

## We Wait for You

### We spend so much time waiting.

*Waiting in line at the grocery store.  
Waiting for a medical diagnosis.  
Waiting for food at a restaurant.  
Waiting to hear about a job opportunity.  
Waiting for a response to an e-mail.  
Waiting for a baby to be born.  
Waiting for something to start.  
Waiting for something to end.*

### This life is out of our control.

*Our political power,  
physical strength,  
emotional investment,  
human knowledge  
hold no comparison to God's might,  
wisdom,  
mercy,  
and grace.*

### We wait on the Lord

*with respect,  
with gladness,  
basking in God's steadfast love,  
filled with new life.*

### We put our hope in the Lord,

*expecting,  
trusting,  
depending on God—  
our help and our shield.  
God is everything we need.  
Our soul waits for the Lord.*

*Lord, let your faithful love surround us  
because we wait for you.*

*—Naomi Kraenbring  
Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren  
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania*

**Text for today:** "Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you" (Psalm 33:20-22, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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Our soul waits

# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Christians are not perfect. Christians are not in control. Christians don't have all the answers. Christians are not better than other people. Christians are not folks that can give the perfect theological answer to every question. Christians are those who have learned, like Abraham, that God can be trusted. God can be trusted to give peace in the midst of the storm. God can be trusted to take what is evil and transform it into something good. God can be trusted to empower you in the midst of trouble. God can be trusted to receive you when you die. God can be trusted!

~The Rev. Dr. Charles Reeb  
"When Trouble Comes" August 8, 2010

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** (11:00) Cantilene *Josef G Rheinberger*  
(from Sonata in D Minor Op. 148, no.11)

**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.

**WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER** (8:30) – Dillon Rusmiser

**\*Congregational Affirmation** (*Unison*)

*What a joy to have you as part of our family of faith! As you affirm your faith and enter the waters of baptism today, we also remember and reaffirm our own faith commitments. We now pledge to you our help, our prayers, and most of all our love as together we seek to follow Jesus and live the love of God.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** ~Homiletics, online resources, adapted

One: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Knowing we can bring our questions to this haven of safety.**

One: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Seeking to follow Jesus and live the love of God.**

One: We gather as a people of faith.

**All: Trusting in the goodness of God.**

One: We gather as a people of faith – knowing, seeking, and trusting.

**All: With both our doubts and certainties, we worship in faith.**

**\*HYMN # 327** *Great is thy faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

## PROCLAIMING

**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.

**OFFERING**  
**Invitation** Luke 12:31-34 *The Message*  
**Offertory**  
(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.  
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.  
Chorale Prelude *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
"To God, the Holy Ghost We Pray"

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Psalm 37 *John Leavitt*  
*Andrea Nolley, flute*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**Call to Prayer** Psalm 33:16-17, 20 *The Message*  
**Silence**  
**Litany of Prayer** "We Wait for You" Back of Bulletin  
(**Leader / Organ Side / Piano Side / All**)  
**Silence**  
**Words of Assurance** Psalm 33:20-22 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 340** *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* TRUST IN JESUS

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *NRSV*

**SERMON** "Faith Enough" Chris Zepp

## RESPONDING

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

**\*HYMN # 545** *Be thou my vision* SLANE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) [Chorale] no. 2 *F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy*  
(The Berlin-Kraków Mss.:1)

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

August 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.

<b>Today</b>	Noon	Youth Fundraiser Lunch Menu: Potato Bar	Social Hall
	1:00	Council	Social Hall
	7:00	Vespers at CrossRoads <i>Summit CoB: Tim Craver, speaking</i>	Hilltop Amphitheater
<b>Mon.</b>	5:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
	7:00	BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:15	Executive Committee	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	11 a.m.	Office Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
<b>Thurs.</b>	10:30 a.m.	Leaveners	N. River Library
	7::30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### NEXT SUNDAY– August 14, 2016 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “Barn Razing”

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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

### ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 7/31/16

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 21 11:00 – 205 Sunday School: 135**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$10,880.00
Loose Offering	210.06
Church User Fees	60.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription	14.50
Rent – Refugee House	650.00
Youth Programs	200.00
David Evick Memorial Fund	1,720.00

~ 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

### 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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## **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.

