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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

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MAY 2015

HAPPY 
MOTHER'S
Day! 



May 2 - Mission & Ministry Day (Hosting)

May 9 - Ladies Night Out

May 10 - Blanket Sunday in honor of Mother's Day

May 17 - Youth Sunday

May 25 - Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)

May 31 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

Cloverdale May 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Mission & Ministry Day 7:30am-4pm (Hosting)
3	4	5 Commissions 6pm Board 7pm	6 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm	7 TOPS 5:30pm	8	9 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Ladies Night Out
10 Blanket Sunday	11	12 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	13 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	14 TOPS 5:30pm	15	16 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
17 Youth Sunday	18	19 W.F. 10am Gospel Choir 6:30pm Tinkerview 7pm	20 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm	21 TOPS 5:30pm	22	23 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
24	25 	26	27 Memorial Day Picnic	28 TOPS 5:30pm	29	30
31 Gradation Sunday 						

*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 May

Greeters

- 3 - Guy & Mae Kidd
- 10 - J.C. & Roberta Rogers
- 17 - Joyce & Maynard Harris
- 24 - Charlotte Wilson & Rebecca Wilson
- 31 - Bob & Laverne Cosner

Nursery

- 3 - Kim Brown
- 10 - Tracy Tardy
- 17 - Ginger Roberts
- 24 - Connie Walters
- 31 - Glenna Eubank

Thrift Shop

- 2 - Nancy Walters & Lois Flora
- 9 - Anne Garber & Wanda Parker
- 16 - Annette Taylor & Peggy Stoots
- 23 - Carolyn Heath & Rebecca Wilkins-Huffman
- 30 - Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks

Deacons on Call

Doris Kent & Carolyn Heath

Altar

Barb Nelson

Opening of Church

Rick Naff

Ushers

- 3 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis
Johnnie Criner
- 10 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 17 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 24 - Roger Reed, J.C. Rogers, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson
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May Birthdays

- 5 - Ethan Bowman
- 9 - Ginger Roberts
- 11 - Pat Hill
- 13 - Ryan Kidd
- 14 - Norman Flora
- 16 - Tony Rogers
- 17 - Aaron Bowman
- 21 - Tim Mann
- 21 - Jennifer Brogan
- 21 - Max Bertholf
- 21 - Virginia Powell
- 21 - Judy Reed
- 24 - Paul Garber
- 25 - Lenny LaRose
- 29 - Matt Deel
- 31 - Jimmy Reed



Happy Anniversary!!

- 3 - Arnold & Lynne Humphreys
- 20 (1978) - Bob & Norma Altice
- 24 (1974) - Rudy & Annette Taylor





Special Acknowledgements

The Witness Commission is so thankful for all the support from the congregation for the recent College Care Packages. We packed 6 boxes full of "goodies" and even the postage was donated. Thanks for your generosity and love.

My heartfelt thank you to my dear church family. Thanks to the Women's Fellowship for their caring and kindness and also to the Men's Fellowship for their caring and kindness shown to me. Women's Fellowship, thank you for the beautiful Christmas Poinsettia. Thank you for all the Valentines and goodies which I am still enjoying. A special thank you to Pastor Patrick for his visits. Thank you to all the church family for all the prayers, calls, concerns and cards. Please continue prayers. The Lord is so great; he's still getting me back on my "life's journey" praise the Lord.
God bless & Love, **Dottie Hale**

I would like thank the church for all the lovely Valentines. I enjoyed everyone of them. Have a great spring and a wonderful summer!
Fondly, Peggy Dale

Thanks to all the many people who contributed to the success of our Easter Egg Hunt. We served approximately 45 children and their families. Praise God!
-Peggy Stoots

Wishing our church family a joyous, blessed, Happy Easter! With Love, **-The Rodgers' Family Mike, Laura, Zach&Peyton**

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

Wednesday night Bible study this spring continues a look 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!

Ladies Night Out: It will soon be time for one of our most anticipated events. On Saturday evening May 9, 2015, at 6:00pm the Women's Fellowship will sponsor our Ladies Night Out in the Fellowship Hall. Roger Reed and his devoted helpers are again willing to prepare and serve us a delicious dinner. All ladies are invited, but please sign the reservation list on the table in the narthex. After church on Sunday, May 3, Roger will know the exact number so that he may plan his grocery list accordingly. I encourage all ladies to join us for a delightful evening of wonderful food and good fellowship.
-Marjorie Snider

Youth Sunday on May 17: We will be blessed to have our youth leading worship on Sunday, May 17. Come join in this celebration of God's goodness!



