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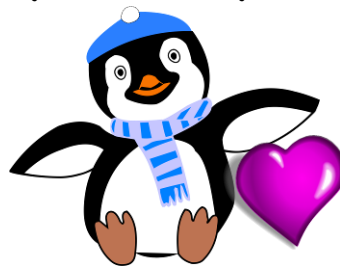
Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

Tasha Veal, Church Secretary

January/February 2016



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

January 1 - NEW YEARS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

January 17 - Church Board Retreat

January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - OFFICE CLOSED

February 10 - Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

Cloverdale January/February 2016 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
3 Scouts 4:45-6pm	4	5 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	6 F. N. 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	7 TOPS 5:30pm	8	9 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
10	11	12 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	13 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	14 TOPS 5:30pm	15	16 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
17 <u>Church Bd Retreat</u> Scouts 4:45-6pm	18 MLK DAY  OFFICE CLOSED	19 W.F. 10am Gospel Choir 6:30pm	20 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	21 TOPS 5:30pm	22	23 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
24	25	26 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	27 Choir 7:30pm	28 TOPS 5:30pm	29	30 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
31	1 6:00pm Commissions 7:00pm Church Board	2 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	3 F. N. 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	4 TOPS 5:30pm	5	6 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
7	8	9 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	10 Family Night 5:45pm Ash Wednesday 7pm	11 TOPS 5:30pm	12	13 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
14 Lent #1 	15 	16 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	17 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	18 TOPS 5:30pm	19	20 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
21 Lent #2	22	23 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	24 Choir 7:30pm	25 TOPS 5:30pm	26	27 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
28 Lent #3	29					

*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 January/February



Greeters

- 3 - Dave & Fonda Wilson
- 10 - Martin & Violet Keith
- 17 - Doris Kent & Tracy Tardy
- 24 - Larry & Judy Mann
- 31 - Reggie Wallace & Johnnie Criner
- 7 - Ed & Peggy Stoots
- 14 - Bob & Becky Dennis
- 21 - Kim Brown & Reagan & Kennedy Hall
- 28 - Arnold & Lynne Humphreys

Nursery

- 3 - Glenna Eubank
- 10 - Rita Foster
- 17 - Barb Nelson
- 24 - Glenna Eubank
- 31 - Kim Brown
- 7 - Tracy Tardy
- 14 - Connie Walters
- 21 - Barb Nelson
- 28 - Glenna Eubank

Thrift Shop

- 2- Marjorie Snider & Lois Flora
- 9- Nancy Walters & Susan LaRose
- 16- Joyce Harris & Debbie Phelan
- 23- Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks
- 30- Vickie Murray & Sharon Dillard
- 6- Anne Garber & Wanda Parker
- 13- Nancy Walters & Susan LaRose
- 20- Peggy Stoots & Doris Kent
- 27- Marjorie Snider & Lois Flora

Deacons on Call

TBD

Altar

Denise Aker
Fonda Wilson

Opening of Church

Bob Cosner
Kenny Entsminger

Ushers

- 3 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harr
- 10 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath,
- 17 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 24 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson
- 31 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, Johnnie Criner
- 7 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, Johnnie Criner
- 14 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
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January/February Birthdays

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| 1 - Troy Duncan | 3 - Mark Cooper |
| 1 - Judy Mann | 5 - Jimmy Reed |
| 1 - Cameron Murray | 11 - Debbie Brogan |
| 2 - Randy Royea | 12 - Kris Bertholf |
| 6 - Micah Starkey | 14 - Kevin Bertholf |
| 8 - Anne Garber | 15 - Rita Foster |
| 10 - Nancy Walters | 15 - Kathleen Cook |
| 18 - Azyra Starkey | 19 - Steve Murray |
| 21 - Nancy Bertholf | 20 - Kim Clark |
| 26 - Sandra Walters | 21 - Shane Jones |
| 26 - Marceline Dooley | 21 - Lisa Radcliff |
| 28 - Roger Eubank | 22 - Ruth Bishop |
| 29 - Helen Crumpacker | 23 - Doris Kent |
| | 26 - Geraldene Garvey |
| | 27 - Doris Jean Brannen |
| | 28 - Marci Agee |
| | 28 - Becky Dennis |

Happy Birthday!



Happy Anniversary!!

