

## An Opportunity for Prayer

We are now holding a **praying meeting** in the Sonroom on the **third Wednesday night of each month at 7 p.m.** Each request that is brought up is prayed for by three or four people and then we move on to the next request. I exhort you to come out and pray. When you read through the Bible you will see that God seems to be very pleased and active when His people gather together for prayer.

If you would like to meet for prayer but the third Wednesday is unavailable for you, please let me know and we can schedule a second night of prayer at a different day and time. Also, if you have a particular request that you would like the group to pray for but you cannot attend, please pass that to me the week of the meeting and I'll make sure the group prays for that request.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



## A Turning Point

The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Saint Francis de Sales

LOVE GOD

LOVE OTHERS

LOVE WELL



## Men's Backyard Bash

Come out to the Men's Backyard Bash on **Sunday, July 18** from **4 - 8 PM** at Steve and Fay Richard's House. Dinner will be provided, followed by several yard games for the young and old.

There will be some traditional games such as quoits, and some newer games such as Kan Jam, Spikeball, and Cornhole. Any guy over the age of 13 is free to attend. **Sign up** at the **Men's Fellowship bulletin board**. If you have any questions, you may contact Zach Showers at 570-765-2011.

Zach Showers, for Men's Ministry



## Camp Eder Corner

**Last call** for summer camps! Remember our church pays a large portion of tuition for our campers! Camp Eder camps are for Elementary children through, and including High School youth.

Register online at [campeder.org](http://campeder.org). 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.

Please note that Pastor K will be the Camp Pastor for Week # 4. He'd love to have you join him that week!

Any questions, contact Fay Richard, BVCOB Camp Rep at 570-716-2442.

Fay Richard



## What Happens in the End?

In our women's Bible study a few weeks ago part of our study covered the following verse in Ecclesiastes 5:15

*Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.*

We come with nothing and we leave with nothing. So where does this verse take your heart and mind? No matter how much money or stuff we acquire and accumulate; the investments we make in tangible assets stay behind. The only part that goes along with us are the treasures in our soul. What is left and what we leave behind is the impact we had on others.

One way to measure the priorities in your life is to keep track of where you spend your money and your time. We are pulled so hard in this world toward material treasures and it often takes a nudging to remind us we are on the wrong track.

My most recent reminder was a visit from a customer who is watching his wife waste away to cancer and there really wasn't much time left. He spoke about their upcoming anniversary where they would be married for 44 years ... and how they have loved and supported one another and have lived a wonderful life together, the pride they shared in their children and the legacy she will leave behind. No mention of any awards, accolades or material treasures.

If you were to die tomorrow what would others say about you? How did you utilize the gifts and resources God gave you? Upon reflection, is there anything you would change?

Let this verse encourage you to action... to not waste another moment or opportunity. Ask God to give you the courage to be bold and invest in the eternal treasures in this life.

Heather Buttorff, for Finance Ministry Team



This past Wednesday was the kickoff to summer day camp. It was a fun filled day. A huge thank you to all of you who volunteer, without you this event and many others are not possible.

If you have not attended a Fireside Friday yet you are missing some great fun. Hope to see you at the next event.

## Summer Day Camp

Dates: June 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 9:30 am through 12:30 pm

This event is held at the Keister Pond, with the option of going to the church if it rains. Sign-ups will be emailed. If you have not received an email about this event, please reach out to [churchoffice@bvcob.com](mailto:churchoffice@bvcob.com)

## Fireside Friday's

Dates: June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> & August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

This event is outdoor at the Keister pond. Everyone is welcome. Bring your favorite ingredients to share in the fun of mountain pie making. There will be hotdogs, smorgasbord for mountain pie making, smores to roast on the fire along with refreshments and snacks. Activities will include yard games, bounce house, fishing, craft, and a devotional time.

## Sunday Worship

Junior Worship 8:30 - 9:30 am &  
10:30 -11:30 am  
for Pre-k-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 am  
for Pre-k- 5<sup>th</sup> grade

*I pray that God, the source of hope will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*  
*Romans 15:13*

Angela Zimmerman for Children's Ministry Team



## Men's Breakfast Is Back

We are back to meeting on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 7 AM** for Men's Breakfast at Sam Beiler's house. Join us for a tasty breakfast made by Sam, lively fellowship, and time in the Word together. We would love to have you there!

Zach Showers, for Men's Ministry



## Christmas Shoebox Outreach Ministry

Hello folks and Merry Christmas to you! Did you know that there are only 189 days until the big day for celebrating our Lords birth! That means, we have even less time to fill our bins full of the treasures that will be packed into the boxes for the children and to get them ready in time to ship.

Join the Mission Ministry Team in sharing some fun, some necessities and most of all, the story of our Savior. Please glance over the shopping list located at the mission table for the items that are being given to the children.

Take note, some are new items for this year, and some items that we have typically done in the past have been removed from the list. Next week you will receive an updated list of what we are requesting from you, our very generous church family.

Thank you to those who have donated already, we appreciate your kindness. Remember, all items can be purchased at any of the local Dollar Tree stores.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and Happy Shopping!

Tracie Diehl, for Mission Ministry Team

## **BVCOB Youth: PIT**

(Youth and families striving to  
Passionate about, Intimate with, Transformed by  
Christ)



On July 4<sup>th</sup> many in the United States will celebrate the day that the first Continental Congress first declared independence from England. It is a day that typically celebrates freedom. Freedom was not realized on that Day in 1776; England and others had to agree, which resulted in a war. Freedom had to be fought for, but the day provided a reference to rally around. Unfortunately the cry for “liberty or death” did not include all people who came to live in the United States. Around 10-12 million people from Africa were forcefully brought to this land and sold into forced labor. Many of them did not realize freedom again until nearly 100 years later.

