

Your Participation Is Important

The **Fall Church Council** is scheduled for Sunday, **November 1st** at 1 pm. We will not have the potluck meal at noon as has been our custom because of concerns relating to the Corona virus. Child care will not be provided for this meeting.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and learn about the work and the vision of the church. We also plan on providing access via Zoom for individuals that may not be able to attend the meeting.

The agenda items are: the Treasurers Report, Pastoral Reports, Updates on the Playground Project and the Payroll Protection Program, and approval of the Proposed Budget for 2021.

Written reports from each of the Ministry Teams will available. Copies of the Proposed Budget will also be available and will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Eli Mast
Moderator

The Drive for Discipleship

What should drive us to make disciples is love for God and others!!



MISSED THE DUE DATE?

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2021 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.)

A **Church Calendar ADDITION Form** needs to be completed for **every church activity** so that none are missed. Be sure to include the start & end times, preparation start & end times, and rooms to be used. Just because your event or meeting was on the calendar in the past, please do not assume anything. Again, don't forget to submit offsite activities.

A **Facility Use Agreement** needs to be completed for private use of the church facility. This and other forms can be found in the church office or by going to **www.bvcob.com**.

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.

Note: In order to give priority to church functions and ministries, calendar dates for 2021 must be submitted from the ministry teams by October 1, 2020. No outside groups will be permitted to schedule any events for 2021 (with the exceptions of weddings) until after November 1, 2020.



We Did It!

The shoebox items that we needed for the **Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes** are complete! Thank you, thank you Church Family for your contributions! In spite of circumstances this year, you have continued to supply us with all the items that we needed to fill the shoeboxes. We will be sending **504 shoeboxes** to children all around the world with the Gospel message.

There is still another way that you can help us. We are in need of funds to **help with the shipping costs**. The total cost to ship the boxes is \$4,500 and we currently have \$1,600. This amount normally comes from the money we receive from our Community Aid donations, recycling, and contributions from you! Due to this year's circumstances we were unable to receive as much as before.

If you would like to help us with these shipping costs, please **earmark your donation, OCC** or you can also use one of the cards provided at the Mission table in the Main Entry.

Thank you so much for helping us make a child smile this Christmas!

Vicki Bastian, Mission Ministry Team



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

PIT – Youth Ministry

Passionate for,
Intimate with,
Transformed by CHRIST



“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a hidden place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who come in can see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is diseased, your body is full of darkness.” - Luke 11:33-34

How we view things is important - our attitude / what we expect to see. We can look for the light, good, and joy. Or we can focus on the dark, negative, and depressing. What we focus on will impact what is inside us, and what pours out of us - (words, reactions, social media, etc.). How healthy are our eyes? Seeing through the lens of Jesus gives us new perspective, even when things seem hopeless. (Sometimes our eyes get a speck in them, and we need help cleaning them out - don't be afraid to ask for help. We all need other perspectives to clarify our own).

(From Pastor K's "Devo Snapchats,"
found on BVCOB's facebook page
and Instagram "b.v.c.o.b." & Snapchat).

Pastor K, Peace

Volunteers Needed

Beginning in November, we would like to start clearing the chairs from the Main Gathering area for ministry that will take place.

Currently, there are not enough volunteers to set up a **chair schedule**. We would like to have 6 - 7 people who are willing to set up chairs for worship on Sunday mornings. That would mean you would set up the chairs about 2 times a quarter.

If you are willing to help serve the church in this way, please talk to Cheryl Ilgen or contact the church office at 570-966-1183 or churchoffice@bvcob.com.



We Are Losing It!

Community Aid has alerted us that they will be **removing our bin!** They have made the decision to remove the majority of their bins and rely on the donations that are received at the store. The Mission Ministry Team was disappointed by this decision, but there are ways that you can still help us earn money that goes toward Operation Christmas Child shipping costs.

But...how can you help us continue to receive credit?

*We are planning to have a fall and spring collection day when we will encourage you to bring donations to the church and they will be taken down to the store and we will receive credit. More information on this coming soon.

*You can take clothing items and linens directly to the store located in Shamokin Dam and provide our church name and the bin number (30003) for us to receive credit. We will be providing cards with the hours of the Donation Center and the bin number after the bin is removed.

While we were very disappointed by this decision, we will continue to look at ways to receive credit through your donations.

Vicki Bastian, Mission Ministry Team



Gift Cards Are Available

Weis and Wenger gift cards are now available. Call the church office (570) 966-1183 to let us know what cards you would like. Once payment is received, arrangements will be made for you to receive your gift cards. **Support our debt repayment program.**

From Your Lead Pastor,



The Jeep Wave

One day when I borrowed my daughter's Jeep Wrangler she said to me, "Don't forget to do the Jeep wave!" I had managed to live 53 years of my life without any idea of what the "Jeep wave" was. She explained to me that whenever I passed another Wrangler on the road I was required to wave, usually by lifting two fingers of the hand that is at the top of the steering wheel. You don't wave to Jeep Compass drivers, Jeep Renegade drivers or any other kind of Jeep driver, just those who drive Wranglers.

