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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

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APRIL 2015



April 2 - Love Feast

April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt

-Camp Bethel Workday

April 5 - EASTER! Joint Sunrise Service

April 10-12 - FaithQuest

April 13 - Northern Area Ministers Association (Hosting)

April 22 - Earth Day

April 25 - District Women's Rally

May 2 - Mission & Ministry Day (Hosting)

Cloverdale April 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Easter Egg Hunt  |
| | |  HOLY WEEK | | | 7:00 pm Love Feast | |
| 5 7:00 a.m. Joint Sunrise Service  | 6 | 7 Gospel Choir 6:30pm | 8 Family Night 5:45 pm Choir 7:30pm | 9 TOPS 5:30pm | 10 | 11 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| 12 | 13 8:30am Northern Area Ministers meet at Cloverdale | 14 Gospel Choir 6:30pm | 15 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  | 16 TOPS 5:30pm | 17 | 18 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| 19 | 20 | 21 W.F. 10am Gospel Choir 6:30pm Tinkerview 7pm | 22 Earth Day  Bible Study 6:45pm  Choir 7:30pm | 23 TOPS 5:30pm | 24 | 25 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 TOPS 5:30pm | 1 | 2 Mission & Ministry Day |

*Our Church Mission — We seek to learn from Jesus Christ how to live,
and to share with all people the good news of God's love,
whole-heartedly and humbly, prayerfully and peacefully.*

LBS=Ladies Bible Study

W.F.= Women's Fellowship

Church Servants for April

Greeters

- 5 - J.C. & Roberta Rogers
- 12 - Carolyn Heath & Lorene Bishop
- 19 - John & Dianne Baker
- 26 - Lenny & Susan LaRose

Nursery

- 5 - Ginger Roberts
- 12 - Rita Foster
- 19 - Glenna Eubank
- 26 - Roberta Rogers & Clara Nelson

Thrift Shop

- 4 - Nancy Walters & Marjorie Snider
- 11 - Patricia Jennison & Carolyn Heath
- 18 - Doris Kent & Roberta Rogers
- 25 - Joyce Harris & Debbie Phelan

Deacons on Call

- Max & Nancy Bertholf:
- Rick & Donna Naff

Altar

- Rita Foster

Opening of Church

- Michael Beahm

Ushers

- 5 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis
Johnnie Criner
- 12 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 19 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 26 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson



April Birthdays

- 2 - Susan Starkey
- 3 - Kristyn Brogan
- 4 - Matthew Crumpacker
- 4 - Roberta Rogers
- 5 - Kristin Duncan
- 13 - Charlotte Wilson
- 15 - Dominic Wright
- 19 - Jessika Kidd
- 21 - Susan LaRose
- 27 - Donna Naff
- 28 - Jacob Bousman
- 29 - Adam Robertson
- 30 - Margaret Fleshman



Happy Anniversary!!

- 1 (1994) - Rick & Donna Naff
- 16 (1955) - Paul & Anne Garber
- 19 (1980) - Don & Becky Hudson
- 20 (1985) - Roger & Carolyn Reed





Special Acknowledgements

We appreciate the outreach giving of the Cloverdale congregation to the Virlina District in 2014. Your congregation contributed \$7,000 to the mission of Virlina District, as well as \$2,575 to Camp Bethel. Your gifts enabled the calling, training, placement, evaluation and support of pastors and ministers for our 91 worship centers; the ministry of our district resource center; the nurture and encouragement provided by gender based, age based and outdoor ministry activities; and the staff work which gives life to such ministries as new church development, work with smaller membership congregations, spiritual development retreats and mission resourcing efforts. We pray the richest blessings of God will be bestowed upon the Cloverdale congregation, the Virlina District and the Church of the Brethren and the whole church of Jesus Christ. (see full letter in narthex) **-David K. Shumate**

Thanks everyone, for the delicious dishes & making the Palm Sunday potluck so great! **Music, Worship & Fellowship**

Thank you so much for the Valentines and good wishes. Dave and I enjoyed each and every one.

