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An Invitation to Love Feast

Jesus' last evening with His disciples before His arrest and crucifixion was spent with Jesus washing the disciples' feet, sharing a meal together and partaking of communion. This was a special time for the disciples and for Jesus. In fact, in the gospel of John we are encouraged to remember these events as part of our worship. At Buffalo Valley we remember that night through a time we call "Love Feast".

Love Feast is an important part of our worship calendar each year. We gather together to take turns washing feet as a way of reminding ourselves what Jesus has done for us and what we can do for one another. When we say "wash", don't think soap and scrubbing, but rather warm water and a ceremonial washing. We share a meal together that is prepared by our Spiritual Life Ministry Team of beef, rice, bread and grapes and then we take communion with unleavened bread and grape juice. The service lasts a little over an hour and also has some devotionals and music.

The next **Love Feast** will be held on **October 2nd at 5 pm**. Everyone is encouraged to attend and if you have any questions about the service please contact any member of the Spiritual Life Ministry Team or the pastors. You won't be disappointed if you attend.

Pastor Eric



Time of Celebration

Eric Kauffman has been serving us for a year. On Sunday September 18th during the Sunday morning services he was officially installed to his position of Youth and Young Adult Pastor by District Executive William Waugh. Eric's longtime friend Mike Ford preached the Sunday morning sermon.



It Is Getting Late!!!

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2017 Church Calendar**. If you or your group or team has **practices, events, activities, meetings, meals, etc.** that you wish to hold **either here at the church or offsite**, please provide the information to the appropriate ministry team leader. The calendar helps prevent events from competing for our time. Use of the church also needs to be scheduled to prevent conflicts for space and for the best use of our facility. (Ministry team leaders please turn in your dates to the church office for the proposed calendar.)

A **Church Calendar ADDITION Form** needs to be completed for **every church activity** so that none are missed. Be sure to include the start & end times, preparation start & end times, and rooms to be used. Just because your event or meeting was on the calendar in the past, please do not assume anything. Again don't forget to submit offsite activities.

A **Facilities Use Agreement** needs to be completed for private use of the church facility. This and other forms can be found in the church office or by going to **www.bvcob.com**.

Thank you for keeping your church family informed of the where and when of church life. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Note: In order to give priority to church functions and ministries, calendar dates for 2017 must be submitted from the ministry teams **by October 1, 2016**. No outside groups will be permitted to schedule any events for 2017 (with the exceptions of weddings) until after November 1, 2016.



Willing to Serve

The **Adult Ministry Team (AMT)** would like to extend a warm welcome to its two newest members. **Tricia Dreese** and **Craig Gabel** have officially joined the AMT as the **Women's and Men's ministry leaders**, respectively.

Craig and Tricia are jumping in to their new roles head-first and are diligently working to serve our church through these ministries.

If you have any questions about either of these ministries or their new leaders, please reach out to Tricia/Craig. All church attendees are invited and encouraged to take part in the men's and women's ministries at BVCOB.

Thanks,
Steve White, Adult Ministry Team Leader



CHOCOLATE LOVER'S DELIGHT

Our **Ninth Annual Candy Making Project** for our church **Building Together Fund** has begun.

Order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Main Entry. Order **deadline** is **October 9** following the Second Service. If you have any questions, please see Jane Mast or Cheryl Ilgen.

Candy making date is **Friday, October 21** with pick up on Sunday morning, October 23.

The candy makes great gifts and stores well!

Candy Committee,
Cheryl Ilgen & Jane Mast



Buffalo Gals

Women's Ministry at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB) will continue to collect **pill bottles**. These may be: prescription or over the counter pill bottles, large or small in size and with or without child resistant lids. Please deposit all your pill bottles with lids, in the collection bin near the Women's Ministry table.

Duffle bags, socks and underwear are still being collected for children entering our local Foster Care program. We can accept sizes newborn - Adult 2X. Please deposit these in the bin also located near Women's Ministry table.

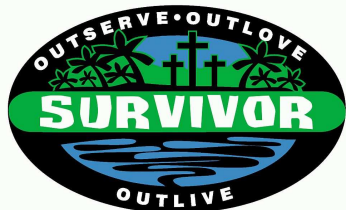
Our **basket ministry** is in need of the following donations: Christian books and devotionals, puzzle books, magazines, snacks (within good expiration date), disposable drinking cups, small tissue packs. Please deposit these items in the basket, located near the Women's Ministry table. If you have any questions, you may contact Heather Reid.

