



Summer Day Camps

June 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18, 25

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

K5: those who have completed kindergarten
through 5th grades
9:30 am — 4 pm

REGISTER ONLINE – 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!

Teresa Chambers, for Children's Ministry Team



Camp Eder Corner (straight from Camp)

We are super excited as we gear up for our summer camping season. This summer our theme is Beyond Belief, where campers will learn about faith formation through looking deeper into Gods creation and the majesty of His kingdom. We are excited about our growing livestock family at Eder. Recently our honey bees, ducks, and geese have arrived and made themselves at home as they will be a part of our summer camp program where we will teach campers about the amazing world of "nature". That's what's going on at Eder!

Have a great day!

Mike Kovacs, Program Director

(As you can see, they are preparing for Summer Camps! It is not too late to register; if you have any questions on how to get the tuition support from Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB), contact Fay Richard frichard@dejazzd.com! Hope to hear from you! ~ Fay, Camp Rep. BVCOB)



Fay Richard,
Camp Eder Rep



Strawberry Festival



June 9 at 6 pm

Come and enjoy strawberry desserts
and a hymn sing
Fellowship with your church family!!



Another Milestone

Many individuals from our congregation have been graduated within the past year or will graduate soon from **high school** or **higher education**. A more detailed "Graduation Booklet" will be published and provided on the upcoming "**Graduation Sunday**". Please come to the fellowship time (approximately 9 am) on **Sunday, June 3**, when the following people will be recognized for their educational milestones:

May 2017 – College Graduates

Jacob Hockenbrocht (Geneva College)

April /May 2018 College Graduates

Zachary Diehl (PA College of Technology)
Caroline Eberhart (University of Pittsburgh)
Zach Kline (Susquehanna University)
Jennifer Miller (Penn State University)

May 30, 2018 - Midd West High School

Noah Farnsworth
(SUN Area Technical Institute (ATI) on May 23)

May 30, 2018 Selinsgrove High School

Austin Davy

June 1, 2018 - Mifflinburg Area High School

Lily Eberhart
Braden Hurst
Abigail Lohr (SUN ATI on May 23)
Nickoli Santiago (SUN ATI on May 23)
Tyler Sauers
Tabitha Spangler
Noah Stetler
Clarissa Styer
Troy Witmer, Jr
John Wright (SUN ATI on May 23)

If I have missed any graduates, I'm sorry. Please let me know right away so I can include information in the next Lamplighter!

Thank you,

Fay Richard (frichard@dejazzd.com)

The basic question is not how much of our money we shall give to God, but how much of God's money we shall retain for ourselves.

J. Oswald Sanders

Service and Adventure Await

Plans are underway for another full week (July 14 – 20) of adventure and serving others as we reach out to the children and their families of Westernport. The team is excited as we anticipate teaching the children about our Lord, having fun through games, interacting during crafts and last, but not least, feeding them nutritious food that they really look forward to eating.

We have another exciting way that we will be serving the community. There will be three men going out to do construction and “fixer upper” projects for some homes in the town through “Helping Hands”. They will be interacting with the children as well by picking up children for Day Camp at the beginning of the day.

Our full day concludes with devotions, worship which brings us close as a team and of course, dessert! It takes a lot of planning to put together a week of Day Camp and the other activities, but there is always adventure and it is a wonderful way to get to know and spend time with others on the team.

This year there are 32 people who have answered the call to serve: Brenda Eberhart, Janice Shively, Kaye Hoover, Jonathan Bastian, Lynda Jarrett, Pastor K, Jeff Bastian, Pastor Eric, Carol Manbeck, Linda Miller, Stacy Mast, Amy Bastian, Dani Sommers, Chris Graham, Briahna Heintzelman, Gabe Yoder, Athena Berkheiser, Karen Beiler, Ben Chambers, Heather Reid, Keely Mast, Chloe Gemberling, Holly Lehman, Emma Berkheiser, Mandy Reid, Chris Gemberling, Marlin Yoder, Megan Reid, Dakota Heintzelman, Jake Myer, Myessiah Herrold and myself.

We would appreciate your prayers for each of us as we prepare for this trip, as we serve and especially for the children and their families of Westernport.

Adventure awaits in many different ways too!! Like what food we will make for Pastor Eric this year?? Liver again??



Serving Him,
Vicki Bastian
Team Leader

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:

(All youth together)

6 - 6:45 pm - Game/Activity
6:45 pm - Meal
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Lesson Time

May 28 - Memorial Day (No Youth)

June 3 - Schools Out!

Pond Gathering! 6 - 8:30 pm

June 10 - Game Night at BVCOB

(mix of active & calmer)

June 17 - Father's Day (No Youth)

June 24 - Parent Brunch and Creation Prep!

July 1 - Return from Creation (No Youth)

DEEP (youth small group) is now meeting weekly on Wednesdays at Pastor K's house, 3 - 4 pm. If you need a ride, please contact Pastor K.

Events:

June 27 - July 1 **Creation**

Pastor K



What is keeping you from believing the promises of God in your life?



