

E-HEADLINER

COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NAMED

Joy A. Murray began as Coordinator of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Virlina District of the Church of the Brethren on August 1. She has been a member of Central Church of the Brethren for 14 years. During that time she has served as Youth Director/Minister. Joy brings 39 years of experience working with youth to the position. The position is funded by "Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation."

Born in Chicago, Illinois, she grew up in Nebraska and graduated from South Vigo High School in Terre Haute, Indiana. She has taken college classes from Shenandoah Bible College and Virginia Western Community College. For more than twenty years she has been employed as an Instructional Assistant in Special Education at Mountain View Elementary School in Roanoke County. She has been married to Mike for 39 years. They have two married sons and four wonderful grandchildren.

Joy was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home. She spent many hours on the front pew of churches as a child. Her mother is a gifted and talented organist/pianist/musician. She became a Christian as a young child. Joy feels very strongly about helping people become all that God means for them to be, to have a growing faith, and to be comfortable sharing the Gospel with others, be it by word or deed. She may be reached at <mommurray59@aol.com> or at <virlinayouthministries@gmail.com>.

ETHICS TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Ethics training is mandatory for all ministers and students in the Christian Growth Institute and other ministry training programs. Advanced sessions for ordained and commissioned ministers, as well as licensed ministers who are serving as pastors and have previously had the basic unit, will be held as follows:

September 14	Charlottesville	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 15	Linville Creek	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
September 16	Coulson	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 17	Collinsville	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 18	Lynchburg	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration forms are available on the www.virlina.org website.

"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!! There will be a fee of \$25 per participant to cover music and food. The registration form is available at www.virlina.org. 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.

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICE TRAINING - SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2019

The next Children's Disaster Services (CDS) workshop is scheduled for September 20-21 at Oak Grove Church of the Brethren. CDS trains volunteers to provide specialized childcare in disaster assistance centers. To register for this workshop or find out more about CDS, visit the CDS website at <http://www.brethren.org/cds/> or contact Sharon Flora at s.flora@live.com or (540) 427-2233.

PRAYER FOR PEACE SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

The Annual Day of Prayer for Peace Service will be held at the Germantown Brick Church of the Brethren on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 3 p.m. This service is sponsored by the Virlina District's Peace Affairs Committee. Check out www.virlina.org for more information as we finalize other details.

KINGDOM BUILDING FOLLOW UP MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

All members of the Roanoke City congregations (Central, First Church, Hollins Road, Ninth Street and Williamson Road) are invited to participate in a discussion of some of the insights and wisdom about Kingdom Building that Paul Munday shared at the Kingdom Building Conference on May 31 and June 1. Paul's presentation included much food for thought. This follow up gathering will give others the opportunity to benefit from his counsel. We will meet at Hollins Road Church on Thursday evening, September 26, at 7 p.m. Topics include "The Person I Must Become" and "Stories of Churches Growing Young." There will be opportunities to share what has worked in your congregation and the problems that your congregation has experienced in seeking to follow Christ's commandment to make disciples of all people. This opportunity is for anyone who has an interest in Kingdom Building, not just pastors or leadership team/board members. So, invite a friend! Materials shared by Paul can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/ychj83ma>. For more information contact Harry Rhodes at (540) 588-1663 or Mary Sink St.John at the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or virlina2@aol.com.

NORTHERN AREA WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

"CONQUERING CLUTTER: MIND - SPIRIT - BODY" is the theme of the 2019 Fall Retreat of the Northern Area Women's Fellowship of the Virlina District. This event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Peters Creek Church of the Brethren at 5333 Cove Road, NW in Roanoke, VA 24019. The registration fee, which must be pre-paid, is \$12.00 and includes the cost of the luncheon meal. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Jennie Sue Murdock will speak on "Making More Room for Happiness" from Romans 12:2, Three for Glory, a vocal trio from the Peters Creek Church, will provide music. Carol Jensen will provide tips on "decluttering" and how to organize important papers, along with a question and answer session. The luncheon meal will be catered by Second Helpings Café.

