

The Great Commandment

Call to Worship

Leader: How does Jesus want us to love one another?

People: By reaching across the aisle and seeking common ground with those whose views differ from our own.

Leader: What are ways we can show the love of Jesus?

People: By welcoming the stranger instead of being afraid of them.

Leader: What else can we do to love our neighbor?

People: By standing up for injustice and inequity in our workplaces and communities.

Leader: And who are we called to love?

All: All God's people everywhere. Young and old, rich and poor, those from other lands and those who live nearby. Let's love one another with our whole being—heart, soul, mind, and strength. Jesus commanded it.

Unison Prayer

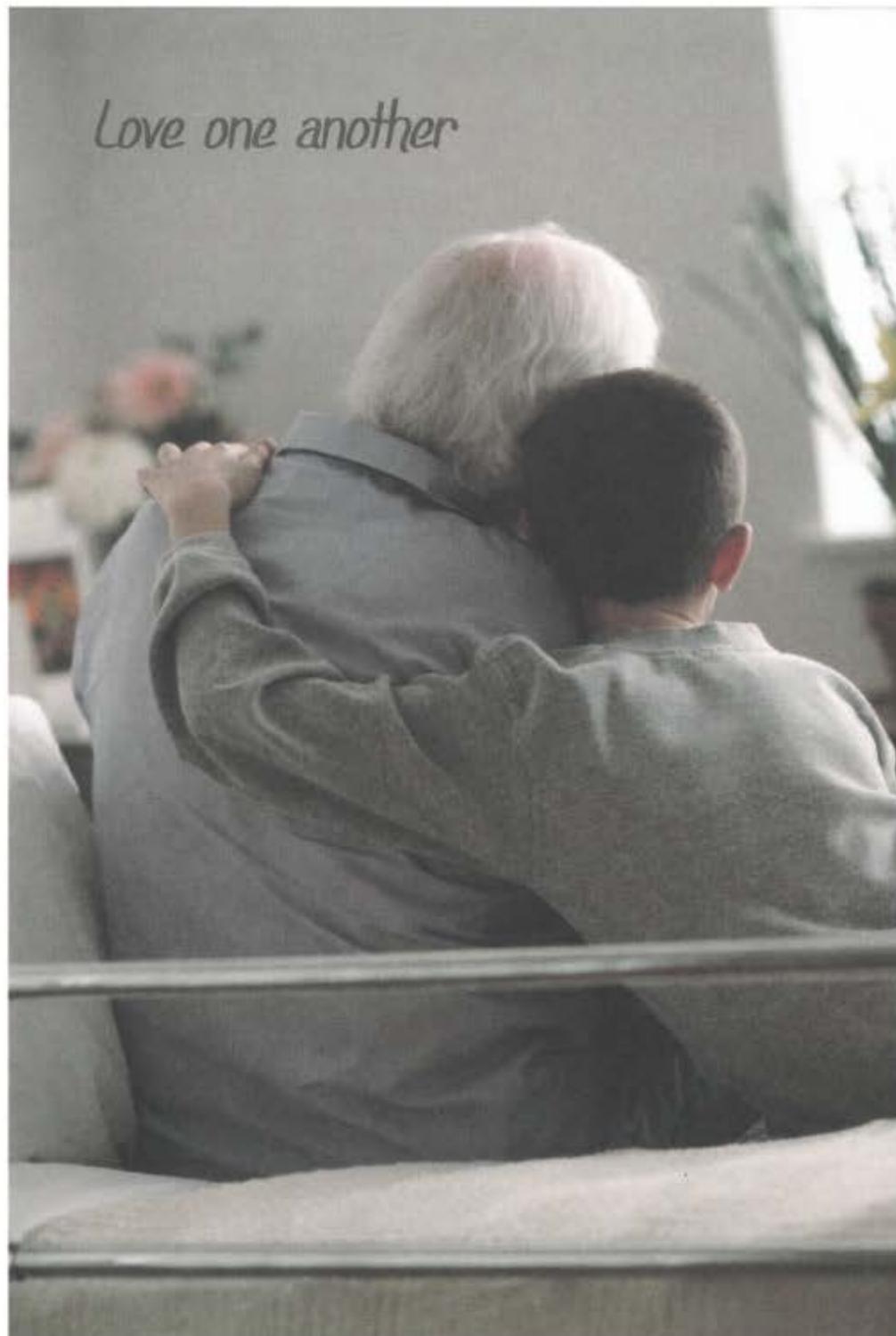
Creator God, we know that each person is made in your image. Yet so many issues separate us from one another. Open our hearts and minds to the movement of your Spirit, who empowers us to actions of love and words of kindness. May all be drawn to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*—Becky Baile Crouse, pastoral team
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Text for today: "I give you a new commandment, that you *love one another*. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35 (34).

