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Ladies' Tea

"There are many kinds of tea, but each one is special when shared by you and me."

Break out those spring hats, white gloves, the pearls and feather boas and join us for the Ladies Tea on May 5 immediately following worship. Ladies of all ages are invited. There will be a tea lunch, short program and lots of fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Please note our office hours:

9:00 a.m.—noon

Monday-Friday

Events

- 5/1, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting
- 5/5, 11 am: Youth Sunday, 12:30 pm: Ladies' Tea
- 5/14, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- 5/15, 6:30 pm: Property Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- 5/18, 9:30 am: Men's No Agenda Breakfast
- 5/19, noon: Action/Reflection Committee Meeting
- 5/26, 9:45 am: Final Sunday School Class
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Brethren Banner

New Member 411

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The Strong Family

Seth is part of the Explorer Sunday School class and is in 5th grade at Mosby Woods Elementary School. He loves soccer, movies, being with friends and playing the cello. Evan is part of the Junior High class, plays in the Bell Choir and recently participated in the 30-hour famine. He's a seventh grader at Lanier Middle School, where he is in Men's Chorus (just made Virginia Honors Choir!), Eco Club and National Junior Honor Society. He loves music, being with family and playing games. Jeff sings tenor in the choir. In his day job, he is a technical editor and writer. Other times, he helps Carolyn on special projects for the business. He enjoys photography, Frisbee golf, and climbing a good mountain. Carolyn runs the family business, BuyChimes.com, an online retailer of wind chimes. She also takes graduate classes at UVA in e-Marketing. She loves being outside (running and hiking), cooking and being with friends and family. I think it is telling that on the web page they state: "BuyChimes' primary goal is to honor God through our business practices. We are firmly committed to honesty and the highest ethical standards. In short, we treat others the way we like to be treated."

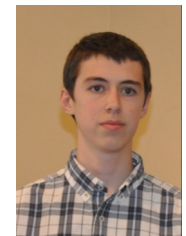


Matt and Leah Landes

have been active participants in our church's life for the past year. Matt is a Landscape

Architect who was raised in the Palmyra Church of the Brethren. Leah works for a national non-profit in the District which focuses on reintegrating vacant and abandoned land back into the fabric of the community. Leah was baptized as an infant in the Methodist tradition and has come, today, to be baptized as an adult. Matt and Leah are expecting their first child in July. Their previous pastor, Dennis Lohr, wrote in his letter of transfer "Individually, as a couple, and now as a growing family, the

Landes will both give and receive in abundance to and from your congregation."



Chandler Comer

has been part of this congregation his whole life. We've watched him grow from a child to a young man with many talents. Chandler is an excellent student and an accomplished musician

recently being named first chair in the All-Virginia State Band and has several wind symphony pieces published. Even more impressive, however, is his character and integrity and faith which we have been blessed to see lived out among us here at Oakton Church.

Thank you to Al Zebrowski for the photographs

New Life on Easter Morning

By Pastor Chris

Easter Sunday we received new members at Oakton through transfer, reaffirmation, and baptism. While there's no bad day to be baptized, this Easter was especially fun.

The Strong family joined as Associate Members thus maintaining their ties to the Mennonite church. Matt Landes joined through transfer of letter from the Palmyra Church of the Brethren while his

wife Leah, baptized as an infant in the Methodist Church decided to make the choice her

own by being baptized as an adult.

And Chandler Comer, with us since his birth, made his confession of faith and was baptized that day. Standing with the group were deacons Bob, Mark, and Jane.

For many of us Easter is the ultimate Sunday. It is the quintessential triumph over sin and death as it remembers and celebrates the resurrection of Christ.

As the spring flowers come to life and the stuff-of-life surges again in trees long-dormant we too recognize our own call to awaken.

In May we see the results of that new awakening in the birth (and re-birth or the church) at Pentecost. The people of God hear the Good News in their own language (whatever that looks like) and respond with ministries of their own. So our Youth will lead worship, our members will take turns in the pulpit, and our Junior Youth will round out this participatory church awakening by leading worship at the beginning of June.

