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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

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March 2015

 hello
spring!



- March 5 - Sow the Seed Scholarship Banquet**
- March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins**
- March 8 - Deacons meet after worship**
- March 13-14 - Garden Getaway @ Brethren Woods**
- March 13-15 - Pilgrimage XIX Camp Bethel**
- March 17 - 10am Women's Fellowship**
- March 20 - SPRING BEGINS!!**
- March 29 - Palm Sunday**
- April 2 - Love Feast**
- April 5 - Joint Easter Sunrise Service**

Cloverdale March 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Commissions 6pm Board 7pm	4 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm 	5 TOPS 5:30pm	6	7 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
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29 Palm Sunday 	30	31	1	2 Love Feast	3 Good Friday	4

HOLY WEEK

*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 March

Greeters

- 1 - Patricia Jennison
- 8 - Bob & Laverne Cosner
- 15 - Larry & Judy Mann
- 22 - Nancy Walters & Marjorie Snider
- 29 - Ed & Peggy Stoots

Nursery

- 1 - Glenna Eubank
- 8 - Rita Foster
- 15 - Tracy Tardy
- 22 - Roberta Rogers & Clara Nelson
- 29 - Kim Brown

Thrift Shop

- 7 - Judy Mann & Marjorie Snider
- 14 - Nancy Walters & Lois Flora
- 21 - Vickie Murray & Roberta Rogers
- 28 - Lorene Bishop & Carolyn Hicks

Deacons on Call

Altar

Violet Keith

Opening of Church

Reggie Wallace

Ushers

- 1 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis
Johnnie Criner
- 8 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 15 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 22 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson
- 29 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis
Johnnie Criner



March Birthdays

- 8 - Maynard Harris
- 12 - Luther Deel
- 13 - Fred Walters
- 14 - Kennedy Hall
- 15 - Steve Kidd
- 16 - Dottie Hale
- 17 - Fonda Wilson
- 18 - Janet Murray
- 20 - Glenna Eubank
- 24 - Amy Radcliff
- 27 - A.J. Rogers



Happy Anniversary!!

- 7 - (1997) Greg & Teresa Gibson
- 17 - (1978) Roger & Glenna Eubank
- 30 - (2002) Lenny & Susan LaRose





Special Acknowledgements



Congratulations to Danielle & Chris Tolley on the birth of their daughter Maggie Mae Tolley on February 21st! And congratulations to the proud grandparents Glenna & Roger Eubank!

Congratulations to John Paul Reed on his impressive performance finishing second in the entire state at the recent state wrestling championships in Salem!

Just a quick note to let everyone know that things are going well. Hope to be back soon. Thanks to everyone for your cards, visits, and most of all your prayers. Hope to see you soon.

Billy Duncan

Thank you so much for the many Valentine's wishes and cards. Robert and I enjoyed reading each one. Your continued prayers for improving health are appreciated.

Robert and Janet Murray

Dear Friends, Just wanted you to know Charles and I appreciate the Valentines goodies and prayers. We miss you all. May God Bless.

Charles & Juanita Hayslett

Clinton came through his surgery ok. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers that helped him along.

Love, Kathleen Cook and family

To all of my church friends, Thank you very much for all of the lovely and clever valentines. I am enjoying them very much. God bless all of you.

Love, Elda Alls

Thank you to all our church family for the food, visits to the Funeral Home, the graveside service and for all of your prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Patrick for helping us get through all of this. Love to all.

Kathleen & Doris Jean

To everyone in the church who helped and provided our children their gifts this year, thank you all so much! This year was hard and without the church doing that for my children, they wouldn't have had much at Christmas this year. Thank you all from our hearts for everything they received. Your church was a blessing this Christmas season. Thank you all so much again!

-the Mundy Family (an Angel Tree Family)

I would like to Thank everyone who has continued to donate their tabs and put them in the Ronald McDonald House on the table in the narthex. It is a great outreach program and they use them to pay their electric bill --- keep them coming !!

