

**CHURCH LEADERS - 2018**

PASTOR.....David Grimes  
MINISTRY TEAMS  
Administration.....Chris Imler  
Christian Education.....Tonya Dibert  
Deacon.....Barry Snyder  
Evangelism.....Valarie Smith  
Fellowship.....Linda Trivelpiece  
Maintenance.....Andrew Van Horn  
Mission.....Ruth Dibert  
Pastoral Support.....Jeff Dibert  
Worship.....Carla Manges  
BOARD CHAIR.....Rock Manges  
CHURCH CLERK.....Bev Hershberger  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Darla Brady  
TREASURER.....Della Watters  
GIFTS DISCERNMENT.....Crystal Imler

**VALLEY TIES STAFF**

Doris Dibert.....Heather Koontz  
Carla Manges  
MAILINGS  
Shirley Foor.....Mereta Imes  
Rock Manges.....Marcella Morgret  
Valarie Smith.....Gary Trivelpiece

**OFFICE HOURS**

SECRETARY – Sue Geyer  
Tuesday & Thursday – 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Deadline for Bulletin Items is Wednesday, 4:00 PM

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**VALLEY TIES**

Seeking You . . . With GOD'S Good News

**SNAKE SPRING VALLEY  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**



*"God's Family Celebrating His Love"*

**Morning Worship 9:25 AM**

**Sunday School 11:00 AM**

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**FROM PASTOR DAVE**

**What's Really Important?**

Recently, during a trip to Florida, I was reminded that some things which seemed important twenty years ago aren't nearly as vital today. It was our first family vacation since each of our two daughters got married and had children.

The first day there, we went to Disney's Animal Kingdom. When I bought the tickets, I was instructed to download the Disney App to register our tickets and get some "fast passes" to certain rides. When we got to the park, I discovered I'd make a mistake entering the information into the

app. The tickets weren't working properly. The rest of the family waited as I went to Guest Relations to get it resolved.

Once the problem was fixed, we went into a new section of the park, Pandora. This area was extremely crowded. The wait for one ride was 120 minutes. The next ride was 180 minutes. We decided to move on. Someone said, "Let's go watch the Lion King show." When we got to within thirty feet of the entrance, we heard, "The Lion King is full." Later we decided to watch "Finding Nemo." When we got there, we heard, "Due to technical difficulties, the 3 PM show is cancelled."

We did get to go on some rides and later in the day we saw the Lion King. Still, the day was full of small glitches. Twenty years ago, my attitude would have been, "Look at all of the money we spent on tickets and we didn't get to do much." Yet, no one in our family complained. Why not? Our main focus wasn't rides and shows. It was being together as a family. And we were. It was a great day.

Please think about the areas in your life where things aren't going as you'd like. Would your attitude change if your focus was different? Ephesians 5:15-16a says, *"<sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity..."* Let's focus on what we do have...and on what's really important.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

All are welcome to worship with the Snake Spring Valley congregation, Church of the Brethren, each Sunday morning at 9:25 a.m. After worship and fellowship time, Sunday school classes for all ages are from 11 to 11:45 a.m. If you are seeking a church family, our doors are open.

Summer schedule for the church for the next two months are less busy. Enjoy these relaxing summer evenings to spend time with family. Don't miss opportunities to make memories.

Senior Servants lunch, July 2 at 1:00 p.m. – Plan to join this bi-monthly gathering for a carry-in meal and time of conversation and fellowship. Bring a covered dish if you are able. Everything else will be provided. If you need transportation, contact Jackie Koontz. Hope to see you there!

At the May 6, 2018 Congregational Business Meeting it was decided to re-roof the church house with metal roofing due to the age of the present shingles. It was also voted on to replace the current church office computer to enhance internet capabilities and load time. An automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) will be purchased and placed near the church entrance. Our maintenance team was given permission to pursue the purchase of additional ground from the present neighbor Jim Furry. After some discussion about present space limitation the Church Board was directed to develop a vision and mission statement to begin the

process of discerning future needs of the congregation.

