

Do Good Work

We live in fragmented times. Issues drive our discussions, and polarizing understandings divide our communities. And unfortunately the church seems to be silent in the midst of loud and verbose evil. We talk more about who to keep out of our pews and our communities than we do the gospel message of good news and salvation. Fear seems to drive us.

The apostle Paul informed the good people in the Galatian church to not be tempted to divide and isolate. He spoke of restoring others in the spirit of gentleness. He warned them not to be tempted to be self-righteous. He instructed them to bear one another's burdens. He challenged them to be responsible for themselves.

And what was the result of fulfilling these teachings? We avoid being deceived. We gain eternal life from the Spirit. We will find that we don't feel weary in striving to do what is right. And we find the call and desire to work for the good of all.

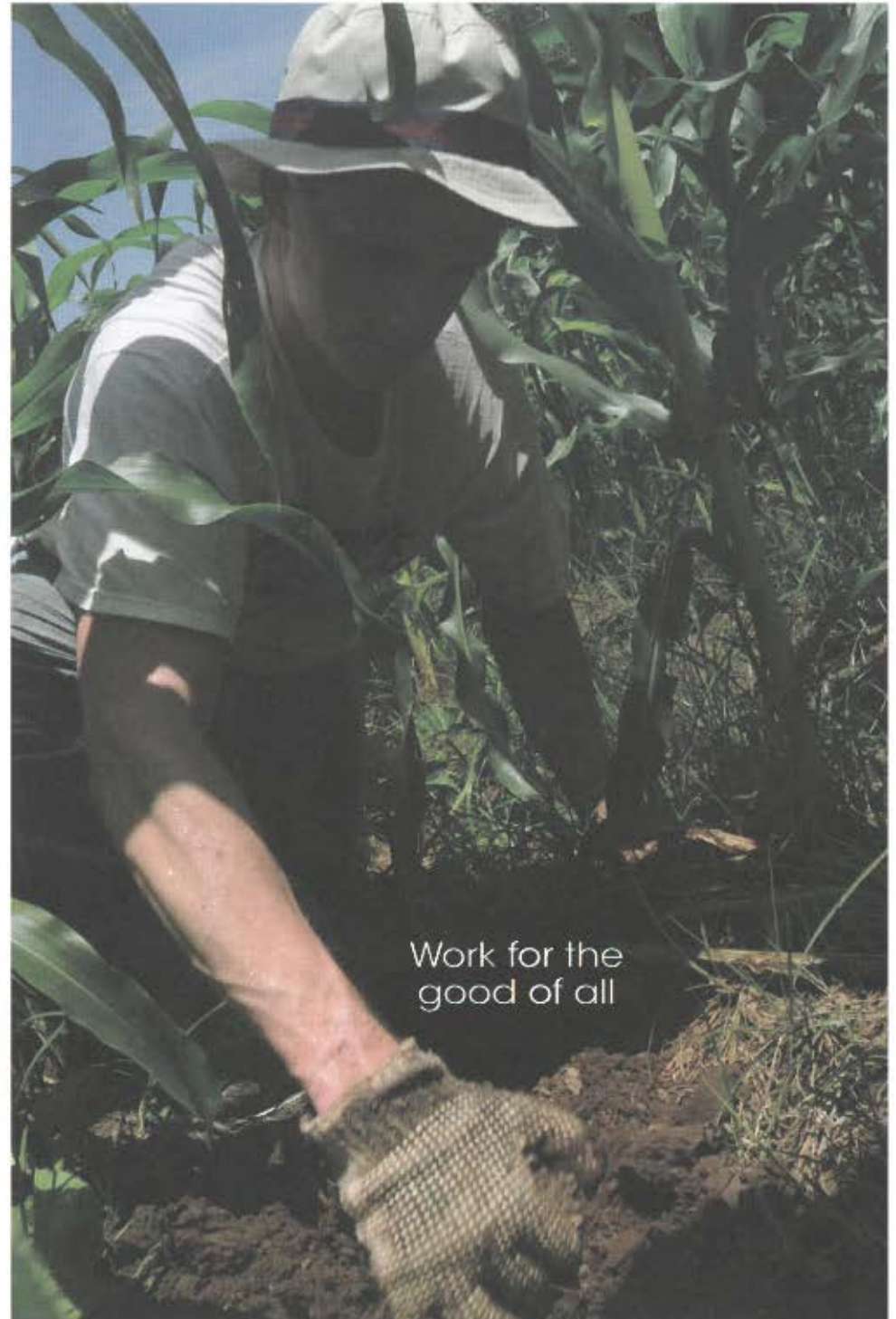
In a society and a church defined by fragmentation and division, we need to hear and do this instruction from the apostle Paul. And with God's help, we'll lose the fear, put perspective around the divisive language and understandings, and learn once again what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ, striving to do good works for all.

