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## *Wings of Faith*

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

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# NOVEMBER 2016



**November 3 - Set-up for Bazaar**

**November 4 - Vendors Arrive**

**November 5 - Christmas Bazaar**

**- Fall Work day at Camp Bethel**

**November 6 - DST Ends - Turn your clocks back!!!**

**November 11-12 - District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist**

**November 20- Church Council meeting**

**November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 7pm**





**November 24 - Thanksgiving - OFFICE CLOSED**

**December 8 - Christmas Together Banquet at Camp Bethel**

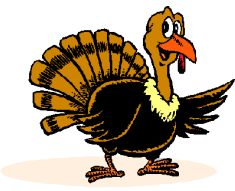
# Cloverdale November 2016 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Commissions 7:00pm Church Board</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Jr. Choir 6:45pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>TOPS 5:30pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!</b></p> <p>Fall Work Day at Camp Bethel</p>
<p>6 DST ENDS</p> <p>4:45p Troop 25</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Gospel Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Jr. Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>TOPS 5:30pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Gospel Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm  Jr. Choir 6:45pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TOPS 5:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm</p>
<p>20 Church Council meeting after worship</p> <p>4:45p Troop 25</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Gospel Choir 6:30pm</p> <p>Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>HAPPY</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING</b></p> <p>TOPS 5:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Thrift Shop 9am-1pm</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Gospel Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choir 7:30pm</p>			

*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 November



### Greeters

- 6 - Patricia Jennison
- 13 - Larry & Judy Mann
- 20 - Sam & Rita Foster
- 27 - Lenny & Susan LaRose

### Nursery

- 6 - Tracy Tardy
- 13 - Connie Walters
- 20 - Barb Nelson
- 27 - Glenna Eubank

### Thrift Shop

- 5 - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- 12 - Vickie Murray & Lois Flora
- 19 - Doris Kent & Roberta Rogers
- 26 - Marjorie Snider & Sharon Dillard

### Deacons on Call

Altar Decor:  
Nancy Bertholf

Opening of Church  
Mike Phelan

## November Birthdays

- 1 - Donnie Roberts
- 2 - Kathy Bowman
- 4 - Guy Kidd
- 6 - Barb Nelson
- 6 - Mary Naff
- 9 - Sam Foster
- 14 - Don Hudson
- 15 - Joe Murray
- 22 - Kim Brown
- 23 - Rudy Taylor
- 24 - Lorene Bishop
- 27 - Rebecca Wilkins-Huffman
- 28 - Rebecca Wilson
- 28 - Keira Naff
- 30 - Ruby Bower



### Happy Anniversary!!

- 17 - (1962) - Dewey & Barbara Snider
- 25 - (1955) - Norman & Lois Flora



### Ushers:

- 6 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, & Johnnie Criner
- 13 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 20 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 27 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson



## Special Acknowledgements

Thank you Cloverdale congregation for your prayers and well-wishes and for the wonderful meals that have helped welcome baby Joanna and helped us to have a great start with her. Azyra and Micah and Mommy and Daddy are excited about introducing her to you!

**With love, the Starkeys**



It's a girl!!! Congratulations to Pastor Patrick, Susan, Azyra, and Micah on the new edition to their family! Joanna Virginia was born at 12:17am on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. She was 8lbs & 9oz and mommy and baby are doing great!!

### Courtyard Beautification!

If you haven't had the chance, take a moment to check out all the work that has been done on the courtyard. Girl Scout troop 25 who meets in the fellowship hall on Sundays, spent the weekend cleaning up the courtyard! They put down mulch, trimmed existing plants, planted daffodils, and even put up a beautiful garden flag! Please take a moment to appreciate all their hard work!

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

### Council Meeting Report Deadline

Our yearly council meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>! All members are encouraged to remain after worship to take part in this important meeting which will include calling leadership and approving a budget for 2017. Commission leaders and others providing reports to council, **please have your reports to the church office by November 1<sup>st</sup>!!** This will allow Tasha time to assemble the packets and distribute them ahead of time so everyone will be prepared for the meeting! Thank you!

**Wednesday Bible Study will resume on November 2**, following the Family Night meal. We will finish our look at Proverbs 1 & 8 and then turn to Proverbs 2. Everyone is welcome, whether you have attended previously or not.

### Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016. The hours are from 8:00am until 2:00pm. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day for both the vendors and the patrons. Come early and enjoy a breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits. We will have 29 tables of beautiful and exciting crafts...including several new ones! Also, our Thrift Shop will be in full operation! Late morning you will be able to take a break from shopping to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Roger Reed. Enthusiasm and fellowship run high on this particular day. I encourage you to put this date, November 5, 2016, on your calendar. Come and support the talented artisans who are participating in the Bazaar! Most importantly though, your support allows us the opportunity to carry on with the main focus of our "Fellowship" and that is the continuation of a sound outreach program. -

**Marjorie Snider**

**FALL CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST:** 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 furnishings in the New Cottage, and repairs to floors of the Ark Pond, new(in-the-box bike helmets and/or horse helmets, canoes, kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, brooms, dust-pans, backpacking supplies and/or tools, and box fans. Please bring any of these items to the camp office porch(or tractor shed!) at any time you can. Donations to Camp are tax-deductible. Thank you!

## **CONNECT - YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER 11**

An Ice Cream Social will take place on Friday, November 11, following the Worship Service at District Conference. The social will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the Grandin Court Baptist Church, 2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia. For more information contact Alli or Scott Yinging at (540) 915-4722 or <[allicat90@gmail.com](mailto:allicat90@gmail.com)>.

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 11-12**

The 2016 District Conference will be held November 11-12 at Grandin Court Baptist Church, 2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke. The theme is "Step out of the boat; the Lord is calling!" from Matthew 14:22-33. The conference officers are J. W. Rhoades - moderator, Tim Emmons - moderator-elect, and Charlene Lester - clerk. Fonda Wilson, Anne Reid, John Reed and Pastor Patrick will serve as Cloverdale's delegates. Everyone is invited to come to District Conference. You do not have to be a delegate to attend. There is no pre-registration or fee for a non-delegate. On Friday evening, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. for hymn sing and worship. The speaker will be Chris Bowman, pastor of the Manassas Church of the Brethren in the Mid-Atlantic District. J.W. Rhoades will be the worship leader and Harvey Leddy will be the choir director. A district choir and smaller ensemble will provide special music. On Saturday morning, we will gather at 8:15 a.m. for hymn sign and worship. Our speaker will be Tara Hornbacker, professor at Bethany Theological Seminary. Tim Emmons will be the worship leader. Following worship, the business session will begin.

**See our church office for information about children's and youth activities.**

## **DISASTER RESPONSE COLLECTION AT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 11-12, 2016**

Virgina District will be collecting kits: hygiene kits, school kits, and clean-up buckets. If you have any of these kits, please bring them to District Conference. There will be a designated place to put kits. Grandin Court Baptist is collecting bottles of water for victims of flooding in North Carolina. If you would like to bring water for the flood victims, they would be glad to receive it.

### **Community Thanksgiving Service:**

Pleasant Hill Baptist will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service this year on November 22 at 7pm. There service brings together several churches in Botetourt County including Catholic, Methodists, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Brethren, and Baptist churches. Please join us as we all come together to give thanks, this holiday season!

## **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 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. The basic structure of the weekend is the same each year with talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. Yet God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry, and we give Him all praise and honor!

The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it. 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](mailto:haynesmk1986@yahoo.com) or go to [www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com).

## Pastor Patrick's Page(s)~~

*... We always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 NRSV*

"I can't imagine not having a church family." This is a common refrain I hear from sisters and brothers who recognize the gift of being in a community of faith. Words like these often are spoken when persons have received needed support, felt the strength of prayers prayed for them, wrestled with tough questions together in Bible study or Sunday school class, or been inspired by the testimonies or examples of faith from others.

From the start, the apostle Paul's letter-writing to churches put a prominent accent on giving thanks to God for the gift of relationships with sisters and brothers in Christ. Just two sentences into 1 Thessalonians, widely considered Paul's earliest New Testament letter, we read, "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess. 1:2-3 NRSV). Paul leads off his second letter to the Thessalonian church with the similar thanksgiving expressed in the above recited verse. Gratitude is given to God for the increasing love everyone in the church is sharing with one another. There are additional litanies of thanksgiving in many of Paul's other letters (see, for example, Philippians 1:3-5 and Colossians 1:3-5a).

