

Our Opportunity for COVID Relief

Under the guidance of the Mission Ministry Team, 87 Weis gift cards were distributed to staff at Evangelical Community Hospital. These gifts cards were paired with handwritten notes of encouragement from members of the congregation. Below is the text of a letter that we received from Donna Schuck, Associate Vice President/Chief Development Officer:

“Dear Vicki and Friends at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren,

On behalf of all at Evangelical, please accept our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and support. Thank you for your kindness to the Hospital’s employees with a donation of \$25 Weis Market gift cards. We were pleased to be able to distribute these gift cards as you requested to Housekeeping, Respiratory Therapy and Security Departments.

Your donation not only provided a welcome treat but lifted spirits during this difficult time. Thank you for thinking of the Evangelical employees as we continue to fight the battle with COVID-19.”

Thank you for helping us provide a little “COVID Relief” to those on the front lines.

Pastor Eric for the Mission Ministry Team



None of us can help everyone.
But all of us can help someone.
And when we help them, we serve Jesus!!

Max Lucado

Be Part of a Culture of Giving

Are you feeling inspired after Pastor Eric’s recent sermon series to be **more generous** with your monetary blessings? Feeling overwhelmed with where to start? Feel like you want to, but can’t because times are tough? We, The Finance Ministry Team (FMT), are more than happy to help!

We can explain details of the church budget so you feel confident in what your tithing goes to and why. We can work with you on your personal finances so you can give more to others. We can help you find a ministry, either inside or outside the church, to give to that you feel passionate about.

One easy way to start is to buy gift cards through the church. It’s like giving **free money!** You can buy gift cards for places you go to regularly, or for a gift, and the church gets a percentage back. That adds up to literally **thousands** of dollars each year! And now it’s even easier with the Google Form that was sent via email.

Questions about any of this? Contact anyone on the FMT – Heather Buttorff, Darryl Kline, Jonathan Bastian, Jake Myer, Elaina Richard, Eric Kauffman.

Elaina Richard for Finance Ministry Team



God desires to see an increase in our giving which leads to an increase in His blessing.

Yes, It's That Time!
To Serve Others in Westernport!



Plans are underway for the **Summer Mission Trip to Westernport, MD**. At this point we are moving forward with plans and praying that we will indeed be able to go. We will be serving the children and their families the week of **July 10th to 16th**. Do you want to be a part of a team that works together to feed these children both physically and spiritually and make a difference in their lives? Consider being part of the Westernport team this year and experience being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please contact me for more information or an application. If you filled out an application last year, I still have it!

They will not seek,
They must be sought.

They will not come,
They must be brought.

They will not learn,
They must be taught.

Vicki Bastian, Team Leader



God's purposes always have God's provision.

John Blanchard



Camp Eder Corner

Don't forget to check out **summer camping** at Camp Eder! We hope this summer is the best! Camps are for Elementary children through, and including High School youth. **Register online at campeder.org.**

We should soon be getting some brochures at the church if you didn't get one in the mail. (Those who have gone in the past should receive one in their mail).

If you are a regular attender here at Buffalo Valley COB, \$250 of your tuition will be paid by the church! There are also scholarships offered by the camp if additional funds are needed.

"From wacky science experiments, games, indoor crafts, and Bible study, your camper will have a blast at Camp Eder! All camps include (most importantly) study and experiences to help campers learn more about themselves and God. To God be the Glory!"

Week #1 June 20 - 25

Senior High (Grades 9 - 12) \$335

2021 Senior High Camp will be a week to remember! You will spend your days at camp meeting new friends, playing crazy games, exploring camp's 400+ acres and making memories that will last a life time. Senior high camp is all about discovering more about God and yourself while being supported by great counselors and friends.

Please consider camp for your child!

Fay A. Richard, Camp Rep
frichard@dejazzd.com



For online giving to BVCOB, go to bvcob.com and click on the green box "**Set Up/Manage Online Giving**".



Paying It Down

At the November Church Council meeting the Ministries Coordinating Team (MCT) and Finance Ministry Team were tasked to offer the means of giving to directly help **retire the building debt**.

The Finance Ministry Team recommended and MCT approved that money can be designated to the building debt by labeling your donations as "**Debt Service**". These funds will go directly to debt retirement.

Jake Myer, Treasurer

Time for Spring Clean Out?



The Mission Ministry team is happy to announce our first **Clothing Collection** to benefit our Shoebox Ministry! As you go through your clothing and closets to get ready for spring, and find clothing you no longer want or that fits, we have the perfect solution for you!

We will transport your clothing donations to the Community Aid store for you and we will receive the credit toward shoebox shipping.

So...on **Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28**, bring your gently used clothing only and place the bags in the trailer by the Main Entrance. The trailer will be available from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday and 7:30 am to noon on Sunday.



Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Vicki Bastian
Mission Ministry Team

PIT – Youth Ministry

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BVCOB PIT:

One of Pastor K's favorite passages:

"Why do you say, Jacob, Why do you say, Israel, 'The LORD is not aware of what is happening to me, My God is not concerned with my vindication'?"

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is an eternal God, the creator of the whole earth.

He does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to his wisdom.

He gives strength to those who are tired; to the ones who lack power, he gives renewed energy.

