

# THE BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship May 3, 2015 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** (11:00) *Friedrich Kuhlau*  
Duet for Flute #1, Op. 10 “Allegre con espressione”  
Pam Mason and Andrea Nolley, *flute*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~Hymnal #661

**CHERUB & CAROL CHOIRS AND YORFF’S** (11:00)  
It is a Good Thing *Douglas E. Wagner*  
Shalom Chaverim *arr. Linda Forrest*

## PROCLAIMING

**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.

**CHILDREN’S STORY & SINGING WITH BRENT** Children’s Worship Team  
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.

## OFFERING

### Invitation

### Offertory

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

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

Sithi Amen *arr. Maria Minnaar*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 8:26-40

**ANTHEM** (11:00) A Mighty Fortress *arr. Larry Shackley*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 John 4:7-21

**SERMON** “That simple and that hard” Jeff Carr

**\*HYMN # 395** *Here I am Lord*

## RESPONDING

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Jeff Carr

**\*HYMN INSERT** *Go, my children*

**\*SENDING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) *John Barr*  
Proclamation on “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

The rose celebrates the birth of **John Ellsworth “Worth” Monger**, son of Lindsay & J.M. Monger, who was born on April 24.

## CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TEAM

Members for the 2014-2015 Children’s Worship Season included Jeanie Eye, Jan Flora, Brent Holl, Marianne Houff, Leanne Kreps, Tim Kreps, and Chris Zepp

**TODAY’S ANTHEM TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529**

Please refer to Hymnal: A Worship Book, p. 165

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**May 3-9, 2015** (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>Today</b>	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Noon	Youth Fundraiser Lunch Menu: Sandwich Bar & Ice Cream Bar	Social Hall
	12:45	Council	Social Hall
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
<b>Wed.</b>	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	7:00	Christian Education Commission	Library
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Altruistic Room
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Sat.</b>	1:00	VBS Display Set-Up	Greeting Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY**– May 10, 2015 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “The Race Set Before Us”

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

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

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

## 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

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

**Glenna Wampler** – Business Manager

### **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.**

**Rep.** – Sarah Rees

*All Are Welcome* brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

**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.

**Greeter** (8:30) – Nancy O’Baugh

**Guitarist** (8:30) – Brent Holl

**Greeters** (11:00) – Hugh & Ginny Whitten  
Murray & Charlotte Harvey

**Head Usher** (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

**Sound/Light Operators** (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & Skip Eger

**Fellowship Time Host** – Mac Bair

**Decorator** – Dwynn Stovall

**Van Drivers** – John Flora / Bill Miracle

### **ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR LAST SUNDAY: 4/26/2015**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 23    11:00 – 288    Sunday School: 154**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$8,441.50
Loose Offering	274.00
Food Pantry	50.00
One Great Hour	50.00
Wednesday Night Meals	127.00
Brethren Student Movement	150.00
Youth Programs	244.50
Chuck Snyder Memorial Fund	50.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

## HYMN INSERTS

*Moses, Moses* (Sung during Children’s Story)

*Refrain:*

Take them through the valleys,

Take them through the mountains,

Take them many miles, that you just can’t count ‘em.

Take them through the sea,

Take them through the sand,

Take them to the shore of the Promised Land.

*Go, my children*

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

Here my spirit’s power filled you,

here his tender comfort stilled you

Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren  
Council Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2015**

The Council meeting for the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren met on February 1, 2015 at 12:55 p.m. Moderator Fred Swartz led us in prayer.

Moderator Fred mentioned that this year we have co-chairs of the Board. They are Alice Lee Hopkins and Claire Martindale.

Minutes of November 2, 2014 were approved as written and the December 14, 2014 meetings were approved as written.

An overlooked correction to the August 3, 2014 Council minutes was corrected and a new set of minutes were approved to replace the previous set.

Treasurer's Report- Phil Flory, treasurer, said "We did it again!" We were able to finish the end of the year with a net operating total of \$17,305.97. Reports of the designated funds and the foundation accounts were called to our attention. Moderator Fred suggested we thank all those who have something to do with the keeping of the accounts, etc. Our thanks were shown by a round of applause. (Report is filed with the minutes.)