LaVerne Cosner

Dear Friends, Thank you for your generosity and gift to Heifer International. Your commitment to helping others gives hope to families who once struggled with hunger and poverty and provides the foundation for strong farming families. Thank you for investing in Heifer International to help make a better world - one family at a time!

Carlton and I really enjoyed our Christmas carolers, cards, and poinsettia. The PET Scan says I am cancer free!!

Thanks for all your prayers.

Audry Rogers

Virginia Powell & Family - We give many thanks for prayers, visits, and cards. She has enjoyed the deacon delivery of the tapes and Pastor Patrick's visits. Cloverdale has been her only church for 99 years and if she makes it until May 21st it will be 100yrs! Thank you for everything!

Thanks to the carolers for coming to my house and the two little girls they brought with them. Thank you for the calls and cards and to the Women's Fellowship for the poinsettia. Happy New Year to all. **Dot Stanley**

Dear church family thanks to all who sent Myra birthday & Christmas cards. Also a special thanks to Pastor Patrick for visiting Myra the week of her birthday and to all the carolers who sang at Jeanne's. Thanks to the Women's Fellowship for the poinsettias and to the Men's Fellowship for the goodie bags. Love to all, **Doris Jean Brannen**

Our Thanksgiving special offering resulted in Cloverdale contributing \$4,683.10 to the Nigerian Crisis Fund, which will be matched dollar for dollar by action of the denominational Mission & Ministry Board! (The matching fund has

reached the \$500,000 goal!) And, our **year-end appreciation gift** to honor those who regularly lead our worship life together resulted in a \$5000 Cloverdale contribution to Heifer International! Thanks, church, for this generosity honoring Christ and helping our global sisters and brothers and neighbors.

Thank you for all the Christmas cards that you gave us. We so appreciate them!-**Patricia & Shayne Jennison**

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for the beautiful poinsettia! -**Peggy Dale**

Dear Glenna & Roger, Barb, and the Congregation of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. On behalf of the Botetourt Resource Center, Inc. Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank you and the congregation of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren for your very generous and compassionate donations of gifts and food to seven families and 14 children. You have given them encouragement and nourishment into the New Year.

Sincerely, **Robyn Dobyns, President**

TO ANONYMOUS, for your very generous gift card; and to the CLOVERDALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN FAMILY, for your very generous gift of \$5000 to Heifer International in honor of us paid and unpaid "Staff" members: both were VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. It really humbles me to think what good \$5000 can bring to families who so desperately need farm animals in order to exist. **Peace, Max Bertholf**

To Anonymous: Thank you so much for the gift certificate! You obviously know how much I like to read - and the card will be applied to my Kindle account. It helps -a lot- to know people are appreciating what you are doing -
Thanks! **Anne Reid**

To the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren - Thank you for the gift to the Heifer Project in thanks for my participation in worship services. I cannot think of a better place for such gifts, and it means a lot to know that my services are appreciated. **Anne Reid**

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

Sermon Topic Survey: Due to recent inclement weather, the deadline is being extended to March 8 for returning sermon topic surveys. An electronic version is being sent with this newsletter and paper copies are available in the church narthex.

Wednesday night Bible study this winter is looking 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!

Our Deacons will meet Sunday, March 8, immediately following worship.

PLEASE DONATE TO REPLENISH DEPLETED "CAMBERSHIP" FUND:

In summer 2014, 143 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$39,876, which exceeded 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; Donations for camper scholarships. Gifts and donations to Camp Bethel are tax-deductible and are greatly needed. Please bring any of these items to the camp office porch at any time you can. Thank you!

SOW THE SEED SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 6:30pm:

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 26 to CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940. Payments accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2015 is \$290. Give the gift of CAMP!

APRIL 4 (SAT) 7:30AM, SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY:

We need YOUR help to clean, repair and prepare our grounds and facilities for the summer. Projects are available for all skill levels. FREE breakfast served at 7:30am and FREE lunch at 1:00pm. RSVP meals and free Friday lodging by March 30 to 540-992-2940 or campbetheloffice@gmail.com.

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.

