

Humble yet Bold

In reflecting on this morning's scripture theme, I found this to be an interesting juxtaposition within the context of the Church of the Brethren. People in the church are known for their humbleness, simplicity, and belief in pacifism. If we pride ourselves in our humility, how are we to *act with boldness* as disciples of the Lord?

Ironically, this church of humble followers has been built on a foundation of courageous boldness. Remember when that group of eight brave believers committed an act of civil disobedience by participating in adult baptism at the Eder River? From Alexander Mack and the group of eight, we recall John Kline, Dan West, Ted Studebaker, and Anna Mow, along with faithful missionaries who have served the church in such countries as China, India, and Nigeria. These saints, with countless others through the years, are tremendous examples of *humble* Brethren who had their veils lifted so they could *act boldly* for the Lord.

Our boldness does not rest in our history alone, but continues through denominational programs such as Brethren Volunteer Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Christian Citizenship Seminar, and summer workcamps. These opportunities encourage us to act boldly as followers of Christ in today's world.

The challenge before us is simple. In the everyday busyness of our lives, how might we serve with great boldness? What small act of faithfulness, done today, will translate into a courageous moment of Christian discipleship?

God our Creator, help us to lift the veil from our faces to see the glory of the Lord. In doing so, let us live boldly in serving you and all you created. Amen.

— Josh Bashore-Steuery
Lancaster Church of the Brethren
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Text for today: "Since, then, we have such a hope, *we act with great boldness*, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. . . . Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:12-18, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a).

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We act with great boldness

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship February 7, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC Chorale Variations on: *J. S. Bach*
"O God, Thou Faithful God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE (11:00) Prelude on: ST. PETER *Healey Willan*
("In Christ there is no East or West")

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

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Dianne Murray
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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Katie Furrow & Jesse Winter

***HYMN # 420** *Heart with loving heart united* O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13 *NRSV*

ANTHEM (11:00) I Want To Be *Phillip Landgrave*

SERMON "Weddings, Cross-stitch and a Funeral" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

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

***HYMN # 625** *Your love, O God, has called us* GERMANY

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

Meditation on BEECHER *John Barr*
("Love divine, all loves excelling")

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 305** *Where charity and love prevail* CHESHIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in E minor *Johann Pachelbel*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

We welcome Katie Furrow and Jesse Winter to our worship today. Both are currently serving in BVS at the COB Office of Public Witness in Washington D.C. They are 2014 graduates of Bridgewater College.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: P. Landgrave

I want to be what You want me to be, my Lord.
If it's somebody great, if it's somebody small, I will give You my all.
O my Lord, I want to say what You want me to say, my Lord.
If it's something to help, if it's something to heal,
I will say what You want, and not just what I feel.
O my Lord, I will go where you want me to go, my Lord.
If it's somewhere I know, or if it's anywhere,
I will go where You want, for I know You'll be there!
I want to go where You want me to go, my Lord.
And I want to say what You want me to say, my Lord.
Yes, I want to be what You want me to be, my Lord.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

February 7-13, 2016 (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.	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	Noon	Youth Fundraising Lunch (Menu: Soup, Salad, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches)	Social Hall
	6:00	Youth Super Bowl Party – Home of the Zepps	
Mon.	Noon	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
Tues.	10-1, 4-7	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meals	Social Hall
Wed.	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	11 a.m.	Office Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
	2:00	Jubilee Circle	Maple Terrace
	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Menu: Ham, Quiche & Grilled Cheese)	Social Hall
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	YORFF Rehearsal	Room # 35
	6:30	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	JOY Circle	Maple Terrace
	7:00	Friendship Circle – Home of Glenda Wampler	
Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Leaveners	N. River Library
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY– February 14, 2016 – *First Sunday in Lent*

Scout Sunday

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

Pastor Chris Zepp, preaching

Sermon: “When the Promised Land Turns Out to be a Wilderness”

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13

Children's Worship during Worship at 11

Puppets Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Agape 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

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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.

Representative: 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.

