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## *Wings of Faith*

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

Tasha Veal, Church Secretary

 **December 2015**



**December 1 - Commissions & Board meeting**

**December 3 - Christmas Together Banquet at Camp Bethel**

**December 6 - Women's Fellowship Christmas Party**

**December 13 - All Church Dinner**

**- Christmas Caroling (2pm)**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>: OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Christmas, vacation time for both Pastor Patrick and his family, and Tasha, & observance New Years Day!**

# Cloverdale December 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  6:00 pm Commissions 7:00 pm Church Board	<b>2</b>  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Kid's Choir 6:45pm	<b>3</b>  TOPS 5:30pm	<b>4</b> Men's Fellowship at Famous Anthony's Brookside 8:30 am	<b>5</b>  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
<b>6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>WF Christmas Party</b>  Scouts 4:45- 6pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	<b>9</b>  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Kid's Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>10</b>  TOPS 5:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
<b>13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>All Church Dinner</b> Christmas Caroling 2pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> W.F. 10am  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	<b>16</b>  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm 	<b>17</b>  TOPS 5:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
<b>20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  Scouts 4:45- 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve service 6:30pm	<b>25</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>31</b> New year's Eve <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		

*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.*



# Church Servants for December



## Greeters

- 6 - Paul & Carole Reavis
- 13 - Mike & Debbie Phelan
- 20 - TBD
- 27 - TBD

## Nursery

- 6 - Rita Foster
- 13 - Tracy Tardy
- 20 - Glenna Eubank
- 27 - Kim Brown

## Thrift Shop

- 5 - Glenna Eubank & Carolyn Heath
- 12 - Nancy Walters & Susan LaRose
- 19 - Roberta Rogers & Doris Kent
- 26 - Thrift Shop Closed - Merry Christmas!!!

## Deacons on Call

- Lillian & Michael Beahm
- Lenny & Susan LaRose

## Altar

Music, Worship, & Fellowship Commission

## Opening of Church

Bob Cosner

## Ushers

- 6 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reg
- 13 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Natt, Walter Nelson
- 20 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 27 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson

## December Birthdays

- 2 - Sandra Kidd
- 2 - Lillian Beahm
- 11 - Shawna Brogan
- 12 - Sabrina Gulick
- 14 - Kenny Entsminger
- 15 - Dana Belle Kinzie
- 17 - T.J. Clark
- 18 - Thelma Byrd
- 18 - Patrick Starkey
- 19 - Matthew Radcliff
- 19 - Violet Keith
- 22 - Doug Wallace
- 26 - Carlton Rogers
- 28 - Janie Entsminger
- 30 - J. C. Rogers
- 31 - Tracy Tardy



## Happy Anniversary!!

- 3 - Bobby & Becky Dennis
- 14 (1991) - Ben & Kathy Bowman
- 16 (1961) - Bob & LaVerne Cosner
- 20 (1969) - John & Dianne Baker
- 20 (1975) - Robert & Janet Murray
- 22 (1962) - Luther & Patricia Deel



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Pink Cake Boy 2r



## Special Acknowledgements

Dear Church Family, The family of Virginia Bushnell would like to thank everyone for all the love and prayers that were given to her. Thanks to Pastor Patrick for the visits and prayers. A special thanks to the Gospel Choir for singing a favorite song. She loved to hear them sing. Thanks to the Deacons for a lovely and delicious meal. May God Bless each and everyone here in her favorite place to go, HER CHURCH. **-Bushnell Family**

Cloverdale Church members, Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits during mom's health issues and passing. The meal provided after the service was delicious and much appreciated. Mom loved her church family and missed coming after she became bedridden. Blessings, **-Ginger Sparks**(Virginia Bushnell's daughter)

Dear Cloverdale Church Family

Thank you for all the calls, cards, flowers, food, and visits that I received following my surgery. I am recovering nicely but still have another surgery to face in January. Thanks again. Love in Christ. **Robert Murray**

Dear Pastor Starkey and Members of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren: On behalf of the Botetourt Resource Center Board of Directors and myself, we are very grateful for your compassion and your partnership in our continuing successful mission of helping those struggling in poverty and challenges facing older adults on fixed incomes. We deeply appreciate your bountiful gift of \$1,300.00! Together we do make a difference! We wish you all the very best now and through the holidays and into a bright New Year! Very Sincerely, **Robyn Dobyms, President**

A BIG THANK YOU from the Women's Fellowship to everyone who helped to make our Bazaar on Nov. 7, a success! A willing group of men set up all the tables. The kitchen ran two meals - breakfast and lunch. This alone took many workers. Our bake-sale room is always popular and we appreciate the ladies who worked that part of the Bazaar. Also, many thanks to those who donated the delicious "goodies." Our Thrift Shop ladies even had to work extra days to prepare for this big day. And the library was turned into something special! In the end our outreach program was made "richer" because of everyone's help and cooperation.

