

# The Lamplighter

Buffalo Valley  
Church of the Brethren

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## All Church Picnic & Baptism JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

**Picnic** 12:30 - 2:30 pm  
**Baptism** to Immediately Follow



Come join your church family for a day of great food and fellowship followed by the baptism.

The event is being held at the Keister farm so don't forget your bathing suits and fishing gear!!!

The church will be providing roast pig, paper products, drinks and ice cream machine! Please bring a covered dish and a dessert to share.

Hope to see you there,  
Pam Kline, Special Events Coordinator  
Carol Pursel, Spiritual Life Ministry Team

## ♥ Special Sundays in July ♥

We have two special Sundays in July that you need to know about. On **July 17<sup>th</sup>** we will have an **ordination service** for Pastor Donita during both services. I'll be preaching that day and this will be a great time to celebrate God's calling and His activity in and through Donita's life.

Then on **July 31<sup>st</sup>** we are having **Pastor Richard Reyes** here as a **guest speaker**. Richard and his wife, Jewel, were the hosts for the most recent Dominican Republic mission trip. They are in the United States over the summer and we've invited them on that day and have asked Richard to preach. He will be preaching in Spanish and his wife will interpret for us. This promises to be a very special day.

Pastor Eric



## GUYS NEEDED!

When we were preparing to find Care Receivers for our recently commissioned Stephen Ministers, we were presented by the Spiritual Life Ministry Team with a list of **TEN MEN** who needed care.

This list reflects **TEN MEN** who fall into these types of categories:

- Homebound
- Widower
- Caring for wife with chronic illness/disability
- Have a disability
- Have family problems
- Have no real connections in our church
- Have their own illness

These **TEN MEN** are part of our faith community.

These **TEN MEN** need a listening ear.

These **TEN MEN** need encouragement to keep turning to Jesus.

These **TEN MEN** may not even include other men in our congregation who feel they need 1:1 support to do life.

These **TEN MEN** need male care givers to minister to them.

**Guys**, these **TEN MEN** need you.

Contact us to find out how you can be one of **TEN MEN** to help these **TEN MEN**.

Grace and peace,  
Tracy Ericson & Alicia Showers  
Stephen Leaders



## Answering the Call

It is **time for the calling process to begin!** If you said to yourself, “It seems early in the year for that”, then you are correct! It is earlier than last year, but not as early as it will be next year. If you said, “What is the calling process”, then you need to ask a Team Leader, Pastor or a seasoned attendee what this is all about. A quick explanation would be that it is the process our congregation uses to give prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit and each member input into the choosing of leadership for our Congregation’s teams and representatives.

At our spring Church Council meeting, there was a change approved which intentionally creates a period of time when the current Team Leader and the newly called Team Leader work together. In this period of time, the new Team Leader serves as the “Team Leader Elect”. This period of time is created by scheduling the calling in January at the beginning of the year which is about 10 months earlier than in the past. This year, having the Church Council’s approval in May, the calling was scheduled as early as was reasonable.

On Sunday, **July 17th**, we will be asking the church members of our congregation to name individuals for consideration in leadership. The Gifts Discernment Team (GDT) will tabulate the names and then through discernment and prayer determine whom to call to each leadership position. When an individual accepts the call, their name will be presented to the congregation for affirmation.

This year’s positions to be filled are **Building & Grounds Ministry Team Leader, Church Clerk, Female Member of GDT, Ministry Coordinating Team Chairperson, Mission Ministry Team Leader, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team Leader, One Annual Conference Delegate** and **Two District Conference Delegates.**

Calling sheets, membership lists and other documents will be made available via newline email, the BVCOB website, and your church mailbox.

We must surround this event with prayer and invite the Holy Spirit to guide us through the entire process. While only members are involved in the naming, we covet the prayers of all who join in worship and ministry here at Buffalo Valley.

In His Service,  
Dale Lehman for The Gift’s Discernment Team



**June 29<sup>th</sup>  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Preschoolers: 2 ½ to pre-K  
9:30 am – 12 pm**

**K5: those who have completed kindergarten  
through 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
9:30 am — 4 pm**

**REGISTER ONLINE – [kids.bvcob.com](http://kids.bvcob.com)**

**Friends** are ALWAYS welcome.

**Food:** Snack for preschoolers, lunch for K5

Special Notes for K5 camp: Weather permitting, we will go to the town pool at 1 pm (if not, we’ll **“STAY & PLAY”** at the church).

Lunch will be served at noon. You may attend only the morning session or only the afternoon session or all day!

**MANY PRAISES TO GOD, THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER STAFF, AND FOR YOUR PRAYERS AS WE MINISTERED TO APPROXIMATELY 162 CHILDREN DURING OUR FIRST WEEK OF CAMP!**

Nicole Hoover, for Children’s Ministry Team

## PIT – Youth Ministry

Passionate for,  
Intimate with,  
Transformed by CHRIST



### Summer Sunday Nights:

All: 6 – 8 pm

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Keister Pond Gathering
- July 10<sup>th</sup> PIT youth planning
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Keister Pond Gathering
- July 24<sup>th</sup> PIT Planning
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Movie Night (6 – 9 pm)

### Youth Events:

- June 29 - July 3 - Creation
- July 16 - Together2016 (Washington, D.C.)

*Parents, we also send weekly emails, Facebook posts and monthly Newsletter about upcoming events – if you are not getting them, you may miss something – let the office know!*

## Young Adults!

### Events:

Join us for **Together2016**, a day trip to D.C. for prayer and worship for our country with around 1,000,000 other people!

### Together2016 – Reset2016

At multiple times in Israel's history, usually as a last resort or in desperate times, the people would gather to read God's Word, pray, repent, and worship. God always responded.

It is no secret our country needs to reset its focus on Jesus! A few people have committed to doing just that: **Together 2016** is the day our generation will meet on the National Mall to come together around Jesus in unified prayer, worship, and a call for catalytic change. We're coming together with as many people as possible who believe Jesus changes everything. **Moments of historic change are often marked by historic gatherings.**

Will you join us? (Everybody is welcome!) More details coming.

Your Youth & Young Adult Pastor,  
Pastor K

## Caring For A Needy World With The Things We Throw Away



What do you do with your empty pill bottles? Throw in the trash? Recycle? LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) has begun a new project that we would like you to participate in. You could even reach out to family members or co-workers to help.

The title of this article is a motto from Matthew 25 Ministries ([www.m25;m.org](http://www.m25;m.org)). We became aware that this organization accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. In some underdeveloped countries there is a need for containers to be used to send medication home with patients. It is a small thing but suppose you go to a clinic with a medical need. There is medication but no small bottle to put the medication in. The medication would become worthless if not properly stored. Also some of the bottles will be shredded and the money used to help with other ministries. The pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

There will be a box in the main entry where you can place your pill bottles. Please wash the pill bottles (prescription or over-the-counter) with hot soapy water and remove all labels and residual glue. After they are dry replace the cap and bring them to church. LIFT will see that they are shipped.

The month of May was mission emphasis month for LIFT. We are looking for ways to reach out to our community and the world through small projects that will make an impact in the lives of others.



Marsha Libby



## Do You Have an Answer?

**Question:** What do you get when you have 50+ kids, 20+ adults, and hot summer days in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains?

**Answer:** A mission trip to Westernport, MD for a week-long summer day camp!

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20 adults and teens from Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB) will board two vans headed for rural Western Maryland where they will spend an activity-filled week with children from Westernport, MD.

Due to the efforts of Pastor Diane May and her congregation at Westernport COB, children from the community are being cared for on a weekly and sometimes even daily basis. Pastor Diane ministers not only to the spiritual needs of these children but she also ministers to their emotional and physical needs. It is not unusual for Pastor Diane to make home visits, supply clothing, food, towels, pillows and school supplies for these children. Just recently, Pastor Diane and her husband became foster parents to two of these children. The story is similar for many of these little ones: broken, poverty-filled homes where even the most basic necessities are a luxury.