January
18 (1952) Guy & Mae Kidd

February
17 (1973) - Kenny & Janie Entsminger



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Pink Cake Box

Johnnie Criner



Special Acknowledgements

We received a card the Rodgers - From our family to yours. May you have a Merry Christmas and a happy blessed New Year. The Rodgers, Mike Laura, Zach, and Peyton. (The card is in the Narthex)

To my church family - the poinsettia is beautiful. Thank you so much for your love and support. Lots of love,
Denise Aker

Our annual Advent dinner on December 13, was a huge success. I want to thank EVERYONE who helped us that day...the men who willingly moved all the tables and chairs, those who decorated the Fellowship Hall (which looked beautiful), all those who provided food and last but not least...all those who cleaned and straightened up after the meal. As we celebrated the Advent season we also had the opportunity of welcoming two new members to our church family, Karen Cater by transfer of letter and Daniele Naff by baptism. It was a beautiful occasion which everyone enjoyed.
-Marjorie Snider for Women's Fellowship

We received a picture Christmas postcard for Ashley and Isaac Nelson as well as Kay Bowman's annual Christmas letter. Both can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Address Changes:

Glen & Mary Naff

Friendship Health and Rehab
327 Hershberger Rd. (Glen:Rm3033, Mary:Rm3022)
Roanoke, VA 24012

Betty Walker

P.O. Box 4
Thaxton, VA 24174
Telephone # - 586-4893

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

Church Board Retreat Sunday, January 17- All 2015 Commission and Board members and ex-officios are asked to participate in our annual planning retreat, to include lunch and orientation, after worship on January 17. There will be no Tuesday night January meeting. The next Tuesday Commission (6 pm) & Board (7 pm) night is February 2.



Scholarship from the Ruby Baskerville Scholarship Fund - Blue Ridge Church of the Brethren.

Blue Ridge Church of the Brethren has again extended an invitation to students in our congregation to apply for a scholarship from the Ruby Baskerville Scholarship Fund! Submission deadline is January 31, 2015. To learn more about eligibility or request an application, please contact the church office!

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. Thank you.

Christmas/New Year's 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/New Year's 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.



Ash Wednesday Worship on February 10 at 7 pm- We will gather in the sanctuary to begin the season of Lent in a service that will include the imposition of ashes.

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, January/February:

"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!

SENIOR HIGH IYC RETREAT - FEBRUARY 6-7, 2016

Senior High IYC Retreat will be held Saturday, February 6 -Sunday, February 7 at the Antioch Church of the Brethren. All Senior Highs, from grades 9-12, are invited to share this time with the Interdistrict Youth Council of Bridgewater College. Registration starts at 9:30 A.M. and the retreat concludes after lunch on Sunday. We will study the theme "Some Assembly Required" based on Matthew 6: 19-34. We will worship with Antioch and share in their service through song and participation. The fee for the overnight is \$10.00 per person. Contact the Virlina District Resource Center at virlina2@aol.com by February 1, 2016 to register.

WORLD HUNGERAUCTION WINTERMUSIC PROGRAM -JANUARY 10, 2016

Two great music groups, After Jack and Haw Patch, will come together again this year for the World Hunger Auction Winter Music Program at Germantown Brick Church on January 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. In recent years, these performers have provided a rousing afternoon of music, fellowship and worship to a full church sanctuary. The musicians enjoy a time of mingling with the audience when refreshments are served following the program.

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT - FEBRUARY 26-27, 2016

Junior High Retreat will be held Friday, February 26- Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren. This is a fun yearly retreat! All Junior Highs, from grades 6-9, are invited to study, sing, play, and fellowship at this overnight retreat. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact the Virlina District Resource Center at virlina2@aol.com by February 20, 2016 to register.

SOW THE SEED BANQUET- MARCH 3, 2016

The "Sow the Seed" Scholarship Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. YOU can plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships" and our summer camp ministries. RSVP by February 24 to <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com> or (540) 992-2940. Payments are accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2016 is \$300. Give the gift of CAMP; it's an experience that can change a life forever.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TRAINING DAY - MARCH 12, 2016

"Know, Teach, Grow, Live" - Deuteronomy 6:6-9

The Christian Education Task Team is pleased to sponsor a training day for congregational leaders and teachers: "Know, Teach, Grow, Live". This informational and inspirational event will feature many voices from around the District and focus on How to Call, How to Equip, and How to Support those in leadership and teaching positions. Save the date: March 12, 2015 - additional details to follow.

Pastor Patrick's Page(s)~~

Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more.

Psalm 39:4 The Living Bible

O Lord, help me understand my mortality and the brevity of life! Let me realize how quickly my life will pass!

Psalm 39:4 New English Translation

Lord, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.

Psalm 39:4 New King James Version

Time flies. Time creeps by. Time is a gift.

I can't count the number of people who have said to me recently something like, "November and December have flown!" Or: "Twenty Fifteen has been the fastest year yet!" Well, for all those who feel that way, I have good news. Twenty Sixteen (2016) is going to be a long year!

It is going to be a long year, because it is a leap year. You know, to keep the Gregorian calendar we follow aligned with the earth's revolutions around the sun, its typical 365-day year needs an extra day added whenever the numbered year is evenly divisible by 4, but not when it is evenly divided by 100 (unless it also is evenly divisible by 400). Got that? It's leap year!

