



THE SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 2011

Bridgewater
Presbyterian Church
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Worship at Wildwood Park

Sunday, June 5th



9:00 Carry-in BREAKFAST
Bring a dish or two to share.
Drinks and tableware are provided.

10:00 WORSHIP
Bring a lawn chair if you wish.
Our High School Seniors will be honored. Child-care available.

SUMMER SCHEDULES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL, WORSHIP AND OFFICE

WORSHIP: June 5th thru August 21st worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No youth classes in the summer. The Adult class is looking at options since Tom Mizell is taking a break.

OFFICE: Beginning June 6th Sally's office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Parking Lot Picnic ~ Tuesday, June 21st

Sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Social 5:30 ~ Eat at 6:00

Tableware, beverages & ice cream provided.



The Session has called a

Congregational Meeting

at the beginning of worship on Sunday, **June 12, 2011** for the purpose of electing a Church Officer Nominating Committee.

Session Meeting Sunday, June 26 at 4:00 p.m.



Our High School Graduates



Clint Deavers

(Turner Ashby) is going to Blue Ridge in the fall and will also attend MTC to finish carpentry. Clint is the son of Harry & Kim Deavers.

Josh Foster

(Riverheads) will be working at Bistro in Staunton this summer. He hopes to attend culinary school in New York. Josh is the son of Kerry & Chris Foster

LeeAnn West

(Turner Ashby) has been accepted at Bridgewater College. She hopes to work this summer. LeeAnn is the daughter of Linda West.

MEMBER CARE

Tender
Loving
Care

TLC for June

5 College Grads

Aubrie DeVier-Scott -

Hannah Leigh

Katie Baldwin -

12 High School Grads

Clint Deavers -

Josh Foster -

LeeAnn West -

19 send a card to a "special gentleman"

26 **David & Judy Rees** for the many ways they help our church.



Remember in Prayer:

Sonja Bible on the death of her mother, Gladys Austin

Bob Rees as he recovers from fractured ribs. He is in the rehab section of Bridgewater Home, Brief visits are welcome and encouraged!

Thank you for the sympathy cards following the passing of my father. Your kind comments were very thoughtful.
Grady Jones



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Lunch Bunch gathers on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will do Lesson #8 since we missed May. Call Sally the Tuesday before to order lunch. There is an extra book in the office for newbies!

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, June 28th at Betsy Glendye's. Come at 6:30 and bring a salad to share. It's "Reader's Choice" month - read a book of your choice and we discuss it. Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Home Auxiliary Luncheon Wednesday, June 1st ~ 11:00 to 1:00

Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
June's menu: ham biscuit, macaroni and cheese, cranberry salad, veggie strips, fresh apple cake and beverage for only \$5. Carry-out available. Benefits Peaceful Living Training for 2nd Floor & Gardner Wing (the memory units.)

Valley Girls Red Hats have reserved the Fellowship Hall for a special gathering on Thursday, June 9th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S. meets through the summer in the Adult Classroom on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (*exception*: will meet on Wed. June 22) Visitors and new members are always welcome. There is a poster on the kiosk with contact information.

Bethany Hansburger

Bethany is a student of Bridgewater College who often worships with us. This summer she is traveling to Uganda through the SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) organization to do medical/health-related work in Masindi. She leaves on May 25th and returns to the U.S. on July 27th. Bethany is from Sterling, VA and will graduate from Bridgewater in 2012 with a double major in Athletic Training and Psychology. She appreciates the floss and seeds you donated for her take and will contact us when she returns.

Books for Nicaragua

In the March "Spotlight" Cheryl Burke made a plea for donations of books for a new library in Chacraseca, Nicaragua. You have until June 12th to bring new books in either Spanish or English for children, adults and professionals.

The Bridgewater Food Pantry

is organized by a group of volunteers representing each of the churches of their service area. We are pleased to announce two persons have volunteered to represent BPC - Chris Foster and Betsy Glendye! Thanks, ladies!

