

# Singer & Songwriter Mike Stern with Louise Brodie

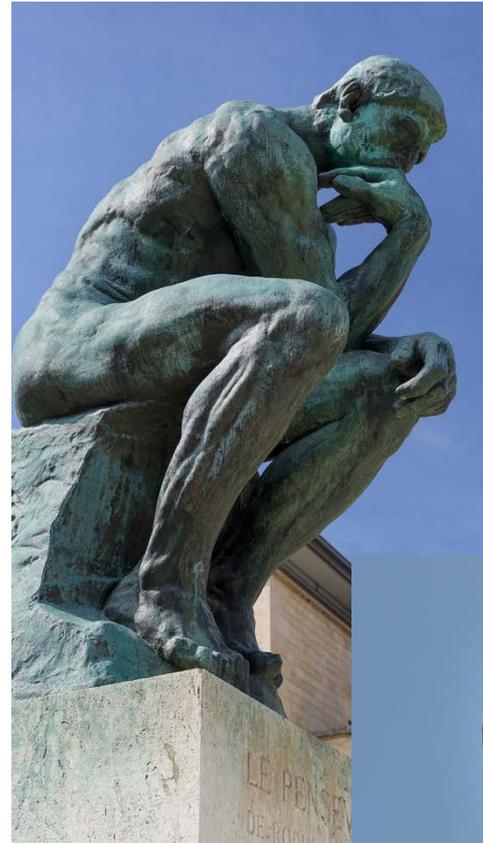
in concert 3 p.m. this afternoon!!!



Michael Stern is a Seattle singer/songwriter who has been creating inspiring music of peace, justice and compassion since the 1970's. His performances move audiences with original lyrical images that are thought provoking, then humorous, romantic and spiritual. Come prepared to laugh, cry, be challenged, and to sing-

along. Mike performs in a wide variety of venues including folk festivals, churches, schools, libraries, retreats, camps and conferences, and for groups such Fellowship of Reconciliation, Hiroshima to Hope, Veterans for Peace Golden Rule Project, and the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima - to name just a few. David Horsey (Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist and columnist, Seattle Post-Intelligencer) wrote: "*Michael Stern's music is an anthem for an America as it should be - a reminder that peace and justice should be our highest moral values.*" And Maureen Jackson described Michael's music in Victory Music Review as: "*... tender and powerful lyrics ..., subjects that matter ..., warm voice, beautiful poetry and rich arrangements draw us into the heart of compassion ...*" For more info about Mike and his music, visit [www.mikesongs.net](http://www.mikesongs.net)

Mike will be joined by Chicago based fiddle player, Louise Brodie. She shares a passion for peace and justice and performs with Mike each summer at the Brethren Song and Story Fest. Louise also performs throughout the Chicago area with the groups Trillium, Briar Road, and the Riverside Ramblers.

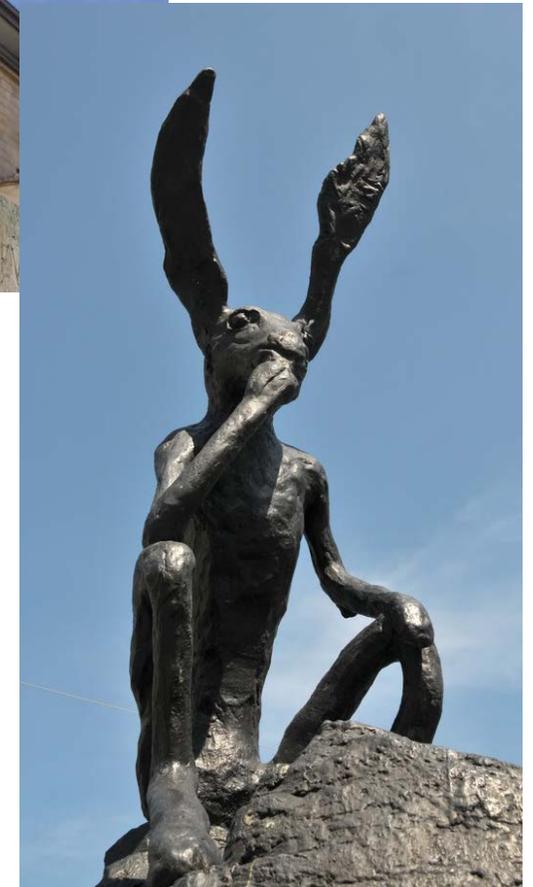


*Le Penseur*  
("The Thinker")  
by Auguste Rodin

Musée Rodin, Paris

*Thinker on a Rock*  
by Barry Flanagan

National Gallery of Art  
Sculpture Garden,  
Washington, D.C.



**Admission is free, with a free-will offering being taken.**

**BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
at Worship August 25, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Rubble is the ground on which our deepest friendships are built.  
If you haven't already, you will lose someone you can't live without  
& your heart will be badly broken. The bad news is that you never  
completely get over the loss of a beloved person.  
But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart  
that doesn't seal back up. And you come through.  
It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly  
& you learn to dance with a limp.*

~ Anne Lamont

**GATHERING**

**OPENING SONG** (11:00) *Dance*

**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 worshiping near us.  
After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

**STORY** "All I Really Needed to Know"

**SONG** *In Wonder*

**PROCLAIMING**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) ~David & Jenny Heitler-Klevins  
*"Love Makes a Family"*  
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.

