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Wings of Faith

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

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2016



- May 7 - Ministry and Mission in Virlina Day at Germantown Brick CoB
- May 8 - Mother's Day/Blanket Sunday
- May 15 - Youth Sunday
- May 15 - Deacons Meeting after worship w/lunch
- May 18 - Youth Mental Health First Aid Training @Camp Bethel
- May 18 - Men's Fellowship Fish Fry
- May 18-21 - New Church Planting Conference @Bethany Seminary
- May 25 - Memorial Day Picnic
- May 30 - Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- June 5 - Graduation Sunday
- June 11 - 150th Anniversary Celebration of District work in Virginia @Camp Bethel

Cloverdale MAY 2016 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6:00pm Commissions 7:00pm Church Board	4 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	5 TOPS 5:30pm	6	7 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm Ministry & Mission Day
8 Mother's Day Blanket Sunday Scouts 4:45-6pm	9	10 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	11 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm	12 TOPS 5:30pm	13	14 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
15 Pentecost Youth Sunday Deacons meet after worship with lunch provided	16	17 W.F. 10am	18 Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	19 TOPS 5:30pm	20	21 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
22 Scouts 4:45-6pm	23	24 Gospel Choir 6:30pm	25 Family Night season-ending picnic 5:45 pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm	26 TOPS 5:30pm	27	28 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
29	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	31 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 May



Greeters

- 1 - Patricia Jennison
- 8 - Marjorie Snider
- 15 - Lenny & Susan LaRose
- 22 - Nancy Walters
- 29 - Mae & Guy Kidd

Nursery

- 1 - Kim Brown
- 8 - Tracy Tardy
- 15 - Connie Walters
- 22 - Barb Nelson
- 29 - Glenna Eubank

Thrift Shop

- 7 - Vickie Murray & Susan LaRose
- 14 - Sharon Dillard & Carolyn Heath
- 21 - Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks
- 28 - Nancy Walters & Lois Flora

Deacons on Call

Rick & Donna Naff: Lenny & Susan LaRose

Altar

Barb Nelson

Opening of Church

Rick Naff

Ushers

- 1 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harr
- 8 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, F
- 15 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Har
- 22 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Har
- 29 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Har

MAY Birthdays

- 5 - Ethan Bowman
- 9 - Ginger Roberts
- 11 - Pat Hill
- 13 - Ryan Kidd
- 14 - Norman Flora
- 14 - Bobby Dennis
- 16 - Tony Rogers
- 17 - Aaron Bowman
- 21 - Tim Mann
- 21 - Jennifer Brogan
- 21 - Max Bertholf
- 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



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Pink Cake Boy
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Special Acknowledgements

Dear Cloverdale Family, we just wanted to thank you for your kindness during the recent passing of my mother. We appreciated all the beautiful cards, the delicious food, and your thoughts and prayers. It is wonderful to have such a loving church family to depend on in times like these. Your thoughtfulness meant more than you will ever know. Thank you, Pastor Patrick for all your support and visits during mom's illness and death. We appreciate you and the encouraging words that you offered on our behalf. Blessings to you all! **Love, Sam and Melinda Foster and families (Sharon, Steve, and Stephanie)**

Dear Patrick and Cloverdale Church of the Brethren family, Thank you for your faithful participation in the work of the Church of the Brethren. The Prayers and dollars of your congregation are making a difference through the life-changing ministries of our denomination. We are incredibly grateful that you have made a commitment to give \$6800.00 to the Church of the Brethren in 2016. Through generous giving from congregations like yours, the following recent initiatives of Core Ministries have been possible:

- *Brethren Volunteer Service prepared volunteers to serve in El Salvador, Japan, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States.
- *The office of Public Witness participated in the first Day of Prayer for Peace march in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with the Elgise des Freres congregation of Miami, Fla.
- *The Brethren Historical Library and Archives processed the journals of Joseph J. Yoder (board member from 1908-1937) and documents detailing the missionary experiences of Gerald Neher and Susan Ikenberry Wilson.
- *Congregational Life Ministries continued preparation for Christian Citizenship Seminar, New Church Planting Conference, National Young Adult Conference, and summer placements of Ministry Summer Service Interns.
- *Global Mission and Service staff and Mission Advisory Committee traveled to the Dominican Republic to attend the Asamblea (Annual Conference) and witness the naturalization/immigration outreach work the church is doing there.

Thank you again for your partnership. It is only with your support of the Core Ministries of the Church of the Brethren that lives are changed for the glory of God and our neighbors' good. We are blessed to work with you as we Continue the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together. In Christ's Peace, **John Hipps, Director of Donor Relations**

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

Care Packages for College Students - We will once again prepare care packages for our college students during exam time. Please bring light shippable items. Examples - candy, crackers, popcorn, notes of encouragement. If you would like to donate money, Witness will be happy to shop for you. Please have your contributions to the church by **April 24th**. Thank you!! **Witness Commission**

Deacons Meeting after worship on May 15 will include lunch (provided) and training on Alzheimer's care.

