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## *Wings of Faith*

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

Tasha Veal, Church Secretary



**JANUARY** 2017

**FEBRUARY**

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 2 - Church Office Closed

January 15 - Church Board Retreat

January 16 - MLK Day - Office Closed

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 18 - District Board 9am-3pm(Hosting)

# Cloverdale January/February 2017 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	3	4 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	5  TOPS 5:30pm	6	7 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
8	9	10  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	11 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	12  TOPS 5:30pm	13	14 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
15 Church Board Retreat	16 <b>MLK DAY</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	17  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	18 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm	19  TOPS 5:30pm	20	21 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
22	23	24  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	25  Choir 7:30pm	26  TOPS 5:30pm	27	28 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
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5	6	7 6:00pm Commissions 7:00pm Church Board	8 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  JrChoir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	9  TOPS 5:30pm	10	11 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm <b>Bee Class</b>
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26	27	28 Gospel Choir 6:30pm				

*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

- 1 - Roberta Rogers
- 8 - TBD
- 15 - TBD
- 22 - TBD
- 29 - TBD
- 5 - TBD
- 12 - TBD
- 19 - TBD
- 26 - TBD

## Nursery

- 1 - Glenna Eubank
- 8 - Rita Foster
- 15 - Barb Nelson
- 22 - Glenna Eubank
- 29 - Kim Brown
- 5 - Tracy Tardy
- 12 - Connie Walters
- 19 - Barb Nelson
- 26 - Glenna Eubank

### Altar Decor:

Jan: Denise Aker  
Feb: Fonda Wilson

## Thrift Shop

- 7 - Roberta Rogers & Lorene Bishop
- 14 - Nancy Walters & Susan LaRose
- 21 - Sharon Dillard & Marjorie Snider
- 28 - Patricia Jennison & Carolyn Heath
- 4 - Vickie Murray & Annette Taylor
- 11 - Nancy Walters & Susan LaRose
- 18 - Sharon Dillard & Marjorie Snider
- 25 - Vickie Murray & Roberta Rogers

## Deacons on Call

TBD

### Opening of Church

Bob Cosner

## Ushers:

- 1 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, & Johnnie Criner
- 8 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 15 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
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# JAN/FEB Birthdays

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



## Happy Anniversary!!

18 (1952) - Guy & Mae Kidd

17 (1973) - Kenny & Janie Entsminger





## Special Acknowledgements

Dear Cloverdale Church of the Brethren family, Thank you for your faithful support of the Church of the Brethren. Your gifts and prayers are making a difference through the ministries of your denomination. With the generous support of congregations, the following initiatives of our Mission and Ministry have happened recently: "Nigerian Nehemiah workcamp" was held to build a church, Office of Ministry continued its work, a Brazilian church leader traveled to Venezuela to share Brethren beliefs and practices, Congregational Life Ministries continued its work with Young Adults, Brethren Historical Library and Archives helped international scholars, and preparation and planning took place for the 2017 Workcamp season. Thank you again for your partnership. We greatly appreciate your dedication. It is only with your support of our Mission and Ministry that the Church of the Brethren can share the love of God and the peace of Christ with those who need it most. Together we are continuing the work of Jesus. With hope and gratitude, **David Steele, General Secretary**

Dear Cloverdale Friends, The recent gift from your congregation allows for continued connections within and beyond the walls of Bethany. I send you thanks both for choosing to make Bethany one of your outreach recipients for 2016 and for supporting opportunities for growth and discipleship in our worldwide Brethren communities. On behalf of all students, staff, faculty, and trustees of Bethany Seminary, thank you. In Christ, **Mark Lancaster, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement**

Sybil Young, and family, would like to thank the members of the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren for the cards, phone calls, visits, and food provided during the recent illness and death of Ray Young. We cannot express how very much we appreciated the support and services provided by Patrick Starkey during this time. We also thank Susan Starkey and Max Bertholf for their participation in the funeral service. A special thank you goes out to the Deacons for the wonderful meal provided after the funeral service. It was delicious food as well as a time for family and friends to reflect on the life and relationships all shared with Ray. Our sincere thanks to everyone for your friendship and support at this difficult time.

