

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Easter Eggs (3/24 & 3/25)

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 (3/25)

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

Maundy Thursday Love Feast and Tenebrae (3/29)

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 (3/30)

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

Easter Sunday (4/1)

Sunrise worship on the hilltop at CrossRoads Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, 6:45 a.m.

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



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, March 28.



NOTES OF THANKS

With your help, children from 569 families met with Santa and his elves to receive gifts, cookies, and stocking items. In addition to the 1300 children, there were over 150 elderly or disabled adults who received gifts.

For many, this was the majority of, if not their only, holiday celebration. Conservatively, we estimate that the value of what you helped provide for the children and adults as being over \$120,000...On behalf of the children, families, and adults, we wish to express our appreciation for your assistance. Many thanks,

*Celest Williams & Don Driver, Jr.
Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services District*

We want to give you a small token of our appreciation for you graciously letting us use your wonderful space. Our staff, board, and especially the children are so grateful and blessed.

~ Bridgewater Pre-School

We would like to thank the congregation and Pastor Carr for all the condolences received at the time of our sister Gloria's passing. It is very comforting to belong to a caring church family.

~ Norman & Linda Liskey and Larry & Phyllis Lambert

On behalf of Bridgewater Area Food Pantry, we would like to thank you for your donation during 2017. You are a blessing to our neighbors and to God's family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by many in our community. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

~ Brenda Wine, Corresponding Secretary

I speak for the board and executive director in expressing our sincere thanks for your hospitality in hosting the annual VBMHC meeting and dinner. You made us feel welcome and assisted us in every way. Special thanks to Tony Stovall and his dishwashing crew! You all embody the generous spirit of Jesus Christ. We are grateful.

~ Beryl Brubaker, Board President

Thank you for allowing me to be on the part-time staff for the last 14 years. It has been an enjoyable "job" with a delightful staff and just enough to do to keep me out of most mischief and my mind challenged. I have appreciated your good wishes at the reception and the many cards you have sent. Also thank you for the plaque with the engraving of the church and the generous gift of money you have given to me. I am looking for some special activities which will be extra special because they are gifts from you. Thank you again for your support and good wishes.

~ Glenna Wampler

NOTES OF THANKS CONTINUED

For many years, Bridgewater COB has participated in providing an evening meal for the volunteers at the Free Clinic. Thank you to Friendship and Joy Circles for once again making this a possibility. The Clinic is very thankful for your contribution.

~ Andrea Miracle

Thank you for the hugs, cards, smiles and expressions of sympathy and support you have been so generous with during Bob's illness and death. Your cares and concerns remind me I am not alone in my grief and re-adjustment. It is a privilege to be a part of such a caring church family.

~ Glenna Wampler

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

March 4—Third Sunday in Lent

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17;

John 2:13-22

Sermon: "Rebuilding the Body"

March 11—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preaching: *Pastor Chris Zepp*

Scriptures: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: "A Piece of Work"

March 18—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Psalm 51:1-12; John 12:20-33

Sermon: "Troubled Souls"

March 25—Sixth Sunday in Lent

Preaching: *Pastor Jeff Carr*

Scripture Readings: Mark 11:1-11; 14-15

Sermon: "Anointing and RE-Membering"

BRIDGE OF HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT

Bridge of Hope will have its Third Annual Benefit Concert on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in Court Square Theater. Cost is \$15/person. Featured bands will be Walking Roots Band, the Harrisonburg High School Jazz Band, and as an opening act—Low Volume. Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg -Rockingham (BOHHR) is a faith based non-profit organization started locally by a multi-denominational group of Christians and Bridge of Hope National to provide a way for caring individuals to reach out and help fight despair on a local level. For more information about the concert or Bridge of Hope, please call 478-2356.

WHAT IN GOD'S GREEN EARTH

Consider this: If your destination trip is one or two miles, might you walk or bike?

~ Mark Dowdy, BWCOB

CHARITABLE GIVING—NOT JUST FOR THE RICH AND FAMOUS!