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship September 1, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Our Great Savior (HYFRYDOL) arr. *Kenneth D. Varner*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr & Chris Zepp
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.

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***HYMN # 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Jeff Carr
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.

SINGING WITH BRENT (8:30)

ANTHEM (11:00) For Everyone Born arr. *Tom Trenney*
Mary Kay Adams, *cello*

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr. *Virginia Halberg*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN INSERT** Lord, You Give the Great Commission HILLTOP

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35 *NRSV*

***HYMN INSERT** *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* GREEN LANE

SERMON "Here We Are...Part 2" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

***HYMN # 546** *Guide my feet* GUIDE MY FEET

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

A TIME OF CLOSURE AND TRANSITION

Song *Our Pastor* Brent Holl
Litany of Blessing See Insert

***HYMN # 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* HYMN TO JOY

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Festive Trumpet Tune *David German*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table

For ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,

A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,

For ev'ryone born, a star overhead,

[Refrain] *And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,*

Compassion and peace: yes,

God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,

Revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace,

Dividing the power, a system that's fair, **[Refrain]**

For young and for old, a place at the table,

a voice to be heard, a part in the song.

The hands of a child in the hands that are wrinkled,

For young and for old, a right to belong **[Refrain]**

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,

To live without fear, and simply to be,

To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,

For ev'ryone born, the right to be free! **[Refrain]**

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

September 1-7, 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.

Today	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Noon	Carr Farewell Lunch	Social Hall
Tues.	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	6:30	Properties Commission	Open Door Room
	7:00	Christian Education Commission	Library
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
	7:30	Ministerial Services Commission	Altruistic Room
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY– September 8, 2019 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship: 11:00 a.m. ONLY – Sanctuary

Preaching: Chris Zepp

Sermon: “☪+ O + 🍷 + Ah”

Scripture: Philemon 1:1-21

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

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

Council – 10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

All-Church Picnic – Noon – Social Hall / Lawn

ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY

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.

On **display in the library** this week are mysteries for adults and young adults.

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

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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

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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.

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Andrea Nolley

Deacon Caregiver – Bea Miller

Pianist (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

Guitarist – Brent Holl

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Van Driver – Rod Miller

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 8/25/19

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 30 11:00 – 235 Sunday School: 83

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$6,368.00
Loose Offering	550.00
Church User Fees	100.00
Workcamp Travel Reimbursement	63.80
Marietta Jordan Memorial Fund	25.00

THANK YOU LUNCHEON FOR CARR FAMILY

Please join us for lunch after worship today, 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.

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

AND INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Church council will meet in a special (called) meeting next 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 or in the literature rack.

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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MINISTRY INTERN!

This week, Kasey Carns began 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.

In addition to Sunday mornings, Kasey is planning to engage regularly in our Wednesday evening meals and programs (beginning September 11) and to be in the office 1:30-3:30 pm on Thursdays. Other times will be available by appointment. Kasey can be contacted at 301-473-6330 or kcarns@eagles.bridgewater.edu.

**A TIME OF CLOSURE AND TRANSITION
LITANY OF BLESSING**

Pastor Jeff: In March of 2010, we shared in celebrating new ministry with me as one of your pastors. The congregation committed to supporting me and my family with your prayers and sincere cooperation. You affirmed me as a person with needs like yours and committed to confront me in love when questioning my actions or judgement.

All: Together we committed to be partners seeking truth, following the way of Jesus, and working together in the Kingdom.

Pastor Jeff: Since then we have shared life together. I am grateful for the life we have shared. What a blessing it has been, for me and for our family. Now it is time for me to move on to the next chapter of my life. In going, we carry with us all that we have received. I will remember you as parishioners, partners, friends and co-workers, most importantly as fellow children of God.

