

# The Spotlight

**Bridgewater Presbyterian Church**

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## May 2010

### **LET'S PARTY!**

Sunday, May 16

following worship we  
will gather for our

annual **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**MEAL.** Bring a dish or two to share.

There will be a cake for each month.

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### **LET'S GRIND!**

Sat., May 23 is **Yard  
Work Day.**

We plan to grind  
stumps, weed the flower  
beds, trim things, and repair stuff.  
LOTS of hands are needed. Bring  
rakes, gloves and power tools.

### **CAN'T HELP OUTSIDE?**

We'd LOVE to have someone(s) prepare  
snacks and maybe a light lunch for the  
workers. Call the office.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were  
all together in one place. - Acts 2:1

### *~ Pentecost Sunday ~*

Join us Sunday, May 23 at  
Bridgewater Presbyterian Church  
for the 11:00 a.m. worship  
celebrating Pentecost.

Communion will be served.

The first Pentecost was a time of God's  
Gift-giving to the church, as seen in the  
Holy Spirit. This Pentecost, we shall  
gather to celebrate the gifts of time,  
talent, services and prayer that support  
the full mission of this church.

Join with us as we seek to fill the  
sanctuary, worshipping and praising God,  
and celebrating our ministry together.

"And they devoted themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to  
the breaking of bread and to prayer.  
Everyone was filled with awe, and many  
wonders and miraculous signs were done  
by the apostles."

- Acts 2: 42-43

Planning to help with the Habitat House?  
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.  
Details on page 4.

## MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 7:00 on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Give a Little “Tender Loving Care”

It's A Girl!

*Evelynn Rose Enterline*

Parents: J.C. and Carla



It's A Boy!

*Phoenix Xavier Johnson*

Parents: Brett and Lacey

You are encouraged to send a note, give a call, and say a prayer for these folks in May:

- ~ May 2: **Jim West and Nikki Ulmer** on their engagement.
- ~ May 9: **Mother's Day** – send a note to a Special Friend
- ~ May 16: **Joan Atkins** for her faithful attentiveness to our Blood Drives.
- ~ May 23: **Mary Wine** has moved to the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community.
- ~ May 30: *Our Advanced Degree Students!*

**Meg Oldman**

**Lance Rees**

**Julia DeVier-Scott**

**Meg Oldman**

*(Marshall University)*

graduates on May 8<sup>th</sup> with her Masters in English Literature. She says, “I have just been accepted to the PhD Program in Literature and Criticism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (60 miles NE of Pittsburgh), so will probably be doing that next year! Thank you all for being so supportive of all of our educations over the years! We couldn't do it without our church family! Also, BIG THANKS for the exam package! Those snacks are going to get me through grading final portfolios and final thesis revisions!”

**Lance Rees**

*(Virginia Tech)*

has earned his Masters in Accounting & Information Systems and will graduate on May 17<sup>th</sup>. He writes, “I will be taking the CPA Review Course at JMU this summer. In August, I will start work with KPMG in Washington, D.C. I plan on living in the Arlington area. Thanks for the many years of support through my tenure here at Virginia Tech. The thoughts, care packages, and cards have been much appreciated over the past five years. It is always nice to get pieces of home in the mail!”



## Also Graduating from College:

### **Jennifer Gamble**

*(Christopher Newport University)*

has earned a B.A. in Psychology with minors in Leadership and Sociology and graduates on May 16<sup>th</sup>. She reports, “I will be staying in the Newport News area to work with the hope of continuing on to graduate school in a year or so. Thanks so much to everyone back at home for their love and support and for my exam goody package! As always it was great to hear from all of you.”

### **Benjamin Leigh**

*(Lynchburg College)*

will receive his B.A. in Communications Studies with a Minor in English on May 15<sup>th</sup>. When asked, “What’s next?” he replied, “I’m still exploring my options, but I have signed on with an internship out in California with the Boojum Institute for Experiential Education. I’ll be living at an on-site house and working for Boojum in Anza, California 35 minutes outside of Palm Springs. The Institute is an outdoor recreation business, so I’ll be leading backpacking, canoeing, and rock-climbing trips, as well as working at various challenge courses. Thanks for all of your support throughout the years.”