The Preschool would like to thank Maynard Harris for giving the children a hay-wagon ride. And thank you to Charlotte Wilson for providing the hay. The children had a GREAT time!

Thank you to LaVerne Cosner for dressing up and helping the Junior Preschool Class celebrate their Halloween party.

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

**2014 AND 2015 Commission members and Church Board will meet Tuesday, December 1,** Commissions at 6:00 p.m. to re-organize and for other church business, and Church Board at 7:00 p.m. Again, the presence of new Commission members (those affirmed on the slate presented at Church Council meeting) is needed this night.

**Christmas Eve Service:** We will gather at 6:30 p.m. on December 24 for a service including carols, candlelight and communion. Following the service, meditation time and communion will continue to be offered at twenty minute intervals (7:30 pm and 7:50 pm), when all who are present and prepared will be invited to come forward to receive bread from a common loaf, dip it into the common cup and carry it over a napkin back to the pews, reflecting on the gift and sacrifice of Christ, then, when signaled, partake all at the same time.



**Angel Tree Gifts**—Please prayerfully consider supporting families of our community through the Angel Tree program. The tree in the narthex contains the information for each child that we would like to bless this Christmas. Place your gifts under the tree in the narthex by December 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Poinsettias:** It that time again! Please check your bulletin on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for the Poinsettia order form. All orders are due to the church or to Barb Nelson by December 6<sup>th</sup>! Poinsettias will be \$12 each this year. They will be used to decorate our sanctuary on December 13<sup>th</sup>!

**The pictorial directory committee** is seeking photographs of church activities and groups, taken since 2012.

Although consideration will be given to submitted photos, it is possible that not all will be selected for inclusion in the directory. Pictures should be in digital format, and emailed to Lenny LaRose at [lsiarose@outlook.com](mailto:lsiarose@outlook.com). Thank you.

**Men's Fellowship** will meet for breakfast at Famous Anthony's Brookside location on Friday, December 4 at 8:30 a.m. All the men of the church are invited!

**Women's Fellowship** will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2:00pm in the Women's Fellowship Room. This is always a fun time of eating, reminiscing, and fellowship. Each member is asked to bring a finger food to be placed on the buffet table to be shared among all the members. A contribution to our food pantry would be appreciated in lieu of gifts.

**All Church Dinner!** After church on Dec. 13, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting our annual all-church dinner. Celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent by joining for a delicious meal. There will be good food in addition to the opportunity for fellowship. Since this is a carry-in meal, someone will be in the kitchen to receive your food by 9:00am. Women's Fellowship is looking forward to hosting this meal. We hope that it helps to remind all of us that we are entering into the most special time of the year - Christmas. Come be a part of this meal as we observe the advent season together.

#### **Christmas Cards BVSers!**

There is a list of BVSers and their addresses on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Please take some time to send some Christmas cheer to a BVSer this holiday season!!

#### **Inclement Weather Policy**

For all weekly church functions, we will follow the decision of the Botetourt County School System. If school is closed or dismissed early, church activities are cancelled. Board Meeting will be rescheduled for the following Tuesday. Sunday service cancellations will be announced on WDBJ 7, WSLS 10 and their websites, and by a message on the church answering machine.



#### **CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, December:**

"Camp" chairs (like "soccer Mom" chairs) for the Adventure Villages;

Digital cameras; Working mini-van or pick-up truck; donations for camper scholarships; donations for chimney repairs at Heritage Lodge, Front Residence, Hearthstone and Shelter-by-the-Spring. Donations to Camp Bethel are tax-deductible and greatly needed. Please bring any of these items to the camp office porch any time you can.

Thank you!

#### **CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

You are invited to Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet on Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm for an excellent dinner and praise-filled Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your gift of \$50 per person (large gifts accepted) will provide much needed year-end funding for Camp Bethel. Our collective support of Camp Bethel puts TOGETHERness into practice as described in Acts 2:43-47. RSVP your family or group by November 26 to 540-992-2940 or [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com).