Buffalo Gals

Our **Sisters in Christ** celebration was held May 19th. Nearly 40 women and children attended and were able to enjoy a relaxing evening of fellowship with one another. *A special thank you to Men's Ministry for organizing and hosting this event!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Our next LIFT event will be held **Saturday, June 30th** from **9 - 11 am** in the **Son Room**. **All Women at Buffalo Valley** are invited to join us for our **LIFT Brunch and Secret Sister Reveal**, regardless of whether or not you recently participated in our Secret Sister exchange. Plan to bring a dish to share for our brunch, as well as a final gift for your Secret Sister (if you participated). Please **sign up** on our **Women's Ministry bulletin board** if you plan to attend.



Annual Beach Retreat held from **September 9 – 12** at **Bethany Beach, Delaware**. Come enjoy a relaxing, encouraging and uplifting time away. We stay in beach front condos, make our own meals as a group, have Bible studies on the beach and enjoy sun, surf, and shelling.

Cost: \$200 (of which **\$100 non-refundable deposit is due July 1st**. Balance due August 26th.) **Sign up** at the **Women's Ministry bulletin board**. (Please pick up a beach retreat letter when you sign up.) Questions? – Contact Carol Pursel or the church office.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:14-16

Many Blessings~

Tricia Dreese for Women's Ministry



Outside Our Walls

A **new mission trip opportunity** has been organized and we need volunteers. This trip has been organized through Brethren Disaster Relief and will take place from **October 7 – 13, 2018**. Anyone age 16 and older can participate. A total of 8 people are needed; 7 to assist with construction and 1 to assist the head cook.

We are tentatively scheduled to be working in Marion County, South Carolina, helping to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by hurricane Matthew. There is no cost for the trip as food and travel expenses have already been covered.

A **sign-up sheet** can be found on the table in front of the **Mission Ministry Team bulletin board** in the main entry. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Wetzel at ashwet13@gmail.com or (570) 541-5298.

Jo Hurst for the Mission Ministry Team

Youth Trips

The Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team (YAYAMT) wants to thank all of you who participated in our multiple turkey dinners and bought our Country Meats Beef Sticks to raise funds for our summer trips.

As July quickly approaches, we are busy preparing for the end of the month. Not only are there 9 youth and 3 leaders joining the **Westernport Mission Team** but also 5 youth and 3 leaders will be flying to Fort Collins, Colorado for our denomination's **National Youth Conference**. We are asking for your prayers for our trips this summer.

We are very close to meeting our final trip budget needs, however we are still in need of just less than \$500. We will be introducing another fundraiser soon. Keep your eyes and ears open on how you can help.

Kristy Heintzelman

From Your Lead Pastor,



Need Prayer?

I hope this letter doesn't come off as a "grumpy old pastor" letter but something is bothering me about prayer. Lately, we've had very few people come forward or go to the back room during our prayer time at the end of the service to receive prayer. I am seeking to understand why. I know that most of you, probably none of you, would say, "Well, I don't need any prayer because I have it all together and everyone I know has it all together". If that would be you please see me because I think you need to take my preaching responsibilities. Anyone who has it all together needs to share with us each week how it is that he or she has arrived in that position!

Seriously, what keeps us from wanting people to pray for us? I would like to think that at least once a month everyone in our congregation would have something about which they would appreciate having someone else to pray with them. I regularly go forward to have someone pray with me because I've got lots of issues that need prayer. Why not you? What keeps you from asking for prayer from people in your church family...even if it is praying a prayer of praise for what God has done? Though I don't want this to be inauthentic in any way, think of what seeing a line of people requesting prayer each Sunday would indicate to new people in our congregation. It would "scream" out; "Well, I guess these people need prayer just like I do...maybe they can help me. Maybe they really do believe that prayer is important." On the flip side, what message does the absence of people seeking prayer say to those who are new to our church family?

My dream is to see a steady stream of people requesting prayer because we NEED prayer. If you have any suggestions as to how to remove barriers please let me know because I have come to believe that this is a big issue for us. If we really don't think we need to be prayed for, or if we are too self-conscious or proud or whatever, then we have something deeper that needs to be addressed. Help me to understand the reluctance and/or overcome your reluctance and let's start having people pray for us.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



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.

PIT – Youth Ministry

Passionate for,
Intimate with,
Transformed by CHRIST



The Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team (YaYA team) is in the process of compiling resources for parents of teens. Research and anecdotal evidence indicates many parents don't feel prepared and don't know how to prepare for raising teenagers. And then, there is plenty of "parent-shaming" that goes around about how we respond to certain actions or allow our kids to do/not do.

I hope to provide a variety of resources - books, articles, blogs, podcasts, videos, etc that will help you feel not as alone, and more prepared. Of course, if you have any resources that have been helpful, please send me a note so others can benefit.