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### **Jacob Simon Finally In Basic Training!**

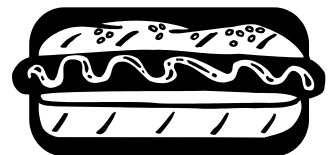
Jacob can receive letters, but no “goodies” at this time. He reports he's doing fine but misses everyone. There is a sheet of address labels on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you want to take a few.

**A Note of Appreciation:** *Alice Clemmer* says, “Thank you for all the TLC, Easter and birthday cards. You made going to the mailbox a fun time! God bless all of you.”

**New Room :** *Eleanor Holmes* is now in Room 256 (Nursing Care) at Bridgewater Home.

**New E-Mail:** *Bill Gardner* has a new email address.

Mark you calendar for a  
*Parking Lot Cookout* on  
Thursday, June 17  
at 6:00 p.m.  
We may be calling to  
borrow your grill.  
Details next month!



# MISSION

Meets @ 6:30, Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Habitat for Humanity - We're Doing It!

*Central Valley Habitat for Humanity* is building a new home for a local family on Norwood Street in Harrisonburg. Your BPC Mission Committee has committed to aiding with the construction of this house. We've been assigned May 15 and/or May 29. We've promised 4 to 8 people. The work includes everything from carpentry to catering to clerical. You can help with daily paperwork at the job site, provide lunches to the crew, swing hammers, paint or spread putty. In short, ***there is work for everybody!*** Call Joe Crockett, Cheryl Burke, or Kerry Foster to volunteer or sign-up on the poster in the Fellowship Hall!!!



## Pentecost Offering Aids Children at Risk

*The Pentecost Offering*, to be received on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations keep 40% of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. This year, ours will be sent to **Mercy House**.

The General Assembly's portion (60%) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. Thank you for your faithful support of the special offerings of the Church.

## Summer Lunches – Yum!

*Bridgewater Home Auxiliary* Lunches begin Wed., May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 - 1:00 – at the Church of the Brethren. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary's Peaceful Living Program on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nursing Care. Menu: chopped Pork BBQ in vinegar sauce, cole slaw, baked beans, fruit salad, cake and beverages all for only \$5.<sup>00</sup> !

## We want to thank:

~ Those who participated in any way with the *Blood Drive* where **26** units were collected! That translates to 78 persons who will benefit from your "gift of life." Thank you, *Joan and Betsy*, for all your hard work;

~ Everyone who donated to the *PCM Meal & Exam Boxes* and continues to pray for, and support, this ministry. Thank you, *Joe Crockett & Campus Ministry Committee* for your faithful dedication to our students.

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| <p><b>2¢</b><br/><b>May 9</b><br/>~ 25% to<br/>Bridgewater<br/>Inter-Church<br/>Food Pantry<br/>~ 75% goes<br/>further thru<br/>Shenandoah<br/>Presbytery.</p> |
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## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Meets @ 6:00 on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### We extend our appreciation to:

- ~ *Alaina Erbaugh* and *George Anderson* for substituting at the keyboards during Lacey's maternity leave;
- ~ All the Men who helped with the *Breakfast*. Donations to the Music Fund totaled \$168.<sup>00</sup>
- ~ All who made our *Lenten and Easter Services* so meaningful – through music, flowers, symbols and spoken word.



Choir practice  
now on Thursdays  
at 5:45 p.m.

### Wildwood Worship "Opens" Summer

Join your church family "down by the riverside" on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Park. Carry-in breakfast begins at 9:00. Drinks and tableware provided. Worship starts at 10:00 AM and will include some special recognitions. Child-care available. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and a lawn chair!

NOTE - SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: From June 6 through August 29 worship begins at 10:00 AM. The Adult Class will gather at 9:00. All other classes on hiatus until September.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth @ 5:00 on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

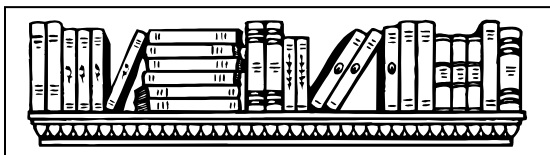
~ *Youth Group*: Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Simons' doing supper) and again on May 23<sup>rd</sup> - same time.

~ *Lunch Bunch*: Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Study Lesson #9 and call Sally the Tuesday before to order your lunch.

~ *Book Group* is reading "Peony in Love: A Novel" by Lisa See. They will meet to discuss this work on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jean Shull.