On **October 22nd**, from **9 – 11 am** at BVCOB, we will have a speaker join us from Oasis of Hope. This will be an opportunity for us to learn more about Oasis of Hope, plus ask questions pertaining to their ministry. Light refreshments will be provided.

1 Peter 4:10 - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Tricia Dreese, Women's Ministry





CHILDREN'S RETREAT

At Crystal Springs Retreat Center

October 28 - 29, 2016

5 pm to 7 pm

for any kids in **1st - 5th grades***

*Kindergarteners welcome if parent attending as well

Check out kids.bvcob.com or the children's table for more information!

Nicole Hoover for Children's Ministry Team

Operation Christmas Child

The shoeboxes are still in need of some items. With your help, we can get the boxes packed and ready for their dedication on Sunday, November 20.



We are still in need of several things to complete the boxes, including:

- 303 Coloring Books
- 285 Washcloths
- 150 Matchbox Cars
- 137 Construction Pads
- 120 Pencil Sharpeners

Please check the tree for other items that are needed.

Your donation can be dropped off at the Christmas tree at the Mission Ministry Team table.

Mission Team

From Your Lead Pastor,



A Plug for the Psalms....

I read six chapters of the Bible each day and I write a little blog about something that I've read that day. There are 150 psalms in the book of Psalms so that means I would be in psalms for about 25 days. I've enjoyed reading the psalms and I want to mention something to you, perhaps you will find it helpful.

Sometimes in my life I find that I want to pray more. But what can I pray about? Reciting the same list each day gets boring and honestly, though I know repetition in prayer can be important at times, I feel a little silly repeating the same things each day. Here is where the psalms come in. The psalms are excellent ways to pray. You can read a psalm and pray that psalm back to God, meditating on what the psalm says and how it applies to you and to others. Here is an example. Psalm 1 is a contrast of the righteous man and the wicked man. The righteous man is compared to a tree that is planted by the rivers of living water. The ungodly man is compared to chaff. Chaff is the light, worthless stuff that blows away when wheat is threshed.

This is a great psalm to pray back to God. Ask God to show you which of these two metaphors fits your life...the tree or the chaff. Ask God to make you like the tree. Praise God for the way that you bear fruit in season. Praise God for your strength even in difficult times. Or, if the chaff reminds you of someone you know, pray for that person. If you will do this, you will find that 15 - 20 minutes will disappear very quickly and you will have spent that time meditating on God's word and opening yourself up to the Holy Spirit and His work in your life. You will find that you can really spend quality time with God and you won't be bored, fall asleep or walk away from your time with God saying to yourself, "What did I just read"? Use the psalms in this important way. You won't be disappointed.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



When you are yoked to Jesus, you are not yoked to restlessness, strife or worry. Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of Jesus.

Roy Lessin



Are you "All In"?

I don't know how many of you who read this have ever played poker in the past, especially the most popular variety, Texas Hold 'Em. This is the kind of poker that is played on the televised TV tournaments. I don't play too much poker. I once lost \$100 playing poker in college, and back then \$100 was a lot of money for me. After that, I pretty much stopped playing poker. Anyway, in poker you place bets based on the hand that you have been dealt. One of the bets you can place is "all in". That means that you push whatever chips you have into the middle of the table. If you win, you usually win a lot of chips but if you lose, you are out of the game. You are "all in" and if you lose, you have nothing left...you are out. To place an "all in" bet requires a total commitment to your hand.

Starting the second week of October and going through the month of October we are going to look at some of the more challenging words of Jesus in the New Testament. There are several times where Jesus calls those who want to follow Him to a total commitment. There is no "easy believism" taught in the words of Jesus.

We will be asking ourselves the question, Are we all in as it relates to our relationship with Jesus Christ? Are we totally committed to following Jesus? Do the difficult words that Jesus has to say mean something to us, or are we willing to ignore Him in order to "hedge our bets"? Please join us in the month of October. We won't be playing poker but we will hopefully be "all in".

Pastor Eric



CHURCH CALENDAR

Please remember that the calendar in The Lamplighter is only a copy from the church events calendar. For the complete view of the current official calendar including facility in use items visit the church website, www.bvcob.com.



