



Summer Day Camps

June 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!

Pool Party



Wednesday, August 1st

7:30 - 9 pm

Mifflinburg Pool

ALL are invited! Bring your friends!

Teresa Chambers, for Children's Ministry Team



All Church Picnic & Baptism

When: Sunday **July 29th** from **12:30 - 4:30 pm**

Where: Brian and Donita Keister's farm
(1335 Brethren Church Road Mifflinburg)

Once again, Harold Himes will be roasting a pig for the event. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert to share. Paper products and beverages will be provided.

We will be looking for people to help set up tables and chairs and also life guard volunteers!!!

Look for the sign-up sheet.


Westernport...Here We Come!!!



We continue to prepare for our week in Westernport from **July 14 – 20**. We will be ministering to the children through a Day Camp, where they will learn about Jesus with Bible story time with Pastor Eric, have interactive time with Linda Miller at the Imagination Station, Craft time led by Amy Bastian, have their hungry bellies fed by the kitchen crew and be loved by all the team.

What a blessing to be a part of a team that is willing to serve and love the little ones that are hungry in so many ways. Please take time to pray for the 33 people on this team as we serve and reach out in Westernport.

Vicki Bastian, Team Leader

Young People Headed for 
Fun and Growth at Camp Eder!

For those going to camp, get ready for an awesome time! Remember this is a wonderful place to make some great Christian friends, maybe even establish some lifetime bonds! If you aren't registered yet, there is still time!! Check out www.campeder.org.

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

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

June 24 - Parent Brunch and Creation Prep!
(10:30 am – 1:30 pm)

July 1 - Return from Creation (No Youth)

July 8 - Keister Pond

July 15 - Westernport Mission Trip (No Youth)

July 22 - Game night (PIT)

July 29 - Church Picnic & Baptism

Events:

June 27 - July 1 **Creation**

July 14 – 20 **Westernport Mission Trip**

July 20 – 26 **National Youth Conference**

Pastor K



Buffalo Gals

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Newly formed, **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting weekly **this summer** on **Wednesday evenings** from **6:30 - 8:30 pm** at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren. A Beth Moore study on Revelations, "**Here and Now, There and Then**" will be presented. See Sarah Hockenbrocht if you have any questions.

Our **Annual Tea @ Meg and Keith Phelp's garden** (on Green Street in Mifflinburg) will be held Thursday, **August 2nd** from **6:30 - 8:30 pm**. Please bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

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 by 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 have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Matthew 5:43-45

Many Blessings~

Tricia Dreese for Women's Ministry

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love and the future to His providence.



Augustine



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



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.

From Your Lead Pastor,



More and More

I've been encouraging you to read the book of 1 Thessalonians as we've been spending some time in this book in our current sermon series. This morning as I was reading it through again I noticed something that I wanted to share with you. At the end of chapter 3, after Paul has exhorted his reader to be connected to each other in meaningful ways he writes this in verse 12: *"And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you."* Then in verse 1 of chapter 4: *"Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God."* Then in verse 10 he writes: *"...and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you brethren, that you increase more and more."*

Three different times in a short span of words Paul mentions the idea that he wants the Thessalonians to abound more and more. He wants them to experience the abundant life that Jesus promised in John chapter 10. In the first case this abounding is linked to the idea of connection. In the second instance it is linked to sexual purity. In the third and final time it has to do with loving one another. I believe that God wants us to have abundant life and He has given us wise instruction on how to best experience this abundant life. It doesn't just pop out of the sky; nor is there magic dust that brings abundant life. It comes through an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ, His word and His people. I hope that you desire to "abound more and more" in the things of God. It really is a great opportunity we are given and my prayer is that you seek God's way to have the abundant life He plans for you.



