

"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

May, 2018

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

April 1st we celebrated Easter! The resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ! Remembering again the exciting story of the women going to the tomb, and the great news they took back to the disciples. The greatest news ever shared! That news went out over 2,000 years ago and yet it seems that all the world still hasn't taken note of it. I went away from the Easter service with a great sense of joy...and a sad and heavy heart. Great joy because the greatest news that the world has ever, or will ever, heard has been proclaimed anew. That news is eternal life, and love, joy, peace and hope in every circumstance of life are now possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A great sense of sadness comes as well as the conditions that exist in our world are ever on my mind. In 2,000 years the world hasn't learned that "Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding." (Albert Einstein)

We haven't learned that all people are created by God. We haven't really learned love, compassion, sharing, forgiveness, and what it means to truly serve one another. My heart grieves at the war, pain and suffering in our world. Not just in far off countries, but in our own country, our own state, even our own communities.

In the midst of my deep concern for those whose lives are affected by war, anger, hatred, and the other things in our world that cause such great sorrow and pain, there is peace, because I know that God is God. There is hope, because the Holy Spirit is at work in the world and what seems impossible to me, is possible for Him. There is joy, "*Joy unspeakable and full of glory...*" because the joy of new life in Christ fills me, and there is love because there is the love of God through Jesus Christ who saved me and

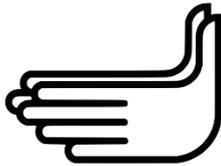
gave me new life. And because I share in the love of the fellowship, the larger church, and I share my life and love with others. So while I feel a great sadness for the conditions of our world, it isn't a despairing sadness, but prayerfully a sadness that will move me to action to make a difference for the cause of Christ in our world. May it be so with you as well.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill



Hallelujah, He is Risen!!

What are your prayer requests?



gathering of friends

time for instruction

Join Us

prayer for each other

Sunday

May 6

7:00 p.m.

A note of inspiration about prayer: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday, June 3rd during worship service.

INFO

Anna Brushaber and D J Whitmer

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 19, 20, 21. Watch for more details

BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

April 18, 2018

JOYS AND CONCERNS

I strongly believe that Sunday morning worship is a very special time for all of us! There can be no better way to begin a week than worshipping God and fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ! "Family time" if you will. I truly recognize the importance it plays in the life of us all, so when a concern is raised about our worship/fellowship time, I feel a need to respond. The concern was about our time of sharing "Joy and Concerns."

It has concerned me for some time and I've given it a great deal of thought and prayer. The concern expressed to me was that the joys and concerns are sort of mixed together, and when a deep concern is shared requesting prayer it sometimes seems to get lost in the family sharing. Last Tuesday evening, April 17th, the topic was discussed at the Deacon's meeting. As a result of that discussion time, and more prayer, I felt maybe I had a solution and I'm submitting this proposal for the consideration of the fellowship.

Our service starts at 10:45 with singing and Scripture. A praise time. I would suggest that we use that time as a time of sharing our joys and praise! Begin our service with praising God and sharing the blessings we have experienced in the past week. It seems like a great way to begin an hour of worship.

Then later in the worship service have a time of sharing concerns, requests for prayer, and a pastoral prayer. Then, as now, the time of sharing would be a time focused upon prayer as we voice to God, and each other, the burdens upon our hearts. Psalm 62:8 says in part, "*Pour out your hearts before Him...*" Maybe a small change in the order of worship would help facilitate that kind of sharing.

If by separating "Joys" from "Concerns" we would create a more "prayerful" attitude and help bring a sense of peace to one with a deep concern, it would be fulfilling in a small way. Galatians 6:2 tells us, "*Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.*"

So I submit this proposal for the consideration of the fellowship. Please pray about it and share with me how you feel about this change in our order of our worship and fellowship time.

I will share the responses with the fellowship as we consider the possibility of changing the order of worship.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

~~~~~"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." ~~~~~  
Mark Twain

# Potluck Dinner



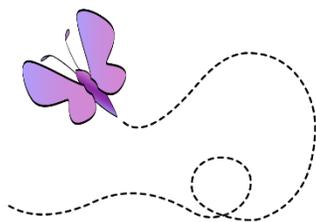
**LOOKING FORWARD TO  
MAY 20**

**POTLUCK AND GAMES**

**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITY**

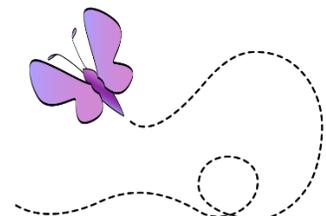
Set aside lunch plans and join in a potluck following worship on Sunday, **May 20**. After worship service we will all eat together and then stay longer to play board games.

Bring your friends and a dish to pass.



## **Women's Fellowship**

The women held their monthly meeting in April but did not travel because of a snow day. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, at 10:30. An outing to the RAILSIDE Restaurant in Sanford is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> after Bible study. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the Fellowship meetings and outings, monthly.



# **Outreach cup** **Fund raiser for schools**

*Starting in May donations to the "outreach cup" at the front of the church will be added to the school supply fund raiser.*

*During the months of May, June, July, and August cup donations will be used for gift cards that will be given to all teachers -- Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This annual gift has been given by the Church of the Brethren to help our students, teachers, and community. Once again this year, please prayerfully consider your gift. Together we can make this happen!! Any donations can also be added to the offering plate during worship service. Please designate your offering for "school supplies."*



## **"SADDLE UP"**

**IS THE THEME FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE THIS YEAR.**

Our church will once again have an entry in the parade. At this time we need a person



to organize the float committee, a theme for the float, and workers to assemble the "creation," and maybe even someone to ride the wagon. Think about how you can help. Volunteers always willingly accepted!!!!

**ITEMS OF INTEREST: \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* Outreach cup offerings for May, June, July, August**

designated for school supplies (teacher gift cards)

**\*\*\*\*\* Birthday Sunday, May 6, worship service**

**\*\*\*\*\* Prayer gathering, Sunday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 Commissions, 7:30 Board**

**\*\*\*\*\* Women's outing, Wednesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Doughnuts and coffee, Sunday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Vet's dinner, Sunday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Baccalaureate and Class Night, BHS, May 23, 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Graduation, BHS, May 24**

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*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

**Worship Leadership  
May**

**Date: May 6**

Worship Leader: Dan Whitmer  
Music Leader: Sherm Fassett  
Special Gifts: Choir  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Eric and Peg Hillman  
Deacons: Leta Painter & Bob Schnepf  
Closer: Dan Bergman

**Date: May 13**

Worship Leader: Sherm Fassett  
Music Leader: Amy Burns  
Special Gifts: Phyllis Beall  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Jane Raymor  
Deacons: Claudia Whitmer & Glen Blades  
Closer: Dan Bergman

**Date: May 20**

Worship Leader: Glen Blades  
Music Leader: Bob Schnepf  
Special Gifts: Puppets  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Don Shaffer  
Deacons: Lana Blades & Bob Phillips  
Closer: Dan Bergman

**Date: May 27**

Worship Leader: Rick Painter  
Music Leader: Becky Phillips  
Special Gifts: Dan Bergman  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Ward Simpson  
Deacons: Amy Burns & Sherm Fassett  
Closer: Dan Bergman

**CLEANING AT CHURCH**



A CLEANING SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO POSTED IN THE KITCHEN.

EVERYONE WHO USES THE CHURCH FOR EVENTS IS ENCOURAGED TO BE DILIGENT IN CLEANING UP AFTER THEMSELVES. Thank you!!

SEE THE LIST TO DETERMINE WHAT IS EXPECTED.....