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"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. (Read II Corinthians 5:16-21)

On my desk, for many years, was a pair of glasses with hard brown plastic frames, real glass lenses and metal clips shaped like rocket ships. I wore these for the first time in 1969, the year humans walked upon the moon and Jesus came into my heart. Now they distort my vision. As an eleven-year old, however, they helped me see much more clearly than before I had them. They helped me to see the world through new eyes.

Our transformation as Christians causes us to see in new ways. In 2 Corinthians 5:16, the Apostle Paul states that he "once knew Christ from a human point of view." Having been transformed, he now knows the Lord in a new way. Undoubtedly he is remembering the experience which he had, as Saul, upon the road to Damascus and during the days following his conversion. He had viewed the crucifixion of Jesus as a just sentence. He occupied himself in persecuting the infant church. In Acts 9, his transformation is described in great detail. After encountering the Lord, Saul arose from the ground, "and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing." For three days he was without sight. Ananias, a faithful servant of Christ's way was moved in a dream to go to Saul. He came, prayed and laid hands upon him. It is written that "immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored." While this restoration was undoubtedly a literal, physical fact; it points toward the deeper truth of Saul's new personhood and perspective. Saul, soon to become known as Paul, was a new creation. He was changed from the inside out! The old had passed, the new had come!

Paul vows that from now on, he and the new believers in Corinth will regard no one from a human point of view. The scripture teaches that our relationships with one another and with others are commentary upon the truth and depth of our relationship with the Lord. The prophet Micah (6:6-8) reminded God's people that good is "to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Jesus taught, in Matthew 22:34-40, that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And a second commandment is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." John, a New Testament writer, declared (I John 4:20) that "those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." If we are new creations, our connectedness with others is inextricably bound up with our tie to Him. The old has passed, the new has come!

Our lives, do not always live up to the truth we proclaim. We believe the worst about one another. We describe others in ways that we would find offensive if we were the objects of the conversation. We view one another with hardened hearts and distorted perspective. Some of our church meetings, meant to be places where the Spirit guides us to greater insight, faith and unity; have become occasions for partisan display and divisive speech. Some of our attitudes toward brothers and sisters with whom we disagree about matters of faith, reveal a desire to sit upon the judgment seat of God and decide who's in or who's out. Some of our viewpoints toward others, whom God has created and for whom Christ has died, betray a sense of holy superiority and a lack of grace. What do our relationships with one another in the church reveal about who we are with Him who is the Head of the Body? Has the old passed? Has the new come?

Little things, as the old song proclaims, mean a lot! Being ambassadors of reconciliation is as much about our family life, our church life and our community life as it is about crucial national and world wide situations. Too often we preach reconciliation to society while being unwilling to live in a humble, forgiving manner with those closest to us. Both ends of the spectrum are important and necessary. As recipients of the grace found in the cross of Jesus Christ, we are continually reborn and remade as those who bear the cross with him. It is presence of the Spirit within that allows us to look at ourselves and those around us from the divine perspective rather than the human. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to act in a reconciling manner. We must either show forth the Prince of Peace whom we claim to serve or be revealed as those in need of His transforming power! Let the old pass and the new come!

The new creation is both point and process! We are already, but not yet! My old glasses, very effective for an eleven-year old, no longer work well for my sixty-one year old eyes. Time and life experience have changed my eyes, both for the better and for the worse. God's transforming power in Christ has given me new perspective on God, on myself and on others. My mind, faith and attitude is different from my baptismal day fifty years ago. I am a new creation. The old has past, the new has come, all of this is from God!

David K. Shumate
District Executive Minister



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Christiansburg - Paul Stover and Kathy Stover by letter January 6, 2019. Joshua Hieatt, Becky Hieatt, Seth Hieatt, Lane Hieatt, Alyssa Hieatt and Lindsey Lafave by baptism April 28, 2019. Becky Smith, Narlene Dulaney and Kimberly Stover by letter April 28, 2019.

Eden, First - Ava Villanueva, Sam Burroughs, Lisa Trant, Steve Trant, Dollie Trant and Steven Trant by baptism November 11, 2018.

Fairview, Rocky Mount - Kenneth Maxey by baptism February 17, 2019.

Germantown Brick - Jeff Williams, Crystal LaBrie, Ron Flora, Linda Flora, Michelle King and Kenny King by letter March 10, 2019.

Peters Creek - Chelsea Louthen by letter February 2019. Briana Keith and Tisha Rawat by baptism April 14, 2019.

