



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Easter Eggs (4/8 & 4/9)

Easter Egg Dyeing & Family Craft Event—begins at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship at 11 Sunday morning

Palm Sunday (4/9)

Children's palm procession during worship at 11
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship at 11



Maundy Thursday Love Feast and Tenebrae (4/13)

Guided Prayer and Contemplative Preparation, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Altruistic Room (chapel)
Traditional Love Feast with Foot & Hand Washing & Communion, 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
Child Care available ~7:00 p.m. following the meal
Liturgy of the Passion and Tenebrae, 8:00 p.m. in the Altruistic Room (chapel)

Holy Friday (4/14)

Contemplative space available for prayer and reflection in the Altruistic Room (chapel)

Easter Sunday (4/16)

Sunrise worship on the hilltop at CrossRoads Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, 6:30 a.m., followed by a "John 21" Fish and Bread appetizer.

Congregational Worship at 11 a.m., including singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*
(no 8:30 worship gathering Easter Sunday)

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE 2017

Young Adult Conference (YAC) is coming up soon! This year, YAC will be held at Camp Harmony (PA) over Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, with the theme "Loving Neighbor." YAC is open to all young adults ages 18-35. To register, go to www.brethren.org/yac/, register online, and pay your initial \$65 deposit. Full cost is \$125, but BWCOB will pay the remaining \$60 balance for any BWCOB Young Adults who register, pay their deposit, and submit a request to Pastor Chris by April 30. Full need-based scholarships are also available by request.

SPRING POTTED FLOWERS

To order: envelopes (available in the literature rack in the Greeting Hall) with information and money are due in the church office by Wednesday, April 12.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for your help with Glenn & Kathleen Suter's children putting together a meaningful service. The reception time afterwards was greatly appreciated. ...Also thanks to the church for allowing the family to stay and have a meal. The last time most of the family had been together was in 2001 at our daughter's wedding. Thanks again for everything,

Stuart & Lorraine Suter

Thank you for your gift to the College in memory of Alton McDaniel. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Alton and I both loved the college; it meant so much to us over the years. Sincerely,

Lucille McDaniel

Thanks so much to Pastors Jeff and Chris for their visits and lovely memorial service for Harlan "Andy" Eller. Also for your prayers, cards, food, flowers, and to the choir for singing "Abide With Me." Thank you John and Mary Beth for playing "Sanctus." It was beautiful. It is such a blessing and comfort being part of this church family.

~ Jo Annis Eller

"CONVERSATIONS ON POWER AND PRIVILEGE" GATHERING POSTPONED

Last month's newsletter had announced a May gathering tentatively titled "Conversations on Power and Privilege" – a collaboration between the Supportive Communities Network (SCN), On Earth Peace (OEP), and COB Intercultural Ministries. That gathering has been postponed due to scheduling difficulties and will now take place October 20-22. We will still be looking for potential hosts to house participants during this rescheduled gathering, so if you are the type who plans ahead, please do contact Heather Driver (driverhf@gmail.com / 540-810-3402) or the church office if this is something you might be willing and able to do.

SAVE THE DATE

BSM will be having another fundraising evening at Jalapeños restaurant in Bridgewater on Thursday, April 27, 4-9 p.m.. All you need to do is plan to eat there.

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

April 2—*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Preaching: Annual Conference Moderator
Carol Scheppard

Sermon: "Whom do you Serve?"

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:1-17; 8:11-13, 16-18

April 9—*Sixth Sunday in Lent*

Preaching: Pastor Chris Zepp

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

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

April 16—*Easter Sunday*

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: "Another Look"

Scriptures: John 20:1-18 & Matthew 28:1-10

April 23—*Second Sunday of Easter*

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: "The Spirit, The Peace"

Scriptures: Psalm 16 & John 20:19-31

April 30—*Third Sunday of Easter*

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: "What Happens at the Table?"

Scriptures: Psalm 34:1-8 & Luke 24:13-35

MAY WOMEN'S EVENT MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Theme: A Taste Of Italy

When: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

6:00 p.m.—Appetizers

6:30 p.m.—Dinner

Cost: \$12.00—Adults

\$ 6.00—Children 3 to 8 years old

Come join us for "A Taste Of Italy" featuring good food and fellowship as we experience sites, sounds and tastes of Italy.

Watch for the registration display in the greeting hall coming soon.

WHAT IN GOD'S GREEN EARTH?

"Americans trash up to 40 percent of our food supply every year, equivalent to \$165 billion."

~ from the NRDC's 2012 *Wasted* report



LIGHT YOUR WORLD 5K WALK / RUN

The BWCOP Youth are very excited about our 4th Annual Light Your World 5K Walk/Run, happening Friday, April 21, at Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds. This has been such a fun event to do each year and we are hoping to make this one the best year yet. Wondering how you can help out? We've got lots of opportunities!

