



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 6th 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

"Now, that I, your Teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you".

John 13:14-15



Ultimate KidConnection
Kid's Fall Retreat
At Crystal Springs Retreat Center

October 25th – 26th

7 pm – 7 pm

for kids in **1st - 5th grades****

Kids will arrive Friday night between 6 and 7 pm to check in. They will participate in some fun activities Friday evening, sleep over (if they wish) and have a variety of activities all day Saturday. The retreat will end Saturday evening at 7 pm.

Suggested Donation \$20 per child

Parents are welcome to accompany their child or children to the retreat.

**Kindergarteners may attend
if accompanied by a parent.

The retreat brochure will be on the KidConnection table in the narthex or you can register online at kids.bvcob.com

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team



When life is unfair...God is good!
When life changes...God is good!
When life is scary...God is good!



God desires worship that leads to intimacy, not worship that follows formality!!



Gathering Together



Blessings to each of you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!



The last event that I have scheduled for us on our 2019 calendar is to be held on **October 20th**. It is the "**Guess Who's Coming To Dinner**" event. Signup forms are in your mailboxes. Please return your form to Karen Beiler's mailbox by Sunday, October 13. Hopefully you can participate.

Keep your eyes & ears open for other opportunities to gather together, (Love Feast & Feet Washing, Bible Studies, Mission Trips, Hayrides, etc.), and fellowship with one another to " BE the Church", or to " BE the hands and feet of Jesus".

God be with you till we meet again at our next event in the New Year, 2020, (The Annual Blood Drive).

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas!

Blessings of LOVE, JOY & PEACE,
Karen Beiler, Special Events Coordinator

Romans 15: 13:. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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Holy Moments

(From daily Instagram reflections)

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

- Luke 18:17

I love the idea of Jesus seeing the necessity to stop and play with kids. Life is not all about solving problems and accomplishing things and being busy. Risk some free time like or with kids!

It would be easy to rant about “stop being busy” or “kids being so driven they don’t have “free time”,” or “us being distracted by our devices” - but that time is probably better spent actually jumping on the trampoline with my boys. Go, offer to play catch with someone or disc golf, even fantasy football or some otherwise ‘pointless’ activity, except to be with each other and have fun! Jesus took time for it - surely we can too!

Peace,
Pastor K



Deadline Approaching!

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2020 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.)

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.

What Is NOAC All About?

Close to 700 people gathered September 2 - 6, 2019 at beautiful Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. This was the 2019 Church of the Brethren **National Older Adult Conference**. To attend NOAC you must be at least 50 years young.

During the week several service projects took place. Some folks assembled 1,000 hygiene kits to send to the Brethren Disaster Ministries. Some folks went to the Junaluska Elementary school and read to the children. Some folks participated in a Fundraising Walk around the lake to benefit TWA Education in the African Great Lakes region.

Mornings included Bible Study and a general session with hymn singing and speakers. In the afternoon you could participate in arts and crafts or one of the bus tours which included Biltmore Estates, Graveyard Fields, Cherokee Indian Museum, Ashville Botanical Gardens or hikes on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Each evening started with hymn singing to the organ and then a worship service with some dynamic keynote speakers.

Jake and I have attended 3 of these NOACs which are held every other year. We find them enjoyable and relaxing and would recommend them to others.

The next Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference will be in September of 2021. We encourage you to consider going to experience this gathering of Church of the Brethren Adults who love exploring God’s Love.

Dixie Myer



Do You Get All The News You Need?

Contact the church office to receive:

Church News
news@bvcob.com

Prayer Concerns
prayer@bvcob.com

Share Ads
share-ads@bvcob.com

From Your Lead Pastor,



Are You in a Faith Circle?

I'll use my pastor letter this month to encourage you to take part in a faith circle, a group of two, three or more who meet regularly to study the bible in community. We offer many opportunities through Bible studies, Sunday school and Life groups. Others are meeting in groups of three to study together.

Bible studies are being prepared and made available which dive a little deeper into our sermon topics for each week. You can use these studies or something else.

I hope you will consider carving some time out of your schedule to join a faith circle. If you would like to join one but don't know how, please contact one of the pastors and we will get you set up with something.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



From October 6 - 12, 2019 a group of 8 people will be traveling to Lumberton, NC to help rebuild houses destroyed by hurricane Matthew in 2016 and also to help cook/clean around the church we will be staying at through Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM). Please pray for these individuals:

Amy Bastian
Jan Kline
Lynda Jarrett
Ashley Wetzel
Bill Jarrett
Dalton Wise
Jeff Bastian
Luke Benfer

Also please pray for the group from the Virlina District that will be joining us that week, the homeowners, and the BDM project leaders.