Pleasant Valley - Makenzie Grace Dulaney by baptism December 16, 2018. Garrett Alton Vest by baptism April 14, 2019. Carolyn B. Woodyard by letter April 14, 2019.

Poages Mill - Christian Farley by baptism May 5, 2019.

Roanoke, Ninth Street - Patricia Frier by letter April 21, 2019 and George Shockley by baptism April 21, 2019.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF

John Neil Varner, aged 50, a commissioned lay speaker of the Virlina District and a member of the Mount Hermon Church in Bassett, VA, died at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, 2019 in Dobson, NC. Neil was a naturally gifted speaker and a humble servant of Jesus Christ. He formerly served as interim pastor of the Trinity Church in Botetourt County, VA and was much beloved by the congregation there. His secular employment was as IT Manager for the Blue Ridge Regional Library. He was a graduate of Bassett High School, ECPI and the Christian Growth Institute.

Neil is survived by his wife, Gina, and three children, Devyn, Caleb, and Bryce, as well as his father and mother, Joe and Irma Varner. Funeral services were held at the Mount Hermon Church on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 followed by interment in the church cemetery.

Wessley C. "Pat" Patterson, aged 81, of Roanoke, VA and Myrtle Beach, SC, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 15, 2019. His wife, Jeanette W. Patterson, a thirty-eight year staff member of the Virlina District and Camp Bethel, preceded him in 2009. He was retired after many years of service as a Southern Baptist pastor at Preston Oaks in Roanoke, Trinity Baptist, in Bedford, and Eagle Rock Baptist in Eagle Rock. During his spare time he coached youth baseball, enjoyed camping, being outdoors, and Myrtle Beach. He was a great husband, dad, grandfather, and great grandfather, and

friend who will be dearly missed by all. A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 in Roanoke, VA. Interment followed in the Cedar Lawn Memorial Park.

Randall Joseph Cronise, aged 65, of Roanoke, VA, passed away on April 23, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Virginia Cronise. He is survived by a sister, Marilyn Brewbaker; neice, Deirdre Noble (Bruce); nephew, Michael Brewbaker; and special friend, Ellyn Roberts.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on May 4 at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, VA, where he was the organist for 38 years.



BETHEL - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

BOONES MILL - Part time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Pulpit Supply.

EDEN, FIRST - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Edward C. Woodard serving as interim pastor.

FRATERNITY - Full time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.

JETERS CHAPEL - Part or full time position, profile circulating - **James R. Worline called as interim pastor effective June 1, 2019.**

JONES CHAPEL - Part or full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Emma Jean Franklin Woodard serving as interim pastor.

LIGHTHOUSE - **Part time position, no profile available** - **Elizabeth ANNE Mitchell has resigned effective June 30, 2019.**

LYNCHBURG - Part time position, profile circulating - Leah O. Harness serving as interim pastor.

MAPLE GROVE - Part time position, no profile available - Timothy Sink serving as interim pastor.

MASONS COVE - Part time position, no profile available - Jack W. Lowe, Jr. serving as interim pastor.

MONETA, LAKE SIDE - Part time position, profile circulating - Christian J. Becker serving as interim pastor.

NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS - Part time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply by Nathaniel Milton.

OAK GROVE, SOUTH - **In negotiation, vote on June 23.**

PETERS CREEK - **Johnny L. Thompson called as pastor on a full time basis effective June 1, 2019.**

PLEASANTDALE - **W. Leonard Foley has resigned effective August 31, 2019.**

RED HILL - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

SAINT PAUL - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor.

SHELTON - Part time position, no profile available - Joseph D. Smith serving as interim pastor.

TRINITY - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Pulpit supply.

NEWS & EVENTS

HEIFER CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2019

Heifer is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year - in the development sector, that's unusual and really sets Heifer apart from organizations doing similar work. Our mission is still to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Seventy-five years ago, our founder, Dan West outlined a simple but groundbreaking plan to help the hungry. West, a Midwestern farmer, had recently returned from volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War where his job was to provide refugees with a single cup of milk. But he saw that handing out cups of milk wouldn't have a lasting impact. He said, "these people don't need a cup of milk, they need a cow." And that's where the vision of Heifer International began.

Founded by Dan West and members of the Church of the Brethren, Heifer was the first development agency (after the Red Cross) to start providing livestock and agricultural resources to Japan and Germany - where the war had devastated the agricultural landscape on both fronts. When the fighting stopped, Heifer started feeding.

