

## SUMMER FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

With the beginning of summer, many of our children and youth are preparing for one or more weeks at Brethren Woods, Workcamps, Youth Conferences, etc. These experiences are all intensive opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation. Please join us in our continuing prayer support for these individual and group experiences this month:

### **Inter-Faith Peace Camp**

*June 10-14*

Gabe Carr

Mikah Overman

### **Summer Camp**

*Brethren Woods unless otherwise noted*

*June 23-28*

Electa Tasillo-McLaughlin

Francis Kasten

Chloe Kiracofe

Olivia Puffenbarger

Brett Eye

Brycen Propst

Glenda Reitze

*July 21-26*

Bryce Driver

Shelby Eye

Eliana Teshome

Andie Neher



### **Jr. High Workcamp**

*Rodney, MI, June 8-13*

Brett Eye

Andie Neher

Brycen Propst

Shylah Zepp

Heather Driver (advisor)

Chris Zepp (advisor)



### **National Jr. High Conference and Heritage Tour**

*Elizabethtown, PA, June 14-16*

Brett Eye

Andie Neher

Brycen Propst

Shylah Zepp

Hope Staton (advisor)

Chris Zepp (advisor)



## 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 and info so that they can be recognized in a future edition of *Connections*.

## PENTECOST OFFERING

This special offering of the Church of the Brethren highlights our passion for growing disciples, calling and developing leaders, nurturing and planting churches, and transforming communities. Special Pentecost Offering bookmarks and envelopes are available from the literature rack in the greeting hall.

## PASTORS / STAFF VACATION AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Pastor Chris will be away a lot during the month of June!

- May 31-June 1 he will be in Maryland to officiate at the wedding of two of our recent BC Graduates
- June 2 he will be in Pennsylvania celebrating family graduations
- June 3-7 he will be off to support his wife, Amanda, in her breast cancer surgery and recovery
- June 8-13 he will be serving as an advisor for a Jr. High Workcamp in Michigan
- June 14-16 he will be attending National Jr. High Conference with our youth in Pennsylvania

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

June 2—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Sermon: *"The End"*

June 9—Day of Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: *"Filled"*

June 16—Trinity Sunday

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: *"Peace with God"*

June 23—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: *"The Road to Home"*

June 30—Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Chris Zepp*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon: *"Let's Get Fruity!"*

## BITS AND PEACES

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

Nonresistance means "not resisting." Our example is Jesus, who endured accusation and abuse without retaliating. Jesus did sometimes confront wrongdoers, but he did so in a nonviolent way that shows us how to overcome evil with good.

~ "Commentary" on *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*

He was despised and rejected by others;

A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.

~ *Isaiah 53:3a, NRSV*

## FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

Would you like to connect with God's creation and show caring for humanity? Please join members of the Mission and Service Commission (Clara Metzler, Chelsea Spade, Ada Longenecker, Mark Dowdy, Alice Lee Hopkins and Sue Hutchinson) on Friday, June 28, from 5-8 p.m. to work in the Food Pantry Garden. Come to get your hands dirty and love every moment of it.



Join us June 23-26 at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds as we travel back in time to The Marketplace!

Be a part of one of 12 tribes to explore activities centered around Jesus and stories from the Bible.

Scan QR Code for Registration



Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds, 300 Green Street,  
Bridgewater, Virginia

For more information please visit us at:

<https://bridgewaterbs.weebly.com/>

## TAKING CHARITABLE GIVING TO ANOTHER LEVEL

Did you know that you can gift a new or existing life insurance policy to the **Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Foundation**? When properly designed, a **charitable life insurance** program may improve your overall financial situation and offer tax benefits, all while supporting your congregation.

Generally, there are three methods used to gift a life insurance policy to the Foundation: a **charitable bequest**, a **charitable gift**, and a **charity-owned policy**. Regardless of the strategy, policy ownership and beneficiary arrangements play an important role in the planning process. A consultation with a qualified legal professional, or a member of the Foundation Board, can clarify your goals and expectations, provide information on the limitations on charitable deductions, and help you achieve the desired results, while avoiding unnecessary complications.

If you are charitably inclined and are seeking tax advantages, the gifting of life insurance can offer unique planning opportunities. The potential for charitable income tax deductions or an estate tax reduction, combined with supporting a worthy cause, may make this type of gift appropriate for you. Usually, such charitable life insurance gifting strategies can be accomplished with few legal challenges and little publicity. Careful planning, with the guidance of a qualified legal professional, can help ensure that your charitable life insurance program is structured according to your wishes.

*Foundation Board*

Jim Replogle, chair; Claire Martindale, vice-chair; Anita Beckman, John Flora, Ruth Watson

## **BWCOB JUNE 2019** **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 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.  
Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Noon
- 3 Financial Leaders – 4 p.m.  
Properties Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Executive Committee – 7 p.m.
- 5 Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.  
Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.  
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.  
Worship & Music Commission – 7 p.m.
- 6 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 8-13 Jr. High Workcamp (Michigan)
- 10 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 13 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 14-16 National Jr. High Conference (Pennsylvania)
- 16 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 20 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Witness & Nurture Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- 3 Shenandoah District Annual Conference Delegate Briefing – 6 p.m. – Immanuel CoB
- 4 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 5 B. H. Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 6 Interfaith Association – Noon
- 7 Blue Ridge Christian High School Graduation – 7 p.m.
- 10 Retired Ministers & Spouses – Noon – Maple Terrace
- 12 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
- 18 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 23-26 Community VBS – Lawn Party Grounds



## 2019 LIVING PEACE AWARD CITATION



According to the English Oxford Living Dictionaries, an ambassador is “*a representative or promoter of a specified activity.*” Lucile Horner Vaughn, this year’s Living Peace Award recipient, is an ambassador for peace.

