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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

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Tasha Veal, Church Secretary

July/August 2015



July 3 - Office Closed in Observance of the 4th
July 11 - 15 - Annual Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida
July 25 - Fun Day for Aspen
August 2 - Church Birthday Celebration
August 23 - Communion
August 30 - Community Ice Cream Social @ Cloverdale

Cloverdale July/August 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 TOPS 5:30pm | 3 Office Closed Observance of 4th | 4 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| <i>Annual Conference</i> | | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Gospel Choir 6:30pm | 15 | 16 TOPS 5:30pm | 17 | 18 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| <i>Annual Conference</i> | | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 W.F. 10am Gospel Choir 6:30pm | 22 | 23 TOPS 5:30pm | 24 | 25 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Fun Day for Aspen |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Gospel Choir 6:30pm | 29 | 30 TOPS 5:30pm | 31 | 1 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
| 2 Church B-day Party | 3 | 4 Comms 6pm Board 7pm | 5 | 6 TOPS 5:30pm | 7 | 8 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm |
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| 30 Ice Cream Social | 31 | | | | | |

*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 July/August



Greeters

- 5 - Dana Bell Kinzie
- 12 - Paul & Anne Garber
- 19 - Carolyn Heath & Lorene Bishop
- 26 - Rick & Donna Naff
- 2 - Bob & Laverne Cosner
- 9 - Rudy & Annette Taylor
- 16 - Lenny & Susan LaRose
- 23 - Dave & Fonda Wilson
- 30 - Ed & Peggy Stoots

Nursery

- 5 - Ginger Roberts
- 12 - Rita Foster
- 19 - Glenna Eubank
- 26 - Roberta Rogers & Clara Nelson
- 2 - Kim Brown
- 9 - Tracy Tardy
- 16 - Connie Walters
- 23 - Ginger Roberts
- 30 - Glenna Eubank

Thrift Shop

- 4 - Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks
- 11 - Lois Flora & Nancy Walters
- 18 - Marjorie Snider & Glenna Eubank
- 25 - Carolyn Heath & Laverne Cosner
- 1 - Peggy Stoots & Nancy Walters
- 8 - Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks
- 15 - Doris Kent & Roberta Rogers
- 22 - Lois Flora & Nancy Walters
- 29 - Wanda Parker & Anne Garber

Deacons on Call

Lillian & Michael Beahm: Rick & Donna Naff
Doris Kent & Carolyn Heath

Altar

Rita Foster
Violet Keith

Opening of Church

Paul Garber
Johnnie Criner

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
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July/August Birthdays

- 2 - Johnnie Criner
- 2 - Martin Keith
- 3 - Cecilia Barton
- 4 - Kathryn Murray
- 7 - Dianne Baker
- 8 - Tamara Hall
- 9 - Carolyn Heath
- 9 - Shayne Jennison
- 10 - C. S. Humbert
- 11 - Pat Criner
- 11 - Sharon Dillard
- 11 - Greg Gibson
- 12 - Barbara Humbert
- 13 - Arnold Humphreys
- 13 - Walter Nelson
- 15 - Carolyn Reed
- 17 - Lindsey Bertholf
- 18 - Michael Beahm
- 18 - Sammy Deel
- 20 - Rebecca Durham
- 24 - Kailey Hight
- 29 - Bob Cosner
- 1 - Isaac Nelson
- 1 - Anne Reid
- 2 - Dale Wilson
- 5 - Norma Altice
- 6 - Daniel Naff
- 7 - Dot Stanley
- 8 - Ricky Naff
- 12 - Jonathan Gulick
- 14 - Dustin Paysour
- 16 - Bob Altice
- 16 - Connie Walters
- 19 - Ben Bowman
- 22 - Willie Wines
- 23 - Robin Clark
- 25 - Patricia Deel
- 26 - Carolyn Helton
- 30 - James Hill



Happy Anniversary!!

