



## Summer Day Camps

**June 12, 19, 26**

**July 10, 17, 24**

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

**K5:** those who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
**9:30 am — 4 pm**

**REGISTER ONLINE – [kids.bvcob.com](http://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



## The Cross

The greatest first century symbol of death is now the greatest symbol of life!



## Men after God's Heart

At our men's retreat in March we had a wonderful prayer time where we felt the presence of God in a special way. Each man shared five requests and took a couple of minutes sharing those requests with the group. We then took turns laying hands on each man and having two or three men praying for those requests. We had a wonderful time as we prayed, laughed and cried together.

We are going to have a **men's prayer night** on Thursday **June 13<sup>th</sup>** from **7 - 9 p.m.** (or when we finish). We will meet in the old library, Room 9, which is at the rear of the main gathering room. All men are invited to join this evening. If you have any questions please contact Doug Diehl, Craig Gabel or Pastor Eric. We would like to keep the spiritual momentum we saw at the men's retreat rolling throughout the year.

Also, it will soon be time for the **Men's Picnic**. This will be held rain or shine on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **3 pm** to whenever we are finished. There will be the Quoit Pitch Tournament, Corn-hole, and any other yard and table games you wish to bring along. Please bring your sons & friends. Last year we had several young men there.

Please bring a dish or snack to share. Meat, drink, toppings, and utensils/plates will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and lounge if you wish to. This can be an awesome time for all. Maybe we can talk Gary Kline & Steve Buttorff into making homemade ice cream like they did at the retreat!!!

Doug Diehl for Men's Ministry



## Musical Day Camp 2019

*For kids who have  
completed  
Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

**Monday, August 5  
through  
Friday, August 9**

from 9 am to 1 pm daily

*Performances Held*

**SATURDAY, August 10 - 7:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, August 11 - 9:30 AM**

Teresa Chambers, for Children's Ministry Team

## Spring Church Council Action

The Spring Church Council held on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> approved two significant items of business.

**Revisions** to the **Safe Place Guidelines** include updated training for volunteers and assuring that the State guidelines for mandated reporters are followed.

A **vision** to **plant micro-churches** in surrounding communities was approved. The timeline calls for the first plant to start this fall in the Middleburg/Penns Creek area with Rich Miller as the leader.

The **next scheduled Church Council** will be held on Sunday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Eli Mast, Moderator



### Additional Graduates

Please note we have more church family graduates to feature! Look for more information on their milestones in a booklet to be given out on the upcoming "**Graduate Sunday**", **June 2!** Come at **9 AM** in the main gathering for recognition and join us for the fellowship time to follow in the main entry.

**Daniel Buttorff** graduated from Elizabethtown College on May 18, 2019.

**Zachary Ilgen** graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology in December, 2018.

**Tyler Berkheiser** will be graduating from Mifflinburg Area High School on June 7 (Tyler participated in the ACE program at Bloomsburg University during his senior year).

Please let me know if I missed anyone else!

Thank you,  
Fay Richard



## Strawberry Festival/Hymn Sing



Saturday, **June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 -7:30 pm**



Please come out, bring a strawberry dish to share along with your singing voices. Hope to see/hear you there!

Karen Beiler, Special Events Coordinator

## The Great 8...Romans Chapter 8

Few chapters in the New Testament contain such theological and practical truth as Romans chapter 8. In mid-June we will embark on a series of messages titled, "From Condemnation to Completion" as we look at what Romans chapter 8 has to say to us. We will look at such amazing topics as the contrast between the flesh and the Spirit, how we become heirs of God through Christ, the transition from suffering to glory and the amazing love of God; from which we cannot be separated.

I know that I'm excited about preparing for these sermons and I hope you will be excited to learn from this great chapter as well. You can begin now to prepare by reading Romans 8...and the first seven chapters as well...and begin to think about what questions and emotions these words bring to your mind. I'm always anxious to hear questions/comments about what we discuss on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Eric



## PIT – Youth Ministry

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### Holy Moments

(From daily Instagram reflections)

*“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ did... But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.” - Eph. 5:1-3*

I struggle with verse 3 here - it’s all positive (love, forgive...) then this negative judgement type language. Maybe because I’ve seen the church and religious people judge what we deem as sexually immoral or impure, and greedy (though we tend to go lighter on the latter). It’s tempting to just skip over these verses, but we must struggle with them.

I note 2 quick things: 1st, it is AMONG us, not in the general public. Also, these charges are surrounded by the positive commands to love, forgive, and bear with one another. Even our judgement (especially of ourselves) must be soaked in love.

Ok, one other quick note - it’s easy to pick a hot button judgement that shows we are “right” (confirmation bias). The challenge is to examine ourselves and see if any of these exist in me, and work on that... with love, forgiveness, and patience.

Peace,  
Pastor K



## Camp Eder Corner

The staff is busy preparing for Summer Camps! How about you? Are you registered yet? It isn’t too late!

### Peace Works: SUMMER 2019

Empowering the Next Generation of Peacemakers

“Camp Eder provides a fun, enriching, spiritual, and biblically-based camp experience for campers of all ages. Peace is a prayer for some and a life’s work for others. It’s a blessing we share with others and longing within each of our hearts. Scripture is filled with the stories of peace and justice and camp is the perfect place to share them. Peace isn’t always easy, but it’s always worth the effort, because we know that peace works!”

If you have any questions on camp regarding registering or how to get the tuition support from Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB), contact me ASAP!

Fay Richard, Camp Rep for BVCOB  
frichard@dejazzd.com

### *SECRET SISTER has returned*

Have you ever thought of being a **special blessing to a “Sister”**? Would you like to be thinking and praying for a Sister in Christ on a daily basis? Do you like making someone smile with small gifts?

Consider signing up to be a Secret Sister. You in turn will be prayed for and receive small gifts from your Secret Sister as well. Forms are on the Women’s Ministry bulletin board found in the Main Entry. Please take a form, fill it out and turn it in by **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. You will receive your Secret Sister form by Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to celebrate your “Sister’s” birthday or half-birthday, Mother’s day, Anniversaries, etc. We will reveal your Secret Sister in the beginning of November. This will only be for a 6 month period.

Carol Pursel for Women’s Ministry

*From Your Lead Pastor,*



## Disciples in the Making

Some of Jesus' final words before His ascension into heaven contained the command for the church to "make disciples". In Matthew 28:18-20 we read: *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen'"* I know that I have struggled with staying on track with this command; in my own life and also in how I invest into others. I wonder if any of you have struggled with this as well? It seems that if I don't have a particular plan or process in mind, the "tyranny of the urgent" takes place and life goes on and well...you know what I mean.

I have been thinking a lot about how this process works here at Buffalo Valley and am planning on helping us to better define this process. However, I thought I'd ask any of you reading this letter if you would like to meet with me to talk about what discipleship looks like in your life and how BVCOB could help you become more of a disciple and/or equip you to better be a disciple of Jesus. If you'd like to talk about this, please contact me. I'd like to get your input on how this looks in your own life and perhaps you'd have some tips or suggestions for me as well as we seek to improve our disciple making process at Buffalo Valley. You don't have to have any answers...even if all you have are questions I'd be glad to listen.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



When Satan tells me I am a sinner he comforts me immeasurably since Christ died for sinners.

Martin Luther



## Women's Fall Beach Retreat

**ATTN: SIGN UPS GOING ON NOW!!!**

The **Beach Retreat** to Bethany Beach is coming **September 8 - 11, 2019**. This retreat is for all women and friends of women that attend Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren. We will be staying in condos right on the beach. Our day is filled with salt air, sounds of the waves, sunrises, sunsets, fellowship, morning Bible study on the beach, nutrition of souls and body, and also free time for walking, bike riding and swimming. Plan now to join us.

Deposit of \$100 will be due by June 2<sup>nd</sup> by placing it in the offering plate. Balance of \$125 will be due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Carol Pursel for Women's Ministry

### Youth & Young Adult Lineup

#### Young Adults:

#### Game Nights (Church Wide ALL AGES)

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 4 - 8 pm  
June 5 & June 17

#### Wing/Pizza & Movie Night

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
June 13



#### Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

#### June theme: Requests

- June 2 – YaYA Mtg. (NO YOUTH - Pastor K away)
- June 9 - Youth (DEEP)
- June 16 - Father's Day [No Youth]
- June 23 – Youth **Pond**
- June 30 – No Youth (Creation)

#### Youth Events:

- June 25 - 30 - **Creation**
- July 13 - 19 - **Westernport Mission Trip**
- August 2 – 4 - **Summer Retreat @ Kline Cabin**



Pastor K



**BRETHREN**  
Disaster Ministries

For anyone who is interested we **still have space available** for our Brethren Disaster Ministries trip. We still have space for **one more female and three more males**. The assistant cook/clean position is already taken so we are only looking for people to help with the construction work. You do not have to be a skilled carpenter to participate in this trip.

The trip is **October 6 - 12** in Lumberton, NC to help rebuild houses that were destroyed by hurricane Matthew in 2016. There is no cost to this trip.

Anyone interested in this trip can sign up on the signup sheet at the mission table in the main entry. You can also pick up a brochure. If anyone has any questions please call, text, email, or talk to me at church. (570) 541-5298 or [ashwet13@gmail.com](mailto:ashwet13@gmail.com).

We will be working with another group of 7 people from the Virlina district.

God Bless,  
Ashley Wetzel



### Westernport Mission 2019

As the team of 31 prepares for the week of **July 13 – 20**, we would appreciate your prayers as we minister to the children and their families. We will provide two hot meals, snacks, Day Camp sharing the love of Jesus and construction projects in town.

Vicki Bastian

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