Westernport Mission Opportunity

A team will be traveling to **Westernport COB** on **Saturday, November 5th** for a **Children's Fall Festival**. Watch for more information coming soon. If you've been curious about Westernport but have been unsure about committing to a week-long summer mission, this one day trip is a good starting point. Join the team as they visit Westernport and minister to the children with fun, games, and food!



IT'S BACK.....

GET READY.....AFTER A LONG HIATUS
IT'S COMING BACK!!!

DO YOU LIKE TO EAT.....EXPERIENCE
ANTICIPATION AND LOTS OF
FELLOWSHIP???

IF SO....JOIN IN.....COMING IN
OCTOBER AT A HOUSE NEAR YOU!!!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner??? Is an evening set aside for you and one-two-or three or more families to fellowship together in a home. You will get to choose to be a host or a guest. If you chose to be a host, you will be asked to prepare a meat and a beverage. You will be told how many to expect but not who! That surprise will come when the doorbell rings.

If you choose to be a guest, you will be asked to prepare a potato dish, rolls, a vegetable or a dessert and how many to prepare for. On the Sunday morning of **October 9th** you will receive an envelope with your destination inside. Your sincere honesty will enable you to wait one hour before leaving to open your envelope!

You are guaranteed a **fun filled evening!** So please participate! More details to follow!

Mark your calendars for the evening of Sunday, **October 9th**, 2016.

Pam Kline, Special Events Coordinator



What's Cooking at Buffalo Valley

Love Feast is approaching quickly! Those that have participated in this Brethren tradition have partaken of the Beef & Rice Soup. The recipe for this soup is found on page 17 of ***Come to the Table* cookbook!** You can purchase your copy of the cookbook at the welcome center. The cost is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Building Fund. We hope you will come out and participate in **Love Feast** on Sunday evening, **October 2nd!**

Our featured recipe this month is Aaron Pursel's **Fettuccine Alfredo** and is found on page 91 of ***Come to the Table* cookbook.**

- ½ C. - butter
- ½ C. - light cream
- ½ C. - Parmesan cheese,
shredded or grated
- salt & pepper to taste
- 12 - 16 oz. - fettuccine or spaghetti noodles,
uncooked

Cook pasta in boiling, salted water, following cooking instructions on package. Heat butter and cream in 2-quart casserole dish for 2 - 4 minutes in microwave, until butter is melted. Drain pasta thoroughly in colander. Add pasta to butter and cream and toss to mix, so all pasta is coated. Sprinkle the cheese over pasta and coat evenly. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serves 6 - 8.

Oh wow, this is a tasty dish. It's also very simple to make! I had no fettuccine in the cabinet, so I used farfalle pasta. It's great combined with shrimp. I haven't tried it with chicken yet, but I believe that would be quite tasty too. Give it a try!



The Mystery Chef

The larger the God we know, the larger will be our faith.

A.B. Simpson



LIFT Brunch

All ladies are welcome to our next brunch to be held **October 1** from **9 to 11 am!** Please bring a breakfast dish or treat to share.

In addition to eating delicious food and sharing delightful conversation, we will share a devotion and hear from our own Sarah Kauffman.

Please sign up on the LIFT bulletin board in the Main Entry.

Women's Ministry



Friday Fun Night: November 4, 11 & 18

Monday Funday: November 28

Family Gingerbread Night: December 2

Check the children's table for complete schedules!

Nicole Hoover for Children's Ministry Team

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2016!

November 3 – Sight & Sound Freebirds

November 6 – Fall Church Council Meeting

November 13 - Roller skating

November 26 – Kettle Cook



December 11 – All Church Christmas Party

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8:00 AM - Worship Service
9:00 AM - Fellowship Time
9:20 AM - Sunday school
10:30 AM - Worship Service



Community Aid Bin

Thank you to all who “Feed the Bin”! Your donations help to pay for shipping for the 450 + Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!

Please remember:

1. Please only soft household goods in the bin. Only what will fit in a plastic garbage bag.
2. Books are acceptable, but please bag them.
3. No breakables!!
4. Please do not leave anything on the ground outside the bin!
5. If too big to go in the bin, please do not leave it.
6. Furniture and other large items need to be taken directly to the Community Aid Store.

Thank you again for your continued support!!

The Mission Team