- July 4 (1942) Glen & Mary Naff
- July 21 (1990) Dave & Fonda Wilson
- August 3 (1967) Larry & Judy Mann
- August 10 (1985) Walter & Barb Nelson
- August 13 (1953) C.S. & Barbara Humbert
- August 17 (1956) Carlton & Audry Rogers
- August 24 (1973) Dale & Sharon Dillard





Special Acknowledgements

Dearest church family, thanks so much for all the lovely cards and gifts. I really appreciate your generosity. I've always been thankful for your continued prayers and encouragement. Thanks for all you have done for me from school care packages to supporting my trips to Haiti. I hope to be home to visit again soon. Much love, **Clara Nelson**

Dearest Pastor Patrick, Patricia, the deacons and church family; we want to thank you for making mom's celebration of life so personable and special! The shared experiences from the Bertholf family and Dave Dooley were a walk down memory lane. She loved her church family, friends, and community. We are so blessed that she has touched their lives with her love and compassion. **All our love, Denise, Dustin & Jackie**

Thank you for all of the cards, phone calls, visits, and expressions of Love and sympathy following the death of our daughter-in-law. The support of our Church family means so much. - **Lenny and Susan LaRose**

A big thank you to all who helped make Virginia Powell's 100th birthday a special one! This includes personal visits, cards, a beautiful hanging plant, balloons and a basket of cards from the Women's Fellowship. And a special thank you to Pastor Patrick for bringing and serving communion. It was truly a blessed event. - **Sandra Tate and family**

I want to thank my entire church family for the wonderful care package! It arrived just in time for finals week, and all my roommates and I appreciated the extra snacks. I am so thankful to have such a wonderful support system back home, and I look forward to seeing you all very soon! Much love and many thanks. - **Rebecca Wilson**

Dear Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, Thank you so much for the amazing care package!! I absolutely love it and it was such a pick-me up to start finals week! I so appreciate all of you thinking about me at this time. You guys are wonderful and truly made my week! -Love, **Tory Reavis**

Thank you so much for the Care Package packed full of goodies for my finals week. I am enjoying it all!! Thank you for being such a loving, caring church and for thinking of me. Thanks again, **Jessi Kidd**

I want to thank the whole church family for their prayers and support during the last 13 months Kenneth's illness and his passing. Thank for all the cards, phone calls and visits. A special thank you to Pastor Patrick for all his visits and for his support at the funeral. How very much it has meant to me to have such a very special church family that has helped me get through things in the past and I know they will now. -**Doris Kent**

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

Cloverdalers at Camp Bethel - Cloverdale has a number of children and youth participating in Camp Bethel's summer program. Be on the lookout for their names and camp weeks in our Sunday bulletins, so you can send them a card or bunk note and remember them in prayer.

Church Birthday Party -You are invited to a birthday party on August 2, 2015 in the fellowship hall following worship. No need to bring a gift, we will be honoring everyone that day with a cupcake and the opportunity to celebrate together. Come and join the fun! -Music, Worship, Fellowship Commission.

Communion will be served as part of our morning worship on Sunday, August 23.

Cloverdale will host a Community Ice Cream Social the afternoon of Sunday, August 30. For more, see our Witness and Social Action Commission.

Family Night: The first three Wednesday nights of each month (Labor Day- Memorial Day) we gather for a meal together and then participate in various programs- Bible Study, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir. Each person who participates is built up through these programs, in addition to the fellowship which happens around the table during those Wednesday night meals. We are especially grateful to Jim Reed for his dedicated volunteerism in setting up for each Family Night and to the many, many persons who helped cook and clean-up this past year. And we look forward to Family Night beginning again on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. We hope you will join us. - Music, Worship, Fellowship Commission.

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) - SEPTEMBER 7-11 Then Jesus Told Them A Story is the 2015 NOAC theme. The Scripture text is Matthew 13:34-35. This event is for adults 50 and older and will be held

at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. Brochures are posted on our church bulletin board. If you are planning to go to NOAC, would like to reserve a spot on the bus, please contact the Shenandoah District Office at (540) 234-8555 or <districtoffice@shencob.org> as soon as possible.

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, July/August: "Camp" chairs (like "soccer Mom" chairs) for the Adventure Villages; Digital cameras; clear glass jars/containers (less than ½ pint) for making candles as 2015 summer camp craft; Working mini-van or pick-up truck. Thank you!

CAMP BETHEL FAMILY FUN!

Camp Bethel will be offering a few family activities throughout the summer. Family Fun Tuesday on July 21st and Lil' Otter Family River Trip on Wednesday August 5. Tuesday will involve dinner, singing, camp activity, campfire and smores. Wednesday will include dinner, a short canoe trip, campfire and smores. For more information and registration costs please go to www.campbethelvirginia.org/familyfun.htm or call the camp office!

21st ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT IS AUGUST 19:

FORE! Golfers and sponsors are needed on Wednesday, August 19 at Botetourt Golf Club for our 2015 Golf Tournament and Banquet. Tee off is at 12:45pm, and \$70 per person includes green fees, cart and dinner at camp (\$15 for dinner only). Become a Tournament Sponsor and provide support! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf.htm.