Thus we lay claim to the priesthood of all believers and the ordination inherent in our own baptisms: a life of ministry to and through each other.

May Sermons

5/5 - Youth Sunday

Worship and skit written by Youth Teachers Bob Seidel and Angela Finet

5/12 - God opens our hearts and minds to the revelation of who God is, what God has done, and the hope that is ours. (Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53)

5/19 - Pentecost message by Kip Kosek

5/26 - Memorial Sunday: Participants are encouraged to bring photos of people who have influenced their faith related to Galatians 5:22-26 's gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control.

Pastors Page

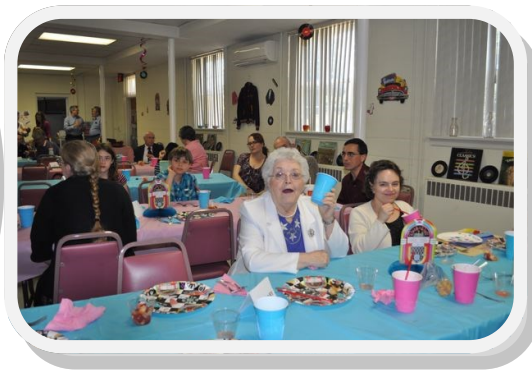
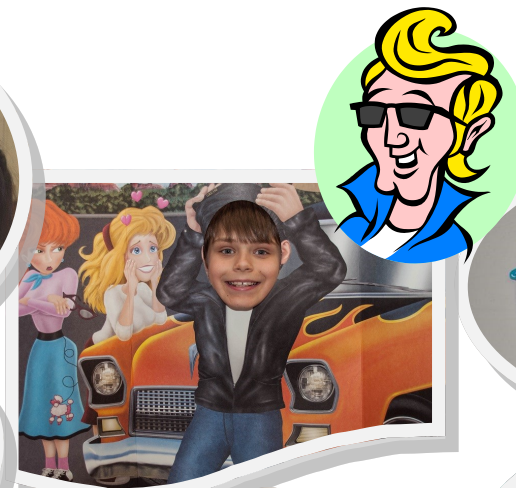
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Sermon Themes



Birthday Dinner Picture Show



Birthday Dinner

Photos by Kim Ferrari and Sherry Bowman

Brethren Nutrition Program

By Missy Burket

Capitol Hill's only soup kitchen, located in the Church of the Brethren, is a cooperative effort supported by the Brethren, local businesses and congregations, schools, and members of the community. Since the Soup Kitchen is the areas only daily meal service, it fills a critical need for those who face hunger and homelessness here in our neighborhood.

Lunch is served Monday and Friday and includes soup, bread, a side dish, dessert and a beverage.

With its open door policy, the Soup Kitchen welcomes everyone to join in the meals - there are no eligibility requirements. Many of the guests are unemployed and homeless; other are employed, but reside in shelters while they search for permanent, affordable housing. A meal at the Soup Kitchen has also become one way that a number of guests are able to stretch severely limited incomes.

Volunteers provide assistance with food preparation, food service, and cleanup. For those committed to taking

part in preparation, service, and clean up, expect to be helping from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Volunteer help is needed for the whole process, from preparation to serving to clean up. We understand that not all individuals or groups can commit to around four hours, so please let us know if you or your group can only serve for a specific portion (prepping, serving, or cleaning). We want to accommodate you!

Some volunteers helping with food preparation may be asked to arrive earlier in special situations, though they generally arrive around 10:00 AM. Volunteers assisting in food service only arrive at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1:30 PM. Clean up is ongoing but typically lasts until 2:30 PM.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jennifer Hosler, Brethren Nutrition Program Coordinator, at bnp.cob@aol.com or call the church at 202-547-5924. Again, thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Brethren Nutrition Program! To sign up as a volunteer online go to: <http://vols.pt/sYUgFG>

Help the Homeless Walk

By Missy Burket

The Action Reflection Committee is sponsoring a Homeless Walk on June 9th after church. The walk will benefit the Brethren Nutrition Program. Walkers will meet in front of the church and walk together on a short route near the church. The Youth will be selling the traditional hoagies bagged lunches. We will have available Oakton COB "Room at Our Table" T-Shirts for \$15. Registration will be \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Please register now and begin collecting donations from sponsors. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or from one of the AR committee members. Upon registration you will be provided for a link for online donations to assist you in using your social networks for raising awareness and gaining support. For more information or to register please contact Missy Burket at maburket@yahoo.com or (571) 438-8696.