SPECIAL OFFERING SPOTLIGHT:

Recently received

PCM Baja Trip

\$92.⁰⁰

Gemeinschaft

\$55.⁰⁰

2¢-a-Meal

\$181.⁵⁰

We need to thank Ellie Enterline for painstaking counting every coin (that was almost 4000 pennies this time!)

"So I Send You"

John 20:21

The Pentecost Offering provides a way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. The denomination uses 60% for child advocacy ministries, youth outreach programs and young adult volunteer opportunities. **This year, our 40% will be shared with Mercy House**, a local shelter for homeless families. Here is a clip from their website (themercyhouse.org)

Resident life at Mercy House is all about change and getting better results. We are not a "cookie cutter" organization. Each family and individual has different needs and we strive to meet these needs holistically.

Each individual completes a service strategy plan through which they examine their education, job skills, life resources, personal hygiene, emotional health, physical and dental health, social relationships, childcare needs, spiritual needs, time management, legal issues and diversity abilities.

Residents set goals in each of these areas as needed and, with their case manager, set priorities and make a plan for those goals to be met.

Many opportunities are available to those who have needs. Mercy House provides for or arranges for prescription eyeglass lenses, dental care, medical needs, driving lessons, GED preparatory classes and exams, training through Massanutten Technical Center and Blue Ridge Community College, psychotherapy, gas vouchers and donated cars.

Mercy House has two thrift stores, the Mercy House Thrift Store and Granny Long Legs. These stores support 21% of the shelter's expenses.



Pentecost Offering

received on

June 12

SPIRITUAL LIFE

COMMUNION

Communion will be shared on June 12. If you are unable to worship that day and would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office to schedule a time that Kerry and an elder can bring the elements to you.

Lectionary Readings - June 2011

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| 5: Acts 1: 6-14 | Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 |
| 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6- 11 | John 17: 1-11 |
| 12: Acts 2: 1-21 | Numbers 11: 24-30 |
| Psalm 104: 24-35 | 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13 |
| Acts 2: 1-21 | John 20: 19-23 |
| John 7: 37-39 | |
| 19: Genesis 1: 1-2:4 | Psalm 8 |
| 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 | Matthew 28: 16-20 |
| 26: Genesis 22: 1-14 | Psalm 13 |
| Romans 6: 12-23 | Matthew 10: 40-42 |

SUMMER MUSIC

Anyone interested in providing special music this summer please contact Lacey.

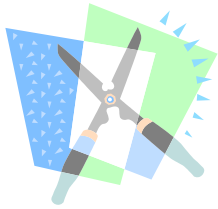


BUILDING & GROUNDS



Project Summaries

- The gutters have been repaired/cleaned and Sally reports no water has entered the basement during our recent wet spell. We might finally have this issue licked!
- During a recent routine visit, the fire marshal noticed two exit signs were out. Plus, one exterior dusk-to-dawn light was out. We've had all those fixtures repaired.
- The fire extinguishers have been checked/certified for another year.
- One of the gas furnaces that heats the sanctuary is in need of repair. We are exploring options.



Green Thumbs Unite!

Several families have adopted our flower beds and they are looking good! One more needs to have a caretaker – the line of shrubs on the west side of the parking lot needs a volunteer to run a weed eater over it once a week or so. If that is you, contact a member of Building & Grounds or sign the poster on the kiosk.

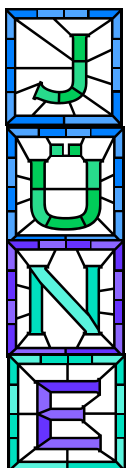
A Letter from the Resource Committee



Dear Friends,

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Spotlight*, Bev Carver, our Church treasurer has posted the financial report of the first four months of 2011. In addition to the details outlining revenues and expenditures, one particular item stood out. We are currently running a \$4,200 deficit in the 2011 budget. While this revelation is certainly troubling, it is not cause for despair. Last year, we encountered similar difficulties but we overcame them thanks to the conscientious efforts of the entire congregation. As we confront these difficulties again this year, the congregation is encouraged to respond in similar fashion. This is important as our financial stability is solely dependent on your pledges and contributions for we cannot draw upon reserve funds to balance the budget. Let us maintain our focus throughout the rest of the year. Doing so will enable us to succeed in meeting our goal for 2011.