~ *The Youth* thank everyone who came to the Baked Potato Bar. Your generous donations (\$301) support our summer mission trip to Hurricane, West Virginia, July 11-17. We will be based at Camp Livingstone, working with Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. There we will repair homes for those too impoverished to qualify for state funds. At present, 9 BPC youth and adults are planning to go.

~ *Sunday School* for all ages at 9:45 a.m. through May. During summer, the Adult Class meets at 9:00 and all other classes are on hiatus.



# RESOURCE

Meets @ 7:00 on Monday, May 10

## Treasurer News

At their Called meeting April 8, 2010, the Session accepted the resignation of *Martha Bocoock*. We thank Martha for sharing her time and talent as treasurer over the last 2+ years.



At the Stated meeting of Session on April 18, 2010, the Elders elected *Beverley Carver* as the new Disbursement Treasurer. Tom Wilson continues as Payroll Treasurer and Ellie Enterline as Recording Treasurer.

## **By the Numbers**

(as the 'pastor sees it'..)

### The Church's Worship Attendance- Either by the usher's count or from our pew registers

|             |           |          |    |          |    |
|-------------|-----------|----------|----|----------|----|
| February 7  | 35 (snow) | March 7  | 57 | April 4  | 72 |
| February 14 | 70        | March 14 | 64 | April 11 | 60 |
| February 21 | 54        | March 21 | 50 | April 18 | 46 |
| February 28 | 73        | March 28 | 46 | April 25 | 62 |

### *Bridgewater Presbyterian Church - General Offerings and Special Offerings - First Quarter of 2010*

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Over/under/week</u> | <u>Cumulative over/under</u> | <u>Total</u>    |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mar. 7      | \$ 2,215.00   | \$3,069.00    | \$ 854.00 over         | \$28,411.00                  | \$6,261.00 over |
| Mar. 14     | \$ 2,215.00   | \$2,361.00    | \$ 146.00 over         | \$30,772.00                  | \$6,407.00 over |
| Mar. 21     | \$ 2,215.00   | \$1,297.00    | \$ 918.00 under        | \$32,069.00                  | \$5,489.00 over |
| Mar. 28     | \$ 2,215.00   | \$1,273.00    | \$ 942.00 under        | \$33,342.00                  | \$4,547.00 over |
| Goal:       | \$ 8,860.00   | \$8,000.00    | \$ 860.00 under        | \$33,342.00                  | \$4,547.00 over |
| YTD:        | \$28,795.00   |               | \$33,342.00 Over       |                              | \$4,547.00 over |

### Special Giving in March:

Haiti: \$3.00  
 Youth: \$10.00  
 Youth's contribution to retreat: \$340.00  
 One Great Hour of Sharing: \$120.00

### Special Offerings/Giving YTD – Jan.-Mar.:

Haiti: \$933.00  
 Heifer Fund: \$70.00  
 Souper Bowl: \$48.00  
 Flower Fund: \$20.00  
 2¢-a-Meal: \$154.50  
 Hygiene Kits: \$30.00  
 Youth Yard Sale Event: \$918.25  
 One Great Hour of Sharing: \$120.00

Note: These figures are taken from the back of the bulletin and are subject to revision by church's treasurer.

# BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets @ 7:00 on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

## Yard Work Day: Saturday May 22

## SESSION

Meets @ 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

### Phil Sommer Retiring

At their meeting on May 11, 2010, at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church, Shenandoah Presbytery will give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Dr. Philip W. Sommer as he enters retirement. This recognition is scheduled during the report of the *Committee on Ministry* beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m. You are invited.

Mary Jo Pribble is our elder representative for the meeting.

### Sally Visiting Oregon!

I will be out of the office May 20 – 27, visiting my sister in Salem, Oregon. Thank you for this time with family and we are all appreciative of your prayers, calls and notes. Christ is being lifted up. - Sally

### Building Use

The Session has approved use of our building for the wedding of Kimberly Dahl to Paige Gordon on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and rehearsal the evening before. Kim will graduate from Bridgewater College on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Mass Springs Hotel Turns 100

You are invited to celebrate the Massanetta Spring Centennial 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Hotel on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., in Hudson Auditorium. The speaker is J. Daniel Pezzoni, an Architectural Historian and Hotel tours following the program. The event is free and features period refreshments and a complementary copy of “The Spring Flow On,” an updated history.