—Bradley C. Bohrer, pastor
Crest Manor Church of the Brethren
South Bend, Indiana

Text for today: "My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us *work for the good of all*, and especially for those of the family of faith" (Gal. 6:1-10, *NR5V*). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

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good of all

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship August 21, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

“It’s easy to read today’s Gospel reading and focus on the healing, or Jesus’ clever undoing of his opponents. In other encounters with religious leaders regarding his actions on the sabbath, Jesus responds in a variety of ways. In this week’s reading Jesus simply points out concrete ways in which the line between the holy and the profane has dissolved--by the compassionate act of leading a donkey to water, or by the unsolicited healing of a long-afflicted woman. Might that line also be dissolved by...political activism that reflects God’s desires for the life and wholeness of all people, by the denouncing of evil in our own daily practices, by congregations collaborating with their local communities around issues of justice, or by a testimony of faith spoken to a stranger on an airplane? Perhaps even by a kindergartener sucking on an orange sugary cross at the end of a stick, melding the delicious, syrupy flavor with what she has heard of God’s beautiful, stunning grace.” ~ Elizabeth Palmer

GATHERING

PRELUDE Prelude in F *David Crouse*
Sheep May Safely Graze *J. S. Bach*

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

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1:4 -10 *NRSV*

***HYMN INSERT** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

CHILDREN’S TIME (11:00) Josh Eye
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.

TROMBONE SOLO (11:00) *Amazing Grace* (for Joe Byler) *arr. S. Metzler*
Steve Metzler, *trombone*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:10-17 *NRSV*

***HYMN # 405** *Where cross the crowded ways* GERMANY

SERMON “*The Lord Said*” Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

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

ANTHEM (11:00) *Agnus Dei* *Kinley Lange*

OFFERING
Moment for Mission Bridgewater Area Churches Food Pantry
Offertory
(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.
Air in D Major *J. S. Bach*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
~ adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers © 2002

***HYMN # 321** *Lift high the cross* CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in C (No. 3)* *Johann Pachelbel*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

TODAY’S ANTHEM TEXT: K. Lange

Translation:
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

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MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

August 21-27, 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 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic Receptionist Area
3:00 B.C. Alumni Choir Concert Sanctuary
7:00 Vespers at CrossRoads Hilltop Amphitheater
Dayton CoB: Kevin Daggett, speaking

Thurs. 7:30 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Sat. 7:00 BWCOB Pool Party Ashby Pool

NEXT SUNDAY– August 28, 2016 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “When you give...”

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 & Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Pre-K-5th Graders – 9:45 a.m. – Meet your new teacher

ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 8/14/16

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 15 11:00 – 247 Sunday School: 124

Pledges & Envelope Giving \$8,775.00

Loose Offering 463.50

Messenger Subscription 14.50

Global Food Crisis 100.00

Decorating Committee 75.00

Backpack Program 100.00

Seekers Sunday School Class – Ben Wade Memorial 100.00

Open Door Sunday School Class 155.00

David Evick Memorial Fund 825.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

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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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.

Greeter (8:30) – Chuck Clouse

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Greeters (11:00) – Jim & Sylvia Bowman; Josh & Erin Eye

Head Usher (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

Sound/Light (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & David Lineweaver

Decorators – Missy Hipps & Lev Norford

Deacon Caregiver – Ann & Erv Anderson

Van Driver – Wayne Angleberger

Worship Leader – Claire Martindale

POOL PARTY

Fellowship & Recreation Commission invites you to join church friends for a pool party on Saturday, August 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Ashby Recreation Association Pool. The Commission will supply drinks and paper products. Bring snacks and games to share as you wish and are able. It's a good time to say goodbye to summer with a pool party – hope to see everyone there!

ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

Bridgewater College Alumni Choir, under the direction of Jesse Hopkins, will present a concert this afternoon at 3 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.

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