

# E-HEADLINER

## **SOUTHERN AREA MINISTERS AND SPOUSES - OCTOBER 17, 2022**

The Southern Area Ministers and Spouses will meet on Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Cedar Bluff Church of the Brethren in Franklin County, VA, beginning at 6 p.m. Following the meal, Mary Anne Glover, General Minister of the Virginia Council of Churches, will provide the program. Meal Reservation: Contact Betty at the District Resource Center by 6 p.m. on Friday, October 14, to reserve your meal at [virlinasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:virlinasecretary@gmail.com) or (540) 362-1816.

## **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 received a mailing during September that included details of the conference, registration forms for delegates and meal and age group information. The Virlina District website, <[www.virlina.org](http://www.virlina.org)> has a District Conference tab that details conference plans and/or changes as soon as they are updated. The September Headliner contains all finalized plans and information. Contact Mary St. John, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, [virlina2@aol.com](mailto:virlina2@aol.com) or (540) 362-1816 with questions or concerns.

## **NYC PARTICIPANTS INVITED TO FRIDAY SERVICE - NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

Everyone who went to National Youth Conference is invited and encouraged to attend the Friday, November 11, evening worship service at District Conference which will be held at the Grandin Road Baptist Church. NYC youth and advisors will lead the congregation in singing, and a couple youth will share some of their experiences. Please be a part of this opportunity to bring some NYC spirit to the conference.

## **2022 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS FROM BRETHERN PRESS**

Every part of the Christmas story is miraculous. God's love was made manifest in a lowly barn, in the dark of night, for ordinary people. We need not believe that we must do anything extraordinary to make this season magical. There's no need to worry about shopping for it or allowing the stresses of life to weigh us down. Perhaps if we practice leaning into the simplicity of the holy story and the sacredness of our ordinary lives, we will find joy and peace. Simple Gifts is the 2022 Advent Devotional from Brethren Press. It was written by Kathy Guisewite.

The Brethren Press devotional series is published twice a year in anticipation of the Advent and Lenten seasons. Becoming a seasonal subscriber is easy, saves you money, and costs only \$8 a year for both regular print booklets or \$16 a year for both large print booklets. Subscriptions are renewed automatically each year at the discounted rate and bulk quantities can be adjusted with a simple call. Subscribers can cancel their enrollment in the program at any time. To sign up call (800) 441-3712 and ask about the seasonal devotional standing order program

## **COURSE ON PREVENTING CONGREGATIONAL BURN OUT - DECEMBER 6, 2022**

The December offering from the Ventures in Christian Discipleship program at McPherson College will be "Beyond Burned Out to Boundaries and Balance." The course will be presented by Jen Jensen and be held online Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (ET).

An increasing number of congregations are being served by ministers in part time capacities. This structure creates both opportunities and tensions around congregational roles and tasks. Incorporating recent research on resilience in leadership published by the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, Jen Jensen will invite congregational leaders to consider how to build resilience and care for one another to create healthy balance in congregational patterns.

Jen Jensen is currently serving as the Thriving in Ministry Program Manager for the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry. Her role includes overseeing the Part-time Pastor, Full-time Church program. She is a member of the Monitor Church of the Brethren in McPherson, KS but during the pandemic has been worshiping with Buckeye Church of the Brethren in Abilene, KS. She has provided pulpit supply throughout Western Plains District and at congregations of other denominations in the McPherson area. Jensen is an alumna of McPherson College, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and completed a master of divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary in May 2022.

Continuing education credit is available. During the registration process, you will have the opportunity to pay for CEUs and give an optional donation to the Ventures program. If you are unable to attend the course in real-time, your CEU payment will be converted to a gift toward the Ventures Program unless you tell the college differently within two weeks of the course offering.

All previously held Ventures courses are available through the archive at [www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/courses](http://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/courses). They are a wealth of insight and information. These recordings are now eligible for CEU credit through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

If you desire CEU's, please work directly with the Academy to fulfill their requirements.

Registration for all courses and more information about Ventures in Christian Discipleship is available at [www.mcpherson.edu/ventures](http://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures).

### **INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY – BEGINNING JANUARY 11, 2023**

The Brethren Academy will offer this online course, Introduction to Educational Ministry, from January 11 - March 7, 2023. Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director of Camp Alexander Mack, will be the instructor and TRIM students will receive one credit in Ministry/Ministry Skills

How do we learn? Physically, learning is described as a process of sensing stimuli, short-term memory, and long-term memory that creates a series of brain pathways in the brain. The more a pathway is used, the stronger it becomes. From a more practical standpoint, however, we learn when we are motivated to learn.