Thank you,
Ashley Wetzel



Thanks for Making It Happen

We want to thank **Fay Richard** for faithfully providing the featured family/person of the month articles for the Lamplighter. A lot of work goes into obtaining the information for the articles each month.

Fay also gathers all the information for the graduate booklet each year. Again a lot of work goes into obtaining the information and trying not to have anyone missed.

Thank you **Fay** for your faithful service to our congregation.

Jeff Bastian

News From District Conference

Eight people from Buffalo Valley attended the Southern PA District Conference on September 20 - 21 at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. Our delegates this year were Eric Kauffman, Carol Manbeck, Eli Mast, Eric Reamer and Doug & Morgan Richard. Donita Keiser and Rich Miller also attended the conference.

District Conference consists of a lot of reports from denominational agencies such as Camp Eder and Children's Aid Society, approval of the District budget, testimonies and other business. There is also a worship service held on Friday evenings. This year the conference did not approve a query from the District's governing board regarding asking the denomination to consider how to hold Districts and congregations accountable when they are not following decisions made by Annual Conference.

Another highlight for those who attend is the opportunity to stay in homes with people from Chambersburg. Our group stayed in five different homes this year and I believe everyone enjoyed their hosts. Oh, I also don't want to forget the fantastic food that is served each year at District Conference.

Next year's conference will be hosted by Buffalo Valley. We'll need lots of volunteers to help make the conference successful next year. Perhaps you can be a part?

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Operation Christmas Child

Please help us fill the **500 shoeboxes this year!!** These shoeboxes go all over the world to children who may have never received any gift!! The box will also include the Gospel message in their own language!

Please check the tree next to the Mission table for what is needed to fill these boxes!!

Gospel Behavior Continues

We are continuing our series on gospel behavior until October 13th. Topics still to come include the gospel and government and how to get along with those with whom we disagree.

We are taking a break from the series on October 6th as we celebrate 25 years in our new building. The building that we worship in was constructed in 1994. The SonRoom and main entry were completed in 2012. On October 6th we will celebrate what God has done in our building, highlight some of the changes that the building has allowed Buffalo Valley to make in the way we serve our community.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Freebirds

In July we met at the Buttorff's campsite. We had 19 people join us and had a great time. Only 2 people got wet, with 1 injury. But all is well now.

On September 8th we met at Halfway Dam for a picnic and games. We had 16 people there and 1 dog. We had a variety of food and played a new yard game and had a great time of fellowship.

Our **Sight and Sound / Shady Maple trip** is scheduled for **November 21st**. We will be going to see the **Miracle of Christmas**, a 3 pm show. Shady Maple is for lunch at 11:30 am. We have had a terrific response, but still have a few seats left. So sign up soon. The cost is \$95.00 per person and covers everything, including the tip for the bus driver.

Any questions see Linda Buttorff or one of the Freebirds.

Thank you
Linda Buttorff

Youth & Young Adult Lineup

Young Adults:

Game Nights (Church Wide ALL AGES)

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday
from 4:30 – 8:30 pm
October 2 & October 15



Wing/Pizza & Movie Night

2nd & 4th Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
October 10 & October 24

Youth (6th - 12th grade)

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

Theme: Pursuit

October 6 - Love Feast; 6 - 7:30 pm
October 13 - Movie Night (WIDE), 6 – 8 pm
October 20 - Pursuing Jesus (DEEP), 6 – 8 pm
October 27 - End of Fall Youth Retreat.
Evening: "No Tricks, Just Treats" 6 -8 pm

Youth Events:

October 25 – 27th
– **Youth Family Retreat**
at Crystal Springs
5:30 pm Friday to 9:20 am Sunday

Pastor K



Friday Fun Night: November 1, 8, 15 & 22

Family Gingerbread Night: December 6

Check the children's table for complete schedules!

Teresa Chambers for Children's Ministry Team

Camp Eder Corner



FallFest



Saturday, October 19

10 am to 4 pm
Free Admission!

FallFest is Camp Eder's biggest fundraiser. It's a fun and meaningful way to support camp and have an incredible time doing it.

FallFest is all about community and we have a great day lined up!

FallFest Fun:

Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal.

\$12 adults, \$8 kids (12 + under),
4 + under free

Live Auction & Silent Auction

Apple Butter Making

Strawberry Hill Nature Center

Craft Vendors

Eder's FallFest Fries & Sandwiches

Kid's Games and Prizes

Candy Treasure Hunt & Bounce House

Food Court & Bake Sale

Live Music

Live Demos All Day:

Bee Keeping, Jewelry Making,

Knitting, Trout Fishing,

Outdoor Skills, Fiber Crafts

Thank you Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren for your faithful financial and prayer support for those at Camp Eder!

For more details or if you have any questions about Camp Eder, our church camp near Gettysburg, feel free to look online www.campeder.org or contact Fay Richard, our church camp representative!

Fay Richard



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