

E-HEADLINER

SOUTHERN AREA MINISTERS MEETING - FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Southern Area Ministers Fellowship will meet at the Cedar Bluff Church on Monday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. The District Executive Minister will present the program. Persons attending should notify Todd Reed, pastor of the Cedar Bluff Church, of their intention to attend the meal preceding the program.

WORLD HUNGER AUCTION WINTER MUSICAL - FEBRUARY 24, 2019

The Annual World Hunger Auction Winter Musical will be held at Germantown Brick Church (2363 Brick Church Road, Rocky Mount) on Sunday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. The groups, After Jack and Haw Patch, will bring a program of uplifting music. Donations will be accepted for a variety of programs addressing hunger issues locally and beyond. These agencies include Heavenly Manna, Stepping Stone Mission, Lake Christian Ministries, RAM House, the Church of the Brethren Global Food Initiative and Heifer International. Refreshments will be served following the program.

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - MARCH 1-2, 2019

The annual retreat for ministers and their spouses will be held March 1-2, 2019 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H and Conference Center.

The retreat will focus on pastoral leadership in congregational life. Leadership for 2019 will be provided by James F. Mauney, the Bishop Emeritus of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Born in Lynchburg, Va., and raised in Norfolk, Va., Jim Mauney graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, S.C. He was ordained in 1978 and served as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in San Diego CA, and Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA. Jim and his wife, Lynda, are the parents of an adult daughter. They are members of College Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salem.

The cost is \$150 per couple, \$100 for a single and \$40 for a "commuter." Up to 50% scholarship is available for those who need and apply. The brochure with registration form and information is available at <http://virlina.org>. **Please register no later than February 22, 2019.**

ROUNDTABLE SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - MARCH 1-3, 2019

Save the date for the annual Roundtable Youth Retreat at Bridgewater College! Join other senior high youth from neighboring districts for this fun and Spirit-filled retreat lead by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet and a yet-to-be-announced speaker. As soon as we have information, we will pass it on. Stay up to date by following IYC on Facebook and their website: @InterdistrictYouthCabinet and <http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>.



SOW THE SEED SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET - MARCH 7, 2019

The "Sow the Seed" Scholarship Banquet will be held at Camp Bethel on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships." Please reserve your space by March 1 to CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or (540) 992-2940. Payments accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2019 is \$350. A week at camp can change a life forever. Give the gift of CAMP!

FAITHQUEST SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - MARCH 15-17, 2019

Senior High Youth are invited to attend FaithQuest – a retreat held every two years at Camp Bethel.

You might be wondering...What is FaithQuest? FaithQuest offers senior high youth an opportunity to explore their relationship with God while considering different spiritual practices, which symbols are sacred to us, and how to live in community with each other as Christians. Our FaithQuest leaders this year include: Hannah Oakes (Summerdean), Mike Elmore (Roanoke, Oak Grove), Sam St. John (Roanoke, Ninth Street), Amber Harris (Fraternity), Tabby Patterson (Roanoke, First), John Reed, Sr. (Cloverdale), Patrick Sims (Topeco), Harmony Johnson (Copper Hill), Amy Beery (Bethany Theological Seminary), Christa Craighead (Monte Vista) and Carol Elmore (Roanoke, Oak Grove).

When & Where: March 15-17, 2019. Check-in begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. The retreat ends at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. It will be at Camp Bethel in Heritage Lodge.

Find a registration form and more information at <http://virlina.org/events.html>.

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - APRIL 6, 2019

The Spring Volunteer Workday at Camp Bethel is Saturday, April 6. It begins with a free breakfast at 7:30am and includes a free lunch at 1:00 p.m. Your help is needed! Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. RSVP for meals by April 1 by telephone to (540) 992-2940 or by electronic mail CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

For more information please go to www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL - APRIL 12-13, 2019

Our 18th Annual SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL, a Storytelling and Music Festival, will be held on April 12-13, 2019. This event features excellent and nationally known performers, Donald Davis, Josh Goforth, Bil Lepp, and Gayle Ross, plus food, exhibits, and a Friday campfire. Help spread the word and recruit festival sponsors. Tickets, schedule, and sponsor information at www.SoundsoftheMountains.org.

MINISTRY AND MISSION DAY IN VIRLINA - MAY 4, 2019

Ministry and Mission Day in Virlina will be held at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren located at 6604 Plantation Road, N.E. in Roanoke, Virginia on Saturday, May 4, 2019. It will be a day of worship, workshops, food, fellowship, and the Annual Conference Briefing. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Hymn sing and worship begin at 9:00 a.m. with the message by Roy U. Turpin, the 2019 Virlina District Conference Moderator. The worship theme will be "Don't Hide the Cross!" with scripture focus from 1 Corinthians 1:18.

