

E-HEADLINER

VIRGINIA TECH ON-CAMPUS MINISTRY – CAN YOU HELP US?

The Blacksburg Ministries Committee of the New Church Development Committee has been diligently working towards establishing an on-campus ministry for Church of the Brethren students at Virginia Tech. The application process requires the sponsorship of students in the application process. If you know of a current Virginia Tech student who would help us in the application process, please contact Paul J. Stover at (540) 797-5015 or pstover1980@gmail.com, Glen H. Sage at (276) 398-3548 or glesage@centurylink.net or Amber T. Harris at (540) 230-2923 or atharris11@gmail.com.

BUCHANAN COUNTY FLOOD OFFERING

Congregations desiring to assist with rebuilding in Buchanan County, VA after the recent flooding may send offerings to us. Please mark these as Buchanan Offering /Account #33503.

UPCOMING MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

Tony Emmons will be installed as pastor of the Bethlehem Church of the Brethren at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 21.

William “Bill” Fisher will be installed as the associate pastor of the Hopewell Church of the Brethren at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 28.

Donna G. Hornsby will be commissioned to the set apart ministry at the Roanoke, First Church of the Brethren at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 11.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR CAMP BETHEL - AUGUST 20, 2022

A concert to raise funds for Camp Bethel will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Summit View Pavilion next to the Germantown Brick Church of the Brethren between Boones Mill and Rocky Mount, VA.

Several musical groups from around the district will perform. It should be a great show! Come on out and support two great causes; local musicians and Camp Bethel! This is a rain or shine event. For more information, contact Robin Lavinder at robin.lavinder@hotmail.com.

LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2022

Labor Day Family Weekend at Camp Bethel is scheduled for September 2-5, 2022. We look forward to gathering again this year. For updated information, check out <https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/labor-day-family-weekend.html>.

DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER HOURS – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

The District Resource Center will close at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022 and reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for Labor Day Weekend. Due to staff vacations, office hours from September 6 through September 9 will be 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K - SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

Our new 5K Course covers some of the many trails, fields, and forests on the 470 acres of Camp Bethel. Our \$35.00 entry fee includes fully stocked water/aid stations, a race t-shirt, pre-and-post-race snacks, 10:15am BRUNCH, fun, fellowship, and Barry's bad jokes. Sponsor the run to make it more fun! 5K fundraiser for "the PEP-

PIEST gang around!" Plans, sponsors, and registration at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.

AWAKENING SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2022

The 2022 Awakening Services will be held at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren (4708 Read Mountain Road, Cloverdale, VA) each evening beginning Sunday, September 18 through Wednesday, September 21. Paul Munday, former Annual Conference Moderator and retired pastor of the Frederick Church of the Brethren, will be the speaker. The theme is “Abide and Go: John’s Gospel Then & Now.”

The singing service begins at 6:45 p.m. and the worship service at 7 p.m. Each morning there will be Bible Study from 9 -11 a.m. at the following locations: Troutville (September 19), Roanoke-Oak Grove (September 20) and Roanoke-Summerdean (September 21).

PRAYING FOR PEACE - SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

You are invited to gather for worship at the Antioch Church of the Brethren amphitheater (2996 Callaway Road, Rocky Mount, VA) for our annual *Day for Prayer for Peace* worship service on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. Our theme is Mental Health Awareness, a topic of increasing importance in a time when relationships and institutions that provided stability have been either unavailable or of uncertain strength and vitality. Music will be provided by the Roanoke, Oak Grove Church of the Brethren jazz ensemble.

Join us for a time of worship, education, and support. In true Brethren fashion, fellowship and snacks—including ice cream!—will be provided after the worship service.

CAMP BETHEL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT - SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Golfers and sponsors are needed on Wednesday, September 28 for our 2022 Golf Tournament at Ashley Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30pm. \$75 per person includes green fees, cart, and a delicious boxed lunch. Updated plans, plus registration and sponsor information is at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf.