Congratulations to Pastor Gary Koontz, who was licensed in 2015 in our congregation, and ordained in 2017. After serving the Mount Union Christian Church at Mench at times during the past year, he was called as their pastor in May. Jackie has been assisting there as pianist. Although they are both missed when worshipping at Snake Spring Valley, the small rural church is appreciative for their ministry on Sunday mornings.



Welcome to these new members: Butch, Tricia, Caleb and Noah Beidle, and Elizabeth Smith, who were received as new members on June 24 by transfer of membership. All have been active and participating in the life of the church the past year or so, but it is nice to have them with us officially as members of our congregation. If there are others who would like to have their membership transferred, or be received by baptism, be sure to contact Pastor David.

Our Sympathy is expressed to Barry and Brenda Barkman upon the passing of her father, Michael Caro, and to the families of the grandsons, Spence and Trent.

Brethren Open Golf Tournament – Hosted by Camp and Middle PA District, this is held at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring on Tuesday, Aug 14. A team of four from Snake Spring Valley will be participating: Bill Creps, Brian Creps, Joe Hershberger and Gary Trivelpiece. If there are any more golfers at our church who would like to form another team of four, please contact Gary soon. Registration ends August 6. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS



Annual Conference, July 4-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio – Remember in prayer Conference Moderator Samuel Sarpiya and leaders and delegates from churches across the country. Tonya Dibert is our elected delegate. Others attending from Snake Spring Valley are Pastor David and Stephanie Grimes, Della Watters, and Doris Dibert. Time will be spent in worship and business; deliberating and seeking the Lord's direction for the Church of the Brethren.

## OPEN ROOF FELLOWSHIP

The Snake Spring Valley Congregation will be honored at Annual Conference on July 4 during the Mission and

Ministry board meeting, by being welcomed into the Open Roof Fellowship. This is a program under Congregational Life Ministries to actively engage persons with disabilities in all aspects of the church's ministry. It includes facility modifications and/or program changes for those with limited mobility, loss of sight or hearing, and/or learning disabilities.

An application was submitted in May for our congregation to be accepted into this fellowship to note the completion of our handicapped-accessible playground. In June, the church received a letter of welcome, with the news that the church would be invited to have a representative at the board meeting of the Mission and Ministry before the beginning of conference to receive a certificate. Tonya Dibert and Pastor David will receive this honor.

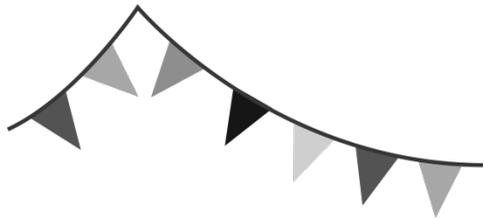
Although just a piece of paper, the certificate recognizes that our congregation is working to include persons of all ages. Although still not fully accessible, we have made great strides in the past years to welcome all to our church facilities and services.

To learn the story behind the name of this Fellowship, read Mark 2:1-12 to hear the story of a miracle performed by Jesus, which caused those who were witnesses to glorify God. May our new playground bring glory to God each time a child enjoys its use.

the gift of the internet. The sermon will be given by Leonard Sweet, an E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew University in Madison, NJ, as well as visiting professor at George Fox University in Portland, OR. He is also a best-selling author and popular preacher.

To join conference worship services or business sessions by webcast, go to [www.brethren.org/ac/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac/webcasts).

