



All Church Picnic Sunday, August 8 at 12:30 pm

The 2010 “**All-Church Picnic**” will be here soon. Make sure you’ve got this event marked on your calendar so you don’t miss it! It will be held at **Little Mexico Camp Ground** just outside of New Berlin.

There will be lots of fun activities to **do** and crafts to **make**. You can also make and set off your own bottle rocket! Hotdogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be **provided**. Please **bring** a table setting for your family as well as a covered dish and dessert to share. **Enjoy** all the campground has to offer; swimming, mini-golf, volleyball and more! If you need directions to the picnic, please contact Jan Kline

(In order to make the bottle rockets, we are asking for your help. We are in need of 50 clear **2 liter bottles with caps**. Please place your contributions in the box provided in the Narthex. Also, if anyone has a **large air compressor** we can borrow, please contact me. Thanks!)

See you at the Picnic!

Jan Kline, Special Events Coordinator

Please Give Your Space

Do you? Every Sunday there is a need to offer **the paved parking lot to visitors or individuals with difficulty walking**. This is one small way you can serve others. Are you helping us keep the welcome mat out?



IT IS NOW TIME!

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2011 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 onsite**, 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 Jodi Kurtz 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.

A **Facilities 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.

Jeff Bastian



Every single believer is a God-ordained agent of evangelism.

R. B Kuiper

Featured Family of the Month



PERSONAL INFORMATION
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SUMMER KIDCONNECTION

We've finished four out of six weeks of our summer programming. We've endured 100+ degree heat, a no-pool day, Miss Donita's absence once, and a couple of technical difficulties.

In every instance we've experienced God's provision. When we thought we were short staffed, people showed up unexpectedly. When our carefully crafted plans had a hitch, God gave us wisdom to go a different direction. When we thought we'd run out of food, we didn't.

What a gracious God we serve!

We've had an average of 17 preschoolers each week busy learning about prayer through stories such as David the Shepherd, Daniel, and Hannah. They are active, energetic, and an absolute joy to be around.

The elementary aged group has run into the 70s and we're focused on "growing up into Christ in every way," by developing such qualities as caring, respect and honesty. This group has been so much fun to be with—they are good natured, bright and cooperative. What an awesome group of kids we have here!

We've had some kids that have never been with us before, lots of kids who have returned for our summer programming, and of course the consistent kids of our own faith community.

Thanks to all of you families that have spread the word and invited your friends and even provided transportation for kids to join us.

And special thanks to our faithful volunteers. Your patience, positive attitudes and ability to connect with these kids has been wonderful to watch!


*Faith is the identifying mark of the
Christian.*

Ronald Dunn

Tracy Ericson
for the Children's Ministry Team



VAN PURCHASE CLARIFICATION

Approved at the May 16 Spring Church Council Meeting was a proposal to purchase a van for church use. The proposal read as follows "Authorize the purchase of a 12 passenger van, not to exceed \$10,000 from General Funds." In preparing the agenda I neglected to include "**or a post-2002 15 passenger van**" as approved by the Ministries Coordinating Team.

The reason for specifying either a 12 passenger or post 2002 van is because the earlier 15 passenger vans were more likely to experience roll over accidents.

A 2003 15 passenger van was purchased with the first trip being to transport the youth to the airport for their trip to National Youth Conference.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this clarification.

Eli Mast,
Moderator



STILL ROOM

The Golden-Oldies Mystery trip for August 18th is almost full. We have 5 seats left to fill, if you are interested please call Dick Gemberling at (570) 966-7856 for reservations. The price is \$82.00 each.

Also we will be having two other trips this year. **October 20th** is a trip to **Allentown Pines Theatre** to see "**Smoke on the Mountain**". This trip will include a stop at Cabela's for some early Christmas shopping. **December 1st** will be to **American Music Theatre** in Lancaster for a **Christmas Show**.

Call if interested.

