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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

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March 2017

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

March 7 - 6pm Commissions; 7pm Church board

March 12 - Daylight Savings Time: Spring forward!

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - Spring Begins

March 26 - Called Council Meeting

April 1 - Spring Workday at Camp Bethel

April 2-5 - Awakening at Williamson Road CoB

Cloverdale March 2017 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Family Night Meal .5:45 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm	2 TOPS 5:30pm	3	4 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
5	6	7 6:00pm Commissions 7:00pm Church Board	8 F. N.5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Jr. Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	9 TOPS 5:30pm	10	11 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Bee Class
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26 Called Council Meeting!	27	28 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	29	30 TOPS 5:30pm	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 March



Greeters

- 5 - Mike & Debbie Phelan
- 12 - Carolyn Heath
- 19 - Sam & Rita Foster
- 26 - Reggie & Carolyn Wallace

Nursery

- 5 - Rita Foster
- 12 - Tracy Tardy
- 19 - Ginger Roberts
- 26 - Kim Brown

Thrift Shop

- 4 - Glenna Eubank & Debbie Phelan
- 11 - Rebecca Wilkins-Huffman & Carolyn Heath
- 18 - Doris Kent & Roberta Rogers
- 25 - Nancy Walters & Lois Flora

Altar Decor:

Violet Keith

Deacons on Call

TBD

Opening of Church

Reggie Wallace

March Birthdays

- 6 - Lynne Humphreys
- 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



Ushers:

- 5 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, & Johnnie Criner
- 12 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 19 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
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Special Acknowledgements

I just wanted to write, and thank whoever is responsible for the lovely gesture of sharing valentines with me this year. That is such a beautiful ministry, the outreach right here in the community, to soften what could be a touchy holiday in this month of February.

Most of those who shared thoughts I don't even know. But their words touched a scarred heart, and left a lasting impression. Thank you! Cloverdale Church of the Brethren! Most sincerely, **Joani H. Naff**

The Valentines were so wonderful. Carlton and I enjoyed looking at everyone. Our church family is so very special. Keep praying for us. Love, **Aurdy & Carlton Rogers**

Thank you to everyone for all the lovely valentines! They were so sweet! **Pat Hill**

Thank everyone, especially the children, for the lovely Valentines. I enjoyed the visit with Denise. It was good to see old friends. I miss all of you and hope everyone is well. Love, **Elda Alls**

Thanks so much for all the wonderful Valentines. I have enjoyed reading each one so much. I'm so thankful for my church family. God Bless - **Roberta Rogers**

Thank you to our Cloverdale Church Family for the prayers, cards, and phone calls expressing love and good health. Blessings to all of you! Love, **Paul & Anne Garber**

Heart felt thank yous to all of my friends and family. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and prayers. I miss you all. I'll be back soon. Thanks for the beautiful poinsettia and Christmas cards. Thanks Patrick, for all of your kindness shown to all of us. Please continue prayers. Prayers for all the blessings and prayers for all of you and family. Good health to all in 2017. God bless! Love, prayers, blessings, **Dottie Hale**

John Baker's family would like to express sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown to us during John's recent illness and death. The calls, visits, cards, flowers, and food were very much appreciated. He felt very much loved during those last few weeks. Patrick's service was beautiful, Anne Reid's music was a precious gift, and the meal the deacons provided was delicious.

To the anonymous giver of the debit card as a Christmas present: Thank you so much for your most generous gift. I am guessing it is the same gifter who has for so many years remembered me and the choir music you appreciate. My gift to you is a continuation of my very best effort to select inspirational music and attempt to challenge the choir to perform it in a meaningful and worshipful way. **Max Bertholf**

Thanks to all my church family for all the beautiful Christmas cards and words of love and appreciation and for the poinsettia. May you all have a healthy and happy new year! Love, **Doris Jean Brannen**

Thanks for the prayers, cards and food provided for James Oscar during his illness and death and for the love shown to us. Things will be hard, but God will be with us. Thanks. **Pat Hill & Family**

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas cards! We thoroughly enjoyed reading each and every one! Love **Shayne & Patricia Jennison**

I want to thank all of my church family for the beautiful Christmas Cards and the words of love and appreciation. May you all have a blessed happy Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year! Love, **Kathleen Cook**

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.

We celebrate the birth of Waverly Noel Kingery on Saturday Jan. 7, 2017 at 7lbs. 3oz., 19.5 inches to parents Nathaniel and Shawna (Brogan) Kingery. Proud Grandparents are Glen and Debbie Brogan and Great Grandmother Violet Keith.

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

Ash Wednesday worship will be held at Cloverdale on March 1 beginning at 7 pm.

Lenten mid-day service at Fincastle United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 22 at 12:05 pm with a lunch provided after worship. Pastor Patrick will speak. Our congregation and the community are invited.

There will be a **called church council meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2017** immediately following worship to act on our church board's recommended changes to our church constitution and by-laws. Church members are strongly encouraged to stay that day and participate in this important meeting. Copies of the proposed revisions have been sent to the all-church email list. Paper copies are available in the narthex and from the church office.