Come and be with us for this special event! Invite a friend! Registration forms are available by sending an e-mail request to nuchurch@aol.com or at the www.virlina.org website. Please return the form with a \$12 registration fee to Gwen Kropff at 1830 Woodmere Court in Salem, VA. 24153.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 5, 2019

The Heritage Day Festival at Camp Bethel will be Saturday, October 5, 2019. Please encourage everyone in your congregation to participate and help in this vitally important fund raiser for Camp Bethel. Tell your friends and help us advertise. Heritage Day forms, fliers and information are available at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day or from your Pastor or Camp Representative.

CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP- OCTOBER 12, 2019

"New and Renew: Revitalize, Plant, Grow" is a church planting and church revitalization workshop sponsored by the New Church Development Committee on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. You do not have to be a church planter or a member of a new church to benefit from this workshop. Stan Dueck, from the Discipleship Ministries of the Church of the Brethren, will provide leadership for the event. The cost is t \$30 per person (lodging excluded). For those wishing to receive credit for 0.6 CEU toward the continuing education requirement for ministers, the cost to receive credit will be an additional \$10.

BRETHREN HERITAGE BUS TOUR – OCTOBER 19, 2019

Our Brethren Heritage bus tour is planned for Saturday, October 19, 2019. This year's fall foliage outing, sponsored by the Historical Committee of the Virilina District, will include visits to a number of congregations in central Virginia. Among those visited will be Lynchburg, Bethel, West Richmond, Hopewell, Wakefield Chapel and New Covenant. Several historical presentations will be a part of this tour and (0.6) continuing education credits will be available for ordained ministers.

The cost, including continuing education credit, transportation and the luncheon meal, is a bargain at \$49.99. The tour will depart from the District Resource Center in Roanoke at 7:00 a.m. We will also make a pick up at the Lynchburg Church of the Brethren. The luncheon meal will be provided by the West Richmond Church. We plan to be back in Roanoke by 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to learn about Brethren life in the Piedmont of Virginia!

Please contact Betty M. Wills at the District Resource Center to reserve your spot and make your check out to Virilina District Board – Church of the Brethren (put "Heritage Tour" in memo spot).

DISASTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - OCTOBER 20, 2019

The annual Disaster Response Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Antioch Church on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to volunteers, but all persons interested in disaster response or those who have supported disaster response through making kits, financial aid, or prayers are invited to attend. 2018-2019 volunteers will be recognized as part of the program. To reserve your place, contact Mary Sink St. John at the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

Virilina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and handle business items. The 2019 Virilina District Conference will be held on November 8-9 at the Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be "Don't Hide the Cross" with the scripture focus *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."* I Corinthians 1:18 (KJV)

Dana Beth Cassell, pastor of the Peace Covenant Church in Durham, NC, and Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren, Inc. will be our preachers. Nancy will speak at the Ministers and Spouses Dinner and preach at the Saturday morning worship service. Dana Beth will preach at the Friday evening worship service. Some original pieces of music will liven our services.

The following are our conference officers: Roy U. Turpin, Moderator, Cathy S. Huffman, Moderator-Elect, and Pamela K. Clark, Clerk. The District Conference Committees, Program and Arrangements and Nominating and Personnel, are busy making preparations for conference and for the ballot respectively. Further information and registration forms were included in the September 2019 HEADLINER and are available at www.virlina.org. For infor-

ation or questions, please call Mary Sink St. John, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at Virlina2@aol.com.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COST UPDATE FOR 2020

The Program and Arrangements Committee concluded their planning meeting for 2020. Registration fees for the 2020 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids will be \$125 for non-delegates and \$305 for delegates. The hotel costs will be \$119/night (+tax) for the Amway Grand Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott, and \$129/night for the JW Marriott. All three hotels will have free self-parking.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH OUR MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

The **Northern Area Ministers** of the Virlina District will meet at the Peters Creek Church at 5333 Cove Road, NW in Roanoke on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Following breakfast, Ron Robinson will present a program on "Gun Violence."

The **Collinsville Church of the Brethren** will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Sunday, September 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The **Southern Area Ministers** of the Virlina District will meet at Topeco Church at 3460 Floyd Highway, South in Floyd County, VA on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. Following supper, Ann B. Minnix, MSW, of Pathways, will present a program entitled "A Mental Health Professional Looks At Pastoral Care."