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger made the official announcement in Galveston, TX, that all slaves were free. This included an equality of personal rights and rights of property for all people. That struggle for equal rights continues to this day, but “Juneteenth” became a day to rally around and remember that an official announcement was made to the final 250,000 slaves that they were free; they legally no longer belonged to someone else. May we, as followers of Christ, take part in this struggle as we join him in quoting Isaiah 61, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,” (Luke 4:18-19).

Most nations or people have a day that they celebrate their independence or freedom. Many Jews still celebrate Passover, when God freed them from slavery in Egypt. After Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah, He began declaring a new kingdom as well - but a different kingdom - not one based around land and possession, but a spiritual kingdom and freedom from sin and fear. This would be another freedom that would be declared on a certain day, but take continued effort to realize. He used his “last supper” to symbolize and show how to celebrate and realize this “other-worldly” kingdom - not by conquering and dominating others but by forgiving and serving. In following Him, we take part in freeing people from the cycle of vengeance and shame. We realize that this too is an ongoing struggle, not only in

society, but within ourselves. We have a “day of freedom” from sin, but still have to work out that salvation (Philippians 2:12).

### **July Youth & Young Adult Activities:**

With College students back for the summer, we have had a flurry of meetings.

**Wednesdays at 5 pm**, a group has been meeting to discuss C.S. Lewis’s book, “The Great Divorce,” discussing heaven and hell, and so of course life and death and what is important in life.

The **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** are **movie nights** in the PIT at 6:30 pm, where we enjoy a movie and food together along with much conversation and discussion of life and faith around the movie.

**Youth Sunday School - 9:30 am** in the PIT with Eric Kauffman and Megan Wetzel with the theme of “Finding God” through worship and exploring personal interests.

### **Youth Sunday Afternoons & More** (*Theme: Connect as Community*)

- July 4<sup>th</sup> - No Youth
- July 11 - Mini Golf offsite  
(Pastor K away)
- July 16 - Friday Night Drive in Movie  
9:00 - 11:30? pm
- July 23 - Fireside Friday with CMT  
6 – 8:30 pm at the Keister Pond
- July 25 - YaYA Ministry Team Meeting  
4 - 6 pm (Stacy M away)

Peace,  
Pastor K



## **Church Auction Date Set March 5, 2022**

Mark your calendars and start saving your donations. If you have items to donate that you cannot store, please contact me. We also are looking for new people to step forward to help plan and work this fun event. Call or text me at 570-452-4854.

Steve Richard

*From Your Lead Pastor,*



Are You Missing Something?

For a period of my Christian life as a young adult I was missing something. I was missing an active, life-changing faith in Jesus Christ. I discovered what I was missing through exhortation to read the Bible and to be involved in community with fellow Christians. I found what I was missing by teaching four year olds in Sunday school and by being in a small group Bible study. I found what I was missing by going out each Tuesday evening to visit guests who had attended the church the previous Sunday; talking with them about their faith journey.

I found what I was missing when I sought after more of what it really means to follow Jesus. I think that many Christians, perhaps you, are missing something. Have you experienced the joy and fear of sharing your faith with someone and inviting him/her to follow Jesus? Have you spent at least thirty minutes with a paragraph or a chapter of God's word and mined it for the riches that it contains? Have you given away an amount of money that really makes a difference in your standard of living? Have you engaged in a relationship with someone who is different than you, both to help and to learn from each other?

These are examples of activities that reflect the life of a follower of Jesus. These types of activities are what Paul means in Philippians when he exhorts us to live out our salvation with fear and trembling. The examples I gave above are for all followers of Jesus. If they don't characterize your life....why not? What is getting in the way that is causing you to miss out on so much of what God has for you? Please don't ignore this exhortation. Reach out for help. Buffalo Valley needs you and you need others. You will not be disappointed in your efforts to follow Jesus in a meaningful way.

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



## Secondhand Sermons

Sometimes there are foods that are best when they are served the second time. I think this is true about lasagna. Though I enjoy lasagna when it first comes out of the oven, I think I like it even better the next day for leftovers. For the months of July and August we are going to devote our sermon time to taking a second look at some famous sermons that were given and recorded for us in the Bible. We will look at what application and meaning these sermons have for us today; as well as think about them in the context in which they were given.

For the month of July we will look at Joshua's farewell sermon, Psalm 1, Solomon's prayer of dedication of the newly constructed temple and the sermon on the Day of Pentecost though perhaps not in that order.

I hope that you will be exhorted and inspired to live out the truths of these sermons this summer and beyond.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



## 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](http://www.bvcob.com).



Did you buy your gift cards??



## You Did It!

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent event to **fill the Pack 'n Play** for **Children's Aid Society (CAS)**. I am happy to report that for the 2 weeks we were set up we received \$652.24 worth of items that ranged from craft items to paper products as well as sanitizers and face masks. In addition, they received \$650 in cash donations.

On May 28 Jane's van was loaded and on the way to CAS. We filled the van and the gifts were received with grateful hearts. The crisis the other ministries are available to those who need the services of CAS staff. They are continuing to follow CDC guidelines. Much appreciation to Jane and Eli Mast for gathering the items each Sunday and for delivery to the CAS.

Thank you, BVCOB family, for stepping up and coming out to drop off your gifts. Doesn't it feel good after being socially distanced for so long? May God richly bless each of you for your generosity.

Leni Springfield, for Mission Ministry Team

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 2 – 6 - Musical Day Camp

August 8 – All Church Picnic/Baptism

September – 12 – 15 – Women's Beach Retreat

September – 17 – 18 – District Conference

October 3 – Love Feast

October 29 & 30 - Children's Retreat

November 7 – Fall Church Council Meeting

November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 27 – Kettle Cook

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

March 5, 2022 – Church Auction



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