The gifting principles, tax benefits, and philanthropic rewards of charitable giving can be relatively the same, regardless of how large, or how small, a gifting program. The potential for a charitable income tax deduction or an estate tax reduction, coupled with an enhanced charitable image and sense of personal fulfillment, can make the gifting of assets very attractive. The fact is, you don't have to be superrich to reap the benefits of charitable giving. Contact Jim Replogle, or any member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren **Foundation Board** to learn more about how you might make a gift that enhances the future of our congregation.

*Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Foundation
Anita Beckman, John Flora, Claire Martindale, Jim Replogle, Ruth Watson*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Wednesday Night Meals are again being served in the Social Hall most Wednesday Nights 5:30-6:30 p.m. through the spring. Everyone is welcome to join in these meals, with catering being provided by local restaurants and in-house chefs on a rotating basis. Find the menu online (updated weekly) under the "Fellowship" tab on our church website or watch the bulletin and mid-week emails. A free-will offering supports the cost of these meals, with a suggested minimum donation based on the catering/menu. Volunteers are always needed to help with set-up, clean-up, dishes, etc. – contact the church office or visit the online volunteer calendar to sign up. *Please note that the meal will be cancelled if Rockingham County Schools are cancelled for weather on Wednesdays.* If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.



PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY

The next book study will meet on March 7 & 21 and April 4, and will focus on *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian* by Brian McLaren (2017). A leading voice in contemporary religion, McLaren "argues that— notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance—Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. Drawing from his work as global activist, pastor, and public theologian, he challenges readers to stop worrying, waiting, and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church. With his trademark brilliance and compassion, McLaren invites readers to seize the moment and set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian." If you have not already ordered a book through the church office, you should obtain your own copy. We will discuss Part 1 (through p. 67) on March 7.



CHURCH WEDDING LIAISONS NEEDED

If you are interested in working with couples as they plan their weddings and / or receptions in our facility, you would be welcome to become a church wedding liaison. Financial compensation is provided for this role. For more information or to join the committee, please contact Jan Flora.

2017 CROP UPDATE

The 2017 Bridgewater College CROP Meal on October 26 and Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 29 raised a total of \$4,846.69 for Church World Service's hunger relief, education, and development programs in 80 countries around the world, with 25% of that amount coming back to fight hunger in our own communities through the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry. A heartfelt thanks to all the churches and individuals who helped make our CROP events such a blessing for God's children across the street and around the world.

BWCOB MARCH 2018 **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.

- 1 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m. – Carter Center
Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

- 3 Youth to Escape Room – TBA

- 4 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Children's Worship during Worship at 11
Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Noon
Sr. Hi. Movie Night/Discussion – 5 p.m. – Zepp Home

- 6 Executive Committee – 7 p.m.

- 7 Pastor's Book Study – 2 p.m.
Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Christian Education Commission – 7 p.m.
Fellowship & Recreation Commission – 7 p.m.
Ministerial Services Commission – 7 p.m.
Mission & Service Commission – 7 p.m.
Properties Commission – 7 p.m.
Worship & Music Commission – 7 p.m.

- 8 Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

- 11 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Youth Sunday Night Live – 6 p.m.

- 12 Finance Commission – 7 p.m.

- 13 Financial Leaders Meeting – 9 a.m.

- 14 Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
JOY Circle – 7 p.m. – TBA

- 15 BSM Love Feast – 6 p.m.
Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

- 17 Youth to Pence Middle School Musical

- 18 Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship during Worship at 11
Youth Hike – TBA

- 21 Pastor's Book Study – 2 p.m.
Cherub Choir Rehearsal – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal – 5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal – 5:45 p.m.
YOrffs Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Board of Administration – 7 p.m.

- 22 Puppets Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctus Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m.

- 23 Brethren Student Movement – 6 p.m.

- 23-24 Senior High Youth Lock-In

- 24 Easter Egg Dyeing & Craft Event – 4 p.m.