Since then, Heifer has operated in 120 countries (we are currently active in 20) and have helped over 34 million families lift themselves out of poverty. Our goal now is to bring all the families we work with in projects where we work to a living income - which we define as "all the income of a household earned/generated or transferred whether cash or in-kind, sufficient to enable all members of the household to afford a decent standard of living."

Heifer is the best sustainable development agency in the world. No other organization uses the variety and depth of tactics to create lasting impact in the areas where we work. We know that this work would be impossible without Dan West's vision 75 years ago and we remain wholeheartedly grateful for the support of Church of the Brethren congregations located across the United States.

For more information, visit <Heifer.org>, read our blog, follow us on Facebook, on Twitter or call (888) 5HUNGER (888) 548.6437.

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. Details about NOAC registration, lodging and meals are found at <http://www.brethren.org/noac/>.

PRE-NOAC CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

The Office of Ministry is offering a pre-NOAC continuing education event on "Preaching and Spiritual Formation" presented by Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm of Bethany Seminary. Arrive at NOAC early and be refreshed by this inspiring and practical professional growth event. See the flyer at this link: <<http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice/>>.

MID-ATLANTIC CHARTER COACH TO NOAC

The Mid-Atlantic District will be chartering a motor coach to the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) in Lake Junaluska, NC on September 2-6, 2019. The cost of the motor coach transportation will not exceed \$165 per person round trip (based on 30 passengers as a minimum). If and as the number of registrants increases, the cost of the bus will be shared and the per person cost will decrease.

The motor coach will depart from the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren in Maryland on September 2 at 6:00 a.m., pick up at Frederick Church in Maryland at 6:30 a.m., the Manassas Church in Virginia at 7:45 a.m. and the Bridgewater Church at 9:45 a.m. There will be a passenger pick up and stop for lunch in the Roanoke, Virginia area at approximately 12 noon. Arrival at Lake Junaluska, NC should be in time for afternoon registration. The return trip departs Friday, September 6 at the conclusion of the morning session, arriving home Friday night.

Reservations for the coach will be accepted thru July 1 on a first-come-first-served basis, with a deposit of \$50 per person. Checks should be made payable to Mid-Atlantic District. You will be notified in July of the balance due on August 1 (this is dependent upon the number of passengers). Deposits may be refunded up to August 1. Please contact Pat Ecker or Brenda Palsgrove at (410) 259-6677 or brendapalsgrove@gmail.com with any questions. You may contact Mary St. John at <virlina2@aol.com> to receive a flier by email.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF:

Leslie Howard Perdue, aged 82, of Roanoke, VA, passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2019. He was a faithful member of the Poages Mill Church of the Brethren where he served as a Trustee, Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He retired from General Electric with 33 years of service. Most importantly, he considered himself a happy farmer and serving on the Board of Directors for the Roanoke County Farm Bureau.

Les is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia Fralin Perdue, his daughter, Susan Duff (Hal), two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother, as well as many other family and friends.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2019

1-3			Council of District Executive Meetings - Greensboro, NC (DKS)
3-7			Annual Conference - Greensboro, NC (DKS)
12	5:00	PM	Good News Team - DRC (DKS/MSSJ)
15	6:00	PM	Executive Committee (DKS)
16	6:00	PM	Mission Resourcing Committee (DKS)
20	6:00	AM	New Church Development Exploration Trip - Teays Valley, WV (DKS)
26-31			VACATION (DKS)

AUGUST 2019

1			VACATION (DKS)
2	6:00	PM	Commission on Ministry (DKS)
3	8:30	AM	Practice of Ministry Day - Cloverdale (DKS)
4	2:30	PM	Christian Growth Institute Class - DRC (DKS)
5	9:00	AM	Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee - DRC (DKS)
	1:00	PM	New Church Development Committee -DRC (DKS)
	6:30	PM	Moneta, Lake Side Steering Committee (DKS)
6	6:00	PM	Peace Affairs Committee (MSSJ)
10			World Hunger Auction - Antioch (DKS)
13	9:30	AM	Spiritual Development Retreat Committee (MSSJ)
	1:30	PM	Christian Growth Institute Admin. Comm. - Buena Vista, Stone (DKS)
16	6:30	PM	Commission on Witness (MSSJ)
17	9:00	AM	Transitions: Maintaining Family Life -Troutville (MSSJ)
18	2:30	PM	Christian Growth Institute Class - DRC (DKS)
20	10:00	AM	Northern Area Women's Meeting (MSSJ)
22	4:30	PM	Disabilities Ministries Committee (MSSJ)
26	5:30	PM	Commission on Nurture (MSSJ)
27	10:00	AM	Calling the Called VII Committee - Buena Vista, Stone (DKS)
30	7:00	PM	Commission on Stewardship (DKS)

WITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

WORLD HUNGER ORGAN CONCERT - JULY 14, 2019

Please join us at the Antioch Church of the Brethren on Sunday, July 14, starting at 4 p.m. to enjoy a very entertaining program of advance organ compilations by Franklin County's own Jonathan Emmons. This entertaining event will be followed by a delicious dessert fellowship. Be sure not to miss this wonderful afternoon of music and fellowship.