Following worship, attendees will have the opportunity to pick from several workshops:

"Ministry Approaches for New Populations" – This will provide tools for congregations in reaching those who live close but may be relationally distant. This will be presented by the Josh Brockway of the Discipleship Ministries staff of the Church of the Brethren.

"Dementia and Spirituality" – This is a presentation on forms of dementia and the differing characteristics of each type. There will be sharing on how congregations can be welcoming and affirming to families and individuals with dementia who are dealing with this progressive challenge. Ways to provide support and care for the person with dementia and caregivers in the family will be explored. It will be presented by Heddie Sumner, RN, BSN, Educator

on Dementia, Caregiving and Disabilities.

“Wearing the Striped Shirt: Serving as a Congregational Moderator” – There is little or no training for persons who serve as congregational moderators. This workshop provides some basics for leading a meeting and understanding simple parliamentary procedure. It will be presented by David K. Shumate, District Executive Minister, and others.

Each workshop will be offered twice and provides 0.1 CEU for ordained ministers. Lunch will be provided with information about the menu and cost posted as soon as it is available. Following lunch, the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place. It will be led by the Standing Committee Delegates of the Virilina District and 2019 Annual Conference Moderator, Donita Keister. The Delegate Briefing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and come to Ministry and Mission Day in Virilina on May 4, 2019.

KINGDOM BUILDING - AN EVANGELISM CONFERENCE - MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2019

Kingdom Building – An Evangelism Conference will be held on May 31 – June 1, 2019. Moderator Elect for the 2020 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Paul Munday, will be the keynote speaker. Brother Munday was formerly the pastor of the Frederick Church in Mid-Atlantic District and was denominational staff for evangelism and church growth. He was instrumental in the design and implementation of the “Passing on the Promise” process in the late 1980’s.

The preliminary schedule of this event is as follows:

Friday, May 31

3 – 6 p.m.	Pre-Session for Leaders	“The Person I Must Become”
7 - 9 p.m.	Session One	“Announcing the Reign of God”

Saturday, June 1

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Session Two	“One Size Doesn’t Fit All”
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Session Three	“If Jesus Be Lifted Up”

Sponsored by the Good News Team of the Virilina District Board – Commission on Witness, this event **will be held at the Rocky Mount, First Church of the Brethren** located at 405 Tanyard Road in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Early registration, received by May 10, will be \$15 (groups registering five persons will get the sixth person free). From May 11 until the event, registration will be \$20. For ordained ministers seeking Continuing Education credit, add \$10. This event provides 1.0 CEU from the Christian Growth Institute. Save the date and watch for more information in district publications and on our website.

VIRILINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

The Virilina District Conference will be held at the Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on November 8-9, 2019. Please save the date and watch for more information.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Maurice E. Wright, an ordained minister of the Virilina District, is a patient in the Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. He suffered a heart attack last evening.

Lucas Brown is the five month old son of Tim and Kelly Otey Brown. He has Stage Four Rhabdomyosarcoma. Childhood rhabdomyosarcoma is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in muscle tissue. He will have a PET scan on Monday followed by chemo therapy. His grandmother, Kathy Otey, is a member of the Peters Creek Church and formerly a member of the district board. Lucas' father is a pediatric oncologist and his mother, Kelly, is an oncology nurse.

Carlton R. Hodges, a licensed minister of the Bethlehem Church and interim pastor of the Red Hill Church, continues to be evaluated for further heart procedures or medication.

Please pray for **Mary June Sheets**, from Peak Creek Church of the Brethren in the Southeastern District. She has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She will need radiation to shrink the tumor, then surgery and chemotherapy. Mary June is a graduate of the Christian Growth Institute and known to many in our district.

A memorial service for **Harold and Hazel Moyer** will be held at the Roanoke-Williamson Road Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Harold was the long-time pastor of the Williamson Road Church and a leader in our district and denomination. The service is sponsored by the congregation and the Northern Area Minister's Fellowship of the district.

The ordination service for **Zachary R. Hatcher**, pastor of the Mount Bethel Church in Botetourt County, VA was postponed due to the winter storm last weekend. Please watch our **Facebook** page, "Virgina District Resource Center on Plantation Road" for the rescheduled date!

VENTURES ONLINE COURSE ON AN INCLUSIVE MULTICULTURAL CHURCH - MARCH 2, 2019

The March offering from the "Ventures in Christian Discipleship" program at McPherson (Kan.) College will focus on "Growing an Inclusive Multicultural Church." As the world becomes more diverse, church leaders and lay people will need an understanding of what is inclusivity/multiculturalism. Instruction includes a non-threatening approach to invite and help bring more people, especially People of Color, into the churches or agencies of the Church of the Brethren. Learning new information can help change the trajectory of people, whereby they see with new lenses of compassion and inclusivity. Plus participants can learn tips about how current church members can be more welcoming and inclusive.

