

E-HEADLINER



ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE – JULY 2 - JULY 4, 2021

The remaining three worship services of Annual Conference will be live-streamed and available to all at no cost. Simply go to www.brethren.org/ac beginning Friday night, July 2 to be connected to the live-streamed worship service at 8:00 pm Eastern Time. Worship will also be live-streamed on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as on Sunday morning at 10:00 am Eastern Time.

A recording of each of the one-hour worship services will be available for congregations to use in their own local worship either as a complete service or selecting certain portions of these times of worship. Bulletins for all five

worship services will soon be available on the Webcast tab of the website. For more information go to www.brethren.org/ac2021/webcasts

For more information about worship go to www.brethren.org/ac2021/worship.

DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED – JULY 3-5, 2021

The District Resource Center will close on Friday, July 2, at 6 p.m. in observance of the July 4 holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6, at 9 a.m.

Staff availability during the preceding week may be limited due to the Annual Conference along with the CODE pre-conference meeting.

The 2021 Virlina District Directory has been mailed. If you wish to have a printed copy, please contact Betty Wills at the DRC. She may be reached by telephone at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at virlinasecretary@gmail.com.

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - AUGUST 7, 2021

One of the requirements of Christian Growth Institute is participation in Practice of Ministry Day. The 2021 event is entitled FROM POLITY TO PRACTICE. Presented as a "Zoom" event, this Practice of Ministry Day will:

- 1) Describe the origins, development, and underpinning values of the Church of the Brethren governance.
- 2) Analyze/discuss current stresses, ambiguities and issues emerging out of current day practice.

Session One will be presented by David K. Shumate, District Executive Minister for the Virlina District. His presentation will focus on "History and Development of Church of the Brethren Governance."

Session Two will be presented by John Jantzi, the District Executive Minister of the Shenandoah District. The focus of his program is "Authority, Covenant, and Accountability in Current Practice: The Stresses and Debates."

Registration forms are available by contacting us at nuchurch@aol.com. The cost of this event, whether for Chris-

tian Growth Institutes students, continuing education or personal enrichment is \$25. Please mail the registration form and a check made out to Virlina District Board to Donna Hornsby, CGI Coordinator, Virlina District, 420 Bluebell Lane, Apt. 304, Roanoke, VA 24012.

WORLD HUNGER AUCTION - AUGUST 14, 2021

The World Hunger Auction will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 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.

BRETHREN LIFE AND THOUGHT CGI CLASS BEGINS AUGUST 14, 2021

Beliefs and Practices of the Church of the Brethren (also known as Brethren Life and Thought) class will be offered this August and September with David Shumate, Executive Minister, as instructor. Textbooks for the class are: *Church of the Brethren: Yesterday and Today*, edited by Donald F Durnbaugh, Brethren Press, 1986 and *Fruit of the Vine*, Donald F. Durnbaugh, Brethren Press, 1997.

Please note the class will meet in person on Saturdays with location yet to be determined.. The class dates are August 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and September 11 and 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuition for the class will be \$100.00 and students are responsible for purchasing the necessary textbooks.

For more information or to obtain a registration form please contact Donna Hornsby, CGI Coordinator: Phone: (540) 266-0733, E-mail: dshornsby912@gmail.com. Make checks payable to VIRLINA DISTRICT and mail with the registration form to arrive by August 7 to: Donna Hornsby, 420 Bluebell Lane, Apt. 304, Roanoke, VA 24012. CEU credit is available for ordained ministers taking the class.

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT LEARNING TOUR - AUGUST 18-25, 2021

Yellowstone Yes! The world's first National Park is one of the gems of God's creation, and we've got spots on our August 18-25 Learning Tour – in fact we need a couple participants to make this trip a go. We'd be happy for you to put this out to folks of all ages in your congregation. Contact David Radcliff for info about these offerings of NCP at dradcliffnfp@yahoo.com.

LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2021

Labor Day Family Weekend is scheduled for September 3-6, 2021. We look forward to gathering again this year. For updated information, check out <https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/labor-day-family-weekend.html>.

