



# The Lamplighter

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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".

At **Love Feast** we gather together to take turns washing feet as a way of reminding ourselves of the importance of serving one another AND allowing others to serve us. When we say "wash", don't think soap and scrubbing, but rather warm water and a towel. We share a meal together of beef, rice, bread and grapes that is prepared by our Spiritual Life Ministry Team 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 **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend and if you have any questions please contact any member of the Spiritual Life Ministry Team or the pastors. You won't be disappointed if you attend.

Pastor Eric



## Westernport Fall Festival



A team is forming to travel to **Westernport COB** on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** 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!

Vicki Bastian

## Rich Miller is Licensed to Minister

On Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> Bill Waugh, the District Executive for the Pa Southern District of the Church of the Brethren lead part of the morning worship to publicly recognize and consecrate Rich Miller to Licensed Ministry in the Church of the Brethren. Rich, his wife Jennifer and their children kneeled for the laying on of hands in prayer. Rich has been working his way through the licensing process over the past year.

Licensed ministry in the Church of the Brethren is a step in the process to becoming ordained into the pastoral ministry. To be licensed Rich went through a year of discernment with a group of men officially called a cohort. As Rich volunteered in several different ministries within the Youth\Young Adult program and some outreach events, he touched base with his cohort to talk through different aspects of his ministry and its impact on his life. Rich remained committed throughout and then based on an interview and evaluation by the District Ministry Commission he was granted a license.

The licensing status is not easy and comes with further commitments to not only continue practicing and growing in ministry but to take courses of study which eventually could lead to full ordination to Set Apart Ministry. Though licensed by the District and receiving some financial assistance for the course of study, Rich is very much a volunteer as he works in our congregation and gains experience in ministry. It is very exciting to walk with Rich and his family as they move deeper into ministry. Let us join together in supporting the Miller family with our prayers and support in any way we can.

Dale Lehman, Moderator



## It Is Getting Late!

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2018 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**.

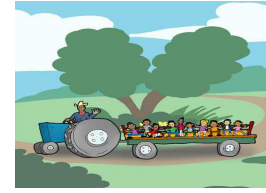
Thank you for keeping your church family informed of the where and when of church life. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Note: In order to give priority to church functions and ministries, calendar dates for 2018 must be submitted from the ministry teams by October 1, 2017. No outside groups will be permitted to schedule any events for 2018 (with the exceptions of weddings) until after November 1, 2017.



## God Sees the Little Things You Do

None of us can help everyone.  
But all of us can help someone.  
And when we help them, we serve Jesus!!  
Max Lucado



## Family Hayride Event

New Date October 6<sup>th</sup>  
(No Rain Date)

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren

All children and families are welcome to attend.

Preschoolers should be accompanied by their own hay ride and activity attendant.

Food!

Inflatables!

Crafts!

FUN!

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team

## ? Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ?

Sunday **October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
somewhere **between 5 - 6 pm** at  
"somewhere"!!!



Today, September 24<sup>th</sup> is the **deadline** to get your reservation form in to join your church family for a great night of food and fellowship!!!

If you didn't get your paper into Karen Beiler or Fay Richard's mailboxes today you may email them with your information.

We will need families /individuals to "Host" and families/individuals to be "Guests". It will keep you guessing!!!

Blessings,  
Pam Kline, Special Events Coordinator

## Fall Children's Ministry



### Sunday School Offering

This quarter we are going to be collecting items to assemble **hygiene kits for Church World Service**. These kits may go directly to victims of Hurricane Harvey or be used to replenish the supply of kits that have already been sent.

#### Items needed for one hygiene kit:

- One gallon Ziploc bag
- One **hand towel** measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One **washcloth**
- One wide-tooth **comb** removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail **clipper** removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of **soap** in the wrapper
- One **toothbrush** in the package
- Ten standard size **Band-Aids**

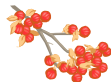
So how can you and your child help? The students can bring in completed kits. They can bring in specific items to fill kits (example a pack of washcloths which would then be divided). And as always students can bring in money which will be used towards the shipping.

We will be asking the church to help contribute items as well and by placing them in a bin for donations in the Main Entry. The students will then assemble the kits during Sunday School during the fall quarter.

Here is a link for more information on Church World Service.

<http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/hygiene-kits/>

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



What are you doing that is more important than what God is calling you to do?



## CHOCOLATE LOVER'S DELIGHT

Our **Tenth Annual Candy Making Project** for our church **Building Fund** will soon begin.

Order forms will be available in your church mailbox and at the Welcome Center in the Main Entry starting September 10. The order **deadline** is **October 8** following the Second Service. If you have any questions, please see Jane Mast or Cheryl Ilgen.

**Candy making** date is **Friday, October 20** with pick up on Sunday morning, October 22.

The candy makes great gifts and stores well!

Candy Committee,  
Cheryl Ilgen & Jane Mast

## We Want You at Our Bazaar

**Do you craft? Are you a consultant for Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Lularoe, Norwex, etc.???** If so, **we'd like to invite you to participate** as a vendor.

Our community **Craft/Vendor bazaar** is scheduled to be held at BVCOB on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm**. Contact Gaye Stahl at (570) 524-7453 for details.

Applications are available at the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please return yours to Gaye as soon as possible. Vendor space is available on a first come basis. **Partial proceeds** from this bazaar will **benefit Next Door Neighborhood Outreach**, as well as **Expectations**.

Tricia Dreese



We each have 168 hours in a week. We all have the time to do what God is calling us to do!!

*From Your Lead Pastor,*



### Why Be Involved in a Denomination?

The weekend of September 15 - 16 a number of people from Buffalo Valley attended our denomination's District Conference in York. We financially support our District with contributions of over \$22,000 this year and a similar figure every year. We also send two delegates each year to our Annual Conference and as most of you know, Pastor Donita is the moderator-elect and will be moderator of the Brethren denomination in 2019. She spends a lot of time in this position and will spend more in 2019. Why do we do this? Why does Buffalo Valley spend tens of thousands of dollars each year in giving and manpower for our denomination? That's a really good question and one that the leadership here takes very seriously. I don't have time to provide a complete answer in this article but I can share a few reasons.

1. We believe in the value of community. God's people have always been in community. Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB) is part of a Christian community and part of a Brethren community. We think this is important. We believe that we are made stronger as a local church by being part of this larger community and that our participation strengthens the larger community as well. We participate in many denominational programs such as Children's Aid Society and Brethren Disaster Ministries.

2. We share common values. As a Brethren church we share common values with our sister churches in the denomination. There are 44 churches in our district. We are not all alike. Some are more conservative theologically than BVCOB and some less conservative. We don't look the same and our worship styles and priorities are different but we all coalesce around our desire to do the work of Jesus simply, peaceably and together.

3. We have something to offer. Buffalo Valley is a strong church in our District. As one of the larger churches and one of the churches that is growing in influence in the community we have things to offer to our sister churches. For example, I taught an Insight session at our recent District Conference discussing how to integrate new people into the life of the church family. As a church that recently received 30 new members into our fellowship, we have something to offer other churches by way of ideas and programs. Of

course, we also can learn from the other churches, both big and small.

If you have any questions about our denomination or our involvement in it, please don't hesitate to ask. We want you to know why we are involved and how that benefits us and how we benefit others. Thanks for helping us to be a part of the Church of the Brethren.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



There is always a benefit to  
answering God's call!!!



## Buffalo Gals

Our next session of **Secret Sister** is underway. Please be sure to **keep your secret sister in prayer**. In addition, periodically surprise her with a card or small token of your appreciation for her.

**ALL women** at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB) are **invited to join us** for the upcoming fellowship events scheduled below. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

BVCOB recently held their annual Women's Beach Retreat in Bethany Beach. Special thanks to Carol Pursel for organizing this opportunity.

**November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** we have an opportunity to attend a **Lysa TerKeurst women's conference** titled "**Women of Purpose**". This will be held in Hershey, PA. We're planning to stay overnight Friday evening in Hershey. A sign-up sheet is posted on Women's Ministry bulletin board. See *Carol Manbeck* for more details.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** join us at BVCOB for **Buffalo Gals' Dressement Talent Show Extravaganza!** 6:30 pm – 9 pm. You are invited to submit your art work and/or sign up to share a talent. Sign-ups will begin in October at the Women's Ministry Bulletin board. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served. Become educated in regards to human trafficking and Dressement throughout the night. Requested donation upon entrance will be donated to Dressement.

### Discipleship Reconciliation Ambassadorship Mission Authenticity

Mark 16: 15-16, 19-20 - *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

**How are you sharing the gospel with your families, community and the world at large? How can you be more intentional?** Find a friend this month and discuss your responses with one another.

Many Blessings to every Sister in Christ!

Tricia Dreese



## Free As a Bird

Thanks to those who came out for the picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the weather was beautiful. We had about 20 people there, good food and good fellowship.

The October 8<sup>th</sup> walk is cancelled due to the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event. Not yet sure of a reschedule.

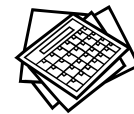
On **November 9<sup>th</sup>** we will be going to **American Music Theater** and **Shady Maple** for lunch. The show is at 3 pm and then we will return home. The cost is **\$75.00 for the bus, meal and show**. Please sign up, we have 56 seats available and this is **open to all**, in or out of the church. We had a great time last year and I am pretty sure it will be another awesome time. Hope to see you there.

Linda Buttorff for the Freebirds



## Have You Purchased a WEIS CARD?

The Weis Gift card program has been a great success. You get to spend 100% of your money on groceries and the profits still go to the "Building for Ministry" fund.



## 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.



## CHILDREN'S RETREAT

At Crystal Springs Retreat Center

Theme: Peace Making

**November 4 - 5**

12:00 Noon to 12:00 Noon

for any kids in **1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades\***

\*Kindergarteners welcome if parent attending as well

Check out [kids.bvcob.com](http://kids.bvcob.com) or the children's table for more information!

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



If you are moving from one home to another, you don't have to worry about taking time to plan a meal that day, the Hospitality and Communications Ministry Team will see that you **receive a meal for your moving day.**

Please contact the church office for more information.

Jan Kline

For Hospitality & Communications Ministry Team



## How Do You View Suffering?

It's time to get back to a study of a book of the Bible. On October 1<sup>st</sup> we begin a look at the book of 1 Peter in a series of messages titled, "Successful Suffering". The book of 1 Peter was written by the apostle Peter and has much to say to the church today. In this book, there is a common thread of suffering that runs through the book. However, the book is not all about suffering.

Our approach will be to look at how this thread of suffering is woven into the practical aspects of our daily lives and relationships. Suffering and the right mindset related to suffering are imperative if you want to be a successful follower of Jesus Christ in our world. It's impossible to think of Jesus Christ's life and ministry without thinking about the incredible suffering He endured. Are we then to think that we can, or even should, attempt to avoid suffering? Can something that was such a vital part of the life and ministry of Jesus be something that should be avoided by His followers? I don't think so.

In the months of October and November we will see how our view of suffering impacts our eternal future, how we live in this world, our marriages, our relationships with people in the workplace and how suffering is involved in defeating Satan.

I hope you'll join us during this series to consider how successful suffering can be a significant part of your life and how it can draw you closer to other people and most importantly to God.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



Don't forget to "Feed the Bin" with your gently used clothing, shoes and linens!!!



## What's Cooking at Buffalo Valley

Jodi Wiand's **Zucchini Casserole** recipe is found on page 102 of ***Come to the Table*** cookbook.

- 1 lb. - ground beef, browned
- 3 C. - zucchini, peeled and grated
- 1 med.- onion, chopped
- 1 ½ C. - mozzarella cheese, grated
- 1 ½ C. - Bisquick
- 3 - eggs, well beaten
- ½ C. - vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. - salt
- ¼ tsp. - pepper
- Pizza sauce

In medium bowl, mix ground beef, zucchini, onion, cheese, Bisquick, eggs, oil, salt and pepper. Put in greased 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350° F approximately 45 minutes or until browning on top and firm. Remove from oven. Spread pizza sauce over top; use amount to suit taste. Put back in oven for 5 minutes to warm sauce. Serve.

Do you still have zucchini growing in your garden? Did you have an abundance of zucchini that you shredded and froze? This is a great recipe to use up some of that zucchini, and the dish is quite yummy. The recipe calls for peeled and grated zucchini. However, I had my zucchini already shredded and frozen, with the skin on. It worked just fine in this recipe. I used an 8-oz. jar of pizza sauce when I made this dish.

This is just one of more than 100 "main dish" recipes in ***Come to the Table*** cookbook! And there are less than 100 cookbooks still available. You can purchase cookbooks at the Welcome Center for the cost of \$10 each. They make great Christmas gifts!



The Mystery Chef



**Friday Fun Night:** November 3, 10 & 17

**Monday Funday:** November 27

**Family Gingerbread Night:** December 1

Check the children's table for complete schedules!

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



**Feeding the Community**

## Volunteers Needed for Food Bank

Our own Heather Reid is the coordinator of the Mifflinburg Food Bank and several people from Buffalo Valley volunteer each month at the food bank. This team is in need of additional volunteers to replace some people who are moving away and/or stepping down from their responsibilities. Volunteers are needed who are able to donate 2 - 3 hours once/month and some volunteers are needed to help with planning and other parts of the program that take a little more time. A list of job descriptions is available.

If you would be willing to talk with Heather about helping please e-mail her at [hreid73@hotmail.com](mailto:hreid73@hotmail.com) or you can call the church office at 570-966-1183. Please consider helping this very worthwhile community endeavor.

Pastor Eric

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

**August Offerings Summary**

General Fund	\$35272.35
YTD Offerings	\$319,517.40
Needed YTD	\$355,672.80
Behind Budget	- 36,155.40

**Other Deposits**

Children's SS	11.54
CMT	20.00
Scrip Cards	3,625.00
Weis Cards	2,725.00
Wenger Cards	1,125.00
Dominican Missionary	1,755.50
Youth	20.00
Outreach Event	146.00
Ambit energy	51.50
Music Day Camp	65.00
Spiritual Life Service	50.00
Women's Beach Retreat	600.00
Women's Gift Basket	20.00
Metal Recycling	72.45
Facility In Use Donations	100.00
Youth Events	165.00
Children's Musical Offering	589.75