**Pianist** (8:30) – Jim Benedict

**Greeters** (11:00) – Ray & Sandra Glick; Rick & Janean Fawley

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

**Sound/Light** (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff

**Decorators** – Missy Hipps & Lev Norford

**Deacon Caregivers** – Ann & Erv Anderson

**Van Driver** – Wayne Angleberger

**Worship Leader** (11:00) – Josh Eye

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Phil Speary**

Long for God and His goodness. See His truth and justice.

Your delight must be in Him. He must guide your way.

Trust the Lord in all your ways. Walk in goodness all your days.

Dwell in His presence. Give Him your love.

His faithfulness will be with you.

Rest in Him. Act with patience though the sinner prospers.

Cast off fear. Forsake anger. Serve the Lord your God.

In His time He will prevail. Follow Him and He will not fail.

Be not weary. You shall inherit ev'rything from His hand;

All the grace He has promised.

Long for God and His goodness. See His truth and justice.

Your delight must be in Him. He must guide your way.

Then your hopes – your desires – He will grant for He loves you, child,

All your days.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

On February 7 our congregation began a 52 week guided challenge to read the entire Bible. We are now at our half-way point! Congratulations to those who are staying faithful to your reading. To those who have missed some readings, fear not – you can still catch up, according to your schedule. Anyone interested in participating from this point on, please join us! Go to [www.bwcob.org](http://www.bwcob.org), where there will be a link to print your reading plan and sign up for the challenge. The monthly readings are also listed in each month's newsletter. You can contact the church office for a full copy of the reading plan too. We hope that you will consider participating in this journey through scripture with our faith community. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Debbie Eye or Jeff Carr.

### **POOL PARTY**

Fellowship & Recreation Commission invites you to join your church friends for a pool party on Saturday, August 28, 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!

**Other Business/Concerns/Announcements** – None were raised.

**Ministry Staff Report** – Pastor Carr distributed his Activity Report representing the third and fourth quarters of 2015 and the first quarter of 2016. The following items were discussed:

- **Safe Church** – There has been some discussion on making the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren a Safe Church. This program would be a year-long commitment and other co-hort churches would participate. There will be more information to come on this opportunity.
- **Small Groups** – Staff is in the process of developing small groups. These groups may be age related, topic related in an effort to find ways to connect to one another.
- **Appeal Work** – Much of Pastor Carr’s time has been spent on work dealing with the appeal the church congregation has taken. Pastor Carr is very appreciative of the staff who have worked incredibly hard during this time.
- **Vacation Bible School** – “Calling All Heroes – Stand Up With Jesus” is the theme for the 2016 Vacation Bible School (VBS) taking place June 20, 2016 – June 24, 2016. Again, the VBS Planning Committee is creating the curriculum.
- **Attendance** – Emmert Bittinger asked how the difficulties in the church have affected attendance. While there have been some members who are attending other churches; there are several new faces on Sunday morning. The church keeps track of the number of people who attend Sunday School and Church on Sundays, however, Pastor Carr reminded attendees that there are many members and other people at the Bridgewater Retirement Community who support the Bridgewater church and watch the service each Sunday.
- **Misc.** – Pastor Carr recommended anyone who would like to know more about what is going on within the brotherhood to subscribe to “Newslines.” The church office has converted to using a digital calendar which should help with scheduling activities in the church building. A suggestion from the floor encouraged reading the booklet by Irv Heishman, “Who Am I to Hinder God.” The 2016 Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Directory should go to print in May. Barbeque sandwiches leftover from the Brethren Woods Spring Festival would be on sale after the council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Jane Conner, Church Clerk

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

**Agenda**

- Ω **Prayer**
- Ω **Minutes of May 1, 2016 Meeting** *(Action)*
- Ω **Second Quarter 2016 Financial Report** *(Report)*
- Ω **Recommendations from Gifts Discernment Committee** *(Affirmation)*
  - Mission and Service Commission**  
Mark Dowdy 1-16
  - Properties Commission**  
Mary Ann Angleberger #1-18 (# = unexpired term)
- Ω **Reports from the Board of Administration**
  - Plan of Organization Recommendation
  - Standing Committee Appeals Report
  - Next Steps Committee Update Report
- Ω **Other Business / Announcements**
- Ω **Adjournment**

**Bridgewater Church of the Brethren**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2016**

The Bridgewater Church of the Brethren quarterly council meeting was called to order at 12:56 p.m. by Moderator Fred Swartz. Moderator Swartz led the participants in prayer.

The minutes from the February 7, 2016 were approved as presented. The treasurer's report ending March 31, 2016 was presented by Phil Flory. Income for the quarter \$155,981.56, was a little over what was budgeted \$155,000.01. Expenses for the quarter \$166,808.34 were less than what was budgeted \$171,326.37. Mr. Flory reminded everyone that the Net Operating Budget was at (\$12,601.67) and asked that everyone be faithful in their giving. Staff will continue to be mindful of this through the year. While the Line of Credit is still open, it has been brought to a zero balance using resources in the checking account.

**Recommendations from Gifts Discernment Committee** – Moderator Swartz offered the following report of people to serve on various committees of the church. All were affirmed as presented.

- Board of Deacons – John Harsh, 1-18 (*Filling vacancy*)
- District Conference Delegate – Rufus Huffman, 2016 and 2017
- Foundation Board – John Flora, 1-20 (*Correction from action taken in November 2015*)
- Properties Commission – David Nicholas, 1-18 (*Filling vacancy*)

**Reports and Recommendations from Board of Administration (BOA)**

- **Report of 2016 Board Leadership** – When the board was reorganized at its regular meeting in November 2015, the outcome of the vote was announced at the January meeting. However, the elected leadership was not recorded in the minutes. The board elected the following members to the Executive Committee for 2016: John Hips, Claire Martindale, Gladys Remnant and Steve Watson. Claire Martindale was elected chair of the board and Steve Watson was elected vice-chair.

- **District Leadership Team and Standing Committee Appeals Update** – Since the Council meeting in February, a hearing was held before the District Leadership Team (DLT) to appeal the December 10, 2015 action in removing ordination from Pastor Chris Zepp and sending a letter of censure for Pastor Jeff Carr. As already reported to the congregation, the DLT reaffirmed the action they had taken.

The board then approved sending a joint appeal of that action, through the Annual Conference officers to the Standing Committee. The statement and justification of appeal was sent to the officers and the three-member Appeals Committee of Standing Committee. Questions for both the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren congregation and the Shenandoah District were then asked. The Bridgewater church responded with a written response to those questions. (These documents are available in the church office for anyone who would like to read the responses.) A conference call is scheduled with members of the Bridgewater church leadership who attended the Shenandoah District hearing. Those on the call will be members of the Appeals Committee of Standing Committee, the Annual Conference Moderator-elect and the Annual Conference Director. A hearing will then take place on June 27, 2016, before Standing Committee, and just prior to Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC.

- **Report of Leaking Roof Repairs** – The Properties Commission has been pursuing repairs to leaks on the north side of the sanctuary roof. The board approved re-shingling the roof, as had already been done on the south side, using funds that were placed in a building reserve fund from 2014 - the Foundation's Annual General Fund Allocation. However, the re-shingling was put on hold after discovering an underlying situation with the plywood underneath the shingles that was not drying out as it should. The Properties Commission is working with Nielsen Construction to remedy that problem. The re-shingling may or may not need to be done once the wet plywood problem is solved. Many thanks to Jim Benedict and Bob May for their tireless efforts in getting this problem resolved.