February 29 is leap day. I had a college roommate whose mother was born on leap day. It was fun to hear him recount how, when he turned 9 years old, he had had more birthdays than his Mom. His 9-year-old-self tried to argue that she now should have to follow his rules, not he hers, but that didn't work.

This year, leap day is a Monday. It is a work or school day for most. I wonder, though, whether we all might set aside at least a little extra time on this "extra" day to reflect on the nature of time.

Time flies. Time creeps by. A wise person said to me and Susan when we were expecting Micah: "The days are long and the years are short." It is especially true of life with newborns, that the days and nights seem long at first. Then, before you know it, there's a third birthday party! When someone remarks how our kids are growing, I often jokingly reply that they are bigger each time I blink my eyes. Time flies.

Time creeps by. I remember how time crept so agonizingly slowly, when, in junior high, I joined a chartered bus trip to see our high school's football team play the state semi-final game three-and-a-half hours away. The kid behind me on the bus brought his boom box and played the Steve Miller Band's song "Fly like an eagle" over and over again, non-stop-- play, rewind, play, rewind, play-- on the way to the game AND on the way home! The lyrics haunt me to this day: "Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin', into the future..."

Time flies. Time creeps by. Time crept by when my aching mother needed knee replacement and the scheduled surgery was still months off. Time creeps when someone is awaiting that medical test for something that is troubling. Time creeps when someone is awaiting that call or other communication to hear that a loved one has made it safely, or that an apology is accepted.

Time creeps by. Time flies. Time is a gift.

God, Creator of the world, Maker of life, has given us time. The Psalmist humbly recognizes that help is needed to appreciate the gift of time: teach me the measure of my days! There are echoes elsewhere in scripture. "For everything there is a season..." "No one knows the hour or the day..." "In the fullness of time..."

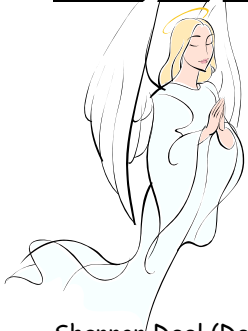
God has entered life, has entered flesh, has entered time, in Jesus Christ. In Christ, God has invested heart and strength and time, in order that our lives may become aligned with God, and in order that our living and loving may revolve around Christ's, for all time.

2016 is going to be a long year- 366 days! There is extra opportunity to seek God's help in teaching us the measure of our days, so that we might remember the giftedness of time and appreciate every second, every moment... so that we might dedicate and live every moment, every second for God... so that we might savor the Savior's presence with us in all times. A blessed new year to you and to all.

In Christ our hope,
Patrick

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

Shannon Deel (Deel's daughter-in-law) tumors in sinuses, facing 3rd surgery
Larry Evans - Cancer
Maison Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 8 yr old great nephew) kidney problems
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
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... **Lorna Baker**
Peadar Cremin

District Prayer Calendar January/February

January 3, 2016 - Pray for *the ministry of the Olean Church* in Giles County, Virginia, as they celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of their church building. Let us give thanks to God for the vision of those who saw the possibilities in their day, for the faithfulness to respond during the intervening years, and for the ongoing call to mission and ministry that is before us.

January 10, 2016 - Pray for *J. Stuart Kelly*, newly called as pastor of the Peters Creek Church in Roanoke County, Virginia as he is installed this morning. May the Lord of the Harvest call and send out workers into fields near and far.

January 17, 2016 - Pray for *Rachel Ulrich*, from Richmond, Indiana, who is serving as a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) Worker for Congregations In Action at Highland Park Elementary School in Roanoke, Virginia. Let us listen to hear God's voice in all of our life lessons.

January 24, 2016 - Pray for the *Nominating and Personnel Committee* of District Conference as they plan to meet this coming Saturday to pursue the calling process for district leadership. Let us pray for the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit in discerning those called to leadership in the church.

January 31, 2016 - Pray for *Gregory Mark Howell*, Pastor of the Crab Orchard Church in Raleigh County, West Virginia, whose ordination to the Gospel Ministry is scheduled for today. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.

February 7, 2016 - Pray for *J. Michael Varner*, pastor of the Topeco Church in Floyd County, Virginia, as he retires from the full time ministry on January 31st. Let us honor the commitment, dedication and work of those who have given themselves to the work of Christ and the church.

February 14, 2016 - Pray for the *Virgina District Board*, meeting at the Hollins Road Church in Roanoke, Virginia, for its winter meeting on February 20, 2016. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will grant discernment, guide every decision and empower every undertaking.

February 21, 2016 - Pray for the *Virgina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat*, led by Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Associate General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, to be held at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center on February 26-27, 2016. Let us pray that our leaders, our ministers and their families will be refreshed for the work of Christ and the church!

February 28, 2016 - Pray for *Karen B. Cassell*, a member of the First Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Virginia and a hospice chaplain, who was scheduled to be ordained on February 14th. Let us pray that we will support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

