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February Events

- 2/12, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- 2/13, 7:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service
- 2/17, noon: Bible 101
- 2/20, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- 2/22-23: MAD Jr. & Sr. Youth 30-Hr Famine @ Oakton
- 2/23, 5:30 pm: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- 2/25, 6:30 pm: Action/Reflection Meeting

Coming in March:

- 3/2, 9 am–2 pm: Deep Leadership
- 3/3, 12:30 pm Youth Brethren Beliefs
- 3/6, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting
- 3/12, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- 3/17, noon: Love Feast
- 3/20, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- 3/31, 9:45 am: Easter Breakfast

Please note our new office hours:

9:00 a.m.–noon

Monday-Friday



Brethren Banner

Special points of interest:

- Lenten Devotional
- CBM Summary
- Volunteer Schedule
- Feb. Calendar
- Music Corner

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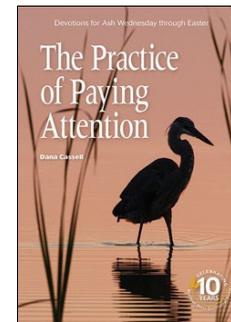
Ash Wednesday Service

Paying Attention to God in a Frantic World

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 13, 2013, 7:30 PM. Childcare will be provided. This service is held in preparation for Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays), in which, as Christians, we contemplate the precious gift of God's love through Christ's willing sacrifice to free us from sin.

Devotional for Lent

By Jan Burket



The Practice of Paying Attention is the title of this year's Lenten devotional guide. Author Dana Cassell leads readers into a deeper understanding of our Easter hope with daily passages of scripture, meditation and prayer.

Copies of this devotional have been ordered by Worship Committee and are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take a copy or two for your family and join us as we travel together through this season.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is Back!

After a year hiatus, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is back. This event, planned for February 23 at 5:30 P.M., will allow you to open your home to other members of the congregation. Here's how it works: you can volunteer to be a host or participate as a guest. As a host, you will be responsible for preparing the main course and drinks. Guest will provide side dish, salad, or dessert. But the fun part is that no one knows who all the guests will be until they arrive that evening. It is sure to be a night filled with fellowship and fun. If you would like to participate - and we certainly hope you will - please sign up on the board in the narthex or send an email to Kim Ferrari at kimferrari@cox.net by February 10. We will need to know if you want to be a host or a guest, how many you can serve if you are a host, and whether you have any food allergies or concerns so we can inform the host and other guests.

The Blessing of Lent

By Pastor Chris

Lent is a season of repentance and preparation lasting 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Using patterns of prayer, repentance, service, and self-denial (fasting) Lent heightens our spiritual journey toward Holy Week and the death and resurrection of Jesus. These practices of Lent have become powerful in and of themselves. "Fish Friday," for example, originally intended to reinforce mutuality with the poor, nowadays makes for standing-room-only at the expensive local sushi place.

It is important to not lose the purpose of Lent to its the practices.

To "give up something for Lent" is a spiritual practice of "self-denial" toward a purpose. At it's simplest it is saying that my food [or chocolate or TV or other item being denied] is *not* my master. My stomach is not my boss. Something else is.

With this and other powerful practices of Lent our hope is that we will focus preparing for the transforming Holy Week work of Jesus.

As Thomas H. Kingo's Lenten poem reads

"On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me...."

In our church life together may we find in these practices and meditations the important renewal of worship and praise. That in this time we would pay attention to how God is changing us and claiming us toward that Easter promise.

February Sermons

2/3 - Faith, Hope and Love (1 John 4:7-21 and 1 Corinthians 13)

2/10 - Speaker: Angela Finet

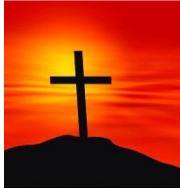
2/13 - Ash Wednesday Service – *Paying Attention to God in a Frantic World*

2/17 - First Sunday of Lent: The Temptations of the Christ (Lk 4:1-13)

2/24 - Second Sunday of Lent: Dwellings within the Glory of God (Lk 9:28-36)

On My Heart Imprint Your Image
By: Thomas H. Kingo

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Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!