Greeters (8:30) – Ada & Steve Longenecker

Pianist (8:30) – Ann Daggett

Fellowship Host – Tim Kreps

Greeters (11:00) – Brad & Paula Neher; Andrea & Bill Miracle

Head Usher (11:00) – Devin Bowman

Sound/Light (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Alice Lee Hopkins

Van Driver – Rick Wampler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are now available from the literature rack in the greeting hall. Chris Bowman, lead pastor of Manassas COB, authored *Let us also go*, devotions for Ash Wednesday through Easter.

DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRIES AUCTION

The 24th annual Shenandoah District Disaster Response Ministries Auction will be May 20 and 21 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Go to www.shencob.org for information about how to get involved.

SINGING VALENTINES

The Harrisonburg Harmonizers, a local Barbershop Harmony Choral group, of which **Jerry Wampler** is a member, is taking orders for "Singing Valentines," to be sung to and receive a card & a rose, all for \$40 for an open time, and \$50 for an exact-time delivery. Call (540) 292-0604 or e-mail HarrisonburgHarmonizers@gmail.com to order. Also, men are welcome to visit the Harmonizers to see if they'd be interested in joining the group.

ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 1/31/16

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 19 11:00 – 279 Sunday School: 156

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$15,779.75
Loose Offering	682.35
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	44.00
Books	80.00
Wednesday Night Meals	330.00
EYN Compassion Fund	1,000.00
JOY Circle	88.00
Jan Matteson Memorial Fund	300.00
Sojourners Sunday School Class	362.00
Wendell Smith Memorial Fund	975.00
Phyllis Miller Memorial Fund	125.00
Ed Callahan Memorial Fund	400.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
Church Council
February 7, 2016
1:00 PM
Fred Swartz, Moderator**

Agenda

- Ω **Scriptural Gathering** Colossians 3:12-17 Sally Jane Conner
- Ω **The Doxology** (*all singing*) Curtis Nolley
- Ω **Minutes of December 6, 2015 Meeting** (*Action*)
- Ω **Fourth Quarter 2015 Financial Report** (*Report*)
- Ω **Report and Recommendations from the Board of Administration**
 - Property Purchase Finalized (*Report*)
 - 2016 Budget Recommendation (*Action*)
 - BWCOB & Shen. Dist. leaders conversations (*Report*)
 - BWCOB & DLT Appeal Process Update (*Report*)
- Ω **Other Business / Concerns / Announcements**
- Ω **Adjournment**

Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
Church Council
December 6, 2015

Moderator Fred Swartz called the quarterly council meeting for the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren at 1:00 pm. in the social hall. Fred provided a preparation for our meeting from 1st Corinthians 12:4-27.

- Minutes of the August 2, 2015 council meeting were approved.
- **Third Quarter 2015 Financial Report**

Phil Flory gave the financial report through October. Income and expenses were both under budget. We have a net operating deficit of \$52,270.86. It was moved and seconded that the council express the appreciation to those people who take care of our financial business.
- **Recommendations from the Gifts Discernment Committee**

Dwynn Stovall, chair of Gifts Discernment Committee reported a slate of people who have agreed to serve on various commissions and committees. Lori Lineweaver was added to the slate filling out the one-year term on the Historical Records Committee. A motion to affirm all of these nominees at once was approved. The slate was affirmed.
- **Report and Recommendations from the Board of Administration**
- Nominees for the Gifts Discernment Committee
 - Alice Lee Hopkins reported on the calling of Elaine Huffman and Sharon Kiracofe to serve on the Gifts Discernment Committee. The callings were affirmed.
- Property Purchase – 1629 Mt. Crawford Road
 - Claire Martindale brought a recommendation from the Board of Administration to purchase the one and half acres of the Martin property for \$75,000 using the line of credit. Discussion followed. The recommendation was approved.
- Alice Lee Hopkins gave a report on the ongoing discussions with the Shenandoah District concerning our congregation's disagreement with District policy. Our leadership team has met three times with leaders of the district since District Conference.

- Concern about losing Alice Lee Hopkins' voice and knowledge in our discussions with the District should be referred to the Executive Committee. Emmert Bittinger moved that the council strongly recommend to the Executive Committee that Alice Lee Hopkins remain a member of the church's leadership team in its discussion with the district. The motion was seconded by Bill Faw. The motion was approved.
- **Other Business/Concerns/Announcements**
 - Appreciation was expressed by the council to Jan Matteson for her many years of service to our church
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm