



Pot Luck Meal
&
Congregational Council Meeting

The **Fall Church Council Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, **November 4th** from **1 to 3 p.m.**

The meeting will be preceded at noon by a **potluck meal**. Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy good food and fellowship with your church family.

Agenda items are:

- **Verbal Reports by the Pastors**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Capital Fund Report**
- **Approval of the 2019 proposed budget**

Compiled reports and financial documents will be made available in the main entry in the weeks prior to the meeting. They will also be available online at www.bvcob.com.

Sharing a potluck meal is a great way to make new friends and attending the meeting is a great way to be involved in deciding how our congregation uses the resources and gifts with which we have been blessed.

Everyone is welcome!

Dale Lehman, Moderator



All of Jesus' disciples have a responsibility to bear fruit.
Am I bearing fruit?



Your Help Is Needed



Several years ago many people in the congregation of Buffalo Valley put together a **devotional booklet** for use by the church family.

The Spiritual Life Ministry Team would like to do that again heading into this **Christmas season**. We are asking for **volunteers to submit a devotional** that can be collected together in a booklet form for use by the congregation during Advent. If you would like to submit a devotional for this booklet, please consider the following suggestions:

1. The devotional should be between 250 - 500 words
2. Please use a Christmas themed idea
3. You can comment on a particular passage of scripture or share a Christmas story you have that has a scriptural application or reference...be creative.

We would like to have the devotionals submitted by November 8th so we can have the devotional ready for distribution by the end of November. If you have any questions please contact Fay Richard or Pastor Eric. Submissions can be made to either of them or the church office. We hope this devotional will be helpful for all of us to focus on **Christ and His activity in our lives** during the upcoming Advent season."

Pastor Eric

Just love everyone, I'll sort them out later!



God

Places Where Ministry Happens



We are going to receive special offerings in October for two different but related opportunities. One of those opportunities is the need to raise \$12,500 for land costs for the church project this year in the Dominican Republic. This money will be added to the amount saved by the **church in the Dominican to purchase the land** for a new church building that our group will work on in February, 2019. The second opportunity is a special offering to help **reduce our building debt**. We did this last year and received over \$12,000.

How are these two opportunities related? The money is needed in the Dominican to provide a church building for a congregation in Santo Domingo. This building will eliminate the need for the church there to pay rental fees that reduce the amount of funds they have for ministry. Here, reducing our building debt moves us closer to the day when we will no longer have debt payments that take resources that we could use for other ministry opportunities.

Would you please consider giving to one or both of these opportunities on **October 21st and 28th**? Perhaps you could give matching gifts to each or if you are more passionate about one or the other, designate your offering that way. Money for the land purchase can be designated "DR Land" and money for the building debt can be designated "Building Debt". Our goal for the Dominican land is \$12,500, which is the amount that is needed. We don't have a specific goal for the debt reduction, but everything that is given for that puts us closer to having a debt free facility. If you have any questions please contact anyone on the Finance or Mission Ministry Team.

Pastor Eric



Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Shoebox packing will take place Friday evening, **November 16** and Saturday morning, **November 17**. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kaye Hoover to sign up.

Jo Hurst



Friday Fun Night Starts November 2nd

Programming is from 6:30 – 8 pm, with open gym/activity time from 6 to 6:30 pm and 8 to 8:30 pm.

Friday Fun Night (FFN) is open to any kid currently in K through 5th grades.

Each night is divided between organized game/activity time and Bible learning, with a focus on understanding how the Bible fits together and is applied to our lives. We will cover the Bible this year from the perspective of a Bible Character.

Kids are encouraged to bring their Bibles, bring their friends, and bring an attitude ready to become **FRIENDS WITH GOD!**

Snacks Provided

Please check the Children’s Ministry table for the new theme night schedule.

Teresa Chambers for Children’s Ministry Team

Operation Christmas Child Update

It is almost time to pack and ship shoeboxes, and we still have needs!

Please check the Christmas tree in the main gathering area to see what items are still needed. Monetary donations are always accepted as well, as we still have a financial need to cover shipping expenses. Thank you for all of your contributions to this very special project!



Jo Hurst

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Holy Events, Holy Moments

(From daily Instagram reflections)

“Will you not revive us again? That your people may rejoice in you?” Psalm 85:6

For me - I was revived by eating fresh honey on fresh bread on a hike with hobbits (my sons) or reading poetry. What revives you - brings you joy / life? If true joy comes from God, that means we are tasting God in that experience. Can you realize God is in that?

Peace,
Pastor K



Trip Report

From October 7 – 13th Susan Styer, Elaina Miller, Kaye & Gaylord Hoover, Jim Libby, Kurt Ilgen, and myself traveled to Lumberton, NC, to help rebuild houses affected by hurricane Matthew and clean out houses affected by hurricane Florence through Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM). We cooked and cleaned around the church we stayed at, installed a window, moved dirt, poured concrete, gutted out some houses, painted, and helped organize things at a warehouse. This trip was a great experience. For most of us this was our first trip with Brethren Disaster Ministries and we are very impressed with how well organized BDM is.

For those of you who are thinking about going on a mission trip we are scheduled to go on **another BDM mission trip October 6 - 12, 2019**. More information to come.

Thank You all for your prayers,

Ashley Wetzel



2019 Dominican Mission Trip

We are now looking for **volunteers** for our fifth trip to the **Dominican Republic!** This trip will take place from **February 8 - 17th**. We are excited to be working on a church building in Santo Domingo for a local church that we visited this past year. This is a vibrant church that needs a church building. As in previous years we are looking for 12 - 14 people who will be able to go on the trip. I would estimate the cost to be around \$800 - 900 per person. This covers our expenses while we are there and a portion of the construction costs. The church pays for the airfare.

If you are interested in going and/or have any questions please see Pastor Eric or Sarah Hockenbrocht. More information is also available at the Mission Ministry table in the main entry. You don't need to be skilled in construction to be a valuable part of this trip. If you can't go on the trip you can pray for this trip and consider giving toward the costs of the project in our October special offering or later in the year.

Pastor Eric

It's a Rollerskating Party!!!



November 18
from 4:30 - 7 pm

Kids, family, friends, siblings of BVCOB are invited to Sunset Skating Rink in Shamokin Dam for a fun time.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

A DJ and snack bar is on site.

There is a small fee for skate rental.

Sign up on the Children's Ministry table!

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



Women's LIFT Ministry Save the Date

The Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) annual **Holiday Brunch** date has been changed to **December 8th** from **9 am - 11 am**. Please join us at the home of Mike and Carol Manbeck, 426 Airport Road, Lewisburg for a time of fellowship and devotions, plus plan to bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Women's Ministry bulletin board mid-November.

Carol Manbeck

Youth & Young Adult Lineup

Young Adults:

2nd Thursday: Wing Night
4th Wednesday Night: PB&J
(Pizza, Blockbusters & Jesus)

Youth (6th - 12th grade)

Regular **Sunday Evening** Times: **6 - 8 pm**

November Theme: Stewardship

November 4 from 12 - 3 pm Church Council
(No Evening Youth)

November 11 from 6 - 8 pm

Ultimate Frisbee / Ragball
{What we have} [Wide]

November 18 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Rollerskating [Fun]

November 25 from 12 - 6:00 pm

Advisor Hunt [Fun]

Youth Events:

October 26 - 28 - **Winter Retreat**
(Crystal Springs)

November 20 (Tuesday, 3:30 - 9:00 pm)
Burn Stuff (Bonfire & Mafia)

December 23 - Christmas Party

December 28-29 - Lock-In

Pastor K

From Your Lead Pastor,



Devotion Opportunities

I'll take my normal space I use to write you a letter to do something that can have much more significant effects.

We have some good opportunities for you to utilize regarding daily devotions or spending time in God's word.

Pastor K. puts out an almost daily devotional thought via the BVCOB Youth Facebook page. His posts are on different ideas.

I put out devotional thoughts (currently from the book of Ephesians) which you can access on our church Facebook page, my Facebook page or our church website.

Tracy Ericson is doing an excellent daily devotional (currently in the book of Luke) which is available on the BVCOB Devotional Feedback Facebook page.

We also offer the Daily Bread booklets free of charge here at the church building.

If you don't have something that you are using to help you consistently read and think about God's word, I encourage you to check out these resources.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



¡Gloria a Dios!

An exploratory committee is being formed to look into the possibility of planting a Spanish speaking church, possibly in the Selinsgrove area. If you feel led to be a part of this committee, please contact Pastor Eric or Sarah Hockenbrocht.

Jo Hurst



Men after God's Heart

The next men's event will be the **Kettle Cook** to benefit "unpaid medical expenses". November 23 & 24 will be the dates. **November 23** we will be **preparing** what goes into the soup and on **November 24** we will **cook** the soup. There will be a lot to do both days. Please volunteer and make some soup. If you have questions ask Jake or Scott Myer, our master soup makers.

We are also looking for some men who would like to help Craig Gabel & Doug Diehl plan, prepare for, and hold the men's events. If you can assist us please feel free to contact Craig or Doug.

Doug Diehl

Lasting Words...Still Lasting

We will continue in the Lasting Words series through the month of November and beyond. I hope that you are taking time to read these verses over and over and allow John chapters 14 - 17 to really "sink in".

I've been impressed these past few weeks with the importance of allowing Jesus to "abide" in my life. Jesus' abiding presence is intended to change every aspect of our lives from the inside out. We often think of change as more of an "outside in" thing but meaningful and lasting change happens from the inside out through the work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.



God Bless
Pastor Eric

Family KidConnection



GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

December 7 @ 6 PM

**Please Reserve Your House(s)
By Sunday, November 11**

**Sign ups are ONLINE ONLY at
kids.bvcob.com**

Sign-up for decorating supplies will soon be available on the tables in the Main Entry or the Narthex, or feel free to bring any contribution to add to our decorating supplies.

All are welcome to participate, even those younger and older than our usual Friday night group. Adults without kids are welcome, too!

Preschoolers must be accompanied by their own personal teen or adult decorating assistant. School-age kids may attend with or without a parent.

~Please note~

The **November 12th deadline** will be the absolute last date for sign-ups.

After that date, we will only be able to put you on a cancellation list for any houses that may come available.

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



Abiding in Jesus means that we obey His commands out of desire, not out of duty!

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