WORLD HUNGER AUCTION - AUGUST 10, 2019

The World Hunger Auction will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 starting at 9:30 a.m. This is the culmination to our year-long fund-raising activities. The World Hunger Auction is held each August at Antioch Church of the Brethren, 2996 Callaway Road, near Rocky Mount, VA. The auction includes the sale of crafts, quilts, toys, produce, baked and canned goods, special services and much more. Come early for the best selection.

Throughout the three decades of the World Hunger Auction, the purpose has been to provide as much funding as possible to those facing hunger-related issues. With the exception of some expenses, all the money that is raised goes to organizations working toward that goal. The ten congregations of the Church of the Brethren that sponsor the auction are blessed with the opportunity to serve. However, they do not receive any of the funds. The money is distributed between Heifer International for international and domestic programs, Roanoke Area Ministries, the Church of the Brethren Global Food Crisis Fund, and Heavenly Manna, a food pantry in Rocky Mount, Virginia. You are invited to take part in this opportunity to touch those in need. Let the highest bidder win! Doing what we can opens the door for God to do much more.

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
August 18-20	Bethlehem, VA	Ronald D. Coleman
August 25-27	Cedar Bluff, VA	David K. Shumate
September 5-8	Pleasant Valley, VA	Greg Cox
September 8-10	Bassett, VA	Ted M. Turner, Jr.
September 15-18	Oak Grove S., VA	Tim H. Emmons
September 16-18	Bethel, VA	Carroll Martin, Jr.
September 22-25	Red Oak Grove, VA	J. Michael Varner
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

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.events>; for more information as we finalize other details.

LOOKING FOR A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT?

The New Community Project has several new outreach opportunities for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Class or Congregational Outreach Projects:

o We've just launched our A Girl and a Bike campaign to help young women from Malawi, site of our recent visit, attend secondary school. Their challenges are several: it is 7 miles to the school from their villages, and the tuition of \$45 is steep-especially as their families are struggling to grow food in a less stable environment. So for \$110 (\$45 + \$65 for a bike) these girls can get to school! (there's the little issue of crocodiles as well, but that's another story...)

o Then there's our 10-year Million Tree initiative, launched this past Earth Day. In light of climate change, habitat loss and the general despoliation of our landscape, we plan to plant 1 million trees over the next decade, or 100,000 annually. For as little as 10 cents a tree, your congregation can help restore God's earth in South Sudan, Rwanda, Malawi, Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, and Nepal.

o Keeping Kids Safe - from mosquitoes. When we learned that the majority of the children at the girls' school we funded to build in South Sudan don't have mosquito nets-and 5-6 come down with malaria every week-we felt like we had to do something. All that's needed to stand between them and this deadly disease is a \$6 net for nighttime protection, which they can't afford.

o Finally, later in the summer we'll be launching our She has a Dream fall campaign to respond to the aspirations of women and girls we work with around the world as they want to take next steps in their development and education. They want more capital to expand businesses, sewing machines to practice their trade, help planting trees for food and income, scholarships to finish high school or go on to higher education.

For more information on these and other opportunities, contact David Radcliff of the New Community Project at <dradcliff@newcommunityproject.org>

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Nancy Layman Bertholf, aged 91, passed into the fullness of eternal life on April 14, 2019. A lifetime adherent and member of the Cloverdale Church, she was a graduate of Troutville High School and of Bridgewater College. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Dr. Max Bertholf, two daughters, two sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at the Cloverdale Church.