One book came recommended by parents I trust: "Parenting with Love & Logic", by Foster Clint & Jim Fay. I question some things they say, but here is a short excerpt I hope is helpful (if you are interested in more - please ask to borrow it - that is why I bought it!): *"Parents' guilt probably plays a larger role than most of us realize. Guilt excuses the child's misbehavior: 'If I were a better parent, they wouldn't be acting this way (divorce, working, not working, money, anger, etc).'* (Love & Logic parents) *give a far different message: "Times can be real tough, and you have the opportunity to learn from them. If anyone can cope with difficulties, it's you. I bet you are very proud of yourself." (Yes, this is to teens facing struggles, instead of jumping in to relieve them). "You guys are so lucky I provide for you. You are so lucky to have me for a mom/dad, and I'm lucky to have you. And I expect you will chose to be a big help to me. Thanks!"*

Its a bit simplistic but the basic idea. The book is full of practical ways to handle specific struggles. Stop by my office or the Teen table in the main entry to borrow it.

Peace,
Pastor K



Creation is Upon Us!

At the end of this month, **June 26th – 30th**, there will be a mass amount of people converging on the Agape Farm in Mount Union, PA, and some of us Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren er's will be among them! We ask that you **keep us in your prayers** as we finalize our plans and while we are there. If you are one of those who are attending, and would like to help set up and arrive early, please give your name to Pastor K or Kristy so we can make our plans. We also ask that you Please make sure you have given your \$80 to Pastor K or Kristy by **June 3rd**.

We will also have an **informational meeting** on **Sunday June 24th during 2nd service** in the form of a brunch for Attendees and their Parents.

Are you interested in going but haven't told us yet? There still is room for you to go! Just talk to Pastor K for more details on going, we'd love to have you join our Creation community.

For those who would like to help us out, as we always try to keep the price affordable, we will have a **Donation Sheet** located in the Main Entry of Food Items we will need for the week. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you for all that you do for our Youth, the Church!

Kristy Heintzelman



"Feed the Bin"

Remember to place your gently used clothing, and linens, if they are bagged, into the Community Aid Bin. Your donations help with Operation Christmas Child shipping.



Musical Day Camp 2018

For kids who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade

Monday, July 30
through
Friday, August 3

from 9 am to 1 pm daily

Performances Held

SATURDAY, August 4
7:00 PM
SUNDAY, August 5
9:30 AM

Teresa Chambers, for Children's Ministry Team

Each day we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.

Chuck Swindoll



Men after God's Heart

Men's Ministry Upcoming Events:

Brothers in CHRIST Fellowship

July 28, 2018
3:00 - 8:00 pm

Men of any age join in quoit pitch, games and a picnic. Bring your favorite indoor or outdoor games and a dish to share. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks provided. This will be a rain or shine event.

Men's Spiritual Conference

August 25, 2018
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Matt Christ will be the speaker and will share what the Holy Spirit inspires him to share. Light snacks and lunch will be provided.

Doug Diehl for Men's Ministry



Don't Forget!!



Bring all your aluminum cans for recycling and place them in the blue barrels at the BBQ pit. Especially during the summer we often have plenty of cans, so bring them to the church and help support Operation Christmas Child. The money from the recycling of these cans helps with the shipping costs for mailing the shoeboxes.

Also any metal that you have that can be recycled, please talk with Jake or Scott Myer.

Thank you for your help in supporting Operation Christmas Child! Help make a child smile this Christmas.

Word/Walk/Wait

In June we begin a five part series of messages taken from the New Testament book of 1 Thessalonians. This letter was written by the apostle Paul shortly after his visit to establish a church in the city of Thessalonica. As I see it there are three words that shape Paul's words to the Thessalonians. Those words are "word, walk and wait". The word "word" stresses the importance that Paul placed on the gospel of Jesus Christ. When Paul arrived in a new city his first priority was preaching the gospel of Jesus...in words. The word "walk" emphasizes the importance of living a life that is consistent with the words of the gospel. When Paul spent time in a city, his actions matched his words. Finally, the word "wait" stresses the importance of the return of Jesus Christ. This event seems to have an elevated importance in the mind of the Thessalonians.

The words "word, walk and wait" should be important to each of us as the preaching of the gospel, living out the gospel and expectantly waiting for Christ's return are, I hope, important parts of our lives. For five weeks we will look at each of these areas. I hope you'll join us as we spend some time in the book of 1 Thessalonians. I also suggest that you read it a few times between now and then. It only takes about 10 minutes to read the entire letter.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Solomon, whom God made the wisest man in all history, sought out every conceivable pleasure without limitation; but in the end, concluded that nothing so satisfied the hungry soul of man like knowing and loving his Creator.

David Jeremiah

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2018!



July 4 – 8 – Annual Conference
July 14 – 20 – Westernport Mission Trip
July 21 – National Youth Conference
July 29 – All Church Picnic/Baptism

July 30 – August 4 – Musical Day Camp

September 9 - 12 – Women's Beach Retreat
September 14 & 15 – District Conference

November 3 – 4 – Children's Retreat
November 4 – Church Council Meeting
November 24 – Kettle Cook



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.



Special Spaces!!

Please save the parking spaces in front of the main entry. **Please reserve** these for **our guests, single parents with small children and those who have trouble walking.**

Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.

Elton Trueblood

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