

E-HEADLINER

ZACH HATCHER ORDINATION - APRIL 14, 2019

The ordination service for **Zachary R. Hatcher**, pastor of the Mount Bethel Church in Botetourt County, VA, will be on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 4 p.m. (weather permitting).

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR APRIL - JUNE 2019 IS AVAILABLE ON LINE

The Virlina District Prayer Calendar for April - June 2019 is now available on line! The printable version can be found at <http://virlina.org/district-prayer-calendar.html>.

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN AREA WOMEN SPRING MEETING - APRIL 27, 2019

The Joint Spring Rally of the Northern and Southern Areas - Virlina District Women's Fellowship will be held at the Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren (2390 Figsboro Road, Martinsville, VA 23112) on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. It will conclude with a luncheon meal provided by the Southern Area Women.

Devotional leader will be Mary Sink St. John, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness for the Virlina District. The program, entitled "Women in Ministry," will be presented by Tabitha H. Rudy, pastor of the Smith Mountain Lake Community Church of the Brethren.

The event is free. The offering will go to Virlina District to support training for women in ministry. If you write a check, make it payable to the Virlina District - Church of the Brethren and put "Women in Ministry" on the memo line. We are looking forward to seeing YOU on April 27th.

For additional information, contact Harriet Rader at (540) 992-3906 or Mary St John at the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816, (800) VIRLINA or virlina2@aol.com.

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 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.

“Congregational Ethics: What In Heaven’s Name Is That?” – The Church of the Brethren is one of the few denominations that has a congregational ethics statement. This session presents the outline of the statement and explores why it is important to congregational life. It will be presented by David K. Shumate, District Executive Minister, with help from those who choose to attend.

Each workshop, except those by David Shumate, will be offered twice. Each one provides 0.1 CEU for ordained or commissioned ministers. Lunch will be lasagna, salad and dessert with drinks. A donation may be made to Project 127 Orphan Ministries. Following lunch, the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place. It will be led by the Standing Committee Delegates of the Virlina 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 Virlina 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 Virlina 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. Registration forms and a poster will be sent to every pastor and congregational contact person. They may also be found at www.virlina.org.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - JUNE 14-16, 2019

The National Junior High Conference of the Church of the Brethren will be held June 14-16, 2019 at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. The theme of the conference will be "Strong and Courageous" based on Joshua 1:9. National Junior High Conference is for youth who have completed 6-8 grades and their advisors. Sing, laugh, worship, make friends from all over the country, and spend time with God!

Registration is \$210 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required within two weeks of submitting your online registration to hold your spot. For more information go to <http://www.brethren.org/yva/njhc/>.

AHOY MATEYS! GILLIGAN'S ISLAND DINNER "CRUISE" – JUNE 15, 2019

For all you sea-dreaming sailors out there (father's/sons/grandfathers/brothers/brothers-in-all). The S.S. Minnow will be setting sail for a GILLIGAN'S ISLAND DINNER "CRUISE" on Saturday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. Be ready to get on board for this delightful dinner theatre experience and meet the Skipper, Gilligan and the rest of the gang! This "Men's Retreat/Fathers' Day Event" is the Third Annual All Men's Event sponsored by the Spiritual Development Retreat Committee of the Virgina District – Commission on Nurture. Further details will be forthcoming but MARK THE DATE NOW on your calendar so you don't miss the boat!!! We expect sunny skies and smooth sailing!!!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN GREENSBORO, NC – JULY 3-7, 2019

Annual Conference 2019 will be a very different event this year, according to Conference director Chris Douglas. Instead of a usual business schedule, the delegate body will spend much of its time in compelling vision conversations. Non-delegates may reserve seats at tables during the business sessions in order to fully participate in those conversations. And the Conference will hold a love feast for the first time in decades. Annual Conference 2019 takes place July 3-7 in Greensboro, N.C., at the Sheraton/Koury Convention Center, led by moderator Donita Keister. "Proclaim Christ; Reclaim Passion" is the theme, inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. Online registration and hotel reservations are now open at <www.brethren.org/ac>.