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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. A schedule 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

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Mary Beatrice Williard, aged 86, of Clemmons, NC, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2019. She was born May 19, 1932 in Forsyth County, NC to Fannie Everidge Williard and Dewey Aaron Williard. Mary graduated from Gray High School in 1951 and was a lifetime member of Fraternity Church of the Brethren. She worked for Hanes Knitting Company and later retired from Baptist Hospital after 27 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Lib Davis (Clarence), Frances Minish (Harold); Elsie Eicher (Bill) and Claudia Craddock (Leon); two brothers, Buck Williard (Hilda) and Richard Williard. Surviving are her brother, Robert Williard (Ann) and a sister-in-law, Pat Williard. She took pride in sharing that she had 67 nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Fraternity Church with Pastor Dave Kindy and Pastor Robert Williard officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

REPORT FROM THE MAY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

The Virlina District Board, meeting at the Bethel Church of the Brethren in Arrington, Nelson County, Virginia on Saturday, May 18, 2019, heard reports from the commissions and committees related to the board, from denominational agencies and various staff members. In addition, board took the following actions:

-Appointed Nancy B. Hillsman, a member of the Durham,

Peace Covenant Church, to fulfill an unexpired term on the board.

-Appointed Tim Fulcher, a member of the New Hope Church, to fulfill an unexpired term on the Nominating and Personnel Committee.

-Authorized the issuance of business credit cards for Mary Sink StJohn and Betty M. Wills in the discharge of their duties.

-Heard a first reading of a substantial number of amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the district

-Approved the formation of a Long Range Financial Planning Committee.

-Considered a change to the vacation policy of the district

-Interviewed and approved Johnny L. Thompson for commissioning if placed as pastor in the Church of the Brethren.

-Approved one appointment to the Peace Affairs Committee and three appointments to the Smaller Membership Congregational Committee.

-Discussed possible replacement(s) for the Coordinator of District Facilities - West, various vehicle and property insurance matters, and the removal of inactive board members.

-The next scheduled meeting of the board is on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren in Montgomery County, Virginia from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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.

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CAMP BETHEL

OUR 2019 THEME IS "LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE"

Our summer camp theme for 2019 is *"Let the Peace of Christ Rule."* Together: with God, with each other, and with creation. When we live together in intentional Christian community, even for just one week, we gain person-to-person relationship skills to benefit our families, schools, churches, communities, nation, and world. All information (brochure, forms, and schedule) is at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps> and watch our weekly summer videos at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/videos>.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS CONTINUE THROUGH JULY

Family Fun Nights are a special treat from Camp Bethel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through July. Join us for dinner in the Ark Dining Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by your choice of program: Nature Fun and Games, Stand Up Paddleboarding or a River Canoe Trip. Finish up with a campfire and S'mores. The fee of \$10-\$28 per person includes dinner, activity leadership, and supplies. Pre-register at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/family-fun-programs>

OUR BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 21, 2019

Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, August 21 for our 2019 Golf Tournament and Banquet. Tee off is at 12:30p.m. at Ashley Plantation Golf Course, and \$75 per person includes green fees, cart and dinner at camp. Go to <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf>.

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K RUN/WALK - AUGUST 24, 2019

Come and enjoy the *Camp Bethel Pep! 5K Run/Walk* on Saturday, August 24, for "the PEPPIEST gang around!" \$32.50 entry includes a race t-shirt, pre-and-post-race snacks, fully stocked water/aid stations, prizes, and fun. Registration is from 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. start time. Please note that sponsor packages are available. For more information, go to www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K

LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND - AUGUST 30, 2019

Our Labor Day Family Weekend will be August 30 - September 2, 2019. Go and check out our website at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/LaborDay> for the schedule of activities, barn dance and our concert schedule. Please reserve your meals before August 24 by contacting the camp office at <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com> or (540) 992-2940.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 5, 2019

Please encourage everyone in your church 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.

GIVE A CHILD A CAMPSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP

In summer 2018, 75 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$20,430. Our March 7 Sow the Seed Banquet raised \$6,195 for 2019 Camperships. \$350 is the 2019 cost

for one week of adventure and nurture at camp. Give at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate> or memo checks "Camperships".

THOUSANDS OF TREE COOKIES ARE NEEDED

Can you help supply THOUSANDS of Tree Cookies for our 2019 programs (nametags, KinderCrittters, crafts, etc.)? Ideal "cookie" is hard wood cross cut showing tree rings, 2.5" or larger diameter and less-than 1/2" thickness. Cut 'em, drill 'em, deliver 'em, or contact us at (540) 992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>. THANK YOU!

THE CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST - JULY-AUGUST, 2019

We need the following donations: A road-worthy mini-van; clothes dryer; chest coolers w/ handles; old smart phones (to use as cameras and video cameras); digital cameras; GoPro video camera; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs; new (in-the-box) first-aid kits; new (in-the-box) bike helmets and horse helmets; brooms & dustpans; "Tree Cookies;" picnic tables. Gifts are tax-deductible! <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate>.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

Virgina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and handle business items. The 2019 Virgina 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 will be in the September 2019 HEADLINER. For information or questions, please call Mary Sink StJohn, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at <Virgina2@aol.com>.