Meanings of Baptism



Photo by Al Zehrowski

Baptism has meaning for the individual who makes a commitment to Christ and it has meaning for the fellowship of faith to which the individual also makes a commitment and in which membership is held. Candidates for baptism have been instructed in Christian belief and in the history and beliefs and practices of the Church of the Brethren. They are expressing their faith in Christ and their commitment to the church.

For the congregation, watching a new baptism reminds us of our commitment

to our own relationship with God and each other. It is an invitation to reaffirm our pledge of ultimate allegiance and rekindle our desire to draw near to God— as we did at first.

Baptism as practiced by Brethren is by trine immersion and is for people old enough and mature enough to understand the meaning of choosing to follow Jesus Christ. We call this "believers baptism." Easter morning we celebrated the baptisms of Leah Landes and Chandler Comer.

Annual Flea Market - June 1

Oakton Church of the Brethren's annual Flea Market, with food and a bake sale, returns on Saturday, June 1. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with vendor setup beginning at 7 a.m. Sales space is available for a \$15 donation to the church and must be reserved in advance. Come on out to shop or sell!

The Flea Market takes place along the sides of the church parking lot, moving inside if a rainy day. Again this year, we will actively publicize the event, including fliers, announcements in local periodicals and websites, a classified ad in the Washington Post and signs. Our prominent location where Courthouse Road intersects Route 123 near Oakton makes it easier to attract a crowd.

For additional information, to reserve sales space, or to volunteer to help with this fun, community-oriented event, contact Pat Reed or the church office at office@oaktonbrethren.org or 703 281-4411.

New Members:

Chandler Comer
(baptism)

Jeff Strong and
Carolyn Strong
(reaffirmation of faith)
(sons Evan and Seth)

Matt Landes (letter)

Leah Landes
(baptism)

Congrats Grad

Congratulations



Hannah Brittany Glenn, granddaughter of Pearley Carr, graduates from James Madison University on May 4, 2013. She will receive a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Local Events

Vale Arts Spring Show 2013: Friday, May 3, 10 am to 9 pm; Saturday, May 4 and Sunday May 5, 10 am to 6 pm. Admission is free and will be held at the Historic Vale School House at the corner of Vale & Foxmill Roads in Oakton. Email info@valearts.com or visit www.valearts.com for more information.

Vienna Farmers Market: Beginning Saturday, May 4 the Vienna Farmers' Market will be open every Saturday for the season - through October, from 8am to noon, in the Caboose parking lot.



Viva! Vienna! This event is a family oriented celebration of Memorial Day and the greater Vienna Community spirit. There are amusement rides, food, crafts, vendors and entertainment. Vendors include handcraft artisans, retail, professionals, and community and non-profit organizations - over 300 in total! 100% of proceeds go to charitable, community and humanitarian organizations. Presented by the Rotary Club of Vienna.

Celebrate Fairfax! The 30th anniversary of Celebrate Fairfax! will take place on Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Included in the activities are juried crafters, performers, exhibitors and food vendors and much more! For more information, visit them online at www.celebratefairfax.com or call 703.324.3247



A Safari into God's Word

By Debbie Seidel

Mark your calendar for August 5-9, 2013. Kids ages 3 through kids who recently completed fifth grade will embark on a prayer safari into the **Kingdom of the Son**. Through their adventures, children will discover that "God Listens," "God Provides," "God Forgives," "God Protects," and "God Rules!" We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks - all the things that make Vacation

Bible School so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn to know God through prayers. Each registered family receives a CD with the music from the Kingdom of the Son. Volunteers are needed for leadership of activity stations, age group leaders, and behind the scenes preparation. Contact Debbie Seidel (cmc@oaktonbrethren.org) or the church office at 703-281-4411 to make your volunteer availability known.