Thank You from CHO

December 26, 2012

Dear Church of the Brethren Members,

Thank you so much for helping 2 CHO families with Christmas food and gifts for their children. I know how much organization and how many donations it takes to complete a project like this and I'd like to thank everyone who took part in making Christmas special for these families.

This was a very busy Christmas for us. We helped 311 families this year--the most we've ever helped. There was a total of 869 people, 427 of them being children. The number of children stayed almost the same as last year so with the jump in the number of families needing help, it seems there were many single people and older families with no children. We had 55 donations of toys, food and gift cards and 115 bikes were fixed up and donated. We were able to find good homes for 110 of them! The thing that made our Christmas Store such a success this year was the extraordinary turnout of volunteers--143 of them! It took every volunteer to make the shopping experience something special for the families.

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you so much for your time and support.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn Mysel
Food & Holiday Chair

2013 Camp Mardela Schedule

June 16-21 - TWEENS, Grades 5-7

June 23-28 - HORSES, HORSES, HORSES, Completing
Grades 5-7

June 23-28 - PERFORMING ARTS CAMP, Grades 5-8

June 23-28 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP, Grades
6-8)

June 23-28 - CULINARY ARTS CAMP, Grades 4-7

July 14-19 - TEENS, Grades 6-8

July 21-25 - 3rd & 4th, Grades 3-4

July 26-27 - ME & YOU CAMP, K-1st Grade

July 28-30 - MINI-CAMP, Grades 2-3

Check out their website
www.campmardela.org
or contact Jerry Anne
Kines, our camp advocate,
for more information about summer
camp or the Camp Scholarships available.

Update from Cathy
Carson:

135 pairs of shoes
donated!

77 blankets assembled!

See insert for 2013
Shepherd's Spring
Summer Camp
Schedule!

1/27/13 Congregational Business Meeting

Christian Education

Current members of the committee are: Missy Burket (Chair), Michelle Gill (Vice Chair), Colleen Eddy, Jan Fischer Bachman, Anne Kosek, and Debbie Seidel (Children's Ministry Coordinator). Thanks also to outgoing members Pam Young Schultz and Linda Powell. CE is in need of new volunteers for the committee. Please contact Missy Burket or the church office if you think you might be willing to help!

Many thanks our 2012 Sunday School teachers! They were Michelle Gill, Sherry Bowman, Pam Young-Schultz, Linda Powell, Rob Powell, Joel Comer, Sue Comer, Angela Finet, Bob Seidel, Missy Burket, Harry Biddle, Mark Phillips, Ryan Richardson, Chris Bowman, Brian Bachman, and Shirley Roth. Pastor Chris, Brian Bachman, and Shirley Roth taught quarterly adult classes in 2012. Younger kids continue to follow the Gather 'Round curriculum from Brethren Press. Older youth and adults use a variety of materials. Junior and senior high classes each led worship services, with the help of their teachers, Sue and Joel Comer, Angela Finet, and Bob Seidel.

Summer Sunday School teachers included Debbie Seidel, Missy Burket, John Eddy, and a variety of other leaders. Thank you to everyone who helped! Although summer Sunday School was approved at last year's congregational meeting, attendance was low, and it may not be offered this year.

The junior high and high school groups had several social events planned by Alissa Zience and Sue and Joel Comer. They also attended events planned by our Church of the Brethren district, chaperoned by several parents and volunteers, including Alissa Zience, Paula Mendenhall, Missy Burket, and Jan Fischer Bachman. Missy Burket is serving as the high

school advisor this year. Jan Fischer Bachman is the junior high advisor. District events include activities during district conference, retreats, lock-ins, the 30-hour famine, and more.

In 2012, four high schoolers went to work camp at Camp Colorado, chaperoned by Brian Bachman. Three junior higher served at work camp in Richmond, Virginia, chaperoned by Jan Fischer Bachman. We are still working on plans for 2013 but will have fewer participants.

2012 Vacation Bible School was attended by around 75 children with about 30 volunteers helping. Special thanks to all who donated or volunteered their time and talents. 2013 VBS will be held the week of August 4th.

The CE committee also continues to offer baby welcomes, peace doves (4 yrs), peace books (2nd grade), Bibles (3rd grade), and recognition to our high school and college graduates to mark these milestones in our lives. To honor our teachers in 2012 members of the congregation contributed a total of \$575 that was then donated to Heifer International.