JIM WOOD HONORED FOR FIFTY-FOUR YEARS SERVICE

James C. Wood, organist at the First Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, VA for 54-years, was honored on Saturday, May 11, 2019, in a special service of worship. A former educator and administrator, he served a number of years as our Director of Ministry Formation.

NURTURE OPPORTUNITIES

TRANSITIONS: MAINTAINING FAMILY LIFE - AUGUST 17

"Transitions: Maintaining Family Life - The Cycle of Your Sanity," sponsored by the Commission on Nurture of the Virlina District Board, is a family-life workshop to be held at the Troutville Church of the Brethren on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Moving out-moving back in...It has become a new rhythm in family life, one that extends across the generations. Adjusting to the changing family dynamics can result in a variety of feelings, leaving one to wonder-Am I still sane? What are my roles when we are different generations living together? Do I really need a curfew...I'm 40?! Do I have to go to Sunday School...I'm 25?! Come join us for a frank discussion of the realities as well as some tools for surviving any type of intergenerational co-habitation.

This family life event will include individual and group opportunities to lament and celebrate the good, bad, and ugly of launching children into independence only for them to have a life crisis requiring they move back in. Alternatively, adult children find themselves needing to move in or share their own home with aging parents. Come seeking advice or find a support group of others experiencing the same "How do we live together?" dilemma.

For more information, please contact Patricia A. Ronk by telephone at (540) 798-5512 or by electronic mail at <Trish1951.pr@gmail.com>. For a registration form, please contact Mary Sink St.John at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR ADULTS - JULY 27, 2019

The Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, 409 Ridgeview Road, NW, Floyd, VA, is hosting a "Mental Health First Aid for Adults" on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This course will be offered to a maximum of thirty (30) participants. **Participants must be church pastors or their spouse.** We want to provide a dedicated space that will allow participants the opportunity to freely engage in this training. At the end of the training, .8 hours of continuing education will be available.

What it covers:

- o A discussion of first responder culture, stigma and their relevance to the topic of mental health.
- o Outreach tactics to respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- o A discussion of the specific risk factors faced by many first responders and their families.
- o A review of common mental health resources for first responders, their families and those who support them.

A flyer is available from <nuchurch@aol.com> or from Marvin D. Wade, Pastor of the Beaver Creek Church at <bcpastor@swva.net>.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH INSTITUTE - ROANOKE CENTER

The next class to be held at the Roanoke Center will be CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION, taught by David K. Shumate. Textbooks and resources for the class are: Becoming Barnabas: The Ministry of Encouragement. Paul Moots, The Alban Institute, 2004, Foundations for Purposeful Church Administration by Alvin J. Lindgren, Abingdon, 1965 (1988 edition - two new copies available at the DRC for \$10 per copy) and the Church of the Brethren Manual of Organization and Polity found on the internet at <http://www.brethren.org/ac/ppg/>.

The Sunday afternoon classes will be held on August 4, August 18, September 8 and September 22, 2019 from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA. Tuition for the class will be \$75.00 (except that it is free for Virlina students living more than 75 miles one-way from the DRC in Roanoke) and students are responsible for purchasing the necessary textbooks.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Gary L. Basham, Director of Ministry Formation by telephone at (540) 890-3818 or by electronic mail at <gb0247@cox.net>. Make checks payable to the VIRLINA DISTRICT and send with the registration form by July 26, 2019 to: Gary Basham, 2526 Parkview Drive, Vinton, VA 24179-1612. CEU credit is available for ordained ministers taking the class.

ETHICS TRAINING IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2019

Ethics training is mandatory for all ministers and students in the Christian Growth Institute and other ministry training programs. Both the basic unit for ministerial students and licensed ministers, taught by Janet Ober-Lambert, as well as the advanced unit for commissioned and ordained ministers, taught by Jim Benedict, will be available at Practice of Ministry Day at the Cloverdale Church on August 3. This will be the only basic unit offered in our district.

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	Coukon	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 by contacting us at <nuchurch@aol.com>.

HEADLINER DEADLINE ON JULY 25, 2019

Deadlines for submission of material for the September 2019 HEADLINER is July 25th. All items for publication, either for the HEADLINER or for the E-HEADLINER, should be sent to <EHeadliner@aol.com>.