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!

PEACEBUILDING IN THE REAL WORLD - MARCH 17-18, 2017

Peacebuilding in the Real World is a retreat for youth in grades 6-12. It will be held on March 17-18, 2017 at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren in Bridgewater, Virginia. It will begin on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and will end on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The featured leaders are Andy Murray, 2016 Annual Conference Moderator, Musa Mambula, EYN (CoB Nigeria), and On Earth Peace Facilitators. The cost is \$20.00 which covers leadership and Saturday breakfast and lunch. To register call (540) 209-5592 by March 12.

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 includes small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry! 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.

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - APRIL 1, 2017

Spring Volunteer Workday begins with free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and includes free lunch at 1 p.m. Your help is needed! Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. Please reserve meals by March 26 to (540) 992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. More info at www.CampBethelVirginia.org.

AWAKENING SERVICES IN ROANOKE - APRIL 2-5, 2017

Awakening 2017 will take place at the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren on April 2-5, 2017. Services begin each evening with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. and worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "A New Hope for Every Generation," with speaker Shawn Flory Replogle, who was Moderator of Annual Conference in 2010 and was formerly pastor of the McPherson Church of the Brethren in Kansas. He is a native of Bridgewater, Virginia. In addition to the evening services, Bible Studies will be held by Brother Replogle each morning, Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. beginning with a light breakfast. The study on Monday will be held at the Poages Mill Church, on Tuesday at the Summerdean Church and on Wednesday at the Masons Cove Church.

Pastor Patrick's Page(s)~~

[I] repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:6 (NRSV)

[Y]ou are dust, and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19 (NRSV)

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me... to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes.
Isaiah 61:1, 3 (NKJV)*

When I first came to Cloverdale, I had next to no experience with Ash Wednesday observances. In some denominational traditions, Ash Wednesday observances annually kick off the 6+-week season of Lent, leading the church into Good Friday and Easter. Formed in the Church of the Brethren, what has been familiar to me is joining in the blessing of Love Feast on Maundy Thursday, keeping Jesus' commands to "do this and remember" and "do as I have done." Arriving here to find Cloverdale's custom of also observing Ash Wednesday, I have found the meaningfulness of Lent and Love Feast, Good Friday and Easter enhanced and enriched.

Our ancient forbears in the faith would sit in sackcloth and ash as a sign of repentance from sin and a reminder of our human frailty and finiteness. A humbled Job declared his intent to wear ashes, acknowledging that a person is practically just a speck of death's residue next to the bright burning holiness of God. When we acknowledge that we are not our own sovereign, when we remember that we all come up short of God's glory, we are then positioned to appreciate and receive God's great grace.

Isaiah foretold Jesus' coming to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken, to give us beauty in exchange for our ashes. During the Ash Wednesday observance, ashes are imposed on each worshiper's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes linger, reminding us of our mortality, that each of us will die, and that when we live in ways that harm others' living, we sully our souls. But, the cross declares the good news ever before us, that there is in the heart of God a love and forgiveness determined to take our sin and give in exchange beauty and blessing that leads us into true life and right living, with glory to God and regard for each neighbor.

Ash Wednesday's dusty smudge on the forehead helps this believer taste the bread and cup and share the basin and towel of Maundy Thursday more deeply, cling to the cross of Good Friday more closely, and welcome the empty tomb of Easter more resoundingly. You are invited to share in the experience as well. Cloverdale Church of the Brethren will hold our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 pm on March 1.

May you and I be drawn nearer to the heart of God this Lent, and sent to serve the world out of love for which God gave Jesus.

In Christ our hope,
Patrick

P.S. Thank you to the Cloverdale congregation for the Christmastime donation to Heifer International in honor of myself and all our church staff. I am indeed moved by this generous gesture and by the ongoing ministry of Heifer. Your kindness is much appreciated. My family also is grateful for all the cards and kindnesses shared with us.

NOTE: Pastor Patrick will be gone for Mission and Ministry Board meetings in Elgin, Illinois from March 9-13. For caregiving needs during this time, please contact our deacons.

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.



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
Thelma Byrd
Billy Duncan
Pam Ford & Zach
Dottie Hale
Robert & Janet Murray
Ginger Roberts

Ruth Bishop
Johnnie Criner
Margaret Fleshman
Anne Garber
Maynard Harris
Glenn & Mary Naff
Audry Rogers

Bowman Family
Luther Deel
Norman Flora
Geraldene Garvey
Arnold Humphreys
Carole Reavis
Betty Walker

Blaine Arnold (Shawna Burkhart's father) - cancer diagnosis
Jason Dickerson (Pat Hill's grandson) - Lyme Disease
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
Cora Sosebee (Dot Stanley's great granddaughter) seizures

*We remember the life, celebrate the faith, and pray for the loved ones of **James "Oscar" Hill and Dot Stanley.** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

District Prayer Calendar

March 5, 2017 -

Pray for *Andrew C. Duffey*, pastor of the Antioch Church in Franklin County, Virginia, who begins his full time ministry there on March 15. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.