### Fellowship Team, Linda Trivelpiece



**Annual Ice Cream Festival, July 21 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Available will be a variety of foods: ham and sloppy Joe sandwiches, grilled hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, green beans, baked beans and applesauce. For dessert, there's a great assortment of homemade pies and cakes, plus eight flavors of homemade ice cream! Instead of pricing each item, donations will be accepted, with beverages included. However, there are separate charges for the generous scoops of your favorite flavors of ice cream. The church board has decided that all net proceeds will be donated and split between the Bedford County Food Banks and Trucker Traveler Ministries. To make all this happen, many volunteers are needed. Churning the ice cream begins on Thursday evening, **July 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Setting up tables and chairs in

the pavilion will be on Saturday morning at **9:00 p.m.** The day of the festival, many hands are needed, beginning at noon. There are sign-up sheets in the library for donating food and ice cream ingredients; ice cream dippers and food-line servers. Plan to come and help as you are able, and enjoy the good food and fellowship this day offers. The festival is always a great opportunity to greet visitors and introduce them to our church.

### Mission Team, Ruth Dibert



**Opportunities for service** include many of these outreach projects:

**Baby Bottle Project**, collecting spare change, from Mother's Day

through Father's Day, to support ProLife programs.

**CentrePeace volunteer days** in the store at Bellefonte will be **July 17** and **August 20**. With regulars away on vacation, consider taking a day to join this group, leaving the church at 6:30 a.m.; home around 5:00 p.m. To learn more, see JoAnn Dibert.

**Our own Coats and Shoes Chicken BBQ, Saturday, Aug. 11** – Last year this fundraiser enabled us to give \$500 to three local elementary schools to purchase warm clothing, shoes and school supplies for children in need. Tickets are \$9.00 each and must be purchased by Aug. 5. Contact Ruth

Dibert if you can help to sell tickets or to purchase tickets. Your support is appreciated.

**The Village at Morrisons Cove Christmas in July Sale** – July 27, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., lunch available, plus a basket raffle.

**Peach Festival at the Village**, August 24, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Food Outreach** – The food bank is always in need of donated food items. Please watch expiration dates and avoid glass packaging. All non-perishable foods are accepted, but suggested items are:

**July** – Spaghetti or other pasta, spaghetti sauce, Parmesan cheese, hot and cold cereals, powdered and shelf-stable milk, fruit in its own juice and fruit juice.

**August** – Vegetable or tomato soup, canned stews and crackers, pancake mixes and syrups, tea and coffee.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**National Youth Conference, Fort Collins, Co., July 21-26** – Every four years, our denomination hosts an amazing conference for youth of the church, known as **NYC**. Our youth attending are Caleb Beidle, Noah Beidle, Devin Gauthier, Arissah Mickey, Dylan Jesk, Zachary Vent and Kyle Duvall, accompanied by advisors Dana Vent and Rod Duvall. Also attending will be Paula Davis, who will be traveling with her cousin and the youth from the Mechanicsburg CoB.

They'll be departing from BWI early in the morning on Saturday, July 21, arriving in Colorado around 10:00 a.m. and taking the NYC shuttle to the University of Colorado Campus. Worship begins at 7:30 p.m. that evening, and the following days will include morning devotions, worship, workshops, hiking, service projects and lots of fun meeting, playing and dining with several thousand Brethren youth from across the country. As their service project, our youth chose assembling clean-up buckets for Disaster Relief. Closing worship will conclude their week at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26. They will return to BWI late that evening with memories to last a lifetime!

Our youth and advisors are excited, but also nervous, as this is a new and uncharted experience for all. Please hold them close in prayer as they look forward to the conference and their time in Colorado. The NYC theme is *"Bound Together: Clothed in Christ,"* based on the scripture from Colossians 3:12-15. Families can follow them on Facebook: National Youth Conference 2018.



## CAMP BLUE DIAMOND

**Hoss's day** on June 10 was held at four different Hoss's locations in our district, with proceeds going towards the purchase of summer camp equipment. Over \$2,000 was raised, and new swimming ropes and buoys have already been bought, among other items. It was just our luck that three tour busses were at the Bedford Hoss's that Sunday, which meant an hour wait for a table. Hopefully, other locations also had lots of Brethren customers who enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Bedford Hoss's raised over \$350.