Thanks also to our nursery and children's church volunteers who help to nurture our little ones! We have new babies coming this year, so if you would like to sneak in some time with them, get on the nursery list now!

Plans for this year include renewing the children's choir, supporting fundraising for National Youth Conference, which will be held in Colorado in 2014, and more elementary age/family service projects.

Submitted by Jan Fischer Bachman

CBMUpdate

Influenza Can Weaken the Strongest Among Us *By Shirley Roth*

"I consider myself a pretty tough guy who usually just 'barrels' through any illness and keeps going, but this stuff (whatever it was!) hit my chest like a ton of bricks and I couldn't breathe or sleep!" lamented a strong Oakton man one recent Sunday morning. "It got so bad that I even went to the doctor's five days after it hit. Of course I never bother to get a flu shot. . .Didn't figure I'd need it," continued my raspy-sounding friend.

Everyone from the strongest man to the most vulnerable newborn is at risk for serious illness as the number of influenza cases continues to climb in the DC Metropolitan area and across the nation. Prevention steps are simple, but at times challenging to follow consistently:

1. Wash hands repeatedly with soap and water throughout the day. Use antibacterial gels if water and soap are not readily available.
2. Don't touch your face and mouth with your hands.

3. Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue and dispose of it directly into a trash bag, then wash hands before touching anything.

4. Remember that flu viruses can stay on surfaces at home and work such as computer key boards, elevator buttons, and door knobs for up to 6 - 8 hours.

5. At the first signs of illness talk to your doctor about getting Tamiflu (antiviral medication). This will lessen the severity of the flu, but must be taken early to be effective.

For the procrastinators among us, it is still not too late to receive a flu shot (must be at least six months of age). Persons who have had the flu shot are 62 percent less likely to get the flu. And if one has had the flu shot and still the flu, it will likely be less severe than the person who has not had it.

Having doubts about any of this? Just find a strong Oakton man and ask him what it feels like to have the flu!

Claire Waggener's Licensing

Thank you for the lovely ceremony and reception for my licensing! It was wonderful to be back at Oakton and see everyone. Whenever we come back, we realize how much we miss worshipping together with you. Blessings to all in the coming year and always,

Claire and Keegan Waggener



ParishNurse



Shirley welcomes your comments/questions anytime. For a phone conversation or to request a visit:

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CBMUpdate

Committee Reports this month include:

Worship/Music

Women's Fellowship

Property

Fellowship

Deacons

Christian Education

See next newsletter for:

Action/Reflection

1/27/13 Congregational Business Meeting**Worship and Music**

Worship Committee began 2012 with a "No Business" time before Lent in order to focus on worship following the holidays. We planned a service for Ash Wednesday, In Step With Jesus. The effort included a prayer path set up in the Fellowship Hall for participants to walk from station to station with devotions at each point.

During Pastor Chris's sabbatical, Worship Committee coordinated with guest speakers and maintained the necessary functions surrounding worship. Thanks to all who spoke in response to that need, and to those who—every year—donate their time leading and supporting worship in our church.

John Shafer, our Director of Music, continued his usual superb musical leadership during worship. Not only did he play piano and organ during services, he also recruited talented musicians within the congregation and encouraged others to share their musical gifts with the congregation. Thanks also to Carol Spangler for her leadership of the Bell Choir, which adds additional inspiration and variety to the music program. Shanna Spangler's oversight of the sound system during worship is a wonderful gift to us all.

During the year, Worship Committee made name tags available for everyone to use during worship. This not only helped speakers from outside the congregation—such as the Payne family—during Pastor Chris's sabbatical, but provided a great way for new people to get to know members of the congregation. We hope that name tags will continue to be used this year to enable everyone to become acquainted more quickly and easily.

Worship Committee created bulletins for Advent using photographs by member Al

Zebrowski. Worship Chair Jan Burket wrote brief meditations for the reverse of the bulletins to illustrate Pastor Chris's themes. Christmas Eve service was very moving; thanks to the Strong family for their participation in that program.

Thanks to all of our Worship Committee members, who are returning for 2013; we look forward to a wonderful year!