Love, Marceline and Dave Dooley

Thanks to Pastor Patrick for visits, Women's Fellowship for beautiful poinsettia, also the Joy the Christmas carolers brought and the Valentines Cards, all so special, and prayers. Everyone has been so thoughtful remembering me.

Love, Thelma Byrd

Dear friends, Carlton and I are enjoying the special Valentines we received. God bless all of you.

Love, Audry Rogers

THANKS for Arnold & my Valentine cards, all of my other cards and phone calls, thoughts & prayers.

Lynne Humphreys

Cloverdale CoB, Virlina District, & Camp Bethel News & Events

Love Feast- Our annual Maundy Thursday Love Feast observance will take place April 2, starting at 7 pm.

HOP TO IT! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, **April 4th, at 1 p.m., RAIN OR SHINE.** Toddlers through 6th grade children are welcome to hunt for eggs, although 6th graders may elect to be Easter Bunny assistants. Older youth and adults are also needed. Please see Peggy Stoots to volunteer. Parents and grandparents, bring your own cameras for a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny!

A joint **Easter sunrise service** (with Daleville, Pleasantdale, Trinity and Troutville/New Bethel Churches of the Brethren will be held April 5 at the farm home of German Baptist Brethren Myrt and Dave Montgomery, 2918 Catawba Rd. (on the right 2.9 miles from the light on 220 at Daleville). The service is at 7 a.m., but the space will be open earlier for watching the sunrise, which will occur at approximately 6:57 a.m. Bring a lawn chair. Handicapped parking is available. A breakfast including fruit, biscuits & gravy and more will follow.

Remember to bring a flower to Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship at Cloverdale for the flowering of the cross.

Care Packages for College Students - We will once again prepare care packages for our college students during exam time. Please bring light shippable items. Examples - candy, crackers, popcorn, notes of encouragement. If you would like to donate money, Barb Nelson or Dianne Baker will be happy to shop for you. Please have your contributions to the church by April 20th. Thank you!! **Witness Commission**

Wednesday night Bible study this spring continues a look at the Biblical foundations of Brethren belief and practice, using a book called *Let our joys be known* by Rick Gardner and Ken Schaffer. Come join us on the first, second and third Wednesday nights of the month at 6:45 pm! (Note: No Bible Study on April 1 or 8.)

Pastor Patrick will have time off from Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11. For caregiving needs during this time, please contact our deacons.

PLEASE DONATE TO REPLENISH DEPLETED "CAMBERSHIP" FUND: In summer 2014, 143 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$39,876, exceeding our available fund by \$18,000. Can you help? Please consider donating \$280, which was the 2014 cost for a child to attend one basic week of resident camp at Camp Bethel. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at www.CampBethelVirginia.org.

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, MARCH/APRIL:

"Camp" chairs (like "soccer Mom" chairs) for the Adventure Villages; Digital cameras; clear glass jars/containers (less than $\frac{1}{2}$ pint) for making candles as 2015 summer camp craft; Working mini-van or pick-up truck. Thank you!

APRIL 4 (SAT) 7:30AM, SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY: We need YOUR help to clean, repair and prepare our grounds and facilities for summer. Projects are available for all skill levels. Free breakfast served at 7:30am & free lunch at 1pm. RSVP meals & free Friday lodging to 540-992-2940 or campbetheloffice@gmail.com.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS STORY & SONG FESTIVAL Come support Camp Bethel April 17-18 & enjoy the masterful storytelling of Donald Davis, Baba Jamal Koram and more!. See <http://www.soundsofthemountains.org/>.

SUMMER STAFF 2015: MALE COUNSELORS NEEDED! Paid and volunteer positions are filled on a first-hired, first filled basis. See <www.campbethelvirginia.org/summerstaff.htm> for information on serving as a Senior Counselor or Volunteer Counselor.

FAITHQUEST - APRIL 10-12, 2015 - (9TH - 12TH GRADE) - CAMP BETHEL

Discover self, God, and relationship with others by attending FaithQuest at Camp Bethel during the weekend of April 10-12. This is a spiritual retreat that is led by a team of Virlina youth and adults that takes place every two years. New this year, is an invitation for 9th graders, as well as Senior Highs in grades 10-12. Registration forms have been sent to youth leaders, and are available at the District Resource Center. Space is limited, so please register early. Cost is \$130.00 per participant. This is a "do not miss" event for youth in Virlina!

