

VIRLINA DISTRICT

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MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DAVID K. SHUMATE - SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019

- 1 Kingdom Building Evangelism Conference - Rocky Mount, First
- 2 Worship Undetermined
- 3 Office/Blacksburg, Iglesia Del Buen Pastor Steering Committee
- 4 Office
- 5 Staff Meeting/Office/ Bible Study at Bethel Church in Arrington
- 6 OFF
- 7 Office/Historical Committee/Staff Counseling Committee
Commission on Ministry
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship at Peters Creek/Council Meeting
- 10 Office
- 11 Office/Disaster Response Committee
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office/Bible Study at Bethel Church in Arrington
- 13 OFF
- 14 Office
- 15 OPEN
- 16 Preach at Roanoke, First Church
- 17 Office/CODEX Call/PCBAC Call
- 18 Office/Cohort Group Call
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office/Bible Study at Hiwassee Church
- 20 OFF
- 21 Office
- 22 OPEN
- 23 Worship at Fairview (Floyd County)/Iglesia Cristiana Nueva
Vida
- 24-25 Office
- 26 Staff Meeting/Office
- 27 OFF
- 28 Office
- 29 OPEN
- 30 Worship at Masons Cove/Travel to Greensboro, NC

DAVID K. SHUMATE - SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2019

- 1-3 Council of District Executive Meetings - Greensboro, NC
- 3-7 Annual Conference - Greensboro, NC
- 8 Office/Daleville Church Board
- 9 Office
- 10 Staff Meeting/Office
- 11 OFF
- 12 Office
- 13 OPEN
- 14 Preach at Bethany Church
- 15 Office
- 16 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee
- 17 Staff Meeting/Office
- 18 OFF
- 19 Office
- 20 NCDC Field Trip to Teay's Valley, WV

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - 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 on June 1 for English-speakers and June 15 for Spanish-speakers.

The schedule for the advanced training in various areas of Virlina and Shenandoah District has been set for September 14-18, 2019. CEU credit is available for commissioned and ordained ministers. Registration forms will be forthcoming.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2019

21 Worship Undetermined
 22-23 Office
 24 Staff Meeting/Office
 25 OFF
 26 - 31 VACATION

MARY SINK ST. JOHN - SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019

1 Kingdom Building Evangelism Conference - Rocky Mount,
 First/Program and Arrangements Committee
 3 OFF
 4-6 Office
 7 Office/Historical Committee/Staff Counseling Committee
 8-15 VACATION
 17 OFF
 18 Office
 19 Staff Meeting/Office
 20-21 Office
 24 OFF
 25 Office
 26 Staff Meeting/Office
 27-28 Office

MARY SINK ST. JOHN - SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2019

1 - 5 District Resource Center Closed
 8 OFF
 9 Office
 10 Staff Meeting/Office
 11-12 Office
 15 OFF
 16 Office
 17 Staff Meeting/Office
 18-19 Office
 22 OFF
 23 Office
 24 Staff Meeting/Office
 25-26 Office
 29 OFF
 30 Office
 31 Staff Meeting/Office

COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Virilina District Board - Commission on Nurture is seeking an energetic person to serve as the Coordinator of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The Coordinator will plan district activities and promote denominational events for Virilina'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 the gospel throughout the Virilina District.

This is a part-time position requiring an average of 10 hours per week, with an annual compensation of \$6,000. Some weeks require more hours and some a lesser time investment. Office space will be provided at the District Resource Center. If you would like a job description, please contact Mary StJohn at (540) 362-1816 or (800) VIRLINA or by e-mail at <virilina2@aol.com>. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and a resume.

WORLD HUNGER BIKE RIDE - JUNE 22, 2019

The World Hunger Bike Ride is the longest running continuously held cycling event in Franklin County, Virginia. This ride draws many participants who are not involved in any other auction events. Thus, it is an important witness for our efforts. All bikers are invited to participate, and others are encouraged to support the effort through contributions and prayers for the safety of the riders and for those who are hungry. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the rides departing at 8:30 a.m. from the Antioch Church of the Brethren located at 2996 Callaway Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Bikers can choose from a fifty, twenty-five, ten or five mile course through the mountains and valleys of Franklin and Floyd counties starting and ending at Antioch Church of the Brethren. Rest stops are provided along the way. Bikers are sponsored which provides another important source of funds to make a difference to those who are hungry. You can download your registration and pledge forms at <<http://www.worldhungerauction.org/events>>.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT**(P indicates reviewing profiles, I indicates interviewing)**

- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **BOONES MILL** - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Pulpit supply.
- **EDEN, FIRST** - Full time position, profile circulating (P) - Edward C. Woodard serving as interim pastor.
- **FRATERNITY** - Full time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **JETERS CHAPEL** - Part time position, profile circulating - James Worline serving as pulpit supply.
- **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 (P) - Christian Becker serving as interim pastor.
- **NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS** - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply.
- **OAK GROVE, SOUTH** - Part time position, no profile available - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote date to be determined.*
- **PETERS CREEK** - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote on June 9.*
- **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.

STAFF MEETINGS AT THE DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER

- Our weekly staff meetings at the District Resource Center are held on most Wednesday mornings beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at lunch time. As a result, we do not answer the phone during these hours as we review prayer concerns, share devotional time, coordinate the calendars and prioritize the work list. On occasion we hold this meeting at Camp Bethel in order to build relationship and synergy with the staff working at that location. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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

- Kingdom Builders - 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:

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| Friday, May 31 | | |
| 3 - 6 p.m. | Session One-A | "The Person I Must Become" |
| 7 - 9 p.m. | Session One-B | "Announcing the Reign of God" |
| Saturday, June 1 | | |
| 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Session Two-A | "One Size Doesn't Fit All" |
| 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. | Session Two-B | "If Jesus Be Lifted Up" |

- Sponsored by the Good News Team of the Virginia 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. **Continuing Education credit requires attendance at all four sessions. Any one may attend the "Person I Must Become" session.** Registration forms and a poster may be found at www.virlina.org and are attached to this e-mail.

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/yya/njhc/>.

GILLIGAN'S ISLAND DINNER "CRUISE" - A MEN'S EVENT - 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! A three-course meal will be served during the performance. Cost is \$10 per person or a family maximum of \$25. For registration information, please contact Mary Sink StJohn at virlina2@aol.com.

This "Men's Retreat/Fathers' Day Event" is the Third Annual All Men's Event sponsored by the Spiritual Development Retreat Committee of the Virlina District - Commission on Nurture. **MARK THE DATE NOW** on your calendar so you don't miss the boat!!! We expect sunny skies and smooth sailing!!!

DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER TO BE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The District Resource Center will be closed for Annual Conference beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 28, and re-opening on Monday, July 8, at 9 a.m. David K. Shumate, District Executive Minister, will be participating in the meetings of the Council of District Executives and the Annual Conference during the week.

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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOVE FEAST HELP NEEDED - JULY 6, 2019

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.

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. Let the highest bidder win, for doing what we can opens the door for God to do much more.

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/>>.

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.

"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.

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The final Virlina District Financial Secretary Report for April 30, 2019 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for 2019 in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention.

ATTACHMENTS FOR THE JUNE/JULY 2019 MEMO FOR MINISTERS

Attached to the MEMO FOR MINISTERS for June/July 2019 are 1) the Self-Allocation and Financial Secretary Report for April 30, 2019, 2) a New Members report form and 3) an updated pulpit supply list for the summer months.