Submitted by Jan Burket, Chair

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship sponsors our annual Christmas Craft Show. Thanks to all who helped in many ways with this project. Because of all the many hands working together, we had another successful show in 2012.

Adding together the \$20 entry fees from 27 vendors; 10% commission on vendors' sales; COB supplies and crafts sales; pies, cakes and other baked goods sales; soup sales and lunchroom sales - we made almost \$ 4000 this year. In addition to making money for Church projects, the craft show gives us an opportunity to meet and talk with many people in our community. In addition to our own church projects, we donated \$500 to global missions.

Submitted by Pat Reed

Music Corner continued

we might recognize as being remotely related to the modern piano. The problem with the clavichord is that it provided a very quiet sound, and could be used in small spaces, but was not good for larger halls or accompanying instruments or voices of any power.

The harpsichord was another important keyboard instrument during the 17th and 18th centuries. The harpsichord was used widely as a solo instrument and in ensembles. Orchestras were often conducted by the harpsichord player rather than a conductor in the manner in which we are familiar today. The harpsichord has a sound that is smaller and brighter than that of a piano, and the sound is created by quills or metal pieces that plucked the strings.

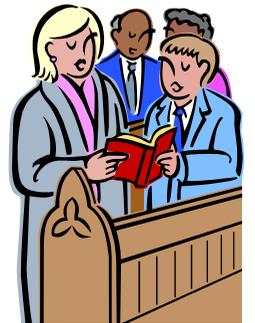
The piano was likely invented about 1709. As a reference, this was about the same time that the first Brethren were beginning to meet as a group in Germany. Of course the early Brethren would have had little access to musical instruments; those would have been left behind in the "high" official state churches from which they separated. A musician named Bartolomeo Cristofori created a way in which a keyboard player could change the loudness of the sound coming from an instrument by changing the

force with which the keys were struck. Instead of plucking the strings with quills, this new device worked with hammers striking strings from below. Explaining the exact mechanism of this new device would require an understanding of engineering, and won't be attempted by the writers in this space. The full name of the piano is *gravicembalo con piano e forte* which translates *harpsichord with soft and loud*. Continual improvements have been made to the piano and it has evolved into the versatile and widely used instrument we know today. By the 1900's pianos came into wider use and were able to be produced at a cost that the general public could afford.

Mention must be made of some of the other instruments which are also keyboards, such as virginals, accordions, melodeons, the hurdy gurdy, carillon, celeste, keyboard glockenspiel and last but not least, the modern synthesizer. Information, for the curious, can be easily found on the internet.

(1) Brandy Kraemer at: <http://piano.about.com/od/piano-types/a/Early-Musical-Organs.htm>

MusicCorner



MusicCorner

Music Corner

By John Shafer and Lincoln Cory

Worship services in many traditions incorporate keyboard music, as accompaniment for congregational and choral singing, in preparation for worship, as transition between parts of the worship service, as closing music, or music purely for inspirational purposes. The word “keyboard” is used here because, although in our tradition we think of the piano or organ used for these purposes, there are and have historically been many different keyboard instruments available.

One of the earliest keyboard instruments was actually the organ, or an instrument remotely resembling an organ. In the 3rd Century BC an instrument called the “hydraulis” was developed by a Greek scientist with the unpronounceable name Cteslbius. “The hydraulis—a type of pipe organ—was powered by converting flowing water into air pressure. The pressurized air could be released into a sounding pipe through a valve, which was unblocked with the touch of a key.” (1) It seems painfully clear that this was not a very efficient instrument; perhaps an elementary one could be built in the Oakton Church by hooking the organ up to the baptistry, but this would not be something we would recommend. Later iterations of the organ included the addition of bellows which

would fill with air when opened but had to be pumped. Some of us remember seeing old pump organs in our grandparents’ homes which still used this sort of “pump” technology. Discussing the evolution of the organ would take up an entire book. It may come as a surprise that at one time organ keys were the same width as the pipes to which they corresponded. It does not take much imagination to realize how difficult it would have been to play such an instrument. In fact at one point organs were better played with the fist than with the fingers. Ultimately the instrument evolved into the grand majestic instruments that we know as the “pipe organ” which have been a fixture in churches for centuries, particularly in Europe and America. Today many congregations have electronic organs (referred to with disdain as “electronic devices” by one of my college professors) which replicate the sounds (more or less poorly) of the majestic pipe organ.