EYN WOMEN'S CHOIR IN VIRGINIA DISTRICT - JULY 9, 2015

The EYN Women's Fellowship Choir from Nigeria will be in Virginia District on Thursday, July 9th. The Central Church of the Brethren (416 Church Avenue) in Roanoke, Virginia will host this event and two activities will take place. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. for the choir and all who would like to visit with the choir and the concert at 7:00 p.m.

Cloverdale Childcare is hosting an event called "Fun Day for Aspen": Located at Cloverdale Childcare, July 25th 10:30 am and 2 pm. There will be more than one bounce house, live music, face-painting, games, raffles, refreshments, bring your friends, family and neighbors. All the proceedings made from this event will go to the Franklin family for their medical needs. Aspen has a rare hematologic disorder called Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis(HLH), it is a life threatening disease in which your immune system does not work properly.

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - AUGUST 1, 2015

"Getting By and Surviving as Pastor and Spouse" is the theme of PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY 2015 to be held at the Daleville Church of the Brethren on August 1, 2015. Workshops will focus on: "The Relationship of the Call and Profession," "Professional Conduct for the Pastor," "My Spouse Isn't An Employee, But....," and "Relating to Institutional Structures." John Jantzi and David Shumate will be the primary presenters. The cost for Christian Growth Institute students is \$50 and for pastors seeking CEUs is \$25. Lunch is included in the tuition. Registration at 8:15 a.m., followed by worship at 8:45 a.m. The day will end with worship from 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENT - AUGUST 29

Working and Caring Together will take place on Saturday, August 29th, at Peters Creek Church of the Brethren (5333 Cove Road, Roanoke, Virginia). This activity is for children (grades K-5) and their families. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 noon. There will be a Bible lesson, crafts, games, singing (camp songs), snack and lots of fun. A flyer with registration form has been sent to all pastors and is available from the District Resource Center. This event is planned by the Virginia Children's Cabinet.

GROWING LEADERS IN NEW (AND OLDER) CONGREGATIONS - OCTOBER 9 - 10 (4:15. CEU's available)

The New Church Development Committee will be hosting a retreat on October 9 and 10 at Camp Bethel. Jonathan Shively, Executive Director of Congregational Life Ministries for the Church of the Brethren will be the main speaker for this event. The theme is "Growing Leaders in New (and Older) Congregations." Fee of \$60 includes dinner, breakfast, and lunch. For more info contact the District Resource Center at <nuchurch@aol.com>.

Pastor Patrick's Page~~

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit... John 15:5

When I was a child, my grandparents kept grapevines in their back yard. Their vines produced the most delicious grapes I have ever known. When those grapes were in season, the day would come when I would hear a knock at the door of my childhood home, rush to open it, and see them there: my grandparents, with wide smiles on their faces and, in their hands, brown paper bags overflowing with white grapes (I call them green) and red grapes (I call them purple). I made haste to invite them in and grab the bags to taste the first fruit before anyone else did.

Years later, just after my grandfather died, I was sitting with other family as fond thoughts of him were shared. For the longest time, I didn't speak. I was lost in thought of those vines, those grapes, and my grandfather's generosity and joy in sharing. As the room grew silent, I was just about to say what I was thinking, when instead my sister said, "I think of his grapes, how he shared his tasty grapes!"

What?! Huh?! For a moment, I felt disoriented. I felt cheated. That's what I was going to say. That was MY memory. That was MY connection to him. Those were MY grapes.

Then, by God's grace, my selfishness subsided. A better thought surfaced. It was more heartening to realize that the gift reached wider than me. With my sister's help, I could recall how, after my initial grab of the bags, the grapes got passed around, and we all would smile and eat that tasty treat, together. That's what meant most. As the grapevine connected to the branches that yielded those bunches of grapes, so the generosity in sharing them connected the whole bunch of us,

In John's gospel, Jesus describes himself as the vine and his followers as the branches. He speaks in the plural. It is not, "one of you is the branch" but, "you (all of you) are the branches." In him, WE find our livelihood, the life that really is life. Christ connects US to God's ever-generous love, and one to another. The gift reaches wonderfully wider than me.

Jesus then says that those who abide there, who stay in relationship with him, bear much fruit. Keeping connected with Christ means God grows from us that which makes this real life truly tasty for others. Generosity and love, mercy and forgiveness, kindness and compassion make their way from Jesus to us and from us to others.