In July of this year I purchased a Jeep Wrangler for myself. It has been my experience that about 90% of the Jeep Wranglers that I pass either initiate the wave or return the wave that I initiate. I don't believe I actually know any of the drivers that I have passed, but I still wave. The origin of the Jeep wave is unknown. The best theory I've read is that soldiers returning from World War II purchased civilian jeeps when they hit the commercial market in 1945. The wave was an acknowledgement between two people who most likely served in the war. The only other group of people for which I notice a similar phenomenon are Harley Davidson riders. They have a wave that they use when they pass each other.

Why am I writing about this? Well, it interests me that a custom, an expected practice, has arisen among Jeep Wrangler owners who mostly don't know each other. Followers of Jesus have something much more important in common than owning a particular vehicle. We have fellowship with God and with one another. I hope that we treat each other with an expectation of greeting and availability to one another. I hope that we appreciate the special bond that we have. Christians can't really wave to one another as we pass each other on the highway since we are all driving different types of cars. However, as we gather together in fellowship at a church service or in the park or wherever we may be, may we recognize somehow the bond that we have and that we share. And of course, a wave couldn't hurt!

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

Youth & Young Adult Activities For November

Upcoming Young Adult Activities

Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Game Night

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Wing Night

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 – 9 pm
(because the 26th is Thanksgiving)
Movie Night

Upcoming Youth Activities

(NOTE: all activities are now on **Sundays,**
4 - 6 pm, at the church)

Sunday November 1, 4 - 6 pm
PIT Youth - **Fun & Teamwork**

Sunday, November 8, 4 – 6 pm
Youth - **Nightgames**

Sunday November 15, 4 - 6 pm
Youth - **Interactive Story**

Sunday, November 22, 4 – 6 pm
Family Feud
(Who knows more: Youth vs. Adults)

Sunday November 29, 6 – 7 pm
YaYA Meeting

Pastor K

Just really love Jesus!!

Order Gift Cards Online For Year End

We have decided to do an online gift card order in November and December as many people have actively started or are planning their holiday shopping. **Orders will be due by noon** on the first Tuesday of the month **November 3rd** and **December 1st** and will be available for pickup at the church on the following Sunday.

Gift cards are great for your normal purchases at the pharmacy, grocery store and gas station.

Gift cards make a great gift but are also great for buying gifts as you can use them locally if shopping in person or used to purchase online from most any major retailer.

Restaurant gift cards are still a great way to support the church even if you are only doing take out or drive through.

Also remember the church gets 10% if you use Wengers cards, not available online, but they are available by contacting Jake Myer or the church office.

Thanks for your **support of our building debt reduction.**

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/index.aspx>

If you have not signed up, you simply set up a family account using the link above and then under "Manage nonprofits:" use **Enrollment Code:** 6916BB3729429 to add the church so the church gets its contribution. Feel free to share this information with friends and family.

If you don't want to set up an account but want to order, let me know what you want, and I will place the order for you.

Steve Richard

Can You Stand Firm on Shifting Ground?



I've never experienced an earthquake nor have I ever found myself in quicksand. In a literal sense, I don't think I've ever found myself trying to stand up on shifting ground. However, in a metaphorical sense, I certainly have found the "ground" shifting beneath my feet and I would guess that you have also.

For the last Sunday in October and then three Sundays in November we are going to look at the Old Testament book of Daniel. We will look at four examples of Daniel and his friends standing firm as the ground shifted around them. How did they remain faithful to God? Drop by or watch online to find out!

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Please Bring Metal!



Are your soda cans piling up? Have you been cleaning out and find that you have metal items that no longer work or are of no use? Well...The Mission Ministry Team has a solution for you!

Bring your aluminum cans and any metal that you have, even appliances, piping, old metal ladders, car parts and even old tools can all be recycled.

There is a trailer by the shed where you can place your items. If you have any questions, please talk to Jake Myer.

Help support Operation Christmas Child by bringing in these items. The money from the recycling helps pay for shipping the shoeboxes.

Vicki Bastian for Mission Ministry Team

Fall Sunday School Options

ADULTS

Gospel of Luke (MG)

Brethren Beliefs (Zoom)

Walking Class

DISC Class (narthex)

YOUTH (6-12 grade)

The Discipleship Experiment (PIT)

CHILDREN (preschool-5th grade)

Stories from the Old Testament
(all children in Son Room)

Junior Worship – During 8 am service only
(all children in Son Room)

*Additional information is on the bulletin board by the Main Entry doors.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2020!

November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 28 – Kettle Cook



December 24 – Christmas Eve Services



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.



Online giving to Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren is available at <https://get.tithe.ly>

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