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K - SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

In-person safety adaptations include "wave-starts," physical distancing, pre-wrapped food, and more at our annual 5K fundraiser for "the PEPIEST gang around!" Plans, sponsors, and registration at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) ONLINE - SEPTEMBER 6 - 10, 2021

The 2021 NOAC Planning Team is hard at work making plans for the first online National Older Adult Conference. Although we wish we could be together in person at Lake Junaluska in September, we are grateful for the technology that allows us to gather "virtually." One of the benefits of holding NOAC online is that those who have been unable to travel to Lake Junaluska for NOAC due to finances, health, or schedule conflicts, may be able to participate online this year.

Online registration is now open at www.brethren.org/NOAC. Cost per person is \$100 and per couple is \$150. Paper registration forms are available upon request by calling: (800) 323-8039 ext. 303. The registration fee will provide access to all sessions, worship services, workshops, and recorded archives. We hope each person/couple who plans to attend will register and pay the fee so that we can continue to provide a meaningful experience for

all.

NOAC 2021 will begin on Monday, September 6 at 7 p.m. with announcements, NOAC News and worship. It will end on Friday, September 10 at 9 a.m. with worship. All district ministers have received the detailed schedule in the *MEMO FOR MINISTERS*.

We are hoping that districts and congregations will organize viewing parties (keeping in mind COVID safety protocols). Perhaps a Sunday School class or Bible Study group could plan to meet at the church or in someone's home. We are working with our retirement communities to provide opportunities for viewing, especially for those in assisted living and nursing care units.

There are opportunities for giving- we will have a Virtual "Fundraising Walk around the Lake" which will raise funds for the Emergency Disaster Fund and assist congregations which have been impacted by the COVID pandemic. We are also raising funds to provide books for the Lake Junaluska Elementary School. Donations may be made through Brethren Press. Watch for more information about these giving opportunities.

We have a webpage at www.brethren.org/NOAC. We are also on Facebook at "Church of the Brethren NOAC." Both are updated on a regular basis.

PRAYING FOR PEACE - SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

The Annual "Prayer for Peace" Service will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 3 p.m. This event will be held outdoors at the Hollins Road Church of the Brethren picnic shelter. The featured speaker will be Eric Landram, pastor of the Lititz Church of the Brethren in Lititz, PA. Eric is a graduate of Bridgewater College and has spoken at National Youth Conference, Roundtable, National Young Adult Conference and many other events.

The 2021 theme is "Weltschmerz." This is a German word that literally means "world-pain." Many of us have spent the past eighteen months in a state of weariness. This is related to how we hope the world would be as opposed to how we see it differ from our ideals. Participants will gain a better understanding of how Jesus leads us to peace even in the midst of grief over world events and difficult circumstances. Fellowship and refreshments will be offered based on the safety protocols in effect in September. Please save the date and plan to attend!

PILGRIMAGE: A FAITHQUEST FOR ADULTS - OCTOBER 8-10, 2021

Pilgrimage will be held October 8-10, 2021 at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages, and God is working through this ministry in wonderful ways. The structure of the weekend includes talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God knows where we are on our spiritual journey and meets us right there. Whether you need peace, or joy, or forgiveness, or encouragement, or hope, or revival, or a little extra time with Him...He gives more than we even desire. It is difficult to put into words how wonderful the weekend is. The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it! Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, go to www.experiencepilgrimage.com or contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or haynesmk1986@yahoo.com.

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - OCTOBER 15-16

The 2021 Virginia District Ministers and Spouses Retreat will be held on October 15-16, 2021 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H and Conference Center located at 775 Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, VA 24184. Steven J. Schweitzer, Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana, will lead the event. The focus is "Science Fiction and Theology."

Born into an observant Catholic family, Schweitzer's parents joined the Assembly of God when he was in 8th grade. Through high school and college, he was an active member in the Assemblies of God. After college he, along with his wife, Jill, attended a non-denominational Pentecostal church in St. Paul for five years. In 2000, they moved to South Bend, Indiana and began attending Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren.

During this time, their three children (Luke, Anna, and Benjamin) were born and he completed his degree at Notre Dame. He taught at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana for three years as Assistant Professor of Old Testament. After nine years in that congregation in South Bend, he and his family moved to Richmond, Indiana when he became Academic Dean at Bethany. They are currently participating in the Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

This event provides .6 CEU credits for ordained or commissioned ministers. The cost of the event is \$150 for couples (or double occupancy), \$100 for single occupancy and \$50 for commuters (meals included). A registration form/brochure will be forthcoming.