CHILDREN'S EVENT - WORKING AND CARING TOGETHER - APRIL 25, 2015

All Children, kindergarten thru 5th grade, with family are invited to a Virlina District Children's event, Working and Caring Together, Saturday, April 25th at Henry Fork Church of the Brethren (130 Doe Run Road, Rocky Mount), from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This event will include camp songs, games/outdoor activities (weather permitting), craft, Bible lesson, snack and lots of fun together. Registration information will be forthcoming.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RALLY - APRIL 25, 2015

All district women are invited to a rally at Mount Hermon Church of the Brethren (144 Mount Hermon Church Road, Bassett, Virginia) on Saturday, April 25. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and worship and program will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be worship, program, and Fellowship meetings. The program will be The Well Dressed Godly Woman: Fashion Dos and Don'ts. The offering will go to the Martinsville Citizens Against Family Violence (gently used clothing will also be accepted). After morning activities, there will be a potluck lunch. Come enjoy fellowship, inspiration, and food with other Virlina women. Sponsored by Northern and Southern Area Women's Fellowships.

MINISTRY AND MISSION IN VIRLINA - MAY 2, 2015

The annual Ministry and Mission in Virlina event will take place on Saturday, May 2, at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. The theme will be "Let Your Light Shine" (2015 District Conference theme). Angela Carr, Pastor of the Laurel Branch Church in Floyd County, will be the preacher for morning worship. Registration at 8:30 a.m. and worship at 9:00 a.m. Following worship the four commissions and committees (Ministry, Nurture, Stewardship, Witness, Outdoor Ministries, and New Church Development) of the District Board will host workshops. There will be eight workshops and they will include: "Churches Don't Need to Die", "Group Games: Making Fun out of Nothing at All", "Is Orange the New Black? What's real about prisons?" and "Everyone has one...what will you do with yours?" Continuing education credit (CEUs) will be available for ministers.

Cloverdale will provide lunch. After lunch, the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place under the leadership of the Virlina Standing Committee Delegates and the Annual Conference Moderator, David Steele, will be present. The Briefing will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Patrick's Page~~

Read John 20:1-18. Isn't it interesting that Mary Magdalene first mistakes the risen Christ for the gardener? The Bible opens with the human family at home in a garden. Unfaithfulness to God results in expulsion from Eden. The scriptural story then proceeds to tell of God's tireless efforts to woo and win us back into right relationship. God's determination to garden the hard ground of our hearts and lives reaches a climax in the life and teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the cross, we see that our sin would not stop God's loving and reaching to us. At the empty tomb, we find the shadow of death lifted, revealing the life that really is life. The risen Christ then speaks Mary's name, and she recognizes him and sees this life. This Easter, how will you and I offer our hearts and lives for God to garden? Will we listen and hear and move close and follow as the Savior surely speaks to us by name?

In Christ our hope,
Patrick Starkey

Board Chat

Fellow church friends and members,

As we look ahead to upcoming events here at Cloverdale and Virlina District, I would like to give you more incite to our activities.

On Monday, April 13, the Brethren Ministers breakfast will be here at Cloverdale. The Women's Fellowship so graciously agreed to prepare and serve breakfast for the 8:30 am event.

On Saturday, May 2, we will be hosting the Ministry & Mission in Virlina Day and Annual Conference briefing. The theme will be "Let Your Light Shine" (2015 District Conference theme). Angela Carr, Pastor of the Laurel Branch Church, will be the preacher for morning worship at 9: am in the sanctuary. Following worship there will be 4 breakout sessions hosted by the 4 commissions and committees of the District Board. Lunch will be provided by a committee appointed by church board. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the event will conclude by 3:00pm. The expectation is about 100 in attendance and 60 staying for lunch. Our very own Emma Jean Woodard is the coordinator of this event.

As we prepare for these two events, it will be a good time to look at our surroundings in and out of the church building to refresh and clean up, just like we do in our own homes when guests are coming. Together we can make Cloverdale shine.