Eric Reamer, senior pastor of the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren in the Southern District of Pennsylvania, is coordinating the Love Feast service at Annual Conference. He asks that our congregations provide materials and volunteers to help with the Love Feast, which will be held on Saturday at Annual Conference. A letter outlining the need has been sent to pastors and contact persons.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE USHERS NEEDED – JULY 3 – 7, 2019

Approximately 40 ushers will be needed for each of the nightly worship services and during the closing worship on Sunday. Help at any or all of the worship services would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Garland and Rena' Brown at <gebrwb@gmail.com> or by text at (540) 525-8726 to let them know of the times you would be available. It would be wonderful to have all the Wednesday spaces filled before the first night of conference.

CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM BUS TOUR IN GREENSBORO – JULY 4, 2019

The Annual Conference is arranging a bus trip tour to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in downtown Greensboro on Thursday, July 4, 2019. This trip is for non-delegates only since it takes place during a business session. The bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. and returns at 11:30 a.m.

The International Civil Rights Center and Museum is an archival center, collecting museum, and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.

The museum is housed in the original F.W. Woolworth building where the "Greensboro Four" sit-in movement began. The guided tour showcases numerous films, enactments, interactive displays, live narration, and civil rights artifacts that include the original lunch counter where the sit-in occurred.

Tickets are \$17 per adult, which includes museum admission and bus. Tickets may be purchased online when you register online for Annual Conference. Seating is very limited and tickets may not be available onsite in Greensboro. To purchase tickets if you have already registered for Annual Conference go to: <www.brethren.org/ac/store>. To register for Annual Conference and also purchase a ticket to go on the tour go to <www.brethren.org/ac/nondelegates>.

For more information about the museum go to: <www.sitinmovement.org>.

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - ETHICS IN MINISTERIAL RELATIONS - AUGUST 3, 2019

The 2019 Practice of Ministry Day will be Saturday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. The focal point of this year's event will be the new ethics training curriculum written by Jim Benedict, former pastor of the Union Bridge Church in Maryland. Both the basic unit for ministerial students and licensed ministers, as well as the advanced unit for commissioned and ordained ministers will be available.

Ethics training is mandatory for all ministers and students in the Christian Growth Institute and other ministry training programs. This will be the only basic unit offered in our district other than online sessions. We will be scheduling the advanced training in various areas of Virlina and Shenandoah District. CEU credit is available for commissioned and ordained ministers. Additional information will be forthcoming.

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) – SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2019

National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) is "a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world" It is scheduled for September 2-6, 2019 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center located in the mountains of western N.C.

Registration will open online on May 1. The cost per person is \$195 if you register before July 15. After that date the cost will be \$225. First time attendees will get a \$20 discount. Your registration fee does not include housing or meals. After you register you will be able to go to the Lake J housing reservations website to make your lodging reservations. Go to < <http://www.brethren.org/noac/>> for more information.

POSSIBLE NOAC CHARTER BUS - SEPTEMBER 2-9, 2019

We have received inquiries about a district-sponsored charter bus to the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) on September 2-9. Expressions of interest will determine whether this option is pursued. Please contact the District Resource Center to register your interest at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>.

"TUNE MY HEART TO SING THY GRACE" – CHOIR FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019

"Tune My Heart To Sing Thy Grace" is the first-ever Virlina District Choir Festival. It will be held on September 13-14, 2019, at the Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Virginia. The guest director will be S. Reed Carter, IV. Carter serves as Minister of Music at the Salem Presbyterian Church and as director of the Salem Choral Society. Robert "Bob" Iseminger, instrumentalist of the Central Church, will serve as our accompanist.

We will learn and rehearse four or five anthems on Friday evening and Saturday. The festival will conclude with a service of worship filled with music and the Word at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. It will be open to the public. We hope to have 100% participation from the Church of the Brethren Choirs (and all others who love to sing) in the area! You'll be able to take your anthems home to share with your congregation!

If you live out of the Roanoke area, and would like the blessing of staying in a Church of the Brethren family host home overnight Friday, let us know!! A schedule and fee information (to cover music and food) will be shared soon! If you have questions or need more information, please contact Carol Elmore by e-mail at carol@oakgrovecob.org or by telephone at (540) 774-3217! This event is planned and sponsored by the Spiritual Development Retreat Committee of the Virlina District.

VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

The Virlina 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.

COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES SOUGHT

The Virlina District Board – Commission on Nurture is seeking an energetic person to serve as the Coordinator of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The Coordinator shall plan district activities for Virlina's young people, as well as coordinate volunteers, district leaders, and a calendar of events. It is an excellent opportunity for a Church of the Brethren member to support and encourage others in the faith and gospel throughout the Virlina District. Office space will be provided at the District Resource Center. This is a part-time position requiring an average of 10 hours per week, with an annual compensation of \$6,000. If you would like a job description, please contact Mary St. John at (540) 362-1816 or (800) VIRLINA or by e-mail at <virlina2@aol.com>. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and a resume.

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 March 16, 2019, there are 273 pledges totaling \$542,234.16 with receipts totaling \$406,989.72.

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.

WILLIAMSON ROAD GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – APRIL 19, 2019***Witness the Darkness, and magnify the Light***

You are invited to attend our Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 19. Please join us at the Williamson Road Church, 3110 Pioneer Road, NW, in Roanoke for an enormously powerful emotional journey, through drama, music, and readings from Psalms, Prophets, and all four Gospel writers. Unleash your imagination listening as stories carry us to the cross, the lights dim, and we pause in total darkness, before silently leaving the sanctuary, emotionally re-enacting as if witnesses in the cross's shadow. Experience the catharsis, and impact your spirits to heighten the glorious rejoicing, together with our resurrected Savior on Easter morning!

OAK GROVE – SOUTH COW BELL SERVICE – APRIL 27, 2019

The Oak Grove, South Church, located at 4887 Hopkins Road (off Grassy Hill Road), near Rocky Mount will be having a Cow Bell Service on April 27. A meal will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the Bluegrass Gospel Band at 6 p.m. and the Cow Bell Service at 7 p.m. Each of the speakers will have 10 minutes to preach. At that point, a cow bell will ring and the next speaker's time will begin. It will continue until all five speakers have spoken. Everyone is welcome.

ROANOKE – OAK GROVE PRAYER SERVICE TO END GUN VIOLENCE – MAY 5, 2019

The Peace and Justice group of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, 2138 McVitty Road, SW in Roanoke invites you to the upcoming prayer service for an end for gun violence. Those who come to pray will gather in the Oak Grove sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 to worship together. We will pray that hearts will change, the God's vision for peace on earth will be realized and that gun violence will come to an end.

BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE - JULY 22 -26, 2019

The 46th Annual Brethren Bible Institute will have their summer term July 22-26 on the campus of Elizabethtown College. For a packet of information outlining the 2019 Summer Bible Institute (which includes application), write to: The Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA, 17517.

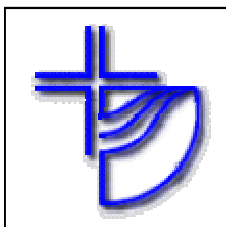
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2019 EVANGELISTIC, REVIVAL AND RENEWAL SERVICES

If your congregation is planning a revival, renewal or evangelistic meeting during 2019, please advise us of the dates and speakers. We would like to know and advertise those. Send information to EHeadliner@aol.com.

Date	Location	Speaker
May 5-7	Poages Mill, VA	W. Gregory Broyles
May 6-10	Spruce Run, WV	Roy U. Turpin
May 15-19	New Bethel, VA	Dava C. Hensley
May 19-22	Henry Fork, VA	Various Speakers
June 2-5	Troutville, VA	Ed & Emma J. Woodard
June 9-12	Burks Fork, VA	The Gregory's
August 25-27	Cedar Bluff, VA	David K. Shumate
September 15-18	Oak Grove South, VA	Timothy H. Emmons
October 6-9	Topeco, VA	David K. Shumate
October 7-10	Pulaski, First, VA	Marvin D. Wade
October 20-23	Beaver Creek, VA	Cecil Brown



The Awakening Services, a pre-Easter series sponsored by the Church of the Brethren congregations in the Roanoke Valley, were held this year at the Ninth Street Church in Roanoke on April 7—10. Daniel L. Rudy, pastor of the Ninth Street Church, preached each evening on the theme of “Resurrection.” Bible Studies on the same theme were held Monday through Wednesday morning at the Vinton, Masons Cove and Roanoke—First congregations. Tabitha Hartman Rudy, pastor of the Smith Mountain Lake Community Church, led these well-attended sessions. The offerings, after expenses, went to the Presbyterian Community Center. In addition, 1,471 diapers were contributed to the center.