The Resource Committee



Date	Ushers	Greeters	Nursery	Highlight
5	Merrill Simon Karen Leigh	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Dana Eichlin & Family	At Wildwood Park
12	Steve Humphreys Bev Carver	David & Charlette McQuilkin	Chris Foster & Sean Eichlin	Pentecost Sunday Communion
19	David McQuilkin Emily Heatwole	Jon & Mary DeVier-Scott	Joan Atkins & Alex McElroy	Father's Day
26	JC Enterline Gracie Florence	Joe & Jane Crockett	Betsy Glendye & Kyle Eichlin	
<p>MANY THANKS to all who volunteer on Sunday mornings. MORE PEOPLE are always needed. If you'd be willing to be added to any list—even temporarily or as a substitute— contact the church office at 828-2442.</p>				

Flowers - All Sundays are available. To share flowers call the church office or sign the poster on the information kiosk in the fellowship hall. We love homegrown blooms, too!

A Note from the Pastor

For roughly three years, as I drove from Bridgewater to Dayton or Harrisonburg on Rt. 42, there, just on the left side of the road, on a hill, was a sign saying "Future Home of Bridgewater Baptist Church." And that was it - just a sign. No activity, no construction, no tent meetings. I understand that there has been some activity on the hill, and now rumors are floating about that there will be construction there, maybe soon, even.

When I heard about that, like most of us, I asked around what might be happening. What I heard was that in the not too distant past the Shenandoah Presbytery did research about places for new churches, and suggested that site would be a good place for a Presbyterian church, and that maybe this church should look into gaining that particular site. This is just talk, remembering, so I don't know how much of it is true, but it is interesting to know, even if it isn't completely factual. As for the Baptists, I hope the rumor of them building a new place is true, for that would be exciting for them!

Does that mean anything for us? I don't know for sure, or what exactly it might mean, but it does indeed mean *something* for us. If nothing else, it means folks are talking about *them*, and not *us*. Is that good or bad? Again, I don't know for sure. If it is good talk, then it is good for them. If it is bad talk, then that is good for them as well. Oops, did I mean to say that?

What if folks are saying, "They're abandoning Bridgewater!" (*By moving a couple of miles down the road and having a building everyone can get into and good parking?*). Or perhaps "they" are saying, "It means Main Street is getting empty." (*Even though turning on and off Main Street can be a bear a lot of times?*). Or maybe some one has said, "They must have gotten too big for their building." (*No editorial comment needed here*).

I guess I am saying that having folks talk about you, be it good or bad, is much better than having people *not* talking about you. I have heard some rumors about a friend of mine, and I would like to share them with you now. Once he did some work on Sunday, and

"they" said "*There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.*" (Luke 13:14b). One time he questioned what others were doing, as "somebody" said "*Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon possessed?*" (John 9:48). There was another time that he did something others couldn't, and some of "them" said "*It is only by the devil, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons,*" (Matthew 12:24). Then, when home with his folks, he said this, "*Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor,*" (Mark 6: 4-a twist here!).

I could go on, but by now, you know these rumors and condemnations all surround Jesus the Christ, and how the world perceived him. To be honest, even His closest friends and family had a hard time figuring Him out, determining what to believe and what to dismiss as idle gossip. Throughout all of this, though, Jesus invited conversation, even rumor, if it meant that the possibility of meeting face to face could happen, and truth could be heard.

What is it that "they" are saying about us? Are we in the conversation when folks talk about churches in the Bridgewater area? Our building isn't atop a hill, overlooking the town. It isn't at the main intersection on the main roads. It won't be new and on a great parcel of land just outside of town. Our street is a neighborly street; our neighbors like it quiet; maybe they appreciate that folks don't know we are here. Maybe they don't know we are here. Are we being talked about?

In the past, most denominations felt you had to build a building, and then the people would come. That worked well up until the 1980's, but now the only way to build a sanctuary (think "ark") first and have people flock to it is to be sure that there is a flood coming. Research shows that new churches begin with a few folks talking and gathering around God's Word, and not necessarily digging foundations for buildings.