Please keep Pastor Diane and the BVCOB Team Members in your prayers as they prepare spiritually and physically for this trip:

**Shepherds:** Linda Jarrett & Clarissa Styer (K - 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Zach Showers & Susan Styer (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Jeff Bastian & Ruth Moore (4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Junior High Program:**

Athena Berkheiser & Danielle Sommers

**Bible Teacher:** Pastor Eric

**Craft Team:** Carol Pursel, Carole Hoffmaster,  
Brianna Reamer, & Cindy Kelly

**Imagination Station:** Linda Miller

**Glacier Games:** Daniel Styer & Thomas Styer

**Kitchen Help:** Janice Shively, Vicki Bastian (Team Leader), & Kaye Hoover

**Day Camp Director/Floater:** Brenda Eberhart



Brenda Eberhart

## Want to Know What is Happening?



A big **THANK YOU** to **Lori Hunsberger** for serving as the Church Treasurer for the last 12 years!! We really appreciate all her time and efforts for more than a decade! Lori recently asked to step down from being the treasurer.

**Jake Myer** has agreed to be our **new Church Treasurer**. Lori will continue as his assistant, not only to help Jake but so we have a back-up person that understands everything that the treasurer needs to do. Please contact Jake Myer for any treasurer needs or questions moving forward.

We are planning a calling for new team leaders in July. This normally happens later in the year, but we are wanting the newly called team leaders to be able to serve alongside the current team leaders for a more seamless transition. Please keep the calling process and all the team leaders in your prayers.

The Ministry Coordinating Team (MCT) is always available for any questions or concerns that you may have about the church. Listed below are the Ministry Teams and the team leaders:

- Adult Ministry Team – Steve White
- Building & Grounds Ministry Team – Bill Baker
- Children's Ministry Team – Nicole Hoover
- Finance Ministry Team – Jim Brubaker
- Hospitality & Communications Ministry – Jan Kline
- Mission Ministry Team – Vicki Bastian
- Spiritual Life Ministry Team – Carol Pursel
- Worship & Music Ministry Team – Nicole Walter
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry – Pastor Kauffman  
(Pastor K is filling in as team leader)
- Gifts Discernment Team – Dale Lehman

Brian Hurst, MCT Chairperson



Don't forget to "Feed the Bin" when you clean out your closets this summer. Your unwanted and gently used clothing, linens, books, etc help support mission ministries.



## From Your Lead Pastor,



### Can I Disagree Without Being Disagreeable?

Social media has given us a powerful gift; but it is a gift whose value is up to those who use it. It can be both powerfully dangerous and powerfully beneficial. Facebook and Twitter provide a way to give your thoughts on behavior and direction of individuals and countries. Often, each of us finds ourselves disagreeing with someone on a social issue like sexuality or a governmental issue like presidential candidate. Unfortunately, the debate sometimes turns nasty and even abusive.

The recent Orlando shooting has given some “Christian” (and I use the term loosely) pastors an opportunity to claim that those in the night club deserved to die. Others want to use this tragedy to illustrate that anyone who believes that homosexuality is sinful is guilty of contributing to the tragedy as well. How do we navigate disagreements as a society without being disagreeable or even worse? Here are a couple of thoughts that I think can help you navigate these issues:

1. Have an informed opinion. Know why you feel the way you do about a person or an issue. For Jesus followers, it seems to me to be important to be able to trace your opinion back to a biblical worldview.

2. Be open to changing your mind. In dialogue with someone we might learn new facts or see things from a different perspective. Never entrench yourself behind a person or an issue in a way that you cannot “walk it back” should new information or new insight come to you.

3. Don’t call names. People have value and dignity regardless of their opinions on any issue; value that is only denigrated by name calling.

4. Consider shying away from words like “always” and “never”. These words put people on the defensive and often lead people to look for exceptions without really considering the main thrust of your idea or argument.

5. Ask, “Am I Being Loving?” You can disagree with someone and still love him. I think it is incumbent on Jesus followers to err on the side of love, even if it means we might not be as effective in getting our point across.

6. Be quick to apologize. If you’ve treated someone poorly, be ready to admit it and make it right if possible. None of us are going to get it right all of the time.

If you ever want to talk about any of today’s issues, please know that my e-mail address, telephone number and office door are always open to you.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



### For What Should I be Praying...

To be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all wisdom and spiritual knowledge.

Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.

Giving thanks to the Father.