Calling all Graduates: Graduate Sunday will be on June 5. We will recognize Daniel Naff on this day. If you know of additional graduates that we should recognize, please submit their names with school and diploma or degree to Susan LaRose or Nancy Walters by Monday 5/23.

A NEW NAME...

If you will recall, several months ago the Women's Fellowship introduced a contest to name the Thrift Shop. At our last meeting, we looked at all the names that had been submitted...and there were quite a few. As a group, we unanimously decided the new name will be the HEAVEN SENT THRIFT SHOP. Thanks to all who participated! You came up with some inspiring and creative names. **Marjorie Snider, Women's Fellowship**

NO LADIES NIGHT OUT!!

FOR MANY YEARS on the first Saturday evening in May, we have traditionally had a dinner honoring all the ladies. After much discussion and evaluation of our policy to be good stewards of the monies we are blessed to raise, we have decided to do something different this year. We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful new landscape

around our church. That project was paid for by the Women's Fellowship. Since our church is in the midst of a repair and remodel campaign, our Fellowship was happy to be an active participant in helping to accomplish one of these goals. We gladly work hard to be able to contribute to Outreach Programs...and we definitely were happy to contribute to our own church's needs! Our decision to use the "dinner monies" to help maintain our own church plus add an extra charity this year was an easy decision. Marjorie Snider, Women's Fellowship

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, April/May:

Old ugly neckties to use as blindfolds for games; Digital cameras; Working mini-van and pick-up truck; Donations for camper scholarships, new mattresses, new furnishings in the New Cottage, and repairs to chimneys, floors and the Ark Pond. Donations to Camp Bethel are tax-deductible and greatly needed. Thank you!

MINISTRY AND MISSION IN VIRGINIA - MAY 7, 2016

The annual Ministry and Mission in Virginia event will be held on Saturday, May 7, at the Germantown Brick Church of the Brethren, 2363 Brick Church Rd., Rocky Mount, Virginia. The theme will be "Focus on Jesus" with Matthew 14:22-33 as the scripture text. Our day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by worship at 9:00 a.m.

Our worship theme will be "Get out of the boat; your journey awaits." Anne Mitchell, pastor of the Lighthouse Church of the Brethren, will be our preacher and members of the Commission on Witness will provide leadership during the worship and throughout the event. Following worship, workshops from the commissions and committees of the District Board will be held throughout the morning. Workshop topics will include behavior management for leaders, conflict transformation, tax information for treasurers, and more.

Lunch will be provided by the Germantown congregation and after lunch the Annual Conference business briefing will take place. The briefing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in all or part of the activities planned for the day.

MAY 18: YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING:

You are invited to a free day of Youth Mental Health First Aid training at Camp Bethel on Wednesday, May 18, 8:00am-5:00pm. Bring your own lunch OR enjoy a \$9 Camp Bethel lunch. RSVP to Jenna Stacy by May 1 at 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

2016 NEW CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE- MAY 19 - 21, 2016

Registration is now open for the New Church Planting Conference to be held May 19-21 at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. The theme is "Hope - Imagination - Mission." For more information and to register, go to the website <<http://www.brethren.org/churchplanting/events.html>>.

YOUTH (JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH) END-OF-YEAR PICNIC - MAY 21, 2016

The annual end-of-year youth picnic will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Roaring Run Recreational Area in Botetourt County. The address is 450 Roaring Run Road, Eagle Rock, Virginia. There will be hiking to the Roaring Run Falls, picnic, games, fellowship, and a time of giving thanks to God for the beauty of creation. Michelle and John Reed from the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren are the coordinators of this event.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - JUNE 11, 2016

The Virginia District Historical Committee is sponsoring a "150 Year Anniversary Celebration of District Work in Virginia" at Camp Bethel on June 11, 2016. The 2016 Annual Conference Moderator, Andy Murray, a native of the Cloverdale Church in Botetourt County, Virginia, will be the keynote speaker and the worship service will feature special music. Research is going forward on an updated history of the district over the past fifty to sixty years. Mary Sink Saint-John is serving as the editor of this work.

150TH ANNIVERSARY BANNERS NEEDED!

Each Virginia District congregation is invited to bring a banner to the 150th Anniversary Celebration of District ministry in Virginia, to be held at Camp Bethel on June 11. The banner needs to be about 12" tall and 9" wide. The only requirement is that the name of the church is on it. The material may be felt, vinyl, burlap, paper, or something else. It may be quilted, colorful, appliqued, black and white, you name it. It also needs a string or ribbon with which it will hang. It will go home with another congregation. Who will work on Cloverdale's? Please see Pastor Patrick. For banner questions, contact Carol Elmore at (540) 774-3217 or <carol@oakgrovecob.org>.

