

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Many of our children and youth are preparing for one or more weeks at Brethren Woods, Workcamps, 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:

Summer Camp

Brethren Woods unless otherwise noted



July 21-26
Bryce Driver
Shelby Eye
Eliana Teshome
Andie Neher

Sr. High Workcamp

Boston, MA, July 13-21

Lilly Day-Miller
Andrew Kreps
Libby Kreps
Ben Neher
Clarke Staton (advisor)
Hope Staton (advisor)



Sr. High Workcamp

Portland, OR, July 29-August 4

Jasmine Reitze
Advisor TBD

"CELEBRATE AMERICA!" CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED BY THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY AND THE HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM CONCERT BAND

The annual patriotic/pops concert, *Celebrate America!*, featuring the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, directed by Curtis Nolley, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band, directed by Melissa Harper, will be held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, in Harrisonburg High School Auditorium. This popular annual concert features rousing choral and instrumental music that prepares the community for the celebration of Independence Day and honors those who have served our country. Tickets are available at the door, from Choral Society and band members, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, Red Front Supermarket, and on-line at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission: Adults- \$12, Seniors/Students- \$10, and children 12 and under- \$5

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Janet Flaten want to thank the congregation for the love and support you've shown us during these last few months. The phone calls and cards, meals and visitors have all been so greatly appreciated. Most of all we thank you for the prayers - they were, and still are, overwhelmingly felt.

~ Dale, Sharon, Leroy and Allison

It is hard to express the gratitude we feel for all the care and support we have received from so many members and friends of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren following Amanda's breast cancer diagnosis. The cards and calls, meals and gifts, offers to help and mindfulness of our need for personal space and family time are all very much appreciated and a reminder of those "ties that bind our hearts in Christian love." We are blessed and grateful to call BWCOB our family of faith!

~ Amanda and Chris Zepp

As the head of Blue Ridge Christian School's Drama Department, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the entire church and staff for so graciously allowing us to use the facilities for our spring production, Anne of Green Gables. While we had some bumps in the road, as is always the case for still-maturing teenagers, we were so appreciative of your grace and understanding through our mistakes. The students were thrilled to have such a beautiful space to showcase their four months of hard work, and as their teacher, it truly meant the world to watch them step on that stage and shine brightly for Christ. We pray that BWCOB continues to bless others in years to come as much as it blessed us!

~ Riley Maas for the BRCS Drama Department

BITS AND PEACES

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

I hope that you will allow me to say...that God is not interested merely in the freedom of black men and brown men and yellow men; God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

~ John 8:36, NRSV

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

July 7—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Chris Zepp*

Scripture Readings: 2nd Kings 5:1-14;

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Galatians 6:1-16

Sermon: "*Veggie Tales*"

July 14—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Psalm 25:1-10 & Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "*1-4-3*"

July 21—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "*Salt and Pepper*"

July 28—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2019 Annual Conference Sharing Sunday

TOP TEN REASONS TO USE OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

1. **Convenience:** It's right here and so are you.
2. **Local:** You will find authors you know and places nearby.
3. **Excellence:** Our collection is outstanding, especially the children's collection.
4. **Fun:** Enjoy looking at the cards and seeing who read this book before you.
5. **Simplicity:** It's free and easy.
6. **Specialty:** Brethren history and people are plentiful.
7. **No fines.**
8. **Comfort:** Our library is a welcoming place. Have your next meeting there.
9. **Intergenerational:** There is something for everyone.
10. **Diversity:** The collection includes timeless classics and books of historical significance to the latest picture book.

BWCOB JULY 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.

- 1-3 Church Office open 8 a.m.-Noon only
- 4-5 Church Office closed
- 2 Executive Committee
- 3-7 Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC
- 8 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 10 Foundation Board – 7 p.m.
- 13-21 Sr. High Workcamp
- 17 Friendship Circle – 12:30 – Joyce Benedict's Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Child Care Center Board – 6:15 p.m.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 2 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 7 Worship in the Woods – 7 p.m. – Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center (B&MHC)
Guest: Joanna Friesen with Cathy Cupp
- 8 Retired Ministers & Spouses – Noon – Maple Terrace
- 10 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
B. H. Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 14 Worship in the Woods – 7 p.m. – B&MHC
Guest: Larry Aiken
- 16 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 21 Worship in the Woods – 7 p.m. – B&MHC
Guest: Ron Wyrick with Vocal Chords
- 28 Worship in the Woods – 7 p.m. – B&MHC
Guest: Scott Duffey

Happy July 4th

BUILDING STRENGTH, STABILITY, AND
SELF-RELIANCE

#APlaceForEveryoneCVHFH

summer
volunteer
days are here!