Thanks
Dick Gemberling



Buffalo Gals

As I'm writing this, I realize that we're almost exactly half way through the summer already! Seems like time passes so quickly when the cool fall days and nights are approaching, but hopefully you girls will be able to come out and enjoy a warm summer night for the **Garden Party** at Keith and Meg Phelps' home on **Wednesday August 11th at 6:30 pm!** (Rain date will be Wednesday August 18th at 6:30 pm). If you plan on attending, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is a potluck so please bring a salad of some kind or a dessert. Come and see the amazing garden oasis that Keith and Meg have put in the middle of Mifflinburg...if you haven't ever seen it, you'll be amazed! And if you have seen it, come see the exciting new things growing there!

In September I'm going to be changing our **Ladies Night Out at Applebee's** to an earlier time to accommodate the gals who can't make the later time of 8 pm. Some people have expressed that being out until 10 - 10:30 pm is just too late for them, so I'm making **September's time 6 pm**, over the dinner hour. Attendance has been low but I'd like to continue our Applebee's night for those who need a night out, building relationships and reconnecting.

Blessings for a fun and safe summer!

Melanie Yoder,
Women's Ministry Coordinator



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If you or someone you know would like to receive The Lamplighter as a large print version, please contact Jeff and Vicki Bastian.



ARIZONA MISSION 2010

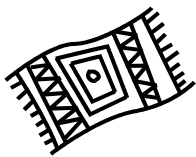
JULY 24 - JULY 31

PRAYER APPRECIATED

The Arizona Team 2010 left Friday night, July 23 for Holbrook, Arizona. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to share the Gospel in Holbrook and on the Navajo Reservation. Pray that we will be used by God in a mighty way and that the heart of the Navajo will be open.

The team members are: Jonathan Bastian, Seth Kurtz, Lori Hunsberger, Amy Bastian, Johanna Smith, Carole Hoffmaster, Marlin Yoder, Aimee Smith, Yvette Beiler, Morgan Kline, Emily Smith, Jeff Bastian, Robin Baney, Paul Maurer, Cindy Kelly and myself. Pray for our safety and that we are lights in a very dark area. Pray that the hearts of those we minister to will be open to hearing the Good News. We will return July 31.

Serving Him,
Vicki Bastian



BUY ONE THIS WEEK

Have you purchased a Weis card through the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren? Weis card purchases help fund Building for Ministry. Remember when you purchase a Weis Card you pay nothing extra. You purchase it at face value.



Traveling Together

Greetings everyone from the Building and Grounds Ministry Team. I wanted to let everyone know that the church has **purchased a 15 passenger van**, which will enable us to enhance our ministry at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren.

There is a need for individuals willing to be **drivers** (CDL not required). Drivers do need to be at least 21 years of age.

We are also looking for an individual to be the **Transportation Coordinator**. This person would oversee the usage of the van, keep records and contact drivers when needed. This person would also be the initial contact person when a ministry team or other persons need to use the van. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact a member of Building and Grounds.

Blessings,
Gary Kline

AT WHAT COST?

A woman complained to her friend, "Our church costs too much! They're always asking for money!"

"Look at it this way," her friend replied. "When my son was born many years ago, he cost us quite a bit of money. He continued to cost us money as he grew older – money for clothes, shoes, food, bicycles, doctors, college and more. But we didn't mind, because he gave us so much joy and more in return. Then in his senior year at college, he died, and since his funeral he hasn't cost us a penny. Which situation do you think I prefer?"

"As long as our church lives," she concluded, "it will cost us. When it dies from lack of support, it will no longer cost us a thing. But what will we have? I'm going to give and pray with everything I've got to keep it alive and well."

From our Senior Pastor,



"Taking Jesus Seriously" was the theme for this year's Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

I always enjoy the lively singing and the renewal of friendships. For instance, I got to see Jim Hardenbrook in the exhibit hall and again was invited to visit him in Alaska!

Pastor Donita and I thank you for your prayers as we represented you as delegates at Annual Conference.