On behalf of Women's Fellowship, I want to thank EVERYONE who helped make our annual Advent-Christmas dinner a success. All the food was outstanding and generously contributed. In fact, we had to add another buffet table! The old saying "many hands make light work" is very true. As sponsor of the dinner, we truly appreciated how willingly so many volunteered to help us before the meal and after! Thank you very much! **-Marjorie Snider**

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

**Church Board Retreat Sunday, January 15-** All 2017 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 15(Snow date January 22). There will be no Tuesday night January meeting. The next Tuesday Commission (6 pm) & Board (7 pm) night is February 7.

**Church Constitution Review & Revision Information Sessions-** Come to Cloverdale on Wednesday, February 1 from 6:45-7:340 pm and/or Sunday, February 5 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. to learn about proposed revisions to our church constitution and by-laws. You will have an opportunity to provide feedback, as we move toward a spring called council meeting to make changes.

### **DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

The District Resource Center will be closed from Friday, December 23rd, through Monday, January 2nd. Phone messages will be checked periodically, but if you have an emergency please call Emma Jean Woodard at (540) 797-3044.

## **2017 WORKCAMP REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5, 2017**

"Say Hello" is the theme of the 2017 Church of the Brethren Workcamps. The scripture text is from 3 John 13-14, "I have a lot more things to tell you, but I'd rather not use pen and ink. I hope to be there soon in person and have a heart-to-heart talk. Peace to you. The friends here say hello. Greet our friends there by name." (The Message) Registration will open January 5, at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

## **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, 2017. To learn more about eligibility or applications, please contact the church office!



**Incident 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.

**WINTER CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST:** New or like-new chest coolers w/handles; Digital cameras or a "GoPro" video camera, LCD projector, working mini-van and pick-up truck, LED light bulbs(75-100W equiv), donations for camper scholarships, new(in-the-box bike helmets and/or horse helmets, canoes, kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets; brooms/dust-pans. Gifts to Camp are tax-deductible. Thank you!

## **PILGRIMAGE XXI - MARCH 24-26, 2017**

Pilgrimage XXI will be held March 24-26, 2017, at Camp Bethel. People from 58 congregations in our district have attended this event which is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages. It is for the young and old, for the new Christian and the one who has been a Christian for decades. Pilgrimage is for everyone because no matter where a person is on his or her faith journey, it is always good to take another step and draw closer to God. The basic structure of the weekend is the same each year with talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. Yet God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry, and we give Him all praise and honor! Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or by email at haynesmk1986@yahoo.com or go to [www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com).

## Pastor Patrick's Page(s)~~

*Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.*

*Exodus 20:17 The Message (MSG)*

*Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'"*

*John 20:17 The Message (MSG)*

A new year begins. It will bring some things never before seen. But also, old truths will come through to grab our attention and guide us in life.

Sometimes, we use the start of January as an opportunity to take stock of our lives. This may lead us to try a different path or practice. Sometimes, we seek to return to an earlier commitment with greater resolve. Our feet get back onto the better path.

As 2017 opens, let's give attention to the two scripture passages rendered above. Each is chapter 20, verse 17 (20:17). One is from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament. Both say, "Don't!" Yet, both aim not so much to restrict life, but to maximize life. Together, these two 20:17's provide us guidance as we enter the new year of 2017.

The first, Exodus 20:17, is the Tenth Commandment. It is the Covet Commandment. Don't covet another's house, spouse, helpers or stuff. Eugene Peterson captures it well in *The Message: Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.*

As you take stock of your life, don't give a home in your heart to the desire to have another person's life. God has a best you to shape you into, not that other big-shot or "bod" or brain or beauty. It is Jesus who is our leader and pattern for finding the life that really is life.

The Covet Commandment is a gift. It reveals, and reminds us of, the importance of neighborly relationships. Whenever you and I seek to enlarge our lives in ways that lessen another's, whenever we grab after more than enough and leave another struggling with less than enough, it actually diminishes us. It shrinks our souls. God's got much bigger plans for our souls!

The second scripture, John 20:17, comes in the Easter story of Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene. She had come to Jesus' tomb and found its stone seal removed. Mary was distraught over her loving leader's death by crucifixion. She was puzzled over the apparent, additional indignity of his body being disturbed. She wept. Mary grieved until she heard him call her by name.