BRETHREN ACADEMY FOR MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP CLASSES

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is offering **Ancient & Medieval Church History** from August 25-October 19, 2021. Participants will receive one credit in Bible/Theology upon completion, along with a Bethany Experience. The instructor for this online course will be Ken Rogers, Professor of Historical Studies at Bethany Seminary. The deadline to register is July 21.

Interim/Transitional Ministry: More than Mere Maintenance will be offered from September 15-November 9, 2021. Tara Hornbacker will be the instructor and TRIM students will receive one credit in Ministry Skills upon completion and the BTS experience. EFSM students may create a Learning Unit for the course. This course will explore the necessary tasks for successful interim/transitional ministry and the personality characteristics most helpful to develop for the practice of this specialized area of congregational leadership. The deadline to register for this course is August 11. CEUs are awarded after the instructor has notified the Brethren Academy of successful completion of the course.

The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World will be offered on October 13, 22-24 and November 3, 2021. This seminar-style course will explore the relationship of ministry to technology and investigates the practical tools that exist to enhance ministry. The class participants will examine the responsible engagement of these digital tools in the work of serving God's people as ministers of the Gospel. Dan Poole will be the instructor of this Zoom course. The deadline to register for this course is September 17, 2021.

Questions about taking an Academy course for CEU's or personal enrichment may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu or (765) 983-1820.

SHALOM: PEACE WITH OURSELVES, WITH OTHERS, WITH GOD AND HIS WORLD

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering **Shalom: Peace with Ourselves, with Others, with God and His World** - This series of six stand-alone webinars explores issues of peace and justice from various perspectives, such as peace with God, peace with creation, and peace with our neighbors. You may register for one session, or take all six and pay for just five (a savings of \$30). Each 90-minute session (10:30am to 12 noon Central Time) will be taught by a member of the LMPC staff or board. The available dates are July 13, July 28, August 10, and August 24. Learn more or register at www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/.

NEW COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

The NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT just launched a campaign to purchase bunkbeds and mattresses for schoolgirls in Malawi attending high school 30 and 50 miles from home. Last fall we raised funds to build hostels for them; now they have requested help purchasing these bedding supplies. 20 beds and 40 mattresses are needed, at a cost of \$147 and \$45 each - but of course any amount is welcomed. And a donor has offered to match any gifts, doubling the love! The project is highlighted on this page of our website and on the NCP Facebook page. This could perhaps be a good option for VBS or other summer focus. Malawi is also the site of our A Girl and A Bike campaign, and we always welcome support for this as well. Learn more about this and other activities of the New Community Project at <https://www.newcommunityproject.info/>.

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FOOD SERVICES COORDINATOR AT CAMP BETHEL

Camp Bethel is accepting on-line applications for a full-time, salaried, year-round Food Services Coordinator. Application and complete information is at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/jobs>. We are blessed to have kept Wesley Shrader as long as we did, and we celebrate with a big "Thank You!" to Wes for three excellent years of service in Camp Bethel's Ark Dining Hall.

INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST NEEDED

The Church of the Brethren has announced an open position for Information Technology Specialist at the General Offices in Elgin, Ill. The job posting is available by contacting us at ehedliner@aol.com. Interested applicants should send their resume to COBApply@brethren.org.

AVAILABLE ON THE WWW.VIRLINA.ORG WEBSITE

Our district maintains a website with many resources for our congregations and membership at www.virlina.org. Just a few of the items include the Virlina District Prayer Calendar (issued quarterly), the HEADLINER (issued six times each year), the E-Headliner (issued roughly every two weeks), the Memo for Ministers (issued six times each year for pastors and district leaders), and many other helpful documents. Check it out!

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GOOD BOOKS FOR SALE

We have a surplus of good, new books, formerly bought as textbooks for Christian Growth Institute, at the District Resource Center. Our price is 25% below the list price on Amazon. If you would enjoy perusing the list, please advise us at ehedliner@aol.com and we will send it to you. Many are good books about the Good Book!

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE E-HEADLINER IS PROJECTED FOR JULY 17, 2021.

A PRINTABLE COLOR VERSION OF THE E-HEADLINER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT www.virlina.org