BIBLE THEME: THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Matthew 6:9-13, KJV

	Bible Story	Session Focus	Bible Memory Verse
Session 1  Our Father in Heaven: Jesus Teaches About Prayer Matthew 6:9-13; Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1-10; 18:9-14	God is our loving and powerful Father who listens to our prayers.	"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10, KJV	
Session 2  Our Daily Bread: Jesus Feeds 5,000 People John 6:1-15	God meets all our needs and uses us to meet others' needs.	"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11, KJV	
Session 3  Forgive Us Our Debts: Jesus Tells About an Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35	God forgives us and helps us to forgive others.	"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Matthew 6:12, KJV	
Session 4  Lead Us Not into Temptation: Jesus Is Tempted Matthew 4:1-11	God helps us say no to temptation.	"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13, KJV	
Session 5  The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory: Jesus Overcomes Death Matthew 26:36-28	We can praise God for raising Jesus from the dead and for giving us a place in His kingdom.	"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Matthew 6:13, KJV	

VBS Update

May Volunteers

May 2013 Volunteers

	5/5/2013	5/12/2013	5/19/2013	5/26/2013
Worship Leader:	Youth Sunday	Angela Finet	Gretchen Zience	Michelle Hume
Children's Story:	Youth Sunday	Mark Wilkerson	Rob Powell	Jan Burket
Acolyte:	Youth Sunday	Joey Gonzalez	Katelyn Judd	Ellie Kosek
Greeters:	Shirley Roth	Jan Fisher-Bachman	Bob Seidel	Wayne Spangler
	Gretchen Zience	Vern Wingert	Carolyn Seidel	Carol Spangler
Organ:	Cathy Carson	John Shafer	John Shafer	John Shafer
Piano:	John Shafer	Cathy Carson	Cathy Carson	
Hymn Leader:	Mary Beth MacKinnon	Michelle Hume	Christine Wuhrman	Carol Spangler
Counters:	Wayne Spangler	Bev Levesque	Sherry Bowman	Karl Wilkerson
	Carol Spangler	Lou Levesque	Kim Ferrari	Bridgette Beach
Nursery:	Jerry Anne Kines	Kimberly Judd	Scott Seidel	Robyn Legge
Nursery Assistant:	Michael Biddle	Sarah Beth Seidel	Peggy O'Neil	Casey Comer
Children's Church Leader:	Debbie Seidel	Michelle Gill	Debbie Seidel	Michelle Gill
Children's Church Helper:	Luke Finet	Erik Finet	Cortland Comer	Ella Shultz
Sunday School Nursery:	Kim Ferrari	Jan Fisher-Bachman	Kim Ferrari	Jake Burket
Nursery Toy Cleaner:	Missy Burket	Missy Burket	Missy Burket	Missy Burket
Coffee Time Preparers:	Jane Meadows	Jerry Anne Kines Pam Young-Schultz	Harry Biddle	Karl Wilkerson Bridgette Beach

Root Beer Float, Anyone??

By Kim Ferrari

Welcome to the Fabulous Fifties was the theme for this year's All-Church Birthday Dinner. The Fellowship Hall was off limits until after church so at noon, everyone was pleasantly surprised to walk into the hall that was transformed into an authentic "Malt Shop". It brought back many memories for some and in lighted the younger generation. Our waiter and waitresses donned the traditional 50ies white with red stripe hat as well as an apron from that time. While being serenaded by Patsy Cline, The Pretenders, and other 50ies music, we enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and of course, ice cream sodas - Yum! Many of us commented that it had been years since indulging in an ice cream soda and we savored every sip. The day would not have been complete without reminiscing of the 50ies. Pat Reed shared many memories of her childhood: black and white TV with only four channels, walking to school, watching American Bandstand with Dick Clark, fresh milk being delivered to her home, and a telephone party line. Bob Seidel mentioned that the doctor made house calls when he was sick. Carolyn Seidel remembered the milkman using ice to keep milk