Tuesday's and Thursday's
all summer long!

Come and join us on the
construction site alongside
our families and volunteer
supervisors.



A DONATION OF BLOOD CAN SAVE A LIFE

GOT BLOOD?

Help the cause and give someone a second chance at life.

Tuesday, July 9, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

*Bridgewater Retirement Community Administration Center Horseshoe Parking Lot
302 North Second Street*

To make your appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **BridgewaterRetirement**
or contact Laura Powell at 828-2682 or Lipock@brliving.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018-2019 GRADUATES!

High School

Libby Kreps, Turner Ashby High School
Planning to attend Manchester College

Ben Neher, Turner Ashby High School
Planning for a year of volunteer service in AmeriCorps

Elizabeth "Charlie" Overman, DeForest Area High School (WI, January 2019)
Planning to attend Lakeland University to study accounting

Kathryn "Katie" Overman, DeForest Area High School (WI)
Planning to attend New Mexico State University to study horticulture

Jasmine Reitze, Spotswood High School
Planning to attend Berea College



College / Graduate School

Shane Brubaker, Bridgewater College

Jessie Houff, Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD
Master of Fine Arts in Community Art

Planning to stay in Baltimore for another year working for Access Art as part of an AmeriCorps program, providing art education in the community during the summer and as an after-school program for junior high students.

B. Prince Makhubo, Bridgewater College
Bachelors in Psychology

Brooke Metzler, Eastern Mennonite University
Bachelors in Nursing

Congratulations to the following graduates who have been active in our campus ministry (BSM), worked in our Child Care Center or Garden, and/or worshipped or fellowshiped with us often during their time at Bridgewater College:
Christa Craighead, Phoebe Hart, Courtney Hawkins, Victoria Heater, Syrga Kanatbek kyzy, Sydney McTigue, Jenna Walmer, Jessy Wilson, Chad Whitzel

Congratulations also to the following graduates who are part of our extended families:

Mason Worden Craun, Virginia Tech University
(Grandson of Terry & Vickie Slaubaugh)
Bachelors in Physics

Will be moving to Arizona to work for Intel Corporation as a Processing Engineer

Lydia Heishman, Juniata College
(Granddaughter of Ann & Ervin Anderson)

Will be volunteering for AmeriCorps in Philadelphia for a year

For Our Prayers during the Month of July 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

Traveling

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, especially Annual Conference 2019 and their work with the Compelling Vision Process*

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

Crystal Stone & Shane Brubaker on June 22

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

Elizabeth "Libby" Hodge, mother of **Ellie Draper**, who died June 25

Tom Byerly, father of **Trent Byerly**, and brother-in-law of **Nancy Michael**, who died June 7

Sarah Moats, mother of **Karissa Hunt**, who died June 2

Veroneze Strader, mother of **Leanne Kreps**, who died May 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**, wife of **Dale Flaten**, mother of **Leroy Flaten & Sharon Flaten**, sister of **Ted Flory & Phil Flory** who died on April 11; **Louise Mansueto**, sister of **Walter Erdman**, who died April 3;

... *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 ...*

Chester Bowman, **Alan Diehl**, **Jason Eye**, **Marietta Jordan**, **Todd Kiracofe**, **Warnie Lambert**, **Doris Metzler**, **Sue Overman**, and **Jimmy Ross**

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

Lynne Brumbaugh, **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...* **Sharon Flaten** (Jos, Nigeria), **Hope Staton** (Staunton VA),

...*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...* **Sally Jane Conner**, **Erin Eye**, **The Figgs Family**, and **The Duncan Family**, and **Hauwa Abdu**, 1 of over 200 girls & young women kidnapped in Nigeria in April 2014.

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