PILGRIMAGE XIX - MARCH 13-15, 2015

Pilgrimage XIX will be held March 13-15, 2015, at Camp Bethel. 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. Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Haynes at (336)765-5263 or <haynesmk1986@yahoo.com>. If you are willing to dedicate a half-hour to prayer for Pilgrimage participants during the event, please see the sign-up sheet in the Cloverdale narthex.

Join us for Garden Getaway - a Bible-based, garden themed women's retreat with time for worship, Bible study, fun activities, laughter, and quiet reflection. Participants are invited to arrive anytime after 4:00pm on Friday, March 13th, with dinner scheduled from 5:30-6:00pm, and our first session starting at 6:30pm. The weekend will close at about 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 14th. The cost for the weekend is \$85 per person and covers everything you'll need including three meals, activities, lodging, retreat leadership, and fun extras like a music CD ("Music of Garden Getaway") and a tote bag! To register, simply complete your [Registration Form](#) and send it back to camp along with your \$85 registration fee by Monday, March 2nd! Register online at www.brethrenwoods.org.

ROUNDTABLE AT BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE- MARCH 20-22, 2015 Come to Roundtable this year and study the theme, "Follower & Friend: Our Relationship with God," from John 15: 12-17, as presented by Carol Elmore, known to many as the music and youth minister from Oak Grove Church of the Brethren. There is worship, small groups, workshops, a variety show, singing, vespers, recreation, and more! We stay on campus for the weekend and eat our meals in the dining hall at Bridgewater. This is a Regional Youth Conference, with Brethren from different districts coming together to reconnect with NYC friends and make new friends. The estimated cost is \$50.00 per participant. For more, go to <<http://iycroundtable.wix.com/iycbc>> or email <iycroundtable@gmail.com>. Roundtable is open to youth in grades 9-12. Pre-registration is recommended.

OLDER ADULT ESCAPADE - MARCH 21, 2015 On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the Virilina District Commission on Nurture will hold an Older Adult Escapade from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren (6604 Plantation Road, Roanoke, Virginia). This event is for everyone 50+ years old and it is FREE. Come Enjoy Lunch, Fellowship, Fun, Laughter and Be Spiritually Refreshed!!! Bring a friend, meet new friends, rekindle old friendships in a day that is planned just for you! A FREE lunch of soup, salad, and dessert will be served. Register with names to <Virilina2@aol.com> or (540) 362-1816 or to Lorna Lowe at (540) 562-4249. For questions, contact Linda Crumpacker at <lscrumpacker@gmail.com> or (540) 947-5266

AWAKENING SERVICES IN ROANOKE AREA Awakening 2015 will be held on March 22-25 at the Troutville Church of the Brethren, with the theme "(Can We) See a New World Coming!" The speaker is David Radcliff, who grew up in the Blue Ridge congregation, pastored for 10 years, served as denominational staff and more recently helped launch the New Community Project, a small Christian nonprofit organization with a big goal: to change the world. David is a regular speaker in schools, colleges and congregations around the country and leads Learning Tours all over the world. Services begin with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. Morning Bible Study will be held with a light breakfast from 9 -11 a.m. at the following locations: Monday, March 23 - Roanoke - Ninth Street, Tuesday, March 24 - Roanoke - First, Wednesday, March 25 - Masons Cove. The offerings, after expenses, will help support the New Community Project.

Pastor Patrick's Page~~

"You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:6-7

"... though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;" Isaiah 1:18

Snow, snow, snow. The saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." Perhaps our recent February snowfalls bring a budding opportunity to reflect on what grows in these verses from Psalm 51 and Isaiah 1. Though they brought cancellations and necessitated much digging out, the recent snowfalls around here were beautiful. After the storm, the sun shined brightly upon the white blanket of snow. Of course, as scraping and digging ensued, dirt and gravel showed up on the surface of the snow. You couldn't miss seeing it against the white backdrop.

The Psalmist and the prophet recognize that, like stains upon the clothes they wear, so too our sins show. Like the dirt and gravel upon the snow, so too we cannot miss our sin against the blanket of God's holy goodness and loving kindness. At the same time, God's grace and mercy bring the forgiveness of sin and the removal of its stain.