Cloverdale's oldest living church member is Virginia Powell. On May 21st she is turning 100 years old! You are all invited to come by* with a personal greeting on Sunday May 24th from 1-5pm.

NO GIFTS PLEASE! Light refreshments will be served so an RSVP by May 20th would be greatly appreciated. Please call Sandra Tate (Virginia's daughter) at 366-6224 to RSVP. *Virginia's address is 5327 Tiny Trail, off Hollins Road in north Roanoke County.

Calling all Graduates: The Christian Education Commission needs your help in honoring our graduates. Graduate recognition will take place on Sunday, May 31, and we need your help in identifying all our graduates. Please inform any Christian Ed commission member with names and places of graduation by May 24. Thanks!

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, May: "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!

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.

Set a Fire- The Summerdean Church of the Brethren Youth are hosting an evening outdoor worship service on Saturday, May 16 at 7 pm and are inviting everyone to come, set aside life's distractions and allow God to "set a fire" within us. Summerdean is located at 6604 Plantation Road in North Roanoke County.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - MAY 14-16

A Church Leadership Conference, "Gifted by God . . . Called by the Church . . . Empowered by the Holy Spirit" will be held at the Frederick Church of the Brethren, in Frederick, Maryland on May 14-16, 2015. The guest speakers will be Jeff Carter, (President of Bethany Seminary), Belita Mitchell (Former Moderator and Pastor of Harrisburg First CoB), and Leroy Solomon (Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Ashland Seminary). This event is designed for congregational leaders to network with each other while obtaining tools and resources to develop strong, vital, healthy congregations prepared to participate in the mission of God in their communities. Churches are encouraged to bring entire leadership groups.

This event is sponsored by the Council of District Executives. Event registration can be found at <brethren.org> (click on Events & Registrations) or on Facebook CODE Leadership. Hotel reservations can be made through Facebook CODE Leadership. Virginia District will try to coordinate transportation using district vans and carpooling. Departure would be on Thursday afternoon, with return by Saturday evening.

If you have interest, please inform Pastor Patrick or our Ministry Commission Chair, John Reed. Contact David Shumate or Emma Jean Woodard at (540) 362-1816 or email <virlina2@aol.com>, if you have further questions.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - MAY 22-24, 2015

The Church of the Brethren Young Adult Conference, for those ages 18-35, will be held May 22-24 at Camp Swatara in Pennsylvania. The theme is based on Isaiah 55:12-13, "You shall go out with joy." Registration is now open at <www.brethren.org/yac/>.

Board Chat

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

Just wanted to share our mission statement at the beginning of these notes as a reminder of who we are and what we want to do.

This spring we had the privilege to see *Vickie Murray, Bobby and Becky Dennis and Carolyn Helton* bring their church membership to Cloverdale. All four have been attending and supporting our ministry for awhile and we are thankful for their renewed commitment and their presence with us.

At our last board meeting the numbers were small but the enthusiasm was strong. The following was reported:

1. The elevator was being repaired to the tune of \$4,100. At the time, we were waiting for the part to arrive. The Properties Commission was so regretful that this break-down occurred during the Easter Celebrations.
2. Witness and Social Action Commission announced several items in their planning, Exam Survival Packages for the college students, June 28, Fruit on the Lawn (social time after worship on the front lawn), August 30, Ice Cream Social (community), May 10, Mothers Day, Blankets of Love and June 21, Fathers Day, Tools of Hope.
3. Women's Fellowship continues to work diligently with the Thrift Shop. Their bank account continues to grow (\$11,000) and they continue to share their wealth with others in our community.
4. Men's Fellowship is working on the community garden again this year. They remember the gratefulness of the recipients of their fresh veggies last year but noting that along with the tasty food you get nasty weeds. Any volunteer weed pullers will be greatly appreciated.
5. The financial report for March receipts and expenses was present written and verbally. General funds received were \$12,211.00. Expenses were \$12,199.47. The complete written report is available upon

request. Special thanks to Rick Naff, treasure, and Dave Wilson, financial secretary who weekly give their time to keep the finances straight. And to the Stewardship Commission for making the decision sometimes hard ones to best serve our Lord with all gifts given.