Born in Denver, Colorado to the family of a Church of the Brethren pastor, peacemaking was in Lucile’s blood. Growing up in Ft. Worth, Texas, Lucile studied for two years at Texas Christian University and then two years at McPherson College.

Lucile graduated from Bethany Seminary in 1947 and one day later married Leonard Vaughn, who was also studying there. That summer they moved to Minot, North Dakota where they lived in the church that Leonard served as pastor. Lucile recalls their bedroom was in a church classroom, that on Mondays they did laundry in one member’s home and on Saturdays they took baths in another member’s home.

That lifestyle suited Lucile, who has always lived in a simple, sustainable way. She always recycles the paper placemats in the Bridgewater Retirement Community dining room and in nineteen years at BRC is now on her fifth roll of paper towels!

In 1948, Lucile and Leonard were commissioned by the Church of the Brethren to go to China and moved to Berkley, California for a year of language study. Those plans changed due to the turbulent political situation in China and in 1949 they moved to Irricana, Canada to serve a church there for three years.

After two years in Danby, New York, the Vaughns served a church for two and a half years in Buenos Aires, Argentina and then moved to Fairfax County, Virginia in 1957 where Lucile taught school until 1982. In 1964 Lucile attended the Women’s Strike for Peace in Washington, DC and in 1978 participated in the New Call to Peacemaking Conference in Wisconsin.

Moving to Bridgewater in 2000, Lucile joined the local chapter of Veterans for Peace in 2005 and served on the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Peace Committee for a number of years. In 2012, Lucile and Roma Jo Thompson attended a meeting of the Bridgewater Area Ministers to propose an ecumenical observance of the International Day of Peace. To her delight, one of the ministers suggested they make it an interfaith event and it has had that focus ever since. Currently, Lucile is active in the local Coffee Party where she helps to line up speakers and writes the thank you notes.

Beyond all these activities, Lucile is perhaps best known for promoting peace by sharing articles and quotes with friends and associates. One of her favorite quotes reads “We agree to differ; we resolve to love; we unite to serve.” Lucile shared that quote on the floor of Annual Conference during a particularly contentious debate and describes it as the boldest thing she’s ever done.

Lucile believes passionately in the connectedness and interdependence of all people, as described in another of her favorite quotes by Norman Cousins. “*We are single cells in a body of five billion cells. The body is humankind.*” “If we’re going to survive as human being,” Lucile observes, “we have to accept that fact.”

Lucile describes herself as “a very ordinary human being” and the world would certainly be a more humane, united and peaceful place if it was inhabited by more very ordinary human beings like her. Through her simple lifestyle, daily activities and community involvement, Lucile truly is an ambassador for peace. The Shenandoah District Pastors for Peace is pleased to recognize Lucile Vaughn with its 2019 Living Peace Award.

## For Our Prayers during the Month of June 2019

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...*

Graduating and preparing for new phases of life

Undergoing significant life changes

Living with illnesses, both chronic and acute

Seeking employment and who have lost work

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

Facing financial hardships

Finding peace and contentment

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

...*Our Nation and World*

...*our congregation, district, and denomination*

... *those recently celebrating marriage, especially...*

**Emily Wampler & Brian Vanden Bosch** May 18

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

**Veroneze Strader**, mother of **Leanne Kreps**, who died April 5

**Wayne Crist**, son of **Anna Crist**, who died April 24

**Annabelle B. Whitacre**, sister of **Emmert Bittinger & Ginny Whitten**, who died April 17; **Ivan Mason**, husband of **Peggy Mason**, and brother of **Miriam Holl**, who died on April 13; **Janet Flaten**, husband of **Dale Flaten**, mother of **Leroy Flaten & Sharon Flaten**, sister of **Ted Flory & Phil Flory** who died on April 11; **Louise Mansuetto**, sister of **Walter Erdman**, who died April 3; **Walter Daggett** who died on March 10;

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

...*those who recently have had surgery, been hospitalized, are receiving treatments, are recovering from illness or are in rehabilitation, specifically ...*

**Jimmy Ross**

... *those receiving treatments for cancer...*

**Betty Wayman**, mother of **Claire Wayman**; **Amanda Zepp**, and her mother **Carolyn Beckwith**

...*those requiring long-term healthcare, specifically those at...*

**Curis of Harrisonburg, Bridgewater Home, Harrisonburg Health & Rehab, & Sunnyside**

...*those taking classes from Bethany Theological Seminary, specifically...* **Hope Staton** (Staunton VA), **Sharon Flaten**, (Jos, Nigeria)

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

...*those in Military Service, specifically...* **Tyler Hopkins**, **Kent Hutchinson**

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

**Pam Wilberger**, **The Figgs Family**, **The Duncan Family**,

**Hauwa Abdu**, 1 of over 200 girls & young women kidnapped in Nigeria in April 2014.

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