The class will be held online Saturday, March 2 at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. EST) and taught by Barbara Avent. Barbara is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren living in Littleton, Colo. She graduated from Iliff School of Theology earning a Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Justice and Peace. She is co-coordinator of high school trainings about peacemaking, reconciliation and bullying prevention through Agape Satyagraha, a program of On Earth Peace.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures and to register for courses, visit www.mcpherson.edu/ventures.

ROANOKE - FIRST CHILI COOK OFF - MARCH 9, 2019

On Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m., the Roanoke - First Church of the Brethren (2001 Carroll Avenue, NW) will be hosting their annual CHILI COOK OFF. Funds derived from this event are used to provide Good as Gold Scholarships to Camp Bethel. Those wishing to enter a pot of chili are encouraged to contact Cliff Hartsel at (540) 362-2065. Everyone is invited out to taste test the product.

MONTE VISTA SPAGHETTI SUPPER - MARCH 9, 2019

Camp Bethel Fundraiser - Monte Vista Church is having a Spaghetti Supper on March 9, 2019 from 4:00-6:00. All donations will go to Camp Bethel through the Seed, Scattered and Sown project. We hope to make it another successful fund raiser for Camp Bethel!

BRETHREN PRAYER & WORSHIP SUMMIT - MARCH 29 - 30, 2019

The Brethren Prayer and Worship Summit will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The theme for 2019 is "Praying for the Vision." The purpose of this event is to provide the opportunity for Brethren to earnestly seek God's direction and for the Holy Spirit to guide us. The speakers and prayer time will focus on: VISION LOST ** VISION RECAPTURED ** VISION LAUNCHED. Those speaking will be:

Larry M. Dentler --- Pastor of the Bermudian Church in Southern Pennsylvania District
Donita S. Keister --- 2019 Annual Conference Moderator
Michaela Alphonse --- Pastor of the Miami-First Church
Paul Munday --- 2020 Moderator-Elect and former pastor of the Frederick Church

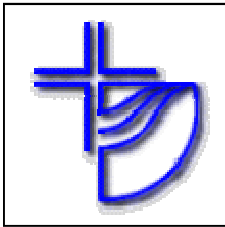
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Additional information is available at <www.brethrenprayersummit.com> or you may contact Pastor Roy McVey of the Collinsville Church at <pastorroy@centurylink.net>. We have a copious quantity of brochures at the DRC for those interested.

AWAKENING SERVICES AT NINTH STREET CHURCH – APRIL 7-10, 2019

Awakening 2019 will take place at the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren (1103 Ninth Street, SE, Roanoke, Virginia) on April 7-10, 2018. Services begin each evening with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. and worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "Resurrection!" Daniel L. Rudy, pastor of the Ninth Street Church, will be the featured speaker for this inspiring series of messages.

Sunday – Acts 9:36-43 – "Tabitha, Get Up!"

Monday – Ezekiel 37:1-14 – "Dry Bones and Holy Marrow"

Tuesday – I Corinthians 15:12-32 – "Resurrection Faith"

Wednesday – Colossians 3:1-17 – "The Marks of a Resurrected Life"

In addition to the evening services, Bible Studies will be held by Tabitha Hartman Rudy each morning, Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The study on Monday will be held at the Vinton Church, on Tuesday at the Masons Cove Church and on Wednesday at the Roanoke-First Church. Each of these will feature a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. prior to the study.

HAVE YOU HEARD – SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN?

"Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation" is the theme of the mission resourcing campaign for the Virlina District which runs through 2020. The goal is to develop resources to fulfill the District's commitment to ministry with our children, youth and young adults; continue new church development and multi-cultural ministry; to provide assistance to our smaller, struggling congregations; to encourage development of set apart ministerial leadership, to minister to our college students at Radford University and Virginia Tech; and to provide necessary enhancements to fulfill Camp Bethel's future potential. **As of February 6, 2019, there are 272 pledges totaling \$540,834.12 with receipts totaling \$404,993.72.**

Would you like to help? It's easy. You can make a one-time gift or pledge an amount to be paid over three years. Contact Roger Keffer (540) 725-1595 for more information.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE LENTEN AND REVIVAL-EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

If your congregation is planning a revival, renewal or evangelistic meeting during 2019, please advise us of the dates and speakers. If there are groups planning Lenten or Pre-Easter services, we would like to know and advertise those. Send information to EHeadliner@aol.com.