Display a Light Your World 5K poster to advertise the event. We want lots of people to attend this event, so if you'd like to grab one of our race posters from the church office, or our race table, that would be great. Then, all you need to do is hang it at your workplace or ask one of your favorite businesses or organizations to hang it up for us! If you are on social media you can also share and like our 5K Facebook page. Just search Light Your World 5K and we're at the top of the list.

Volunteer to help on Race Day

This event can only happen with a lot of help. We will once again need people to help guide our runners along the course and setting up and closing down the event. If you'd like to volunteer there will be a sign-up sheet in the Greeting Hall starting on April 2nd, or contact Leanne Kreps, 209-6887.

Donate Supplies

Starting April 2nd there will also be a display at the church with items that are needed for the event. If you see something you can contribute, just sign-up.

Register to run the Race

We always need runners! Registration forms are in the church office, at our race table or you can register online at www.racesonline.com/events/light-your-world-5k.

And of course, just come out and enjoy an evening of games, music and good company!

Thanks for all your help and everything you do to support our youth!

~ Hope & Clarke Staton
Youth Ministry Coordinators

PASTOR'S BOOK STUDIES

Pastor Chris invites you to join him for the following book discussions on Wednesday afternoon, April 26, 2-3 p.m.:

Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart by Christena Cleveland (2013).

"Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like. Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't... With a personal touch and the trained eye of a social psychologist, Cleveland brings to bear the latest studies and research on the unseen dynamics at work that tend to separate us from others... Here are the tools we need to understand how we can overcome the hidden forces that divide us."

Order your copy through our office at an estimated cost of \$10 (if ordered no later than April 2) OR obtain your own copy. We will discuss the book in its entirety on April 26.

Looking Ahead – The next book study will begin May 10 and will explore ***To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*** by James Davidson Hunter. Order your copy through our office at an estimated cost of \$25.50 (if ordered no later than April 23) OR obtain your own copy.

For Our Prayers during the Month of April 2017

Each month a prayer list with opportunities for directed prayer is included with our newsletter. In addition to highlighting specific prayer requests, we are invited to pray with particular mindfulness of the persons connected with our congregation and community. Additionally, focusing thoughts and prayers around the following may be helpful as a guide:

Our Congregation and its Ministries, Vision and Mission

Those who are...

- Facing financial hardships
- Living with illnesses, both chronic and acute
- Seeking spiritual renewal
- Carrying heavy burdens at work, home, or within
- Struggling with depression or suicidal thoughts
- Finding peace and contentment
- In difficult relationships or experiencing the loss of relationship
- Criticized, belittled and demeaned because of their beliefs and understandings
- Seeking a new church home
- Advocating for justice and righteousness
- Wrestling with their faith
- Struggling with feelings of disappointment, disillusionment, or betrayal

We also lift up in prayer and mindfulness specifically...

...Our Nation and World amid transitions of power and leadership

...those in Nigeria... facing violence, kidnappings, and deep unrest... specifically, **Hauwa Abdu**, one of over 200 girls and young women kidnapped in April 2014, and for those committing these atrocities

...our congregation, district, and denomination

...victims of hate crimes, violence and intolerance

...those who suffer and the find hope and life amidst the suffering in the midst of the cross and empty tomb

...those who grieve, especially the families and friends of...

Genevieve Walton, mother of **Rosetta Harris**, who died February 26

Galen Craun, husband of **Susan Craun**, who died February 1; **Amy Ritchie**, who died January 28; **Paul Foster**, who died January 25; **Hatlan "Andy" Eller**, husband of **JoAnnis Eller**, and brother of **Janet Coffman**, who died January 20; **Beth Stroemple**, sister of **Jeff Miller**, who died January 18; **Terry Turner**, brother of **Carl Turner**, who died January 18; **Charles Wampler Jr.**, brother-in-law of **Bonnie Lou Wampler**, who died January 15; **Wayne Geisert** who died January 4; **Glenn Suter** who died January 3

...those who have had surgery, been hospitalized, receiving treatments, or are in rehabilitation... **Jane Sullivan**, **Marietta Jordan**, **Betty Lou Myers**

...those requiring long-term healthcare, specifically... in **Bridgewater Home**, **VMRC**

...those in **Military Service**, specifically... **Seth Flory**, **Tyler Hopkins**, **Kent Hutchinson**

...those who are requesting prayer specifically or have been on the prayer chain recently... **Jerry Clem**,
Scott (Chester Bowman's great-niece's husband)

For these and all God's Children we pray...

SCHOLA CANTORUM

of Waynesboro will present their Spring concert, **MOSTLY BRAHMS**, on Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Waynesboro. The concert is free but donations are welcomed. 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.