## All About Jesus!

This summer's sermon time will be mostly given over to the book of Colossians. The book of Colossians is actually a letter written by Paul to the Christ followers in Colosse. This letter focuses on some false teaching that was present there and how to recover from that. The main idea is that life should be all about Jesus. Jesus is the main focus of life for the follower of Jesus.

Is that true for you? I hope that it is. We are all made in the image of God. As such, we have a unique spiritual dimension of our lives, different from any other living thing on the planet. And our Creator desires that our lives be all about Him and His Son, Jesus. A life that is all about Jesus is going to reflect the life of Jesus. It is going to contain a significant amount of suffering. It is going to mean looking out for the interests of others above one's own interests. It means loving your enemies and praying for those who spitefully use you. It means laying down your life for your friends and perhaps even your enemies.

Over the summer we are going to look at this book and see if there are lessons that we need to learn to help us to live lives that are "All about Jesus".

God Bless,  
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](http://www.bvcob.com).

## Young People Headed for Fun & Growth



For those going to **Camp Eder**, get ready for an awesome time! Remember this is a wonderful place to make some great Christian friends, maybe even establish some lifetime bonds! Check the narthex sheet for who is going when if you want to carpool. If you are going and aren't on that sheet, please sign up!!

May God bless you with friendships and joy as you get to know others and Christ better!! Prayers for campers and staff appreciated.

God is good, all the time!

Fay Richard, Camp Representative



## Musical Day Camp 2016

*For kids who have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

**Monday, August 8**  
through  
**Friday, August 12**

from 9 am to 1 pm daily

Performances Held

**SATURDAY, August 13**  
7:00 PM

**SUNDAY, August 14**  
9:30 AM

Nicole Hoover, for Children's Ministry Team



## What's Cooking at Buffalo Valley

Vicki Bastian's **Ham Bar-Be-Que Sandwiches** recipe on page 100 of **Come to the Table cookbook** is yummy, quick and easy to prepare!

- 1 T. - butter or margarine
- 1 C. - onions, chopped
- 1 ½ tsp. - paprika
- 3 T. - sugar
- 2 tsp. - Worcestershire sauce
- 3 T. - vinegar
- 1 tsp. - dry mustard
- ¼ tsp. - black pepper
- ½ C. - ketchup
- 1 lb. - Virginia ham chipped
- 8 - 10 round rolls

Mix all ingredients together, except ham and simmer for 20 minutes. Add chipped ham and stir to coat thoroughly. Heat an additional 30 minutes on low until ham is heated through. You can also place mixture in a crockpot to heat and serve.

Look easy enough? It is! And it's delicious. There are many more quick, easy and tasty recipes in the **Come to the Table cookbook!** On page 35 is Roxanne Styers' **Macaroni Salad** recipe. That would pair nicely with the Ham Bar-Be-Que Sandwiches mentioned above.

You can pick up a copy of the **Come to the Table cookbook** at the Welcome Center. The cost is just \$10 and they are great bridal shower and housewarming gifts. A very nice way to welcome a new neighbor is to purchase a cookbook, prepare a dish and give them in combination to the new neighbor. You can also extend an invite to BVCOB, if they don't already have a home church.

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks help to offset the building debt.



The Mystery Chef



## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF PIZZA PARTY!

Join us for a kickoff to the new Sunday school year on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> directly after 2<sup>nd</sup> service.** Children and parents will have the opportunity to chat with the Sunday school teachers, check out their classrooms, and join in other fun activities. Pizza will be provided!

Children will report to their "new" classroom if "moving up" on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Nicole Hoover

## LOOKING AHEAD IN 2016!



August 8 – 12 – Musical Day Camp  
August 13 & 14 – Children's Musical

September 11 – 14 – Women's Beach Retreat  
September 16 & 17 – District Conference  
at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren  
September 18 – Freebirds Picnic  
September 30 – Family Hay Ride

October 2 – LOVE FEAST  
October 15 – Corn Maze/Dinner Freebirds  
October 16 – Trap Shoot  
October 29 & 30 – All Church Retreat

November 3 – Sight & Sound Freebirds  
November 6 – Fall Church Council Meeting  
November 13 - Rollerskating  
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



**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30**

**p.m.**

**Mifflinburg Pool**

Nicole Hoover, for Children's Ministry Team