**Many thanks to our Virlina District Conference delegates**, Wanda Parker, Marjorie Snider, Rita Foster and Patrick Starkey, for their service in November. District Conference celebrated the many ministries we share in Virlina and at Camp Bethel. Attendees heard reports of great things in 2015, such as 1200+ campers participating in Camp Bethel's summer program and the kick-off of the Seed, Scattered & Sown mission resourcing campaign. Delegates approved a 2016 district budget and called new leadership. Cloverdale member John Reed continues to serve on District Board and Sam Foster continues to serve as Chair of the Outdoor Ministries Committee.

## Pastor Patrick's Page~~

*For unto us a Child is born... Isaiah 9:6 NKJV*

He was born in a barn and placed in a meager feeding trough belonging to the animals. He came that we might have rebirth and be raised into abundant life.

He was wrapped in swaddling clothes for warmth and protection. He came that we might become unbound from the things of the world in which we get tangled, to free us to live the life that really is life.

He received nighttime feedings in response to his cries. He came that we might receive the Bread of Life and meet the God to whom we cry out.

He was visited by lowly shepherds, surprisingly filled with hope. He came that we might find and know the Good Shepherd, to guide us along the humble path with ever-hopeful steps.

May you have a blessed Advent season, as we live in anticipation of the arrival of Jesus, and a blessed Christmas, as we celebrate Christ's coming.

In Christ our hope,  
Patrick

P.S. I want to thank all those persons concluding terms of service in church leadership roles as 2015 ends and to welcome those who begin or continue terms of service as 2016 begins. Together, we are the church, the body of Christ. Together, we serve God. A special word of thanks to Carole Reavis, who completes her time as our Church Clerk, having taken many months of meeting minutes for over a half decade that has included its ups and downs. Please join me, church, in saying thank you.

**NOTE:** Pastor Patrick will be on vacation from December 26-31. For caregiving needs during this time, please contact our deacons. Also, the church office is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, December 25 and January 1.

**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.



Elda Alls  
Doris Jean Brannen  
Margaret Fleshman  
Geraldene Garvey  
Arnold Humphreys  
Carole Reavis  
Audry Rogers

Ruth Bishop  
Thelma Byrd  
Norman Flora  
Dottie Hale  
Robert & Janet Murray  
Ginger Roberts  
Dot Stanley

Bowman Family  
Deel Family  
Pam Ford & Zach  
James Hill  
Glenn & Mary Naff  
Alta Robertson  
Betty Walker

Freddie Ballard - operation for mass on the brain  
Shannon Deel (Deel's daughter-in-law) tumors in sinuses, facing 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery  
Larry Evans - Cancer  
Maison Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 8 yr old great nephew) kidney problems  
Dorothy Humphreys (Arnold's mother) fell, surgery  
Wyatt McGuire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson)  
Sarah Oliver (Lynne & Arnold Humphreys' daughter) eye problems, testing  
Betty Stone (Doris Kent's friend) breast cancer  
Anne West (friend of Patricia Jennison) diagnosed with cancer  
Anita Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's mother) stroke  
Joseph Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's father) spinal issues  
Terry Williams (Pat Hill family)-home, doing well, has home nurse  
Gail Witt (Reggie and Pat's sister) broken ribs

*We celebrate the life shared and extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...* Virginia Bushnell

## **District Prayer Calendar December 2015**

### **December 6, 2015 -**

Pray for *Karen B. Cassell*, a hospice chaplain for Good Samaritan Hospice in Roanoke, Virginia, whose ordination to the Gospel Ministry is pending at the Roanoke-First Church of the Brethren. Let us support, encourage and pray for our pastors, ministers and leaders.

### **December 13, 2015 -**

Pray for *Darlene Johnson*, who serves as Office Manager for On Earth Peace in New Windsor, Maryland. Let us pray with appreciation for those who work quietly and without notice, but whose work is necessary for the advancement of God's reign.

### **December 20, 2015 -**

*Pray for every individual whose life is changed, endangered or lost by acts of violence, hatred and war.* Let us manifest acts of healing, compassion and reconciliation in our daily lives with all whom we encounter.

### **December 27, 2015 -**

Pray for *the mission and ministry of the Church of the Brethren*; our members, congregations, fellowships, and mission organizations, during the coming year. Let us use all of our being and substance to witness to the fullness of God in Jesus Christ in the midst of the great challenges and wonderful opportunities which are before us!

# Christmas Fun for the Kids



1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. What does December have that no other month does?
4. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?
5. Where do snowmen go to dance?
6. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?



Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!



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ball	elf	snow
bell	gift	star
candy	santa	toy
deer	sled	tree

ANSWERS: 1. Winter 2. In the Dictionary 3. The letter 'D' 4. Silent Night 5. A snow ball 6. Neither, candles always burn shorter!