We are entering a season with a special focus on giving thanks. As we do so, I hope your hearts become full with thanks for our community of faith, the church. I know my spirit swells with gratitude to God for this gift.

The Cloverdale congregation has extended abundant grace to my family recently. You have blessed my parental leave time around baby Joanna's birth. You have fed us meal after meal as we have transitioned into a household of five. You have prayed for us and prayed for us. Thank you. And thanks be to God for your ministry with us. Where and to whom will we next extend such grace together?

We find additional cause for thanksgiving in our wider church connections and recent news coming out of Nigeria. For month after heart-heavy month since the spring of 2014, we have been praying for the well-being and the release of the abducted Chibok schoolgirls. We have raised particular prayers for two of the young women by name. One name, Ruth Joshua, was given to us for special prayers by our denomination. The other, Gloria (Glory) Mainta, was assigned for special prayers to the Stevens Hill Church of the Brethren in Pennsylvania, where my seminary teacher and advisor Jeff Bach is a member. Brother Jeff and I exchanged these names to multiply our prayers, and Gloria has been on Cloverdale's prayer list ever since.

About two weeks ago, word came that 21 of the approximately 217 captive Chibok girls were released. We continue our prayers for Ruth Joshua and others still held captive. At the same time, we celebrate the news and add prayers of rejoicing that Gloria Mainta is among those released and being restored to family!

As we gather with family and as the church family in November, let us recognize the great gift of God in giving us sisters and brothers in the faith of Christ. For those nearby, giving us a hand and joining hands with us to serve God and neighbor. For those further off, like the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, whose bold and tireless witness in the midst of hardship inspires our lives and faith. And may our one for one another only increase day by day.

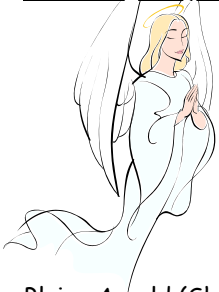
In Christ our hope,  
Patrick

**Books for children of Nigerian Church of the Brethren (EYN)-related schools:** EYN-related schools are in need of books for their school libraries and classrooms. Please collect new or used books in good condition for children ages 6 to 16 years old. Specifically requested are paperback chapter books for children, such as those recognized by the Newberry Award (easily found online). Non-fiction books and children's encyclopedias are also requested. All books should be in good condition and published in the last 20 years. Send books to: Books for Nigeria, Brethren Service Center Annex, 601 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776. Please make sure all books arrive at the Service Center by November 20, 2016.



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  
Luther Deel  
Pam Ford & Zach  
James Hill  
Glenn & Mary Naff  
Betty Walker

Blaine Arnold (Shawna Burkhardt's father) - cancer diagnosis  
Freddie Ballard - Pat Hill's friend  
Maisun Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 9 yr old great nephew) kidney problems  
Dawna Jennison (Patricia Jennison's daughter) prayers for strength and peace  
Pam Mayo (Carolyn Heath's daughter) car accident  
Wyatt McGuire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson)  
Virginia Lewis (Doris Kent's friend) thyroid cancer  
David Shumate (Virlina District Executive Minister) - continues recovery  
Cora Sosebee (Dot Stanley's great granddaughter) MRI for seizures

## **District Prayer Calendar**

### **November 6, 2016 -**

Pray for *J. W. Rhoades*, moderator, and *the 45th Virlina District Conference* of the Church of the Brethren meeting at the Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on November 11-12. Let us pray that every decision affecting the mission and ministry of the church, from the smallest to the greatest, be the subject and result of earnest prayer.

### **November 13, 2016 -**

Pray for *the staff, clients and mission of Friendship*, formerly Friendship Manor, one of the first continuing care retirement communities in the Roanoke Valley, founded fifty years ago through the vision and energy of the Church of the Brethren and interested members of the community. 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.

### **November 20, 2016 -**

Pray for *Jan Fischer Bachman*, Website Producer, for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois, as she supports our denominational ministry. Let us give thanks to God for the commitment of those who serve unseen, but not unimportantly, in the ministry and mission of the church.

### **November 27, 2016-**

Pray for *the Virlina District Board Retreat on December 3* at Camp Bethel in Botetourt County, Virginia. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will grant discernment, guide every decision and enable every undertaking.