**Summer campers** are heading off to camp! Kiddie Camp - Carter Frederick and dad Ian; Levi Vent and mom Dana; Bennet Koontz and mom Heather; Tenderfoot Camp - Addie Shaffer; Junior 1 Camp - Josten Imler and Riley Vent; Junior-High 1 Camp - Tess Koontz; Creative Arts Camp - Lauren Duvall; Youth Camp - Kyle Duvall and Arissah Mickey; Bike Camp - Zachary Vent.

The summer camp's offering project will go to Disaster Ministries as they work to rebuild homes damaged by the three major hurricanes in southern states and Puerto Rico in 2017.



**Family Camp, Aug. 17 to 19** - Can't get away this summer with the family for a vacation? Consider a weekend at camp with all these activities available: swimming and canoeing, campfires, outdoor worship, Bible time, climbing tower, giant swing, crafts, homemade ice cream, coffee house and singing with Joe Hinich, as well as great food, family time, meeting new and old friends and guest leader Debbie Eisenbise. Register online at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org). See the bulletin board for the poster with more information.

**Camp staff at SSVCOB** - Each summer, the staff from camp visits a local congregation during morning worship. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, we were happy to see a large group of energetic youth leaders participating in our worship through music and leading the children's story.

**Wanted! Digital Cameras** - If you have an unused camera, camp would love to have it for the use of campers and counselors to capture camp experiences. You can send it along with a camper.

**Heritage Fair, Sept 22** - Mark your calendar for this great day at camp. Last year's Fair raised nearly \$30,000 for camp and district ministries.

## DISTRICT NEWS

**Youth Summer Splash**, July 11 at Lake Raystown.

## MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

### Christian Education, Tonya Dibert

**August movie night** on Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. will feature the 2017 film, "*Wonder*," the story of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy in Manhattan with Treacher Collins syndrome, a rare facial deformity. The film shows his attempts to fit in with his peers as he is bullied; an important story for our children and youth to hear on acceptance for all.

### Evangelism Team, Valarie Smith

**Team meetings** have been centered on ways to reach out to family members, friends, and those without a church home. Our membership has grown steadily over the past years as we focused on "friendship evangelism." Let's continue to work together to invite others to become a part of our congregation.

### Worship Team, Carla Manges

**Memorial Sunday, May 27** was observed during morning worship by honoring those who passed from this life since May of 2017. Candles were lighted in remembrance of these family members; Paul Wagoner, Robert Zimmerman, R. Donald Snyder, Doreen (Foor) Edwards, Joseph Beegle, Mary Ann (Hershberger) Winesickle, Joyce (Grimes) Tenley, Michael Caro and Jane (Mearkle) Hershberger.

**Outdoor worship** was enjoyed on a beautiful Sunday morning in the pavilion on June 17. It

was followed by a service dedicating the new playground to the children, the community, the church, and to God. Recent additions to complete the playground were attaching the handicapped swing that will hold a wheelchair, a "bucket swing" with safety bar, and a smaller swing for toddlers. Families in the community are invited to enjoy the use of this playground

**Graduates** from our congregation were also honored on June 17: Aaron (AJ) Imler from Penn State Altoona in Security Risk Analysis; Paula Davis from Bedford, planning to attend ACM in the Culinary Arts Program; Trevor Allison from NBC, now working with Guyer Brothers Utility Contractors; Hayden Douglas from NBC, planning on two years at Penn State Altoona in Security Risk Analysis, then a transfer to the main campus for the Police Academy; and Nicholas Shaffer, who will be "Farm Supervisor" for dad Scott, and continuing classes at EAHS. Congratulations to all as you begin your next step in life!



**Annual Conference Sunday, July 8 at 9:25 a.m.** - As our pastor will be at conference, we will be listening to the morning session from Cincinnati via live-stream. We will be joining several thousand of Brethren there, as well as from across the country, bound together by