Even youths get tired and weary; even strong young men clumsily stumble.

But those who wait for the LORD's help find renewed strength;

they rise up as if they had eagles' wings,
they run without growing weary,
they walk without getting tired."

Isaiah 40:27-31 NET

Pastor K - I memorized these verses when I was in high school and loved the image of rising on eagle wings. I re-memorized them several times, especially when I have trained for marathons - for obvious reasons. It has a rhythm that goes so easily with a running cadence. It takes my mind off the mundane of running, and lifts my spirits and hopes...

There have been times in my life where I felt God forgot me, and these verses have comforted me through those dark times. During this pandemic, I have been reminded again and again to wait - but not just sit idle - "wait upon the Lord."

Peace,
Pastor K



Join us! We are offering a few different ways to connect with you and your family. We look forward to seeing you in any form you feel comfortable with.

Pre-K: A Preschool Storytime will be uploaded by Saturday of each week.

If you are not connected and you would like to be. We offer a link to the story time video on Vimeo or is available on Facebook.

Also, a resource is offered that corresponds with the story. If you are not receiving these resources and would like to, email or call Donita or contact the church office. This resource is delivered monthly.

K - 5th grade: Zoom Bible Club Saturday at 10 am a zoom link will be emailed to you. If you are not receiving this link and would like it, please contact Donita or the church office.

In-Person on Sunday Morning:

Junior Worship: We are offering all children up to 5th grade to come back to the Sunroom for a bible lesson and play during the worship service.

Sunday school: We have a Pre-K, K-1st, and a 2nd – 5th grade classes available.

And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20b

Angela Zimmerman,
for Children's Ministry Team

From Your Lead Pastor,



Paying the Price Without Counting the Cost

I'm going to tell you something that you probably don't know about me. Since before high school I have had a favorite rock band. You probably couldn't guess it if you tried. My favorite band is a Canadian band named Rush. They are not the most popular band, but they had a long career and I appreciate their music and the talent that the three people in the band exhibited.

A week or so ago I was watching a concert on Youtube. While watching I heard a song called "Bravado" that I had not heard before. I'm a fan but not one of those fans that knows all of the songs... The chorus had a line that caught my attention. It went like this: "We will pay the price but we will not count the cost". I think that is a very important and applicable phrase. In the context of the song, it seemed to describe an attitude of bravado, an attitude of pride.

Jesus used this phrase, "count the cost" in Luke 14:26-33 as He called people to be His disciples. Jesus wanted His followers to know that following Him was an "all in" proposition. But what about the phrase, "We will pay the price but we will not count the cost."? For me the phrase means that we are all going to pay a price. Everyone pays a price in the way that they live. But if we put ourselves in a situation that we have not planned or if we are acting in a foolish way, the price we pay will not count for anything because we have not counted the cost. We have not thought ahead about what we were doing. If a person starts a project that they don't finish, they have paid a price, but it's wasted because they didn't first count the cost. The price they paid has not produced a return.

I think that Jesus wants us to count the cost of following Him. We won't know all the details but if we are willing to count the cost, then the price that we pay will be worth it. In life, we all pay a price. Is the price you are paying worth it? Is the price you are paying a part of the overall desire to count the cost and to see God's will done in your life? If not, you will pay a price, but you will not count the cost.

By the way, not all rock music is bad. Some of it is pretty good and you can find some interesting messages and meanings to some of it.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



March Youth



& Young Adult Activities:

We continue a revised schedule for Youth activities. Young Adults are meeting individually in small groups - if you are interested, contact Pastor K.

Youth Sunday school - 10:30 am in the PIT
with Megan Wetzell and Terry Ruhl.

Youth Sunday Afternoons
(Theme: *Building Relationships*)

- March 7 - Movie Musings, 4 – 6 pm @ Church
- March 14 - Adventuring
(Youth planned event away from Church - TBA)
- March 21 - Youth meet at Church, 4 – 6 pm
- March 28 - Planning Meeting, 4 - 6 pm @ Church

Peace,
Pastor K

Parables and Other Stuff

As most of you know, Pastor K. is in the final stages of earning his Master's degree at Bethany Theological Seminary. A recent class required him to work through some of the parables of Jesus. He will be sharing some of the fruits of this labor in a four week sermon series on the parables of Jesus. He will begin this series on February 14th and will conclude the series on the second Sunday in March. I will also preach a sermon on February 28th. I hope you will enjoy hearing Pastor K.'s perspective on the parables.

As always, there will be conversation on our BVCOB Sermon Group Facebook page. We welcome your engagement there. Your comments and questions are always appreciated.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2021



March 23 – Red Cross Blood Drive

March 27 & 28 – Community Aid Collection

April 1 – Love Feast

April 4 – EASTER

May 2 – Spring Church Council Meeting

June 16 - Summer Kid Connection Begins

July 10 – 16 - Westernport Mission Trip

August 3 – 6 - Musical Day Camp

October 3 – Love Feast

October 29 & 30 - Children's Retreat

November 7 – Fall Church Council Meeting

November 27 – Kettle Cook



Any 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? Do you have a dead mower? Tools that can no longer be used? 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 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Vicki Bastian for 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



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**.

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