Pastor Patrick's Page(s)~~

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5 NRSV

Preparations are well underway, and anticipation is growing, for the 2016 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference June 29-July 3 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The theme for conference this year is "Carry the Light." People carry agendas. People carry grudges. Followers of Jesus are to "Carry the Light."

Andy Murray, originally from our Cloverdale congregation, now serves as our Annual Conference Moderator. Brother Andy shares the following words in his conference theme statement:

The next time you see a leaf flutter in a gust of air or a blade of grass bend to the breeze, consider that it is being touched by a power that begins some 93 million miles away. Actually, every living movement on our earth begins with strength driven by the light of the sun. When we walk from one room to the next, we are burning the sunlight that brought the rain and grew the food that nourishes our physical bodies.

Some of that power, from a solar panel for example, is very immediate - about eight minutes old. Some of it, coal for example, has been stored for thousands of years. It is all from the same source.

As Christians we confess that there is one source for our spiritual being; one source for the meaning that powers our mental and emotional existence; one source for Life.

The Gospel of John opens with this magnificent hymn in tribute to the relationship between word, life and light. They were all present "in the beginning" and they all came to focus in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. They were revealed in a person of history that we remember regularly in the act of communion; a person that we recognize as a source of our salvation; a person who, we confess, lives with us in the Holy Spirit and whose body is alive in our worshiping community of faith.

... We claim a Light that comes to us across the space of two thousand years and across the space from the beginning of creation; a light that warms us, heals us, comforts us, nourishes us, guides us and grows us.

For this, we rededicate ourselves to "Carry the Light."

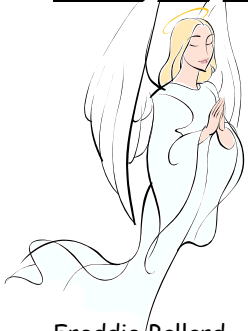
We are invited to pray and to ponder our present opportunities to carry the light of Christ. This invitation extends to our personal preparations for Annual Conference. Brother Andy encourages us to join him in a period of prayer and fasting on Pentecost, May 15. Conference activities and business items are available online for our viewing and reflection and planning at <http://www.brethren.org/ac/2016>. A conference briefing will happen May 7 from 1:30-3:00 pm at Germantown Brick CoB in Franklin County. Please pray for and encourage our delegates, Annette & Rudy Taylor, and consider making the short trip to Greensboro for at least part of Annual Conference.

And, the invitation to carry the light of Christ extends to our personal faith lives and our congregational life. Where next will you and I and our church bear the light of Christ to brighten and bless the lives of others?

In Christ our hope,
Patrick

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
Doris Jean Brannen
Margaret Fleshman
Geraldene Garvey
Arnold Humphreys
Carole Reavis
Audry Rogers

Ruth Bishop
Thelma Byrd
Norman Flora
Dottie Hale
Robert & Janet Murray
Ginger Roberts
Dot Stanley

Bowman Family
Deel Family
Pam Ford & Zach
James Hill
Glenn & Mary Naff
Alta Robertson
Betty Walker

Freddie Ballard - Pat Hill's friend
David Dooley (Marceline Dooley's son) - stage 4 lymphoma
Sherry Duncan - Pat Hill's friend
Larry Evans - Cancer
Maisun Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 9 yr old great nephew) kidney problems
Pam Mayo (Carolyn Heath's daughter) car accident
Wyatt McGuire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson)
Debbie Noble (Doris Kent's neighbor) cancer
Cora Sosebee (Dot Stanley's great granddaughter) MRI for seizures
Betty Stone (Doris Kent's friend) breast cancer
Curtis Wallace - Pat Hill & Reggie Wallace's brother
Anne West (friend of Patricia Jennison) diagnosed with cancer
Anita Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's mother) stroke
Joseph Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's father) fall
Terry Williams - Pat Hill's nephew

We celebrate the life shared and extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of... **Mary Jo Flory-Steury**
Virginia Powell
John Garber

District Prayer Calendar MAY

May 1, 2016

Pray for *Eric C. Anspaugh*, who retired from full time ministry on April 30 at the Antioch Church of the Brethren in Franklin County, Virginia. Let us give glory to God for the manifold gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christ's church.

May 8, 2016

Pray for the *Virgina District Board*, meeting at the Spruce Run Church in Lindside, West Virginia on May 14. 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 15, 2016

Pray for *Angella F. Haranzo*, who began as pastor of the Vinton Church of the Brethren in Virginia on January 1. May the Lord of the Harvest call and send out workers into fields near and far.

May 22, 2016

Pray for *Roy U. Turpin*, who will celebrate thirty years as the pastor of the Pleasant Valley Church at Alum Ridge in Floyd County, Virginia on May 25. 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 29, 2016

Pray for *the students and staff of the Christian Growth Institute* as they gather at the Stone Church in Buena Vista, Virginia on June 4 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.



"Who wants these flowers I just picked?"