In the 14th century an instrument was developed which became known as the “clavichord.” The clavichord was the first instrument which was played on keys which could be pushed down by the fingers. This was a stringed keyboard instrument in which a small brass wedge strikes a pair of strings to release the sound. This instrument was encased in a box which

Property

The Property Committee is responsible for stewardship of the church building, parsonage, and the surrounding grounds. Our 2012 primary responsibilities within the committee are assigned as follows:

- Kitchen & Fellowship Hall – Mary Ellen Judd
- Grounds and Landscaping – Al Zebrowski
- Major Systems – John Eddy
- Church Maintenance – Lou Levesque
- Parsonage Maintenance – Orville Knicely
- Office Supplies – Chris Bowman
- Budget and Contracts – Scott Seidel
- Board Representative – Scott Seidel
- Major Projects – rotating

Noteworthy accomplishments for 2012 include the following:

- Installed window wells and adjusted grading away from church building to reduce susceptibility to flooding during heavy rain
- Replaced hose bib that we discovered had been leaking significantly for a long period of time
- Coordinated with Verizon for steeple maintenance following leaking and damage from Hurricane Sandy
- Provided general maintenance services to the church and parsonage
- Maintained landscaping and grass – special thanks to Al Zebrowski and Shanna Spangler
- Cleaned and waxed carpets and floors

throughout the church building

Installed panic bars on exit doors in Fellowship Hall and Office exit

Replaced lights in Children’s Church room and repaired interior telephone lines

Obtained a new subcontractor for building cleaning services

Managed building rentals

Managed 2012 Budget and established 2013 Budget

We continue to realize savings on heating costs resulting from boiler replacement and conversion from heating oil to natural gas in 2010. Our combined energy costs for gas and electric are lower than before completing the project, even considering the additional usage for air conditioning.

In 2013 we have the following major goals:

- Obtain Occupancy Load Permit and additional paperwork required for compliance with Fairfax County
- Improve North wall brick that is prone to leaking during heavy rain
- Explore options for repairing plaster and painting the Sanctuary
- Stain faded pews and dispose of surplus pews

Please join me in thanking our Property Committee members for their past and continuing service.

Submitted by Scott Seidel, Chair

CBMUpdate

1/27/13 Congregational Business Meeting

Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee hosted a variety of activities in 2012 intended to nurture the congregation through fellowship. Committee members in 2012 were Pat Reed (Chair), Mary Ellen Judd (Board Rep), Sherry Bowman, June Gonzales, Debbie Herring, Michelle Kessler, Bev Levesque, and Evelyn Supinger. Members will remain the same in 2013 and we are thrilled to welcome Kim Ferrari back to the committee after a year off.

The Fellowship Committee is also responsible for overseeing kitchen operations and supplies. We organize several potlucks throughout the year, sponsor coffee time, and occasionally provide food for special groups using the church.

The committee generally plans an activity each month. Activities in 2012 included:

March - Birthday Dinner - Families enjoyed food and fellowship and played birthday bingo.

April - Easter Breakfast - Potluck event.

May - Ladies Tea - The women and girls enjoyed each other's company in a tea-house setting while being served by the men (young and old) of the congregation.

June - Flea Market - We welcomed the neighborhood to join us in the church parking lot for our annual sale. Once again hot dogs and drinks were available along with a bake sale in the church basement. Many thanks to Jean Phillips for her outstanding work to publicize

this and other church events.

June - Father's Day Breakfast - We celebrated fathers and sons with the whole family while enjoying breakfast cooked by the Fellowship committee.

July - No agenda potluck - We gathered after church just for the fun of it.

August - VBS celebration lunch - Potluck event.

September - Church Picnic - We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon together on the church parking lot.

October - Pumpkin Party at the Kines' home-stead. Special thanks to Jerry Anne for her work in organizing all the many activities, games, and crafts for this wonderful event.

December - Christmas Festival - Thanks to Debbie Seidel for her creativity and work this year in organizing a multi-media Christmas celebration. As always, the program was followed by a wonderful meal provided by the committee.