This is a free gift of God. And yet, we have a part. "If you are willing..." says the scripture. We are to be ready and willing to accept and receive the gift. If our desire and purpose is for truth to penetrate our inner depths and animate our outer actions, we are on the way. If, as the snow reflects the sun, we are willing and obedient to our calling to reflect God's goodness and love in our lives, we are on the way.

As Lent leads to Easter and as snow gives way to spring, may we come before God in honest confession and be blanketed in God's new-fallen grace.

In Christ our hope,
Patrick Starkey

Board Chat...

At Virgina District Conference in November 2014, the pastor from our host Green Memorial Methodist Church gave a welcome to the Church of the Brethren. In this welcome something he said struck me and I paraphrase..."several years ago our church members made a decision about what we wanted to be. We decided to be the church of hospitality for our surrounding community. They made renovations to the building, set up a hospitality committee and the rest is history." I started thinking about Cloverdale, our community and "what do we want to be."

The theme for our recent Cloverdale board retreat was "*Serve one another in love*", Galatians 5, Verse 13(this was also our 100th anniversary theme). Reading further into Galatians 5 it is written about the spirit and human nature. These two are opposites and work against each other. The spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Human nature not so much! Verse 25, we get our new life from the spirit, so we should follow the spirit and not be proud or irritate one another or be jealous of one another.

With this as an inspiration, four questions were created and sent to the board members prior to the retreat. They were asked to reflect and come prepared to share their thoughts. From this sharing, Pastor Patrick has composed the notes seen on the next page. Lifted out of this was one main theme, "a big part of Cloverdale is caring". Our board and church are invited to wonder how we might expand our caring ministries, including with newcomers and the community. At the board retreat, our Music, Worship and Fellowship Commission committed to lead "caroling" /hymn singing to shut-ins at times other than Christmas. Also, the leadership of our Women's Fellowship committed to expand the sharing of church information and invitations with Thrift Shop visitors.

Are there other ideas out there on how to expand caring into our community whether it is in our church family or out in our neighborhood? I know there are and we are just waiting to hear and see them come into action. As we move forward into 2015 keep in mind "Serve One Another in Love".

Rita Foster, Board Chair

2015 Cloverdale Church Board Retreat Notes (from January 18)

Theme: ... *serve one another in love.* Galatians 5:13

When thinking about where Cloverdale Church of the Brethren should head next as a congregation, it is helpful to reflect on where we have been. What are some of Cloverdale's key accomplishments over the last 5 years?

Pastoral transition

Celebrating 100 years

Establishing Thrift Shop (and other work of Women's Fellowship)

Community Garden

Forming Men's Fellowship (with its work including adopt-a-cabin at Camp Bethel)

Children's Choir

Children's Church

National Youth Conference participation

Baptisms

Website

One adult Sunday School class expanding its practice of prayer

Special offerings (Heifer, Nigeria, etc)

>5 years?: Samaritan Inn service, Gospel Choir

Continuations: Food Pantry, Angel Tree, Choir/Music program, Wednesday family night,
ministry at times of death, library improvements, building improvements (ex: ceilings)

What does Cloverdale Church of the Brethren do best?

Caring/supporting/keeping connected/being a family & welcoming setting for children

Helping without fanfare

Impulse to serve community (ex's: Food Pantry, Egg Hunt, Child Care connection, sharing space)

Music program

How are we presently living up to our best, and how are we not?

Room to improve in meeting opportunities to reach out more to new persons and in welcoming

Move too slowly sometimes

Keeping in mind the discussion above and where you sense the most energy and perhaps see patterns, what ministry opportunities are before us now, and what specific commitments and/or program focus does your commission/fellowship group declare for 2015?