Last year a query was brought to the delegates from the Northern Indiana District referring to the 1983 Human Sexuality Paper. The query asked "**whether it is the will of the church that this language on same sex covenantal relationships will continue to guide our journey together.**"

In response to this query, Standing Committee will be following the Acts 15 model of decision making. This fall they will conduct **small group hearings** throughout our Districts. The goal is to give everyone the **opportunity to share** with Standing Committee how you would answer the query. The Committee will use our responses to draft their recommendation to next year's delegates.

What a great opportunity to be part of the decision making process!

I want to **strongly encourage** all of you to **participate** when the time comes.

We also heard a rough draft of a Denomination wide Vision Statement. More work is yet to be done. The delegates were invited to respond to what they heard. Jim Hardenbrook is on this committee.

Next year Annual Conference will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

May the Lord bless you and our Church this day and every day.

Serving you,

Wedding Bells



We extend congratulations to **Lance & Amy Jo (Buoy) Adams.**

Dear God ...



Please keep this list handy throughout the month and pray for these members of our church family **along with the additional prayer requests listed in the bulletin each week.**

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Our prayers for others are an encouragement. Remember to lift these people up in prayer often.

Pray earnestly, always and with true humbleness and a servant's heart for others and you will reap blessings!!

Men's Ministry Notes



August 7 is our next **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** from **11 am to 2 pm**. This barbeque will be for the **Medical Needs Fund**. We will need help on August 6 from 6 pm until whenever for food prep, and on August 7 from 7:30 am until 3 pm to cook, serve and cleanup. The meal will be chicken 1/2, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, applesauce and dessert for **\$7.50** or just a chicken 1/2 for **\$4.50**.

Also, the Buffalo Valley Sportsman Club will be having a **Gospel Benefit Concert** for disabled hunters the evening of **July 31** from **4 pm until 8 pm**. The True Heart Quartet starts @ 4 pm, Joe Wise @ 5 pm, Barry Boney & Saving Grace @ 6 pm, and L & B Gospel @ 7 pm. It will be a wonderful night of praise and fellowship.

FUTURE EVENTS



September 19 - **Archery Shoot**
@ Buffalo Valley Sportsman Club

October 24 - **Clay Bird Shoot**
@ Jason Hoovers

November 27 - **Kettle Cook & Craft Fair**

Doug Diehl

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Summertime Means Vacation, Right?

InterVarsity @ Penn State University

Contrary to popular belief, summertime for InterVarsity staff is quite full—my time is just filled with different things than when State College is full of Penn State students. Here are some things I've been up to...

Going back to school... I've had the opportunity to delve into a seminary class on justification this summer. We have tons of reading, a week of intense classroom time, and a few papers to write. The class is helping me to articulate what I believe more clearly, and it is influencing how I'm doing ministry (even ministry this summer!) If you're curious to know more, feel free to ask. I'd love to share. **Please pray that God uses this class to shape me into a more effective campus minister.**

Summer Bible studies... We have a couple of Penn State students around who aren't believers (yet) but who are very interested in learning about Jesus. And because we're connected to other InterVarsity fellowships (like Bloomsburg), we know some university students who are in State College for the summer. We're meeting with students each Monday to study scripture. It is exciting to watch faith grow in the lives of these students. **Please pray that Jesus would meet these students where they are, and that he would give very specific answers to the difficult questions that they're asking.**

Raising funds... We're officially recognized by Penn State, which is a **big step ahead!** However, studies show that new fellowships grow the most when the staff have a solid funding base from the beginning. This fall begins my second year on campus, and I'm praying for an additional \$15,000 in funding for this year. **Would you pray for God to creatively provide so that I can spend more time with students on campus?**

Thank you for your prayers and partnership!

Michelle McCotter

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



LOOKING AHEAD IN 2010!

September 10 & 11 – Women of Faith Conf
September 17 & 18 – District Conference

October 3 – LOVE FEAST
October 22 & 23 – Church Candy Company

November 7 – CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
November 21 – ROLLER SKATING
November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 27 – KETTLE COOK

December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE