

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR



Dr. Carol Scheppard, Moderator for the Church of the Brethren, grew up in the small clock-manufacturing town of Thomaston, nestled in Connecticut's industrial Naugatuck Valley. She earned her undergraduate degree at Wesleyan University where she majored in anthropology and minored in history. Committed to awakening in others the new voice and self-awareness the academic adventure had awakened in her, she embarked on a career in education. After graduation Dr. Scheppard spent 10 years as a teacher and administrator at Landmark School and Landmark College, schools with curriculum designed specifically for students with dyslexia. It was during her time at Landmark College, in Putney, VT that Dr. Scheppard first encountered the Brethren and became a member of Putney's Genesis Church of the Brethren.

Inspired by her time with Genesis, in 1989 Dr. Scheppard entered theological education. She earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary before moving on to doctoral work in religion at the University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation, *Keepers of the Faith: Irish Exegetes and Psalter Study in the Eighth Century*, consolidated her research, conducted in Ireland, on Irish approaches to biblical interpretation in the early middle ages.

Dr. Scheppard joined the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Bridgewater College in 1998 and was the 2002 recipient of the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award. Her on-going areas of research include early medieval Celtic Christianity, medieval monasticism, and late antique and medieval exegesis, while more recent publications incorporate topics in Anabaptist and Pietistic studies. Dr. Scheppard was initially ordained to the ministry through the Southern Pennsylvania District of the Church of the Brethren, and now holds ordination through the Shenandoah District.

Dr. Scheppard was Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs at Bridgewater College from 2007 to 2016, and is now in the role of Professor at the College. She served ten years as a member of the Board of Trustees for Bethany Theological Seminary. An active member of Lebanon Church of the Brethren in Mt. Sidney, Virginia, she is a former chair of its Church Board. Dr. Scheppard served two terms as a Virginia public servant, both as a Councilwoman for the Town of Mt. Crawford and as a member of the Harrisonburg Rockingham County Municipal Planning Organization, chairing that organization from 2009-2011. Dr. Scheppard now lives and enjoys time on the small farm she shares with a Great Pyrenees, two cats, two goats, one horse, and four very large fish.

Risk
Hope
—HEBREWS 10:23

Annual Conference 2017

June 28 – July 2

Grand Rapids, MI

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship April 2, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Brethren Hymns *from Brethren hymnals*

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.

***HYMN # 582** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Janean Fawley

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. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:1-17 & 8:11-13, 16-18 *NRSV*

ANTHEM (11:00) God So Loved the World *John G. Barr*

SERMON "Whom do You Serve?" Dr. Carol Scheppard

RESPONDING

***HYMN # 343** *My hope is built on nothing less* SOLID ROCK

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Contemplation and conversation.

OFFERING

Moment for Mission EYN / Bethany Partnership Mark Lancaster

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Meditation *Lloyd Larson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~Feasting on the Word, Lenten Companion, adapted

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer Confession

Forgiving God, you promise us abundant life, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch for you at all times, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to your wonders in the world every day.

Silence

Prayers of Intercession

concluding with The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

***HYMN # 403** *The Church of Christ in every age* DICKINSON COLLEGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chorale Improvisation on: *Paul Manz*
CWM RHONDDA

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: John 3:16-17, KJV

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

A little over a year ago Curtis Nolley requested from me a new choral setting of "God So Loved the World" as an alternative to Sir John Stainer's setting composed in 1887. In later winter (2016) I composed this setting mostly during a snow day at 101 Broad Street in our town.

~ *John Barr*

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

April 2-8, 2017 (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
		Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room	
	Noon	Fundraiser Lunch (taco bar)	Social Hall
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	Noon	IFA Lenten Lunch – Broad Street Mennonite Church	
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal	Social Hall
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	BSM Love Feast	Moomaw Hall
	6:30	YORFF Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
	7:00	Properties Commission	Open Door
7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Class	
7:15	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room	
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	7:30	Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert – Sanctuary	

NEXT SUNDAY– April 9, 2017 – 6th Sunday in Lent & Palm Sunday

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

Pastor Chris Zepp, preaching

Sermon: “King of the Who?” (No turning back)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9 a & Matthew 27:11-54

Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room

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

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert – 3 p.m. – Sanctuary

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

Names tags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

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.

Pianist (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

Fellowship Host – Palmer Lee Berry

Head Usher (11:00) – Devin Bowman

Sound/Light Assistant (11:00) – Michael Overman

Decorators – Lisa Flory & Lori Lineweaver

Deacon Caregiver – Mary Ann Angleberger

Van Driver – John Flora

Worship Leader – Mark Lancaster, Bethany Theological Seminary

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 03/26/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 16 11:00 – 274 Sunday School: 164

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$11,502.00
Loose Offering	482.51
Food Pantry	100.00
Rent – Refugee House	650.00
Spring Potted Flowers	73.00
Wednesday Night Meals	146.00
V. Leroy Harsh Memorial Fund for Habitat House	200.00

EASTER / SPRING POTTED FLOWER ORDER ENVELOPES are available in the literature rack in the Greeting Hall. Citations and money are due in the church office by Wednesday, April 12.

SCHOLA CANTORUM of Waynesboro will present their spring concert, **MOSTLY BRAHMS**, today at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Waynesboro. Jesse Hopkins is the director and Mary Beth Flory is the ensemble's accompanist. Singers include Alice Lee Hopkins, Ted Flory and Phyllis Wine. The program features *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms. The concert is free but donations are welcomed.

FINAL 2017 LENTEN LUNCH will be held on Wednesday April 5 and will conclude the 2017 Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg / Rockingham County Lenten Lunch Series. The lunch is held from Noon-1 p.m. at Broad Street Mennonite Church (481 Broad Street, Harrisonburg). Lunch is provided with a suggested donation of \$6.00. Erich Bennett will be the speaker this week.

CPS / BVS will gather at Thomas House in Dayton on Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. Dick Stutzman will be convener. Contact Fonda Erdman at 828-3883 or email her at FondaErdman@verizon.net if you plan to attend. But even if you are not on the list you are welcomed to come – Thomas House only needs an estimate of those attending.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY will present its annual spring concert, *Mass Eclectic*, in our sanctuary on Friday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. under the direction of Curtis Nolley. The concert will feature Glenn McClure's *St. Francis in the Americas: A Caribbean Mass* accompanied by steel drums and percussion. Tickets are available at the door, Red Front Supermarket, Bridgewater Foods, or at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults / \$12 for seniors and students.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

Logistics are taking shape to begin taking photos for our upcoming new pictorial directory. We have set aside the next 2-3 months for this process. Thursday, April 6th, will be the first day available for photo sessions with Lisa Houff in The Gap room. Separate photo session options are being organized on-site at the Bridgewater Retirement Community or in homes or other locations as desired. A long-term scheduling calendar is in the works – in the meantime, sign-up forms are available in the literature rack for each household to complete before their sessions. The forms can be picked up from the literature rack and returned to the office or dropped in the offering plate OR be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/bwcobpd2017>. Stay tuned for continuing announcements– we are very excited about the process to create this updated directory for our congregation!