- 25 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt – Noon

- 27 Child Care Center Board – 6:15 p.m.

- 28 Witness & Nurture Commission – 6:30 p.m.

- 29 Love Feast Prayer & Preparation – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Love Feast – 6:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion & Tenebrae – 8 p.m.

- 30 Contemplative space for prayer & reflection – all day

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 1 Interfaith Association – Noon – EMU

- 6 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.

- 12 Ret. Ministers & Spouses – 5 p.m. – Maple Terrace

- 14 Bridgewater Ministers – 8 a.m. – Maple Terrace

- 20 Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry – 7 p.m.



For Our Prayers during the Month of March 2018

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
- Undergoing significant life changes
 - Starting new ventures, jobs, establishing new homes and new rhythms
 - Living with illnesses, both chronic and acute
 - Seeking employment and who have lost work
 - Finding peace and contentment
- In difficult relationships or experiencing the loss or lack of relationship
- Struggling with mental illness, anxiety, depression and or thoughts of suicide
 - Seeking a new church home
- Criticized, belittled and demeaned because of their beliefs and understandings
- Survivors, Victims, Witnesses, and Perpetrators of violence, intolerance, racism and hatred
 - Advocating for justice and righteousness
 - Wrestling with their faith

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

...Our Nation and World

... especially those impacted by the recent school shooting in Florida

...those in Nigeria... facing violence, kidnappings, and deep unrest...and for those committing these atrocities

We continue to pray specifically for **Hauwa Abdu**, one of over 200 girls and young women kidnapped in April 2014.

...our congregation, district, and denomination

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

Kathryn "Kitty" Mason, mother of **Michael Mason, Sr.**, who died February 19

Wayne Judd, husband of **Pat**, who died February 14

Lorine Sheffer, sister-in-law of **Patty Figgs**, who died February 11

Lois Stover who died February 10

Catherine Wampler, mother of **Elaine Huffman**, who died February 7

Brydon DeWitt, brother-in-law of **Jerry Wampler**, who died January 25

Wallace Lutz, brother of **Kathleen Gardner**, who died February 2

Iris Shank, mother of **Kelly Good**, who died January 16; **Gloria Liskey**, sister of **Norman Liskey** and **Phyllis Lambert**, who died January 8; **Eunice Pugh**, mother of **Mike** and **Barry Pugh**, who died January 1; **Carolyn Pettis**, sister of **Linda Clem**, who died December 25; **Bob McFadden**, significant other of **Glenna Wampler**, who died December 8, **Vera Kline**, who died November 28, **Ella Mae Fike**, who died November 25

...those who have had surgery, been hospitalized, receiving treatments, recovering from illness or are in rehabilitation...

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

...those in Volunteer Service, specifically... Stephen Miller (Japan)

...those in Military Service, specifically... Tyler Hopkins, Kent Hutchinson

...those who are requesting prayer specifically or have been on the prayer chain recently... Kervens Brun (Cindy Fike's niece's husband)

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

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This includes not only sales and purchases but also any other financial activities that may occur during the course of the business. It is essential to ensure that all entries are properly documented and supported by appropriate evidence.

In addition, it is important to regularly review and reconcile the accounts to ensure that they are up-to-date and accurate. This process helps to identify any discrepancies or errors that may have occurred and allows for prompt correction. It also provides a clear picture of the financial health of the business at any given time.

Furthermore, it is crucial to maintain a clear and organized system for storing and retrieving financial records. This can be achieved through the use of proper filing techniques and the implementation of a robust accounting system. By doing so, the business can ensure that all necessary information is readily available when needed.

Finally, it is important to stay up-to-date on the latest accounting practices and regulations. This can be done through ongoing education and professional development. By staying current, the business can ensure that its financial records are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

In conclusion, maintaining accurate and organized financial records is a critical component of any successful business. By following the guidelines outlined in this document, the business can ensure that its financial information is reliable and trustworthy.