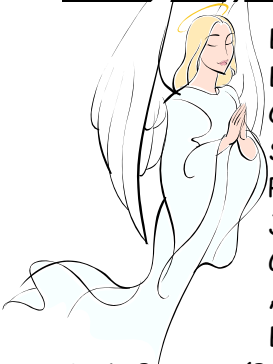
Looking down the calendar road, **in late August** (exact date to be determined), the Witness and Social Action Commission will host A Community Ice Cream Social. Remember in a past church board retreat, we decided a community dinner was a great thing to do. Well, it was put on the back burner for one reason or another. At the March board meeting Witness & Social Action Commission presented the idea of an Ice Cream Social instead of a community dinner and it was received with full support of the board. What better way to celebrate our appreciation of the Cloverdale Community than with homemade ice cream. Keep your eyes open for exact date.

And finally to give you a **financial update**, these figures were presented at the March Board Meeting and are the February receipts and Stewardship report. General Fund receipts for February were \$6, 209.00. \$1,011.30 was received from preschool and \$145 from memorials, giving a total of \$7,464.80. Our total expenses were \$10,177.15 and we ended with a balance of \$ 15,036.95. Total giving for 2015 general fund is \$ 14,286. Previous year to date is \$15,657.50. As always, a full report is available upon request.

Blessings to all as we celebrate the Risen Christ,
Rita Foster, Board Chair

New Prayer List Policy: We have begun a new prayer list policy. Due to limited bulletin space, we clear the prayer list at the end of each month. If you wish to have your prayer request continue, please contact the church office to have it placed on the list for the next month. Thank you!

Remember These As You Pray: Ruth Joshua and all the abducted Nigerian girls and families.



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| Betty Aker | Elda Alls | Max Bertholf |
| Bowman Family | Virginia Bushnell | Thelma Byrd |
| Clark Family | Kathleen Cook | Deel Family |
| Sharon Dillard | Margaret Fleshman | Norman Flora |
| Pam Ford & Zach | Geraldene Garvey | Dottie Hale |
| James Hill | Becky Hudson | Robert & Janet Murray |
| Glenn & Mary Naff | Debbie Phelan | Paul Reavis |
| Alta Robertson | Audry Rogers | Dot Stanley |
| Betty Walker | | |

- Susie Bowman (Ben Bowman's mother) colon cancer
 Ezra Bowman (Ben Bowman's father) cellulitis/blood clot in leg
 Kenneth Buckner (Special friend of Doris Kent) blood cancer treatments
 Shannon Deel (Deel's daughter-in-law) brain tumor
 Maison Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 8 yr old great nephew) kidney problems
 Debbie Hayslett (Billy Duncan's sister-in-law) cancer
 Corbin Miller Reynolds, III (Kathy Bowman's grandfather) bronchitis
 Cora Sosebee (Dot Stanley's great granddaughter) seizures
 Patsy Thomas
 Frank Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's father) fell
 Curtis Wallace
 Jean Wallace
 Terry Williams (James & Pat Hill's nephew) stem cell transplant

District Prayer Calendar April 2015

April 5, 2015 -

Pray for *FaithQuest: A Spiritual Retreat for Youth* in grades 9-12, to be held at Camp Bethel on April 10-12, 2015. Let us ask God to nurture the spiritual depth and stamina of our young people.

April 12, 2015 -

Pray for *Gimbiya Kettering*, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. Let us pray that the barriers that divide people will be diminished and eliminated by greater knowledge, increased compassion and cross-cutting association.

April 19, 2015 -

Pray for *Timothy P. Harvey*, whose installation as pastor of the *Oak Grove Church of the Brethren* in Roanoke, Virginia is scheduled for today. Let us pray for our pastors, ministers and leaders by giving them our support and encouragement.

April 26, 2015 -

Pray for *Ray M. Bayse*, pastor of the Bethany Church near Callaway in Franklin County, Virginia, as he retires from the pastorate there on April 30. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.

Easter Egg Hunt



The silly Easter Bunny has lost all of his Easter Eggs.
Help him find all of the 10 hidden spotted eggs in the picture below.

