

The Lamplighter

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Come to Pot Luck Meal & Church Council

Come bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and good fellowship at the **pot luck meal** scheduled for **noon** on **Sunday, November 3rd**. Stay for the **Church Council** that starts at **1 pm**. Two events for the price of one, seems like a good deal!

Everyone is welcome at both events. Church membership is not required to participate in the council meeting. Membership however is required to vote.

The agenda includes pastoral and financial reports, approval of the budget for 2020, and a proposal to install a church playground. Come learn where your children could be playing and having fun soon.

Eli Mast, Moderator



Operation Christmas Child

Your help is needed to fill the **500 shoeboxes this year!!** We still need a variety of items to complete the boxes!! 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 or the list on the Mission table.

Thanks for serving in this way!!

Mission Team



Friday Fun Night Starts November 1st

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

Women's Brunch & Ornaments



Saturday, November 2
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



All ladies are invited to join in a fun time of food, fellowship and crafts! We will enjoy a delicious brunch & make Christmas ornaments. Supplies are provided.

Please bring a dish to share!



What's Cookin'?

As many of you are aware, there is an Annual Kettle Cook held at the front parking lot of the church on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.

The Kettle Cook is just like it sounds. Ok, so you get the Kettle part but what are they cooking??? Soup, and lot of it!!! Yummy good Soup!!! It is chicken corn rivel, vegetable beef, and ham & bean.

Several men in the church provide their expertise in preparing the ingredients for the soup and also in cooking it. So, what does that have to do with you? I'm glad you asked!

We **need** men, women, boys and girls to provide the **help** in preparing and cooking it (stir, stir and stir). The **preparation** of the ingredients will be **Friday morning** on November 29th. **Starting at 8 am**. We can even teach you to make rivels. Just ask Doug Diehl, Craig Gabel, Jason Hoover and Kurt Ilgen. It's gooey, but lots of laughs.

The cooking starts early **Saturday morning** on **November 30th** at 7 am and **usually is ready** to be put into the customers containers by **10:30 am**. Piping hot soup for a cold day!!!

The cost of the soup is a donation. The money raised from the donations will be used to offset the outstanding medical bills of many area individuals.

Participating medical offices are contacted and they provide the outstanding billing amounts. Then the proceeds are used to pay as much as possible towards each bill. Usually the bill is paid in full. This outreach has grown to be so much more and blesses so many lives that it needs to be shared by all who desire to help.

Please plan to come out and be a blessing. Any questions please contact Jake Myer at 570-966-0099 or Scott Myer at 570-966-1975.

Jesus didn't die so that we would come to church, He died so that we would become the church!

Doug Diehl for Men's Ministry

PIT – Youth Ministry

Passionate for,
Intimate with,
Transformed by CHRIST



Holy Moments

Reflections on Luke 20:9-19

It tears
and causes tears.

Falls on you, crushing dreams and ambitions.
It stands in the way, interrupting opinions and perspectives

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

We can reject it or build on it... or both.

Even to build
Requires scraped hands, testing, and tearing down.

*“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken
Everyone on whom that stone falls will be crushed.”*

We need the humility to admit mistakes and rebuild
To be crushed and broken

Remember our discards, our rejections
Can be made beautiful foundations for lovely edifices.

Better buildings.
That love all

Peace, Pastor K



Young Adult Lineup:

Game Nights (Church Wide ALL AGES)

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday
from 5:00 – 8:30 pm
November 6 & November 19

Wing/Pizza & Movie Night

2nd Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
November 14



Family KidConnection



GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

December 6 @ 6 PM

**Please Reserve Your House(s)
By Sunday, November 10**

**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



The dearest friend on earth is a mere shadow compared to Jesus Christ.

Oswald Chambers

From Your Lead Pastor,



What Will Be Said of Us?

As we concluded our Gospel Behavior sermon series, we chose the song, "Let It Be Said of Us" as the closing song. Here are the words to the first verse:

*Let it be said of us, that the Lord was our passion.
That with gladness we bore every cross we were given.
That we fought the good fight, that we finished our course.
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord*

As I was rehearsing the guitar for this song this morning I was struck by the weight of these words. I don't often think of what I would want "said of me" after I'm gone...perhaps I should think more about this...but if the words to this verse could or would be said about me, I'd be pretty glad.

Is the Lord my "passion"? Do my emotional and physical energies lie with the Lord? I'm writing this on a Saturday morning when I know that many people are preparing for tonight's Penn State vs. Michigan game. There is a lot of passion exhibited in a game...but what about in a worship service...or during an early morning prayer time?

Do I bear my cross with gladness? Regardless of the weight of the cross, do I see my life as a consistent offering to the Lord, one that I offer with gladness?

Have I fought the good fight and finished the course? My race isn't over yet but each day I run the race I am contributing to my legacy and other's opinion of it. Am I fighting a good fight?

Now for the most challenging line to me..."knowing within us the power of the risen Lord". Honestly, I don't feel this as often as I think I should. Why not? If I don't feel it, I'm pretty sure that others don't really see it. How can this change? Why won't it change?

Thanks for bearing with my thoughts this month. If you are there with me, let me know. Perhaps we can pray for one another or talk about what changes would be needed for these words to be "said of us".

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

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



There is no pit so deep,
that God's love is not deeper still.

Corrie Ten Boom



Brethren Disaster Ministries

From October 6 - 12 Jan Kline, Ashley Wetzel, Amy Bastian, Lynda Jarrett, Bill Jarrett, Dalton Wise, Jeff Bastian, and Luke Benfer travelled to Lumberton, NC to help rebuild homes that had been destroyed by Hurricane Matthew and Florence. We worked on 4 different homes in North and South Carolina. Our work week consisted of painting, hanging drywall, installing insulation, flooring, plumbing, and also cooking/cleaning.

One of the most exciting things that happened this week was seeing God work in different ways. Here are some God moments from the team:

It's always amazing to see brothers and sisters in Christ come together and work side by side to accomplish a goal. We come together as strangers and leave together as family. We give our time, comforts, and personal preferences to work for Christ. That's where I see God.

We had just enough flooring to complete the room we were working on. God's Providence never ceases to amaze me.

The way God gave skills to everyone so we could do the work.

The blending of two teams and the fun and joy we experienced along with the service we provided.

Meeting the people that lived in the houses that we worked on and listening to their stories about what they went through.

These God moments are the reason why we participate in Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) trips.

Next year's BDM trip will be **October 4 – 10, 2020**. We are **looking for 7 - 8 people** to go. Next year we are going to start charging people a fee to go on BDM trips. More information will be available at a later time.



Thank you,
Ashley Wetzel



Let's Talk About Heaven and Hell

Beginning October 27, we will start a five week sermon series on Heaven and Hell. The reality of heaven and hell is a consistent theme throughout the Bible and is an important reality for the Christian life. I hope that these sermons will answer some questions for you and will raise some additional questions that we can answer outside the sermon time...after all it's pretty difficult for you to ask questions during the sermon.

The titles and dates are as follows:

October 27:

“Why Does Heaven and Hell Matter?”

November 3rd:

“What Will Heaven Be Like?”

November 10th:

“What Will We Be Like in Heaven?”

November 17th:

“What Will Hell Be Like?”

November 24th:

“Some Disturbing Questions About Hell”

As in the previous series, Pastor Donita will be providing study guides that can be used in conjunction with the sermon topic for continued study throughout the week individually or in a faith circle.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

September Offerings Summary

General Fund	\$53,398.85	
YTD Offerings		\$365,538.70
Other Deposits		
Children's SS		21.67
CMT		30.00
Scrip Cards		2,575.00
Weis Cards		3,650.00
Wenger Cards		1,625.00
Beach Retreat		225.00
YMT		95.00
Ambit energy		20.50
Cemetery Fund		300.00
Family In Need		25.00
OCC		388.55
Facility Use		75.00
Youth Soda Money		20.00



Working Behind the Scenes

Here is a short summary of things the Building & Grounds Ministry Team has been doing this past year.

You may have noticed some changes to the front parking lot. We had some water testing done and it was discovered that surface water was getting in at the well cap. We raised the well casing and retested the water. Further tests show that the water is good now. I apologize for having to take away two parking stalls, but it could not be helped.

Once again we found ourselves in need of a custodian. After interviewing several people, we hired Duane Keefer. He is doing a wonderful job.

In January we had our annual work day to remove wax, clean, repair holes, and install new feet on our Main Gathering chairs. We had about twelve people who came out to help.

We purchased ten new plastic tables and one new cart to store our smaller round tables. We also purchased a cart to store our hymnals. Our pump that pumps the sewage to the drain field stopped working and needed to be replaced.

In May we had all the carpets in the church cleaned. We had a magnet lock installed in the front entrance door so that Cheryl could let someone in without having to run down the steps to the door. On the recommendation of the Safety Team we removed one door handle from each door to prevent someone from blocking the doors to escape in the event of an attack on our church. Also, once church begins, all doors, except for the Main Entry, will be locked.

In June we put mulch all around the church. We also installed a new roof on the storage shed where we store the old tables. We had to do some paving in the front parking lot where the old blacktop was crumbling and coming up.

In September we purchased a new lawn mower. We had our other mower ten years and it gave us good service. I hope our new mower does just as well.

In October we installed a winch in the sound room to put the basketball nets up out of the way.

My team members are: Donita Keister, pastor rep., Tracy Solomon, Marlin Yoder, Tyler Jarrett, Scott Myer, Kevin Zimmerman, Lane Zimmerman, and Jeremy Waite.

In December my term ends as Team Leader and Marlin Yoder will take over. I have enjoyed my six years of serving you and would like to thank everyone who has helped in anyway with any project around our church. Without your help, these things would not have been accomplished.

Thanks again and God's Blessing to all of you,

Bill Baker,
Building & Grounds Ministry Team Leader



Creation

What will you be doing **June 23 - 28, 2020**? The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team (YaYAMT) is planning on being at the Agape Farm in Mount Joy Pa with a group of people who are looking to grow closer together and with Jesus.

That is, **If** we have 15 people signed up with their ticket payment of \$75.00 by December 15, 2019. We want to make sure that we have enough interest before we buy our tickets this year and before the cost for the tickets begins to rise.

This invitation to go is for **anyone** who would like to go, **not just for youth or young adults**. We want to experience this coming Creation with people of all ages.

So, if you are interested in signing up for **Creation 2020**, please see Pastor K with your \$75 and bring your friends and their \$75 to make sure we have enough people to commit to going. (If we do not get 15 people we will not be going and all payments will be returned. If after signing up and after we have purchased the tickets, you find out you can't go after all, payment will only be returned if someone else can go in your place.)

So, again, if you are interested in going to Creation in 2020, please see Pastor K as soon as possible.

Kristy Heintzelman for the YaYAMT

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

Youth (6th - 12th grade)

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

November Theme: Community

November Sundays:

- November 3 - (Church Council, 1 – 3 pm);
Youth (6 – 8 pm) Manhunt
- November 10 - Collecting Food for Food Bank,
12 – 3 pm
- November 17 - Pursuing Jesus (DEEP),
6 – 8 pm
- November 24 - Advisor Hunt, 12 – 6 pm

Youth Events:

- November 26 - Burn Stuff (bonfire & Mafia),
Tuesday, 5:30 – 9 pm.

Pastor K