Last Sunday afternoon the Fellowship Committee met to plan the events for 2013. We have a full year of activities that we hope will help us learn to know each other better and grow together in Christian love.

Submitted by Sherry Bowman

Christmas Caroling

On Friday night, December 21st a hardy group of Oakton carolers set out to sing for several of our shut-ins. We visited the Sunrise Nursing Home next to the Fair Oaks Hospital, Ruth and Margaret Rodier at the Gardens and Ella Mae Gregory at the Burke Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Both the singers and the recipients had a wonderful time celebrating the Christmas spirit. After the singing, we went to Scott and Debbie Seidel's home for a pizza party.

Submitted by Bob Seidel



1/27/13 Congregational Business Meeting

Deacons Report

by Mark Wilkerson

While we were saddened at losing 4 deacons this year, it was a joy that the congregation called 2 more and we welcome Shirley Roth and Gretchen Zience. The other deacons are Angela Finet, Brian Bachman, Jan Fisher-Bachman, Kim Ferrari, Carol Spangler, Wayne Spangler, Mary Ellen Judd, Jane Meadows, John Shafer, Bob Seidel, Carolyn Seidel, and Vern Wingert.

Aside from individuals caregiving needs, the Deacons provided funeral meals and receptions for departing deacons and for Claire Waggoner's licensing service.

Additionally, the Deacons prepared and served 2 Bread and Cup communion services, one in June and one on Christmas Eve.

Love Feast was held in March and October, with the Dranesville church invited to the first and the members of the Korean Church invited to the second. All of the members of the Korean Church participated and provided traditional Korean food for the fellowship meal.

Although we cannot take much credit, the Deacons now have oversight of the Parish Nurse program, started by Shirley Roth.

Another noteworthy event was the Caregivers Group luncheon that was held to enable more interaction between the Deacons and the groups assigned to each. We look forward to more of these events.

Distributions have been made from the Good Shepherd fund, and it remains in good standing, and we encourage donations as people feel led.

FebVolunteers

February 2013 Volunteers

	2/3/2013	2/10/2013	2/17/2013	2/24/2013
Worship Leader:	Angela Finet	Michelle Hume	Rob Powell	Shirley Roth
Children's Story:	Jan Burket	Mark Wilkerson	Jan Fischer-Bachman	Cathy Carson
Acolytes:	Luke Finet	Cyrus Kianersi	Katelyn Judd	Bobby Schultz
Greeters:	Harry Biddle	Shirley Roth	Jan Fisher-Bachman	Bob Seidel
	Mary Ellen Judd	Gretchen Zience	Vern Wingert	Carolyn Seidel
Organ:	John Shafer	John Shafer	Lee Hylton	John Shafer
Piano:	Cathy Carson	Cathy Carson	Cathy Carson	Cathy Carson
Hymn Leader:	Michelle Hume	Mary Beth MacKinnon	Carol Spangler	Mary Beth MacKinnon
Counters:	Harry Biddle	Kim Ferrari	Kim Ferrari	Wayne Spangler
	Leslie Connolly		Sherry Bowman	Carol Spangler
Nursery:	Scott Seidel	Missy Burket	Kimberly Judd	Robyn Legge
Nursery Assistant:	Michael Biddle	Sarah Beth Seidel	Peggy O'Neil	Casey Comer
Children's Church Leader:	Debbie Seidel	Michelle Gill	Karen Richardson	Debbie Seidel
Children's Church Helper:	Luke Finet	Cortland Comer	Eric Finet	Ella Shultz
Sunday School Nursery:	Jan Burket	Jan Fisher-Bachman	Kim Ferrari	Jake Burket
Nursery Toy Cleaners:	Anne Kosek	Anne Kosek	Anne Kosek	Anne Kosek
Coffee Time Preparers:	Michelle Hume	Kim Ferrari	Robyn & Danny Legge	Jan Fischer Bachman
				Emma Bachman