cold during deliveries and treating the kids to a chunk of ice that she said was better than a Popsicle. Carol Keirsted told the story of her brother getting his arm caught in her mother's manual roller wash machine and Lincoln shared his special memory of his brother and their faithful dog who walked with them to school everyday. Ahhh, those were the good 'ol days and it brought a smile to our face to talk about them. The children had fun getting their picture taken in "waiter/waitress cutout" and trying their skills at the hula-hoop. Unfortunately, there were no takers for the jitterbug. Guess we were a little rusty in that department. Many thanks to the head chefs, Lou and Bev Levesque, hostess, Kimberly Judd, and waitresses, Debbie Herring, Michelle Kessler, Mary Ellen Judd, and Evelyn Supinger. We appreciated your terrific attention to detail with the food, decorations, and entertainment. It was truly an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon and we thank each of you for sharing your time and talents.

Birthday Dinner



SEE PAGE 11 FOR MORE PICTURES!!



Men's No Agenda Breakfast

By Missy Burket



The Action Reflection Committee is sponsoring a **No Agenda Breakfast** for the men in the congregation. Saturday May 18th 9:30 am at the local Bob Evans. Please come and enjoy fellowship with new and old friends without any walls to paint or heavy things to carry or lesson to learn. Come as you are, bring your appetite and leave your wallet at home. There is no such thing as a free lunch but there is such a thing as a free

breakfast. Please contact Karl Wilkerson at karl.wilkerson@comcast.net or John Shafer at jpshafer@hotmail.com to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Mens Breakfast

May 2013

Oakton Church of the Brethren

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 28 - May 4	Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
				Debbie Seidel's Birthday Katelyn Judd Birthday Kennley Judd Birthday 7:00pm Deacon Mtg 7:30pm DMC		Kathy Judd & Steve Carlton's	10:00am Private Appointment
May 5 - 11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Miller Kine's Birthday Youth Sunday 9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ladies' Tea 1:00pm DM Church	10:00am DMC 		7:30pm DMC	Scott & Debbie Seidel's Anny	Bee Swartz's Birthday	
May 12 - 18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Keegan Waggener's Birthday 9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DM Church	10:00am DMC 	7:00pm Worship Mtg.	Jim & Erin McLaughlin Anny 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting 7:30pm Board Meeting 7:30pm DMC	Jacob Bowman Birthday Melissa Bowman Birthday	Karen Richardson's Birthday Sarah Beth Seidel's Birthday	Christine Wuhrman's Birthday 9:30am Men's No Agenda Breakfast (Bob Evans - 10433 White Granite Dr, Oakton, VA 22124)
May 19 - 25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Action / Reflection Committee Meeting (Oakton Church of the Bret) 1:00pm DM Church	10:00am DMC		Gerry Ahalt Birthday 7:30pm DMC		Shanna Spangler's Birthday	
May 26 - Jun 1	26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
	9:00am Choir 9:15am Coffee 9:45am Sunday School - Final Class 11:00am Worship 1:00pm DM Church	10:00am DMC	Chris & Sherry Bowman's Anny Grady & Paula Mendenhall's	7:30pm DMC 			

Notes

Sunday Morning Schedule:

- Choir—9:00
- Coffee & Fellowship Time—9:15
- Sunday School—9:45
- Worship—11:00



DON'T FORGET...
Mothers' Day
May 12th

May

- 5/1, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting
- 5/5, 11 am: Youth Sunday
- 12:30 pm: Ladies' Tea
- 5/14, 7 pm: Worship/Music Committee Meeting
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Deacons of the Month:
Shirley Roth, Jan Fisher-Bachman, Vern Wingert

June

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Wayne and Carol Spangler, Bob and Carolyn Seidel, Mary Ellen Judd