CPS/BVS

will gather at Thomas House in Dayton on Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. Dick Stutzman will be our convener. Contact Fonda at 828-3883 or email her at FondaErdman@verizon.net if you plan to attend. If you are not on the list you are welcomed to come.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its annual spring concert, *Mass Eclectic*, on Friday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert will feature Glenn McClure's *St. Francis in the Americas: A Caribbean Mass* accompanied by steel drums and percussion. This unique concert event will also include a performance of Franz Schubert's beautiful *Mass in G*. Both pieces will feature soloists from the JMU vocal performance department. Tickets are available at the door, Red Front Supermarket (Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and on-line at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

HABITAT BANQUET

Central Valley Habitat for Humanity will have their annual banquet on Monday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Bridgewater United Methodist Church. Guest speaker will be Pastor Jeff Carr. For free tickets, please call the Habitat office at 828-6288.

MISSING

A new sport jacket was taken from the coat closet nearest the church office at the Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch on February 28. If you accidentally picked up this jacket, it would be very much appreciated if you would call Landon Walker at 515-3814. The jacket was made by Eddie Bauer, is a size large, and has a dark navy zipper.

BRIDGEWATER HOME AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, April 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Social Hall

Cost: \$6 (carry-outs available)

Menu: Ground Beef BBQ, Mixed Kale Slaw, BBQ Beans, Pickles, Hawaiian Orange Pineapple Cake, Tea, Coffee

Prepared and served by: BWCOB

Benefits: "It's Never 2 Late" Learning Technology

CHILDREN OF EDEN

Based on the story of Genesis, the age-old conflict of parents and children takes the stage in this epic, heartfelt Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell*, *Pippin*, *Wicked*) musical.

Children of Eden casts the beloved biblical stories of Genesis through the personal lens of family. This epic musical starts with the very beginning: the creation of the universe. Father breathes life into his children, Adam and Eve, and learns that the hardest part of being a loving Father is letting go. It's a lesson that translates into the parenting of Cain, Abel, and Seth -- and is reiterated once again as Noah parents his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth. This joyous and inspiring musical celebrates the difficulty of choice, the importance of passion, the value of questioning, and the pain in allowing those you love to take risks and face the consequences. Claire Wayman will be performing in this musical.

March 31-April 2, & April 7, 8, 9
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m.

At the Shenanarts nTelos Theater
300 Churchville Avenue
Staunton, VA

YOU CAN HELP!

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If you are able and willing to give blood, please contact the Presbyterian church office for more information.

BWCOB APRIL EVENTS PROGRAM CALENDAR

This is a church-related program calendar and does not include all building use. Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS and building use through the church office. All events are at BWCOB unless otherwise indicated.

- 2 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 .m.
Children’s Worship during Worship at 11
Sojourners Class Fundraiser Lunch – Noon
- 5 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
BSM Love Feast – 6:30 p.m. – Moomaw Hall
YORFF Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.
Worship & Music Commission – 7 p.m.
Puppets Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.
- 6 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Family Easter Celebration/Easter Egg Dyeing – 4 p.m.
- 9 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Children’s Easter Egg Hunt – Noon
- 10 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.
- 12 Office Staff Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
Jubilee Circle – Noon – Smith Room
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Ctr.
Friendship & JOY Circles – 7 p.m. – TBA
- 13 Love Feast Prayer & Preparation – 5:30 p.m.
Love Feast – 6:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion & Tenebrae – 8 p.m.
- 14 Contemplative space for prayer & reflection – all day
- 16 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Church Office Closed – Easter Holiday
- 19 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YORFF Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Board of Administration – 7 p.m.
Puppets Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.
- 20 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

- 21 BSM Tye-Dye Event – 6:30 p.m. – Boitnott Yard
Light Your World 5-K – 8 p.m.
- 23 Children’s Worship during Worship at 11
- 26 Pastor’s Book Study – 2-3 p.m.
Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
Brethren Student Movement – 6:30 p.m. – Carter Ctr.
YORFF Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Witness & Renewal Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Executive Committee – 7 p.m.
Puppets Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.
- 27 BSM Fundraiser – Bridgewater Jalapeños – 4-9 p.m.
Time and Space for Grief – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 3/31-4/2 Roundtable Regional Youth Conference
– Bridgewater College
- 4 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.
- 5 BRC Auxiliary Luncheon – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
IFA Lenten Lunch – Noon – Broad Street Mennonite
- 6 Interfaith Association (IFA) – Noon – EMU
- 7 Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert – 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert – 3 p.m.
- 10 Ret. Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace
- 12 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace
- 13 Leaveners – 10:30 a.m. – North River Library
- 18 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.