God Bless,
Pastor Eric

PIT – Youth Ministry

Passionate for,
Intimate with,
Transformed by CHRIST



Operating out of Love Instead of Fear/Shame

Most of us have heard many times that God loves and cherishes us (at least I hope so). Yet how many of us really believe that? How many of us take time to allow God's love to penetrate the depths of our being? How many of us tend to believe that God only loves our good deeds, our self-sacrifices, or our moments of prayer and devotion? How many of us still strive for God's love? That may be one of the biggest differences between Jesus and others - he took time, (even in the midst of busyness) to sit with His father and believed it when God called him 'Beloved.' How often do you take time to "Be still"? To hear and trust that God also calls you, 'Beloved'?

Take a moment now - set down what you are doing and simply become aware of your surroundings. Allow your eyes to receive the light, colors, and shapes around you without seeking to "do" anything with what you see. Then gently close your eyes and turn your awareness to your ears. Allow yourself to receive the sounds and noises around you without judgment. Then take a moment to become aware of your body. Beginning with the top of your head, allow a gentle attention to move down your body to the soles of your feet. Allow yourself to notice places of tension or pain without passing judgment. Can you compassionately receive your physical self? Spend a few moments allowing your body, just as it is, to breathe and rest in the presence of God.

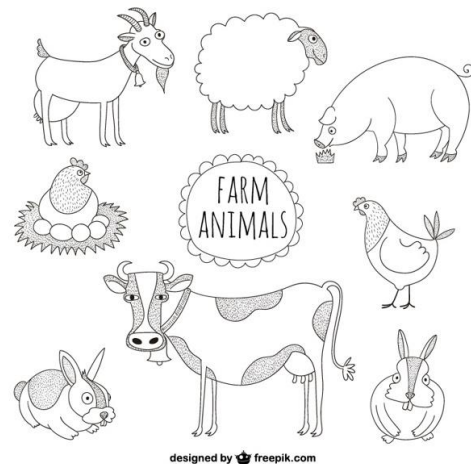
When you're ready, take a moment to direct your attention toward God. Quietly turn your awareness to the presence of God within all that you see, all that you hear, and all that you feel. Don't force anything. Just for a few minutes, allow yourself to open up to the presence of Divine Love within the reality of this moment - the way you might turn to receive the gaze of someone dear to you in the midst of a crowded room. (Excerpts from *Contemplative Youth Ministry*, by Mark Yaconelli)

I find myself getting caught up in "doing" and being busy frequently, which, as it is ministry seems a good thing. But it's so easy to then credit that as the basis of God's love for me, and begin operating out of fear and shame (like Elijah - 1 Kings 19). Jesus rested in the knowledge that God loved him for who he was, and invited others into that love (Matthew. 11), I hope we can do the same.

Peace, Pastor K

Children's Sunday School Summer Quarter Offering

For June, July, and August the children will be collecting money for Heifer International. Students will be helping to decide what animal or portions of animals will be purchased with the money we collect.



THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

Teresa Chambers, for Children's Ministry Team



Wise Words

“A stitch in time saves nine”, “A penny saved is a penny earned”, “A long sermon is the best sermon”. These are well known proverbial expressions that we use in our culture (ok, maybe not that last one). A proverb is usually a short statement that has a general truth in it. Most of you are familiar with the biblical book of Proverbs which contains many of these statements that have been accepted into our cultural lexicon such as “pride goes before a fall”.

For the months of July and August we are going to take a look at a different proverb or section of proverbs in a sermon series titled, “Wise Words”. Pastor K. will begin the series on July 8th and Pastor Donita will preach on July 15th. I will do most of the messages but we also have a Sunday for our licensed minister, Rich Miller. I know that summer time is a time when you might not be as consistent in worship service attendance, so these sermons are designed to be “stand alone” messages. Some of the proverbs are ones you are familiar with and some will be new to most of you. I hope you stay connected on Sunday mornings to your church family in the summer.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



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.

The Forever Forecast



The Son will always shine
and
God will always reign!!

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.



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 quilt 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

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2018!

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



Only the person who is not rowing
has time to rock the boat.

Anonymous

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