Finally, we look forward to *May 17* as we celebrate *Youth Sunday* and witness all the gifts these young people bring and share with us. May we all continue to "***Serve One Another in Love***".

Blessings,

Rita Foster, Board Chair

Pastor Patrick's Page~~

*And remember, I am **with** you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20b*

Maybe it is the legal training. I mean, to quibble over one word? And a preposition at that!

Ever since the Church of the Brethren adopted our identity line back in the 1990's, I have been fond of it. It resonates with me. It is a good reminder of mission and a good jumping off point for faith conversations. Except, that one word never quite sat right with me.

Continuing the work of Jesus... peacefully... simply... together.

There it is: "of." I understand why it is there. The work to which the church of Christ is called is what we find Jesus doing in the gospels: trusting God, drawing others near to God, forming community, strengthening bonds, loving others, loving enemies, reaching to the outsider, feeding the hungry, helping those who hurt, repairing brokenness, humbly serving ...

It is just that with "of" in there, "continuing the work of Jesus," I can't seem to shake the sense, surely unintended at the identity's line's creation, that this once was Jesus' work, he's gone now, the baton has passed. I hope you don't hear it that way. Maybe I should not even bring up that potential misreading.

True, the work of Jesus is ours now, too, church, We are, as the apostle Paul declared, the body of Christ. Yet, this does not mean that we have taken a baton away from Jesus and are left to our own devices and only our own strength to love others, to reach out, to help hurts, to live peacefully, simply and together.

What if the message and mission is this: Continuing the work **with** Jesus...? I think this is what the identity line really means. Yes, the work is what we find Jesus doing in the gospels. Yes, it continues in our part today.

Yet, there is a presence and power like no other that accompanies and propels our participation. Easter echoes, "Christ is risen!" His Pentecost promise is sure: the same Spirit which was in Christ Jesus is sent to his people!

Rather than taking it over, we are joining Jesus' work. In this work, we are essential. In this work, we are not alone. For, the Lord Christ said long ago and says still: I am **with** you always!

In Christ our hope,

Patrick Starkey

Blankets of Love—May 10th: You are invited to sponsor a \$5 Church World Service blanket in honor or memory of your mother or loved one. Please contact the church office by Friday, May 8th, at 9:30am if you would like to be included in the bulletin insert.

Sponsor(s) Name: _____

Number of Blankets Sponsored: _____

In Honor Of...

In Memory Of...



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
Virginia Bushnell
Kathleen Cook
Margaret Fleshman
Geraldene Garvey
Becky Hudson
Debbie Phelan
Audry Rogers

Elda Alls
Thelma Byrd
Deel Family
Norman Flora
Dottie Hale
Robert & Janet Murray
Paul Reavis
Dot Stanley

Bowman Family
Clark Family
Sharon Dillard
Pam Ford & Zach
James Hill
Glenn & Mary Naff
Alta Robertson
Betty Walker

Susie Bowman (Ben Bowman's mother) colon cancer
Ezra Bowman (Ben Bowman's father) cellulitis/blood clot in leg
Kenneth Buckner (Special friend of Doris Kent) blood cancer treatments
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
Corbin Miller Reynolds, III (Kathy Bowman's grandfather) bronchitis
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 May 2015

May 3, 2015 - Pray for *Richard T. Randall*, who completed ten years of pastoral service on April 30th with the *New Hope Church* in Patrick County, Virginia and continues to serve faithfully. 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.

May 10, 2015 - Pray for *Jenna Stacy*, a member of the Melvin Hill Church of the Brethren in North Carolina, who is serving as an outdoor ministries intern this year at Camp Bethel. Let us pray that the ministries of Camp Bethel will be enhanced and multiplied for the glory of God.

May 17, 2015 - Pray for *Lori Domich*, who serves as Pension Member Services Representative for Brethren Benefit Trust in Elgin, Illinois. Let us remember that every person who serves the Body of Christ is important, those parts which seem to be weaker are indispensable.

May 24, 2015 - Pray for the *Virgina District Board*, meeting at the West Richmond Church in Henrico, Virginia on May 30. Let every decision which affects the mission and ministry of the church, from the smallest to the greatest, be the subject and result of earnest prayer.

May 31, 2015 - Pray for *the students and staff of the Christian Growth Institute* as they gather at the Stone Church in Buena Vista, Virginia on June 6 for Orientation 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.

HAPPY, MOTHER'S DAY

LOVE,