2013 Fellowship Dates

Feb 23 (Sat) Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - 5:30 pm	July 14 (Sun) Fellowship Lunch - after church - potluck meal	Nov 20 (Wed) Craft Show set up
Mar 31 (Sun) Easter Breakfast - 9:45 am - potluck meal	Aug 11 (Sun) VBS Celebration - after church - potluck meal	Nov 21-23 (Thurs, Fri, Sat) Craft Show
Apr 14 (Sun) Birthday Dinner - after church	Sept 8 (Sun) Church Picnic - after church - potluck meal	Nov 24 (Sun) Craft Show pick up
May 5 (Sun) Ladies Tea - after church	Oct 26 (Sat) Pumpkin Party - at the church - potluck meal	Dec 8 (Sun) Christmas Festival - 5:00 pm - program and meal
June 1 (Sat) Flea Market - 8:00 am-1:00 pm	Nov 19 (Tues) Craft Show drop off	Dec 15 (Sun) Women's Fellowship Party - after church - potluck meal

FellowshipDates

Do You Have Your Winter Weather Kit for Inclement Weather?



Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management recommends residents to prepare an emergency kit for possible winter weather emergencies and outages.

They suggest preparing the following items:

- ▣ three days' food.
 - ▣ three days' water (a gallon per person per day).
 - ▣ a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries.
 - ▣ a written family emergency plan.
 - ▣ a first-aid kit.
 - ▣ medications if needed.
 - ▣ blankets and warm clothing.
 - ▣ supplies for special member of your household.
 - ▣ pet items.
- And don't forget an emergency kit for the car. Include an emergency thermal blanket, snack food and water, matches, jumper cables, road salt and sand, and emergency flares. Additional information is available on the Office of Emergency Management website.

StayingSafe

February 2013

Oakton Church of the Brethren

February 2013						
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 27 - Feb 2	Jan 27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
Feb 3 - 9	3 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DM Church	4 Linda Powell's Birthday	5 Debbie Herring Birthday	6 7:30pm DMC	7 Jason Judd's Birthday	8	9 9:00am ACTs Course Sesquehanna Valley Ministry Center (classroom)
Feb 10 - 16	10 Gretchen Zience's Birthday 9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DM Church	11 9:00am Private Appointment	12 Bridgette Beach's Birthday Ella Schultz's Birthday 7:00pm Worship Mtg.	13 7:30pm DMC 7:30pm Ash Wednesday	14 Bob Seidel's Birthday Olivia Powell's Birthday 7:00pm Handbell Practice (Oakton Church of the Brethren)	15	16 9:00am ACTs Course Sesquehanna Valley Ministry Center (classroom)
Feb 17 - 23	17 9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Bible 101 1:00pm DM Church	18	19 Earl Kessler's Birthday Sherry Bowman's Birthday Shirley Allen's Birthday	20 Jenny A. Whitmer's Birthday 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting 7:30pm Board Meeting 7:30pm DMC	21 Faye Adkins's Birthday	22 MAD Jr & Sr Youth 30-Hr Famine (Oakton) Patricia Kitt's Birthday	23 5:30pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (various homes)
Feb 24 - Mar 2	24 9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DM Church	25 6:30pm Action/Reflection Committee Meeting (Oakton Church of the Brethren)	26	27 7:30pm DMC	28	Mar 1	2

Notes
<p>Sunday Morning Schedule:</p> <p>Coffee & Fellowship Time—9:15</p> <p>Sunday School—9:45</p> <p>Worship—11:00</p>
<p>February</p> <p>2/12, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting</p> <p>2/13, 7:30pm: Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>2/17, noon: Bible 101</p> <p>2/20, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting</p> <p>2/22-23: MAD Jr. & Sr. Youth 30-Hr Famine</p> <p>2/23, 5:30 pm: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</p> <p>2/25, 6:30 pm: Action/Reflection Meeting</p> <p>Deacons of the Month: Wayne and Carol Spangler, Bob and Carolyn Seidel, Marry Ellen Judd</p>
<p>March</p> <p>3/2, 9 am –2 pm: Deep Leadership</p> <p>3/3, 12:30 pm: Youth Brethren Beliefs</p> <p>3/6, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting</p> <p>3/12, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting</p> <p>3/17, noon: Love Feast</p> <p>3/20, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting</p> <p>3/31, 9:45 am: Easter Breakfast</p> <p>Deacons of the Month: Harry Biddle, Kim Ferrari, Gretchen Zience</p>