**FOLK HYMN** *Glory*

Glory in the highest, glory in each lowly one  
Glory in the morning, glory in the setting sun  
Glory in the morning, glory in the setting sun

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 72:3-6, 12-14 *NRSV*  
Matthew 6:25-34

**MESSAGE** "For the Facing of this Hour" Mike Stern

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN # 366** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

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

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.  
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**REFLECTIVE SONG** *Never Alone*

**FOLK HYMN** *One World*

One world in which we live together  
One sun shining on you and me  
One ocean flows into another  
One day we all will be free  
One day we all will be free

**CLOSING SONG** *Blessed Be God's Name*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00)

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

All songs by Michael Stern unless otherwise noted  
Sign language by Kathy Guisewite  
Cover photos taken from Wikipedia

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**August 25-31, 2019** (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.

<b>Sun.</b>	3:00	Concert – Mike Stern & Louise Brodie (Freewill Offering)	Sanctuary
	6:00	BSM Leadership Team Retreat	Lounge
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### NEXT SUNDAY– September 1, 2019 – *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “Here We Are...Part 2”

Scriptures: John 13:31-35

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

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

**Thank You Luncheon for Carr Family** – Noon – Social Hall

### CALLED COUNCIL MEETING AND INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Church council will meet in a special (called) meeting on Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of calling Christy Dowdy to the position of Interim Senior Pastor.

The Executive Committee is pleased to unanimously recommend the selection of Christy Dowdy as our Interim Senior Pastor, beginning October 1. This recommendation was affirmed by the Board of Administration on August 22. Information about Christy can be found on the church website at [bwcob.org/news](http://bwcob.org/news) or in the literature rack.

And don't forget the **All Church Picnic** following worship at 11!

## 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** – 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

**Josh Eye** – Interim 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

420 College View Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812

[www.bwcob.org](http://www.bwcob.org) / (540) 828-3711

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** – Missy Hipps

**Deacon Caregiver** – Erin Dalrymple

**Head Usher** – Don Remnant

**Pianist** (8:30) – Ann Daggett

**Sign Language** – Kathy Guisewite

**Van Driver** – Bart Kasten

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 8/18/19**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 11:00 – 248 Sunday School: 90**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$5,035.00
Loose Offering	768.01
Church Garden	100.00
Altruistic Sunday School Class	114.00
Marietta Jordan Memorial Fund	275.00

### **THANK YOU LUNCHEON FOR CARR FAMILY**

Please join us for lunch after worship on Sunday, September 1, Jeff's last Sunday with our congregation, to say thanks to him and wish the family well. The meal will be catered so we invite you to just come and join the fun to ease the sadness of saying goodbye. Reservations are needed by August 26. This is not a surprise. Please refer to the letter you received about this event for details or check with Shannon if you have questions.

## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MINISTRY INTERN!**

This week, Kasey Carns will begin serving as a ministry intern with our congregation. As a senior at Bridgewater College, she is studying Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in child development and a minor in social work. She is no stranger to our congregation, having been active in our campus ministry (BSM – Brethren Student Movement) since her freshman year, with this being her third year on its Leadership Team. She was also a member of the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (IYC) helping to plan the Roundtable Regional Youth Conferences held at BC each year.

Kasey is originally from Mount Airy, Maryland, and calls the Locust Grove COB her home. Recently, she completed an internship at the Faith House in Frederick, Maryland, a Christian non-profit place for women and children who are homeless for whatever reason that helps them to get reestablished. She is pursuing this internship as part of her program of studies at BC, with hopes to learn more about working with people in a faith-based setting. After graduation, she hopes to find a job working with children with special needs or with women and children in the field of social work, possibly in a faith-based setting. In her free time, she loves painting and lettering as well as spending quality time with friends.

Kasey is very much looking forward to getting to know our community better, and will be sharing contact information upon her start with us. Our advance thanks for helping us to welcome Kasey and extend our warmest hospitality to her this fall!

## **ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY**

On display in the library this week are picture books, nonfiction and fiction books on quilting. Looking for a fun fiction series? We suggest the 24 books in The Elm Creek Quilts series or these breezy reads in the Half Stitched Amish Quilting Club series by Wanda E. Brunstetter

1. **The Half Stitched Amish Quilting Club**
2. **The Tattered Quilt**
3. **The Healing Quilt**

## **BOOKS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

On the book mobile located in the Greeting Hall, you can find back-to-school books, Brethren people in history, and some fun chapter and picture books.

Two special books:

1. **The Hundred Dresses**: a Newbery Honor winner, amazing, heart-warming story about bullying
2. **Little Flower**: The true story about a pet pig who rescues her owner.

**Check it out!**

**Psalm 72: 3-6, 12-14***(NRSV)*

<sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

**Matthew 6:25-34***(NRSV)*

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your  
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and  
the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the  
air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of  
more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying  
add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you  
worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field,  
how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you,  
even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of  
these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field,  
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the  
oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little  
faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we  
eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we  
wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these  
things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you  
need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of  
God and his righteousness, and all these things will be  
given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will  
bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for  
today.