All men and all nations unite in celebration,

To God be all honor and glory and praise. Amen.

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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, with donations to benefit the Lybrook, NM Community Ministries. Call Leanne Kreps at 540-209-6887 to request a team at your house on either Sat., Nov. 10, 9:00-1:00 or Sat., Nov. 17, 1:00-5:00. A date and time will be confirmed with interested individuals by Nov. 7.

SANCTUS CHOIR ANTHEM TEXT: based on Psalms 71 & 108

Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm.
For great are you Lord, and great your love; your kindness is forever.
You have been my hope, my confidence since my youth.
I will proclaim your marvelous deeds. I will ever sing praises.
Even when I am growing old, do not forsake me, O God.
I will declare your strength and power to the next generation, to all who are to come.
Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, your glory over all the earth.
You have been my rock, my fortress, and my shield.
I will ever praise your name, for you are my God.
Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm.
For great are you Lord, and great your love. You are my God!
Awake, my soul, awake, my soul, and sing!

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JUBILEE CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, November 7, at 2 p.m. in the Shenandoah Room of Maple Terrace (note that this is the first Wednesday). Speaker will be Donna Heatwole, a member of the Blue Ridge Threshold Choir. The group sings on occasions of special needs.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROJECT

BWCOB is partnering with Harrisonburg-Rockingham Social Services to provide gifts for local children, elderly, and disabled adults. Gift tags will be available in the Greeting Hall starting next **Sunday, November 11**.

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 10/28/18

Worship Attendance:	8:30 – 16	11:00 – 247	Sunday School: 116
Pledges & Envelope Giving			\$11,172.78
Loose Offering			935.90
Food Pantry			91.35
Books			51.00
Kitchen Supplies			100.00
Contributions – Refugees			200.00
CROP Walk			100.00
Wednesday Night Meals			291.00
Women’s Fellowship			500.00
Backpack Program			100.00
EYN Compassion Fund			200.00
JOY Circle			1,652.30
Friendship Circle			50.00

CARE PACKAGES FOR 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, 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. 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.



Throughout the month of November there will be collection bins in the Greeting Hall for you to make contributions to this effort. 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!

P.S. 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 November 25 to ensure that we have their most up-to-date mailing address.

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

**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
Council Meeting
Minutes --May 6, 2018**

Moderator Steve Longenecker called the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren (BWCOB) Council meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Associate Moderator David Lineweaver opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 11, 2018 BWCOB Council meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Phil Flory reviewed the treasurer's report ending March 31, 2018. Income for the first quarter of 2018 totaled \$173,518.26, which was under the budgeted amount of \$161,925.00. Expenses for the same period were \$163,582.71. The amount budgeted was \$161,925.00, leaving a gain of \$9,935.55. After reducing the interest expense on the line of credit, the net operating total gain for the quarter was \$8,917.80.

Board of Administration

Update on Roof Project – Church Board Chair Steve Watson reported that the final bill has not been paid, as there is a leak on the southwest side (piano side) of the sanctuary.

Van Purchase Update – Chair Watson thanked the committee (Jeremy Driver, Josh Eye, Ryan Kiracofe and Chris Zepp) for their work on securing a van. The van was parked at the end of the east portico for viewing.

Recommendation for Voting Precinct Location – Senior Pastor Jeff Carr reported that the Rockingham County Electoral Board is considering splitting the Bridgewater precinct. They are interested in using the social hall as a voting place for the new precinct. This would involve March and June primaries, if held, and the November general election.

On April 18, 2018, the BWCOB Board of Administration acted on a motion from the Executive Committee and approved a recommendation to Council that BWCOB serve as a voting precinct in the town of Bridgewater. Several questions were raised, especially about signage and gerrymandering, and after some discussion, the Council affirmed the recommendation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Jane Conner, Church Clerk

**Church Council - Agenda
November 4, 2018, 1:00 PM
Steve Longenecker, Moderator**

- **Opening** Steve Longenecker.
- **Prayer** Gladys Remnant.
- **May 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**
- **2018 Third Quarter Financial Report.**
- **Calling and Affirming.**
 - Executive Committee Report.
 - Gifts Discernment Report.
- **Board of Administration.**
 - 2019 Budget Proposal.
 - Land Purchase Repayment Proposal.
 - Update on Sanctuary Roof Project.
 - Interim Christian Education Search Committee Report.
- **Foundation Board Report.**
- **Announcements.**
- **Adjournment.**

CALLING AND AFFIRMING

Report to Council for Approval – November 4, 2018

Congregational Officer

Clerk: Sally Jane Conner 2-21

Board of Administration

Gena Day-Miller 1-21

Heather Driver 1-21

Mike Fike 1-21

Ted Flory 1-21

Board of Administration Committee

Historical Records: Dale Ulrich 2-21

Foundation Board

Anita Beckman 2-23

Gifts Discernment Committee

Elaine Huffman 2-21

Sharon Kiracofe 2-21

Board of Deacons

Palmer Lee Berry

Alice Lee & Jesse Hopkins

Beth Michael

Haggi & Teshome Molalenge

Andrea & Curtis Nolley

Kathy & Tim Shrader

Commissions of the Congregation

Christian Education

Melanie Bair 2-21

Missy Hipps 1-19

Fellowship & Recreation

Dominique Duncan 1-21

Teshome Molalenge 1-20

Nikki Watson 1-21

Finance

John Hipps 1-21

Jeanne Neff 1-21

Ministerial Services

Mike Hostetter 1-21

Bea Miller 2-21

Mission & Service

Alice Lee Hopkins 2-21

Clara Metzler 1-19

Chelsea Spade 1-21

Properties & Custodial Care

Jim Benedict 1-19

Chuck Clouse 1-21

Dan Myers 1-21

Witness & Nurture

Bill Faw 2-21

Kaity Remnant 1-21

Worship & Music

Judy Henneberger 1-21

Gladys Remnant 2-21

Called Representative

Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg-Rockingham: Ann Anderson 2-21