BRETHREN ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES – THEY ARE NOT JUST FOR CLERGY ONLY!

ETHICS FOR SET APART MINISTRY – BASIC COURSE – SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

The Brethren Academy has set a date for the next training session of Ethics for Set-Apart Ministry: Basic Course, created by James Benedict. This training using Zoom, an online conferencing platform, is for newly licensed ministers and others seeking basic clergy ethics training. The training will be held September 10, 2022, via Zoom, from 10:00-4:00 EDT with a break for lunch.

The registration deadline to participate is August 30th. This allows time to mail the workbooks to participants. Registrations and payment must be received by our office by this date.

THE SHAPE OF MINISTRY IN A HIGH-TECH WORLD – NOVEMBER 2022

Is your congregation or pastor using technology in ministry? Would there be benefit from spending time learning from someone who knows this specialized ministry well? If so, please consider inviting them to enroll in the upcoming Brethren Academy course.

The Brethren Academy will offer this Zoom intensive course, The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World, in November 2022. Dan Poole, assistant professor of Ministry Formation at Bethany Theological Seminary, will be the instructor and TRIM students will receive one credit in Ministry/Ministry Skills upon completion and the BTS experience. EFSM students may create a Learning Unit for the course.

From the barrage of social media platforms to website presence, to electronic communications, to a 24/7 cultural expectation of availability, the role of a ministerial leader has shifted. In this digital age, how can one ensure that the practice of ministry remains grounded in the core principles of pastoral care and discipleship? This seminar-style course will explore the relationship of ministry to technology and investigates the practical tools that exist to enhance ministry.

The deadline to register for this course is October 7, 2022. This Zoom course will meet for two hours each on November 7 and 21. The intensive portion of the course will be November 11-13.

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Persons interested in taking an Academy course for CEUs or Personal Enrichment may register in one of two ways:

1) Mail a registration form with payment to Brethren Academy, 615 National Rd. W., Richmond, IN 47374.

2) Register and pay online at <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment/> There is a 3% service charge when registering online.

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.

HERITAGE DAY PARTICIPATION SURVEY – OCTOBER 1, 2022

Will you be able to participate in an onsite Heritage Day Festival on October 1, 2022? Much has changed since our last "in person" Heritage Day Festival in 2019. We know that Heritage Day is fully dependent on willing-and-able congregations providing the people, supplies, and many work hours to bring a booth and help October 1. We understand that your ability to do this may have changed since 2019, and/or that concerns about new variants of COVID-19 may affect your decisions.

For our Heritage Day Festival to be a success, we need a minimum number of participating congregations and groups. We completely understand and fully support you in your decision making. Please complete the survey as soon as possible to let us know your plans so that we can decide how to proceed. Thank you!

The survey form can be accessed and completed online by going to the following address:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfs7st1_bCavX3P2VbtOhhiLuSc8h1bO4BnBmcjTsGura8_PQ/viewform

VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 11-12, 2022

The 2022 Virlina District Conference will be held Friday, November 11- Saturday, November 12 at the Grandin Court Baptist Church located at 2660 Brambleton Avenue in Roanoke, Virginia. Friday night's featured speaker will be the president of Bethany Theological Seminary, Jeff Carter. The speaker for the Friday evening Ministers and Spouses Banquet will be David Steele, General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren. Brother Steele will also be the Saturday morning worship speaker. The 2022 District Conference Moderator is Lynn N. Myers, a member of the Antioch Church of the Brethren in Franklin County, VA.

Pastors and congregations will receive a mailing in August which will include details of the conference, registration forms for delegates and meal and age group information. The Virlina District website, <www.virlina.org> has a District Conference tab that details conference plans and/or changes as soon as they are updated. The September Headliner will also include all finalized plans and information. Contact Mary St. John, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, <virlina2@aol.com> or (540) 362-1816 with questions or concerns.