



Church of the Brethren

"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

June, 2018

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

"STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD THAT IS IN YOU!!!"

June! The beginning of the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! Days of picnics, swimming, iced tea and watermelons. Working in the garden and remembering how nice it was when it was cool. A time of roasting hotdogs on a stick and memories of being a child.

Remembering... It's funny how every season of the year causes me to do that. Each season is special in its own way, and has its own memories. In summer my thoughts sometimes (frequently) turn to my pilgrimage with God in this world. I think sometimes in my pilgrimage I kind of get stuck in summer. I sort of categorize the seasons in this way: Spring - a time of planting, of beginning; Summer - a time of growing, of promises in progress; Fall - a time of harvest, of reward; and Winter as a time of rest. Sometimes I get stuck in summer.

The promises of God are beginning to grow in me. The fullness of His salvation is in progress in my life. The seeds have been planted and growth is happening...but I'm stuck in summer. Not moving on toward the harvest. I'm really into the joys of worship, but not always into the weeding of my life. Sharing in the love of the fellowship, but into picking the bugs out of my witnessing. Feasting upon roasted hotdogs, watermelon and sweet corn, but with all the activities of summer...getting a little undernourished on the meat of the Word.

I guess I sometimes mix up summer and winter. Winter is the time of rest...Summer is the time of growing! It's a time of God's promise of a harvest becoming a reality. Jesus tells me clearly: "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white unto harvest!" (John4:35b) The time for harvest berries is now...and so is the time of weeding, watering, and

tending that which will soon be ready. Jesus came into the world to plant the seed of the Gospel, spring is past, now it is summer. A time of growing, of tending the seed He planted, reaping that which is ready, and preparing for His coming again and the eternity of rest which will follow.

I enjoy all the good things of summer! I pray the Holy Spirit will daily remind me that it's not a time of rest, but a time of growing so that I will not neglect the things that are necessary for a rich and bountiful harvest...all to the honor and glory of the Lord of the Harvest, Jesus Christ!

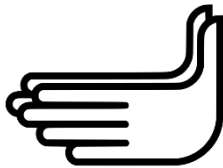
Stir up the gift of God that is in you-and use the gift for growth!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

*II Timothy 1:6

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."



What are your prayer requests?

gathering of friends

time for instruction

Join Us

prayer for each other

Sunday

June 3

7:00 p.m.

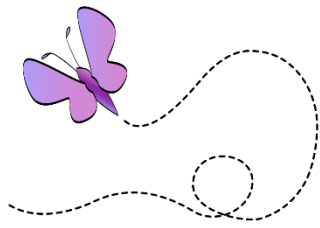
A note of inspiration about prayer: "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties." Oswald Chambers

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

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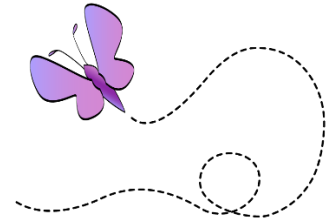
Anna Brushaber and D J Whitmer

~~~~~"A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love.  
She gives most who gives with joy." ~~~~~ Mother Teresa



## **Women's Fellowship**

The women held their monthly meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone enjoyed going out to lunch on May 9 at the Railside restaurant in Sanford. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 10:30. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the Fellowship meetings and outings, monthly.



## **GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES**

Both our graduates will be having open houses to celebrate their accomplishments.



Anna Brushaber – June 9, 2018, 1:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m.

At her home, 4748 Dundas Road

D J Whitmer – June 23, 2018, 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m.

At his home, 3841 Long Road

Join in congratulating these two.....

## **"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**, June 3, worship service

\*\*\*\*\* **Special Council Meeting**, June 3, after worship service

\*\*\*\*\* **Prayer gathering**, Sunday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 Commissions, 7:30 Board

\*\*\*\*\* **Women's outing**, Wednesday, June 13, 11:00 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Fathers' Day**, June 17

\*\*\*\*\* **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, June 17, 6:00 p.m.

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



**Special Council Meeting:**

**Plan to stay a few minutes after church on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special council meeting will be held to discuss and vote on recommendations from the local Board concerning the split of the Michigan District. This affects us!!!! We need you.**

***Heads up on the Gladwin County Fair:***

## **FAIR WEEK IS FAST APPROACHING     July 15 - 21**

**Once again the Beaverton Church of the Brethren will have a booth at the Gladwin County Fair. The booth will be “manned” Monday through Saturday giving us a chance to speak with people in person about God’s love and our church. At this time, we need someone who is willing to set up the booth and schedule times for workers. Please consider taking this responsibility.**

### Worship Leadership June

**Date: June 3**

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

**Date: June 17**

Worship Leader: Sandy Sprague  
Music Leader: Glen Blades  
Special Gifts: Phyllis Beall  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Don Shaffer  
Deacons: Leta Painter & Bob Schnepf  
Closer: Bob Schnepf

**Date: June 10**

Worship Leader: Dan Whitmer  
Music Leader: Amy Burns  
Special Gifts: Puppets  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Jane Raymor  
Deacons: Candy Schnepf & Rick Painter  
Closer: Bob Schnepf

**Date: June 24**

Worship Leader: Rick Painter  
Music Leader: Becky Phillips  
Special Gifts: Dan Bergman  
Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth  
Greeters: Ward Simpson  
Deacons: Claudia Whitmer & Glen Blades  
Closer: Bob Schnepf

**MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL PART OF YOUR REGULAR  
WORSHIP**



## Sunday School News

Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings with “Get your worship on,” music and a short message. There are several classes available, and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend.

**Preschool - Kindergarten** – Teacher, Becky Phillips

**1st - 3rd grades**- Teacher, Candy Schnepf

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades** - Teacher, Joanne Fassett

**Adult** – Teacher, Tom Prager – Study of Deuteronomy

**Adult** – Teacher, Lila Hannahs – Study of Romans

**Adult/Teen** – Disciple Maker’s Handbook -- Sherry Garvin -- This class will soon be starting a study of Frances Chan’s books Forgotten God and Crazy Love. Please see Sherry Garvin or Peggy McKimmy if you would like to join in this group.

### **Beaverton Church of the Brethren Vision Statement:**

*The Beaverton Church of the Brethren is a dynamic, Spirit-filled church impacting our community and beyond through worship, ministry and leadership development.*