The **Hollins Road Church of the Brethren** in Roanoke, Virginia is having a "Special Spiritual Renewal Service" on Sunday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Jonathan Falwell.

THE XENOS PROJECT

Intercultural Ministries of the Church of the Brethren has launched a new and exciting venture called the Xenos Project. The word *Xenos* is a Greek word meaning stranger or alien. The purpose of Xenos is to build a community of congregations feeling called to speak up and take action supporting immigrants within our nation. A website has been created where congregations who are involved and working on immigration can communicate with each other and with other congregations interested in becoming involved. The Xenos website will be a place for a respectful, biblically centered conversation, building into a network of those concerned about our brothers and sisters in need—about immigration / family separations / refugee / asylum issues and justice.

You can learn more about the Xenos project by visiting the website at www.brethren.org/xenos. Begin by taking our survey of congregational concerns and actions about immigrant, refugee, and asylum issues. *Ir a la encuesta en español*. To become more involved in the project, or if you need additional information, please contact us at xenos@brethren.org.

FREE WORKSHOP ON DEMENTIA AND SPIRITUALITY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

The Smith Mountain Lake Community Church is offering this free workshop for the public on Saturday, September 7 from 10am to noon. The presenter, Heddie Sumner, a member of the Daleville congregation, is a retired nurse who specializes in care for patients with dementia and their families. She will talk about what dementia is and how it affects people and their families, as well as how it affects a person's faith. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Tabitha Rudy: smlccobpastor@gmail.com or (540) 721-1816.

BLESSINGS OF THE BIKES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Peters Creek will host their 2nd annual Blessing of the Bikes (Motorcycles), on Sunday, September 8. Breakfast starting at 7:30am for riders and their families. We will have a Blessing of the Bikes during our early service at 8:30am. Following worship, the riders will leave from the church on a ride (destination to be determined). If interested and/or need more information contact the church at (540) 562-4346.

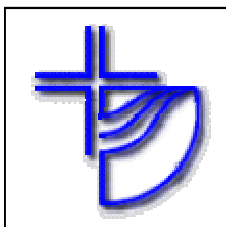
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LARGE INDOOR/OUTDOOR YARD SALE - SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2019

The Smith Mountain Lake Community Church will be having their annual indoor/outdoor yard sale on September 20th and 21st, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items to be sold include furniture, clothing, jewelry, tools, books, and many other items - including food! We will also be happy to take any items others wish to donate. All proceeds help send our children and youth to Camp Bethel. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Tabitha Rudy: smlccobpastor@gmail.com or (540) 721-1816.

CLOVERDALE SEEKING PART-TIME SECRETARY

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren has a part-time secretarial position available (20 hours weekly, Monday through Friday mornings), with responsibilities including bulletin, newsletter, directory and document production, telephone and electronic communications, and administrative support of other staff and church groups. Computer proficiency (Word, Excel, Publisher, Website) and personable interaction with members and the public expected. To apply, please submit a resume to the pastor by e-mail to patrick100@lumos.net.

YOUTH LEADER NEEDED AT TOPECO CHURCH

The Topeco Church of the Brethren, six miles west of Floyd, Virginia, is seeking to employ a Youth Leader to work 12-15 hours a week. For more information and a job description contact the church office at (540) 789-7339.

REVIVAL, RENEWAL AND EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

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
September 5-8	Pleasant Valley, VA	Greg Cox
September 8-10	Bassett, VA	Ted M. Turner, Jr.
September 15-18	Oak Grove S., VA	Timothy H. Emmons
September 16-18	Bethel, VA	Carroll Martin, Jr.
September 22-25	Red Oak Grove, VA	J. Michael Varner
September 22-24	Mount Union, VA	David Teuling
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Smith River, VA	J. Michael Varner
October 6-9	Duncan Chapel, VA	Craig Reed
October 6-9	Topeco, VA	David K. Shumate
October 7-10	Pulaski, First, VA	Marvin D. Wade
October 13-16	Eden, First, NC	Dava C. Hensley
October 20-23	Beaver Creek, VA	Cecil Brown

SEED SCATTERED AND SOWN: REACHING BEYOND THIS GENERATION

As of August 26, 2019, 276 individuals, households and congregations have made pledges totaling \$549,292 to Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation! Receipts to date are \$430,104.

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.