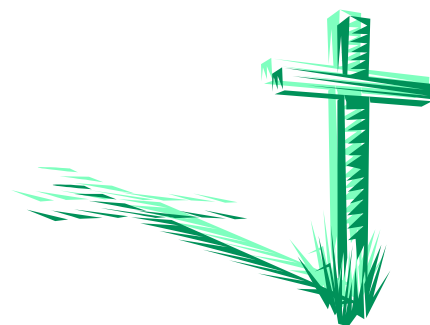
Maybe then now is the time for each of us to start talking. We have a wonderful, supportive congregation

here. I think our worship hour is filled with hope and prayer, with elegant music and messages of God's hope for us all. We ask that everyone participate in our worship hour. At least I think we ask. I know our worship time shows up in the local paper; I write a monthly article for our paper and it tells folks where to find me (indirectly, though) on Sundays. Is that enough to lift up our presence in this community?

I don't know. Maybe we need to ask around Bridgewater and find out. If we don't talk, why should they? Wildwood is coming up, that would be a great moment to ask a friend to come and worship in a very cool place. How about setting a goal that at least once a month for the summer, each of us will talk about our church to some one we know, or share a bulletin with a neighbor, or leave a copy of the Spotlight at the library or a community bulletin board someplace. I think that prayerfully engaging those around us truly fulfills our vocation to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Go in peace,

Kerry



Church Attendance

April 3	55	May 1	54
April 10	66	May 8	74
April 17	71	May 15	43
April 21	34 (Maundy Thur. Worship)	May 22	53
April 24	78	May 29	



The Church's Finances

-prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

	Income	Expense	Difference
April 2011	\$7,703	\$9,086	\$1,383
Cumulative	\$35,089	\$39,086	\$3,997

Account Balances - as of April 30, 2011

Operating: \$20,822.60 Special: \$42,840.41
 Payroll: \$19.72 Tax: \$499.45
 CD \$25,310.02 (matures 6/24/11)
 New Covenant Mutual Funds \$564.83 (portfolio value ending 3/31/11)



Birthdays

- 6 Barbara Black
- 7 Sarah Simon
 Bev Carver
 Kaci Foster
- 19 Mike Heatwole
- 23 Brian Adams
- 24 Kristen Glendye
 Evan Adams
- 30 Michele Edwards

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The Session

-Class of 2011-

- Betsy Glendye**
(Member Care)
- David McQuilkin**
(Resource)
- Ed Sonifrank**
(Resource)

-Class of 2012-


- Cheryl Burke**
(Mission)
- Joe Crockett**
(Mission + Spiritual Life)
- Merrill Simon**
(Building & Grounds)

-Class of 2013-

- Elizabeth Engleking**
Clerk
(Christian Education)
- Jim Enterline**
(Mission)
- Emily Heatwole**
(Spiritual Life)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	30 	31 6:00 TOPS	1 Auxiliary Lunch 11 - 1 @ COB	2 Ascension of the Lord	3	4
5 Worship @ Wildwood 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship	6 Begin Summer Office Hours 9:00 to 1:00 Mon. - Thur.	7 6:00 TOPS	8	9 F.H. Reserved Valley Girls Red Hats	10 Office closed	11
<i>Pentecost</i> 12 10:00 Worship <i>Communion</i> Congregational Meeting Pentecost Offering Received	13	14 6:00 TOPS	15 10:30 Lunch <u>Bunch #8</u>	16	17 Office closed	18
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 19 10:00 Worship <i>Fathers' Day</i>	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Picnic in the Parking Lot Social 5:30 Eat at 6:00	22 6:00 TOPS	23	24 Office closed	25
26 10:00 Worship 4:00 - Session	27	28 6:00 TOPS 6:30 Book Group @ Glendye's	29	30	July 1 Office closed	July 2
July 3	4 	July 5 6:00 TOPS	July 6	July 7	July 8 Office closed	July 9

FH=Fellowship Hall; S=Sanctuary; JL=Journeyland; O=Office; COB=Church of the Brethren.

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