It was Jesus! Alive again! So, she reached to hold him close.

Of course she did. This love that even overpowers death: grab it! Hold it tight.

Only, Christ says don't cling. This gift of love is yours, but it is not yours only. Go, share this with the others. And, Mary did.

Her story is our story. The love of God in Jesus Christ has come to us. This love lives when shared.

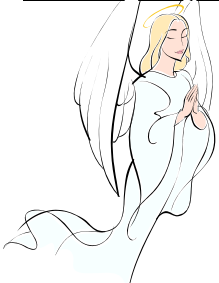
Two 20:17's giving us guidance for 2017. Let us resolve to maximize life in these ways. Let us join God's work to make us into our best selves. We will look upon others' lives only with generous eyes. And let us, wholeheartedly and humbly, with our words and actions, widely share the good news of Jesus and his unbreakable, enduring love.

In Christ our hope,  
Patrick

**NOTE:** The church office will be closed December 26-30 and January 2, and Pastor Patrick also will be on vacation from December 27-30. For caregiving needs during this time, please contact our deacons.

Prayer List Policy: Due to limited newsletter 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  
Bowman Family  
Margaret Fleshman  
Geraldene Garvey  
Arnold Humphreys  
Carole Reavis  
Dot Stanley

John Baker  
Thelma Byrd  
Norman Flora  
Dottie Hale  
Robert & Janet Murray  
Ginger Roberts  
Betty Walker

Ruth Bishop  
Luther Deel  
Pam Ford & Zach  
James Hill  
Glenn & Mary Naff  
Audry Rogers

Blaine Arnold (Shawna Burkhardt's father) - cancer diagnosis  
Anna Driver(Annette Taylor's mother) Multiple Myeloma  
Buddy Gibson (friend of Doris Kent) stomach cancer  
Wyatt Maguire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson) heart condition  
Pam Mayo (Carolyn Heath's daughter) car accident  
Thomas Perdue (friend of Doris Kent) - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Cora Sosebee (Dot Stanley's great granddaughter) seizures

*We remember the life, celebrate the faith, and pray for the loved ones of **Ray Young**. Blessed are those who morn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

### **District Prayer Calendar**

**January 1, 2017** -Pray for *Marvin D. Wade (Beaver Creek) and Richard W. Thomas, Sr. (Oak Grove-South)*, both celebrating ten years in their current placements today. Let us pray that the wideness and breadth of God's work might continue to challenge us to seek wider, greater and more creative fields of mission and ministry.

**January 8, 2017** -Pray for the *Nominating and Personnel Committee* of District Conference as they meet this coming Saturday, January 14, 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 15, 2017** -Pray for *Ted M. Turner, Jr.*, to be installed as pastor of the Topeco Church in Floyd County, Virginia this morning. Let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call and send out workers into fields near and far.

**January 22, 2017** - Pray for *the ministry of the Mount Hermon Church* in Henry County, Virginia, as they celebrate the one-hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of their congregation in 2017. 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 29, 2017** - Pray for *Julie M. Hostetter*, who will retire as Executive Director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership of the Church of the Brethren in Richmond, Indiana effective January 1, 2017. Let us give thanks for the commitment of those who serve in the ministry and mission of the church.

**February 5, 2017** - Pray for *Harvey S. Leddy*, pastor of the Williamson Road Church in Roanoke, Virginia, who began his full time ministry there on January 1, 2017. Let us honor the commitment, dedication and work of those who have given themselves to the work of Christ and the church.

**February 12, 2017** - Pray for the *Virgina District Board*, meeting at the Boones Mill Church in Franklin County, Virginia, for its winter meeting on February 18, 2017. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will grant discernment, guide every decision and empower every undertaking.

**February 19, 2017** - Pray for the *Virgina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat*, led by Joe Detrick, Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren, to be held at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center on February 24-25, 2017. Let us pray that our leaders, our ministers and their families will be refreshed for the work of Christ and the church!

**February 26, 2017** - Pray for *Jenn Dorsch*, Director of Brethren Disaster Ministries, in New Windsor, Maryland, as she serves on behalf of Christ and the church. Let us give thanks to God for the work and witness which we accomplish together.

