

E-HEADLINER

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR DAVID SHUMATE - DECEMBER 3, 2022

A "Come and Go" Retirement Celebration for David K. Shumate, retiring Virlina District Executive Minister, will be held at Camp Bethel from 1 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. This will be a time of blessing to recognize thirty years of service to the district and forty years of ministry. There will be "mini-programs" every half-hour. Camp Bethel is located 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, Virginia 24090.

NORTHERN AREA MINISTERS - DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Northern Area Ministers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 5 at the Roanoke, First Church of the Brethren. Dava says the wonderful cooks at First Church will be ready for us, so please come hungry!! Barry S. Lenoir, Camp Bethel Director, will bring a program on "Leadership Lessons from the Camp Bethel Office."

SOUTHERN AREA MINISTERS AND SPOUSES - DECEMBER 19, 2022

The Southern Area Ministers and Spouses will meet on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren in Floyd County, VA, beginning at 6 p.m. Following the meal, This meeting is the annual love feast and communion service. For meal reservations, please contact Betty at the District Resource Center by 6 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022, to reserve your meal at virlinasecretary@gmail.com or (540) 362-1816.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER

We will also be closed for the Christmas Holiday beginning on Thursday, December 22, at 6 p.m. until Tuesday, December 27, at 9 a.m. and for the New Year Holiday beginning on Thursday, December 29, at 6 p.m. until Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9 a.m.

We do monitor telephone messages and e-mail periodically when the center is closed. The District Executive Minister will be on vacation from December 27 until December 31, 2022.

WINTER CAMP YOUTH & KIDS' RETREAT - JANUARY 7-8, 2022

Winter Camp is a fun and spiritual retreat for kids grades 1-5 and youth grades 6-12 led by our reunited Summer Staff. The \$75 fee includes four meals, lodging, and program. Register at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/WinterCamp.

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.

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 or (765) 983-1820.

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.

NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS: LET'S TALK ABOUT COLORBLINDNESS – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Necessary Conversations: Let's Talk about Colorblindness will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3 p.m. in the Wortman Ballroom (second floor of the Colket Center) at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. Presented by the Race Education Team of the Commission on Witness, this event will feature Dr. Jennifer McCloud and Professor Karin Kaerwer. More details to come. For more information, contact Mary Sink St. John at virlina2@aol.com or (540) 362-1816.

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.

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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, or go to www.experiencepilgrimage.com.

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT LEARNING TOURS FOR 2023

2023 New Community Project Learning Tours – Go. Meet. Learn. Grow. Change yourself – and your world. These trips will take participants of all ages to Nepal in January (human trafficking, Himalaya, a wildlife park, NCP support of girls and women); South Sudan in early May (African culture, resilience, NCP programs for girls women and reforestation); Ecuadorian Amazon in early June (amazing wildlife, engaging native leaders, threats from palm oil and oil drilling); Lybrook, NM in late June (native Dineh craftspeople and traditional healers, work projects, Chaco Culture historical ruins, impacts of fracking); Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in late July (massive mountains, waterfalls, critters, climate impacts); Denali/Kenai Fjords National Parks in early August (ditto, plus coastal wonders in Seward). For more information, please e-mail directorncp@yahoo.com or telephone (540) 855-1199.

"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.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN! - DECEMBER 10, 2022

The Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, located at 8838 Floyd Hwy N (US221) in Copper Hill, Virginia, will be hosting an outdoor Live Nativity Scene entitled "Unto Us a Child Is Born!" on Saturday, December 10th from from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Join us for this celebration of the events surrounding the Birth of our Lord. Refreshments will be served.

NEW BETHEL (TROUTVILLE) ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DECEMBER 22, 2022

The New Bethel meeting point will be having their annual Christmas Program on December 22nd at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the program and refreshments. Get your brown bag treat with apple, orange, candy and gum!

This will probably be the last one. We have enjoyed having it over many years and hope you can come and join us for this one. As always there will be refreshments after the program Camp Bethel will be providing a shuttle van or vans if needed at 6:30 and 6:45 as there is limited parking space available.

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 eheadliner@aol.com.