Traveling hymn sing to shut-ins, etc.- Music, Worship & Fellowship

Church information/invitations from Thrift Shop workers to its guests- Women's Fellowship

Expanded greeter program- not yet commitment but conversation with Ministries and Music, W & F

Other ideas: initiate music program with Cloverdale Child Care, Outreach with schools/
community events; pictorial directory/face board

Other board projects in process:

Child Protection Committee (Lillian Beahm, Susan Starkey, Sybil Young)

Building signage task team (Peggy Stoots, Fonda Wilson) Reid

Constitution Review & Revision Committee (Michael Beahm, Sam Foster, Anne

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BLAST FROM THE PAST!

The following is in the "Announcements Directory and Program of the Cloverdale Congregation Church of the Brethren for the year of 1919". This small booklet is in the Heritage and Hope Room. Thought you may enjoy and find interest in this message from the past.

THE CLOVERDALE CONGREGATION JANUARY 1, 1919

To the Membership, Greeting:

It is with pleasure that we come to you again at the beginning of another year, to recount our blessings, and to ask for your united support.

Good has wonderfully blessed us. Few of our members have been called to our eternal home, few have been forced to take up arms and engage in the great war.

Our sons, our brothers and our young brethren are still with us, for which we thank the Lord.

Our love and sympathy go out to every home that has suffered loss.

The Spanish Influenza that has been so prevalent, so serious, and that has caused the death of over three hundred thousand citizens of the United States, as practically passed over us.

Our harvests have been bountiful, enabling us to live in plenty, and not in want.

We have been permitted to enjoy many pleasant and profitable hours of worship, by which our souls were blessed.

The question, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" is written across every page of life.

We have had an object lesson proving what can be accomplished by united effort. A great army mobilized, equipped and transported, ready to engage, in so brief a time, all made possible by union of purpose.

We call upon the membership for united support in our work. A work that is first in importance. The cause in which God Himself is interested and our Lord gave His precious life.

In view of the needed strength and the needed preparation, we would suggest that no brother or sister should deprive himself or herself the privilege of reading, every day, a portion of God's Word.

Let every father and mother make it a part of their program of life to read the Bible to their children, and to establish in their homes the family altar for the benefit of their little ones, it may be the means of saving their souls. We need your presence, also your encouragement on all occasions of public worship, and you need the inspiration that is obtained there.

It will be your loss, also a great loss to the church, if you absent yourself from the service in the public sanctuary.

Now, in our plenty, let us remember those in want, may the Lord be enabled to love us because we are generous, cheerful givers. May we continue to renounce our love and affection for sin, placing them, and our interests on spiritual and eternal things.

We implore that 1919 may be a year of spiritual growth for us, also a year of much ingathering of souls.



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.



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
 Kenneth Buckner (Special friend of Doris Kent) blood cancer treatments
 Susan Cottrell (Peggy Stoots' sister) UTI & Kidney infection
 Dwayne Deel (Deel's nephew) Mental health issues, substance abuse
 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
 David Reed (Jim & Judy's son) surgery for a spot on his lung
 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 March 2015

March 1, 2015 - Pray for *Rodger L. Boothe*, pastor of the Olean Church in Giles County, Virginia, who will complete thirty years of service as pastor there this month and continues to serve diligently. Let us pray that we will support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

March 8, 2015 - Pray for the participants and leadership of *Pilgrimage XIX: A FaithQuest for Adults*, a spiritual development retreat of the Virginia District, to be held on March 13-15, 2015. Let us pray that God will reward those who seek the divine will with deeper spirituality and greater commitment.

March 15, 2015 - Pray for *Roundtable 2015*, to be held March 20-22, 2015 at Bridgewater College. Carol Elmore, Minister of Nurture and Music of the Oak Grove Church in Roanoke, Virginia, will be the speaker. Let us ask God to nurture the spiritual depth of our young people.

March 22, 2015 - Pray for *Nancy Miner*, Office Manager of the General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, in Elgin, Illinois, 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.

March 29, 2015 - Pray for *the Smith Mountain Lake Community Church*, one of the most successful new congregations of the Church of the Brethren, as they approach the twentieth anniversary of their initiation as a project on April 9, 1995. Let us give thanks to God for the commitment of those who serve in the ministry and mission of the church.