Now, how are we doing, being God's treat for others to meet? May we pray and devote ourselves to keeping with Jesus our strongest connection. May we remain channels of God's grace to others. May we bear much fruit for God's world on the way.

In Christ our hope,
Patrick Starkey

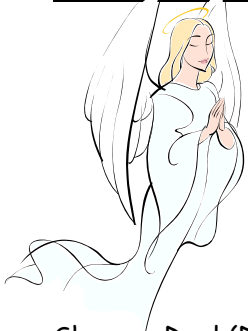
"Abide in My Love... and Bear Fruit" is the theme of the upcoming Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, July 11-15, in Tampa, Florida. The theme scripture is John 15:9-17. Michelle and John Reed will serve as Cloverdale's delegates. Moderator David Steele, Moderator-Elect Andy Murray, Conference Secretary Jim Beckwith, and Conference Director Chris Douglas will provide leadership. Worship services and business sessions can be viewed online, via livestream or later recording: <http://livestream.com/livestreamcob/AC2015>. Please remember Annual Conference, travelers and participants in prayer.

NOTE: The Cloverdale church office will be closed July 10-16, as Pastor Patrick and our church secretary, Tasha Veal, participate in Annual Conference. Pastor Patrick will be away July 8-16 for Mission & Ministry Board and Annual Conference, and July 20-26 for vacation. For caregiving needs during this time, please contact our deacons.

Written copies of remarks shared at Cloverdale on May 3, 2015 by Musa Mambula of EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, are available from our church office.

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
Virginia Bushnell
Deel Family
Pam Ford & Zach
James Hill
Robert & Janet Murray
Paul Reavis
Dot Stanley

Ruth Bishop
Thelma Byrd
Margaret Fleshman
Geraldene Garvey
Arnold Humphreys
Glenn & Mary Naff
Alta Robertson
Betty Walker

Bowman Family
Kathleen Cook
Norman Flora
Dottie Hale
Becky Hudson
Debbie Phelan
Audry Rogers

Shannon Deel (Deel's daughter-in-law) tumors in sinuses, facing 3rd surgery
Maison Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 8 yr old great nephew) kidney problems
Wyatt McGuire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson)
Betty Stone (Doris Kent's friend) breast cancer
Anita Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's mother) stroke
Joseph Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's father) spinal issues
Terry Williams (Pat Hill family)- at home, doing well, has home nurse

District Prayer Calendar July/August 2015

July 5, 2015 - Pray for the moderator, officers, delegates and attendees of the 229th Recorded *Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren* meeting in Tampa, Florida from July 11-15. Let us pray that our leaders, delegates and membership be given travel mercy, wisdom, discernment and insight as they serve Christ and the church.

July 12, 2015 - Pray for *Dallas L. Bailey*, who was to be licensed to the Gospel Ministry on July 5th at the Henry Fork Church of the Brethren in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call and send out workers into fields both near and far.

July 19, 2015 - Pray for *the faculty, students and staff of the Christian Growth Institute and others* as they gather at the Daleville Church of the Brethren in Botetourt County, Virginia on August 1st for "Practice of Ministry Day." Let us express gratitude to God for those who are engaged in study, practice and formation for the Gospel Ministry in Virgina and Shenandoah Districts.

July 26, 2015 - Pray for *the 32nd Anniversary World Hunger Auction* to be held at the Antioch Church in Franklin County, Virginia on August 8th. Let us pray that God might multiply the efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for the imprisoned.

August 2, 2015 - Pray for the *Masons Cove Church of the Brethren* in Roanoke County, Virginia, that celebrates their 90th Anniversary today. Let us give thanks to God for the "great cloud of witnesses" whose courage, faithfulness and ministry has preceded ours and provides the foundation upon which we build for the future.

August 9, 2015 - Pray for *Mark Lancaster* who began as executive director of institutional advancement at Bethany Theological Seminary on July 1st. 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.

August 16, 2015 - Pray for *Susan R. Gibson*, who is being licensed to the Gospel Ministry today at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Roanoke County, Virginia. Let us pray that we will support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

August 23, 2015 - Pray for the *Bassett Church of the Brethren* in Henry County, Virginia, as they celebrate their ninetieth anniversary. 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.

August 30, 2015 - Pray for *Barry S. LeNoir*, Camp Director at Camp Bethel, who celebrated thirteen years of service on August 18th. Let us pray that the ministries of Camp Bethel will be enhanced and multiplied for the glory of God.