March 12, 2017 -

Pray for *Aaron W. Klink*, a member of the Peace Covenant Church of the Brethren in Durham, North Carolina and a hospice chaplain, who is scheduled to be ordained on March 25. Let us pray that we will support, encourage and pray for those who undertake set-apart ministerial service.

March 19, 2017 -

Pray for the participants and leadership of *Pilgrimage XXI: A FaithQuest for Adults*, a spiritual development retreat of the Virginia District, to be held on March 24-26, 2017. Let us pray that God will reward those who seek the divine will with deeper spirituality and greater commitment.

March 26, 2017 -

Pray for *Roundtable 2017*, to be held March 31-April 2, 2017 at Bridgewater College. Tyler and Chelsea Goss, members of the West Richmond Church and widely known Brethren young adults, will provide leadership. Let us ask God to nurture the spiritual depth of our young people.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!

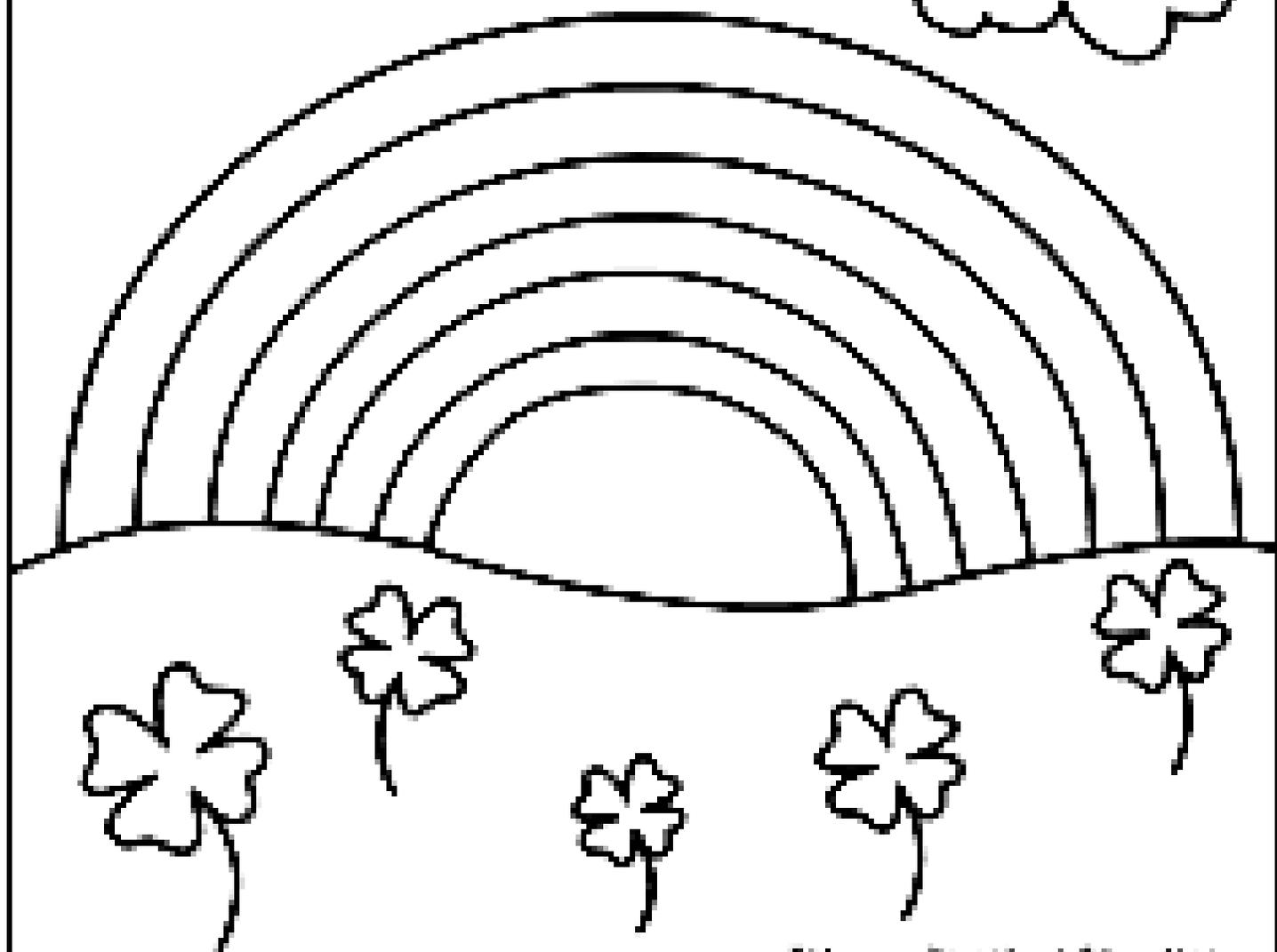


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