### **Committees are the KEYS!**

~Spiritual Life:

May 3 at 6:00

~Mission:

May 3 at 6:30

~Resource:

May 10 at 7:00

~Building

& Grounds:

May 17 at 7:00

~Member Care:

May 20 at 7:00



## COMMUNITY



*The Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival* invites you to attend its Young Artists' Recital - Sunday, May 2, at 3:00 at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Outstanding musicians from the Shenandoah Valley and beyond, ages 12-21, will perform in solo and ensemble settings. The concert, which is free and open to the public, includes harp, cello, violin, piano, oboe, voice, and flute soloists. Local students selected to participate include Morgan Click from Turner Ashby High School, Perry Maddox from Broadway High School, and Natalie Doughty, a home schooled sophomore from Bridgewater.

*Mark your calendars for the Bach Festival at EMU – June 13-20.*

## A Note From Kerry

In Acts 2, we get to meet the Holy Spirit. Well, we don't get to meet the Holy Spirit, the disciples do. *"And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."* (Acts 2: 2) We are hoping to re-create that very same thing on May 23, 2010, Pentecost Sunday. Here is what we want to happen. And it is so simple.

We want every one to be here. Yep, that's all, **everyone** to be here. So, after getting your copy of the *Spotlight*, mark May 23 on your calendar, and try your best to be here. Over the next few weeks, remind the folks you see on Sunday, or on any other day of the week, to come to. Let us see if we can "fill the entire house" and then see what the Spirit can do.

What do I expect from all of this? To be honest, I don't rightly know. One to be sure will be a "full house." Two, a reminder that we are called to be at worship on a regular basis. Then I will also remember how it feels when I miss a Sunday, how odd the following week feels. I have come to depend on meaningful, corporate worship to begin the week, and I believe there are many who feel the same way. Three, I will get to see all of you, and spend a few moments before or after in fellowship time with you all.

The marks of the early church as found in Acts are Spirit-led worship, community and fellowship, care for each other, the sharing of resources, and the active witness to the world of the faith that binds them together. Pentecost Sunday is a good day to remember those marks, and to celebrate our own marks here in this place.

Blessings on you all,

*Kerry*





## FLOWERS

To share flowers, sign the poster outside the church office, or call Sally at 828-2442.



### *Worship During May*

*11:00 a.m.*

#### **May 2 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 11: 1-8 Psalm 148*

*John 13: 31-35 Revelation 21: 1-6*

Sermon: "Just Imagine"

#### **May 9 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Mothers' Day*

**2¢-a-Meal**

*Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67*

*John 14: 23-29 John 5: 1-9*

*Revelation 21: 10, 21:22 – 22:5*

Sermon: "Disciples Wherever You Are?"

#### **May 16 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 16: 16-34 Psalm 97*

*John 17: 20-26*

*Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, & 20-21*

Sermon: "Breaking All of the Chains"

#### **May 23 ~ Pentecost**

*Communion*

*Acts 2: 1-21 Genesis 11: 1-9*

*Psalm 14: 24-35 Romans 8: 14-14*

*John 14: 8-27*

Sermon: "Did You Hear That?"

#### **May 30 ~ Trinity Sunday**

*Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8*

*Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15*

Sermon: "Good News Yet To Be Known"



## ACOLYTES

- 2 Ragan Walker
- 9 Lauren West
- 16 Katie McElroy
- 23 Kendall West
- 30 Austin Walker



## GREETERS

- 2 Joe & Jane Crockett
- 9 Harry & Kim Deavers
- 16 Jena Whetzel & Louise Newell
- 23 June White & new volunteer????
- 30 Tommy & Betsy Glendye

## USHERS

- 2 Karen Leigh & David McQuilkin
- 9 Emily Heatwole & David McQuilkin
- 16 Bev Carver & Harry Deavers
- 23 David Rees & Gracie Florence
- 30 David McQuilkin & Karen Leigh

## NURSERY

- 2 Joan Atkins & Steven Burke
- 9 Betsy & Tommy Glendye
- 16 Elizabeth Engleking & Joe Meslovich
- 23 Jessica Eichlin & Katie McElroy
- 30 Ragan Walker & Kyle Eichlin