Congregation: You and your family have blessed us in many ways. God has blessed us through your ministry. You have taught, preached, guided, and worshiped with us. You grieved with us. You celebrated new life, anniversaries, and marriages with us. You shared with us around the Lord's Table. Your puns and laughter were gifts. We are grateful for the impact on our faith and lives, and know that will not go away at your departure.

Pastor Jeff: As a part of this inclusive family of faith, seeking to follow Jesus and love the love of God, I give thanks for the sharing of ministry and life we have had together.

All: Together we receive and accept each other's gratitude, seek and extend forgiveness for the mistakes we have made, and the hurts we have caused as we share in the love of Christ that binds us one to another.

Congregation: We now bless you and release you as you begin a new chapter in your life's journey, as we as a congregation turn another page in our journey with God.

Pastor Jeff: Thank you for honoring and supporting me in this new season in life. I will respect the position and service of the interim pastor and your forthcoming pastor(s) all the while keeping this family of faith in my heart and in my prayers.

All: In this time of endings, and new beginnings let us accompany each other with our thoughts and prayers, with word and song, affirming as the hymn proclaims: "Love Divine is reining o'er us...as joyful music lead us sunward in the triumph song of life."

OUR PASTOR

to Pastor Jeff Carr

September 1, 2019

BRENT HOLL



1. You're the pas-tor of our con-gre-ga-tion. You
2. Au revoir, bon a-mi we will miss you. You'll
3. Know the love of God is al-ways with you, That



lead us in wor-ship ev-'ry day. You pray with us, you
al-ways have a place in our hearts. We're with you there, you
grace and peace is al-ways in your heart. You'll learn to care, you'll



sing with us, You al-ways have much more to say! You're the
know we care, As you make a brand new start. We
learn to grow, You'll share the joy of Christ, the best part! Re-



sun-shine guy in the morn-ing, When you're
know you'll still be our neigh-bor. We
mem-ber your old friends, our broth-er. You'll



preach-ing to the choir. You've in-
know you'll shine on in ev-'ry way. You'll
make a bunch of new friends too. It will

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Nothing is lost on the breath of God

GREEN LANE

A E F#m A/C#

1 Noth - ing is lost on the breath of God,
 2 Noth - ing is lost to the eyes of God,
 3 Noth - ing is lost to the heart of God,

D Bm/D Esus E

noth - ing is lost for ev - er;
 noth - ing is lost for ev - er.
 noth - ing is lost for ev - er;

A E F#m A/C#

God's breath is love, and that love will re - main,
 God sees with love, and that love will re - main,
 God's heart is love, and that love will re - main,

D Bm/D Esus E

hold - ing the world for ev - er. No
 hold - ing the world for ev - er. No
 hold - ing the world for ev - er. No

A E/G# D/F# A/E

feath - er too light, no hair too fine, no
 jour - ney too far, no dis - tance too great, no
 im - pulse of love, no of - fice of care, no

B7/D# B7 A/E E

flow - er too brief in its glo - ry, no
 val - ley of dark - ness too blind - ing; no
 mo - ment of life in its full - ness; no be -

A E/G# D/F# A/E

drop in the o - cean, no dust in the air, but is
 crea - ture too hum - ble, no child too small for
 gin - ning too late, no end - ing too soon, but is

B7/D# B7 E A

count - ed and told in God's sto - ry.
 God to be seek - ing and find - ing.
 gath - ered and known in its good - ness.

Lord you give the great commission

HILLTOP (2019)

In honor of the pastoral ministry of Jeff Carr and Chris Zepp, September 1, 2019



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion:
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice;
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly:
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure:
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing:



"Heal the sick and preach the word."
 "In my name bap - tize and teach."
 "This my bod - y, this my blood."
 "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."
 "I am with you to the end."



Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 Let us all for earth's true glo - ry,
 Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel goes un - heard,
 life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 dai - ly lift life heav - ven - ward,
 all that you so free - ly give.
 may we serve as you in - tend,



help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ask - ing that the world a - round us
 May your care and mer - cy lead us
 and a - mid the cares that claim us,



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 clo - ser in com - mun - i - ty;
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



25 Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us



for the work of min - is - try,



for the work of min - is - try.

Music: John Barr (1938-)

Text: Jeffery Rawthorne (1934-)

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John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”