Board of Administration (Report) - BMC Inquiry Process Report – Claire Martindale, co-chair, reported on the Executive Committee process for exploring becoming a member of the Supportive Communities Network of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests. She also gave some of the history of the group and what is need for the church to become a member. The Executive Committee has discussed this matter several times. (Report is filed with the minutes.)

The Executive Committee provided the Board with the opportunity for discussion and questions before bringing it to Council. From that discussion it was decided that we need to work on a policy on same sex marriage. That joining SCN would signal that we have already taken a stance on same sex marriages. The Executive Committee has asked Ministerial Services Commission to work on how to start a discussion on a policy.

There was a motion made to accept the report from the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Moderator Fred asked if we wished to extend this discussion. Much discussion followed.

A motion was made by Margaret Horn and supported to have the congregation join the Supportive Community Network. After considerable discussion, with speeches both for and against the motion, Jeremy Driver moved that action on the motion be tabled and that the congregation continue further discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 33 to 21. It was also noted that the Board has asked the Ministerial Service Commission to conduct a study of the congregation's feelings on same-sex marriage.

Ministry Reflection Panel - The staff (Jeff Carr, Jeanie Eye, and Chris Zepp) were available to answer questions and to share with Council. Some of the joys expressed by staff and Council were "...joy to serve, blessing for children, inclusiveness, music, children's music, acceptance and humor, including college students and children, mission statement and open arms."

Alice Lee Hopkins shared that a Planning Facility Committee has been formed and will report to the Board in September with a recommendation about a capital campaign for our church.

Appreciation for the panel was shown with a round of applause. Fred closed our time together with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Matteson, Church Clerk

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **DISASTER AUCTION: May 15-16**

Volunteers are needed to clean tables during the Friday night meal 3-5:30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please contact Gloria Hinkle [ghhinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:ghhinkle@hotmail.com) if you can help.

### **SCHOOL BAGS**

Thanks to the many who donated material and sewed over 70 school bags for the Shenandoah District Disaster Response. This is an ongoing need and bags will be accepted at any time.

### **MAY WOMEN'S EVENT**

The theme for this year's Women's Event is "CAFÉ À L'ÉGLISE" ("Cafe at the Church") and all ladies are invited to an evening of fine food and entertainment, with the men of our church serving as waiters. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with "avant le diner" (before-dinner hors d'oeuvres) in the greeting hall. Fellowship is encouraged while you wait to be seated by the Maître d' at a charming roadside cafe. Deadline for reservations is next Sunday, May 10.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for the first quarter of 2015 will be available for pick up in the greeting hall today and next Sunday, May 10. Any help delivering statements to neighbors / friends / family will be greatly appreciated!

### **PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY FOR MAY**

Pastor Chris invites you to join him for a two week book study on Wednesday afternoons, 2-3 pm, May 20 and 27. We will be reading and discussing the 2007 book *You Don't Have to be Wrong for Me to Be Right: Finding Faith Without Fanaticism* by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. If you'd like to join the discussion, you may either obtain your own copy of the book; OR if you would prefer, sign up on the list in the church office no later than TODAY to order a copy through the church (~\$12-\$15). We will discuss the first five chapters at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **MISSING LIBRARY BOOK**

Our church library is missing the book, Somehow Safe with Somebody Good by Jan Karon. Several requests have come in for this book. If you've seen it or know its whereabouts, please notify someone on the library staff or return it to the library.

## **Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Council**

**May 3, 2015 – 12:45 PM**

**Fred Swartz, Moderator**

### **Agenda**

- Ω **Welcome** Fred Swartz
- Ω **Prayer** Lori Lineweaver
- Ω **Minutes of February 1, 2015 Meeting** (Action)
- Ω **1st Quarter 2015 Financial Report** (Report) Phil Flory
- Ω **Ministerial Services Report & Recommendation:**
  - *Marriage Equality Affirmation Process*
- Ω **Board of Administration** Alice Lee Hopkins
  - *Pastoral Advisory Group Recommendation*
- Ω **Gifts Discernment Affirmation**
  - Marion Mason – Gifts Discernment Committee
- Ω **SCN Tabled Action from 2/1/2015**
- Ω **Feasibility Planning Committee Report** Jeremy Driver
- Ω **1609 Mt. Crawford Avenue Property Sale Recommendation** Claire Martindale
- Ω **Other Items for Discussion**
- Ω **Adjournment**