Online TRIM classes are particularly accessible for busy pastors. The deadline to register for this course is December 7, 2022

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. Contact Fran Massie for the form at [massifr@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:massifr@bethanyseminary.edu).

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 may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at [oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu) or (765) 983-1820.

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**CLERGY TAX SEMINAR - JANUARY 28, 2023**

Clergy, students and anyone who deals with clergy finances such as congregational treasurers are invited to participate in this online Zoom seminar. Learn how to prepare clergy taxes correctly and legally. Comply with regulations while maximizing tax deductions. Clergy can earn 0.3 CEUs - for the first two sessions only.

This seminar is highly recommended for all clergy and anyone who deals with clergy finances who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, stewardship commission chairs, and church board chairs. It is sponsored by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary.

Seminar Schedule - The annual Clergy Tax Seminar will consist of three sessions:

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST (0.15 CEUs): Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Clergy Taxation, part 1. Topics covered: IRS's definitions of ministers (ministerial "status") and of ministerial work (ministerial "services"), as well as the three kinds of income ministers receive, the two kinds of taxes ministers pay, and the various ways ministers can pay those taxes during the tax year.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST (0.15 CEUs): Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Clergy Taxation, part 2. Topics covered: Housing exclusion, parsonages and parsonage adjustments, and self-employment taxes, as well as ways to reduce total taxes.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST: Completing the Clergy Tax Return.

Rev. Zeke Zacharias, pastor at Litlold Church, has a typical clergy tax return to complete. We will walk through it with him. Deb will be using H&R Block's Premium (for self-employed people) version of their downloadable software.

**Registration and Cost**

Registration is \$40 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Brethren Academy, Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to allow us to provide you with web access to the seminar. Instructions and handouts will be sent a few days prior to the event. Registrations are not complete until payment is received. For quality reasons, registrations may be capped at eighty-five persons. Prompt registration is advised at the registration deadline is January 19, 2022. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the seminar.

**PILGRIMAGE XXIV – MARCH 17-19, 2023**

Pilgrimage XXIV (A FaithQuest for Adults) will be held March 17-19, 2023, at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a weekend retreat for adults of all ages who want to spend some intimate time with our Heavenly Father. Filled with speakers, small groups, worship, reflection, and fun, Pilgrimage offers an opportunity for you to share and learn with others as we journey together on the road to a deeper relationship with God.

God works in wonderful ways through this ministry! Prayerfully consider your participation. For more information, contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263, by email at [haynesmk1986@yahoo.com](mailto:haynesmk1986@yahoo.com), or go to [www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com).

**"COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE.." – DECEMBER 3, 2022**

Travel through an outdoor live nativity program at Bethlehem Church of the Brethren at 4250 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill, VA 24065. Come experience the story of Christmas as you walk by scenes of Mary & Joseph, shepherds with their sheep, angels, and wisemen. We will have new music, live interactions with characters and refreshments "to go" this year. Golf cart rides are available to assist your tour. Please join us anytime between 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd and enjoy this Christmas story. Make this activity a part of your family traditions! This program will be held whether rain or shine. If you would like to be a character in our live nativity (costumes provided) our church would love for you to join us. Please let us know if you would like to participate! We can work out further details. For information or questions, contact Sharon G. Grindstaff at (540) 493-7252 or [grindstaffsharon@gmail.com](mailto:grindstaffsharon@gmail.com).

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### **DO YOU WANT OR NEED A PIANO?**



Wayne and Barbara Cook have a piano available for a congregation, family or individual in need of one. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (540) 314-3219.

### **PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED**

The Williamson Road Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Virginia is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant for work from Tuesday through Friday each week. Flexible hours are an option (9-1 or 10-2). There will be occasional overtime. Experience with standard office equipment and computer skills including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Excel required. Applicants must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Ability to multitask, complete work on time, proofread and edit. Ability to work alone and to work closely with Pastor, church leaders, and staff. Promptness, honesty, and dependability are a must. Please send resumes to [pastor@wrcob.roacoxmail.com](mailto:pastor@wrcob.roacoxmail.com) or [lindavarn84@gmail.com](mailto:lindavarn84@gmail.com).

### **ARE YOU HAVING REVIVAL, RENEWAL OR EVANGELISTIC SERVICES IN 2023?**

We wish to resume listing these in the HEADLINER and the E-HEADLINER. Please send date and speaker (s) to [ehedliner@aol.com](mailto:ehedliner@aol.com).