

2024
Second
Quarter

April
through
June

Virilina District
Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CALENDAR

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” — Romans 8:26 (NRSV)

Prayer is central to our relationship with God and our care for one another. Here are some suggestions for your prayers and meditations during the third quarter. If possible, please include these in your bulletin on the date indicated and in your congregational newsletter. If you do not have a bulletin or newsletter, we ask that you post the list on your congregational bulletin board. Please draw attention to these during your worship services and prayer meetings.

A DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

April 7, 2024 -

Pray for ***Dreama F. Osborne*** who will be installed as pastor of the Mount Bethel Church of the Brethren in Eagle Rock, Virginia today. Let us pray for those who answer God’s call to lead us closer to Christ Jesus.

April 14, 2024 -

Pray for ***Mary S. St. John*** who celebrated five years as Director of District Conference, Witness and Nurture for the Virilina District on March 1. Let us praise God for those who serve the larger church and strengthen the ties that bind us together.

April 21, 2024 -

Pray for ***J. Richard “Dick” Gottshall*** who celebrates eighty years of ministry this year. Let us give thanks to God for those who have gone before us, pointing the way to Jesus in word and deed.

April 28, 2024 -

Pray for ***Ministry and Mission Day in Virilina***, which will take place on Saturday May 6 at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren in Cloverdale, Virginia. Let us rejoice at the opportunity to be equipped for the ministry that God has prepared for us.

May 5, 2024 -

Pray for ***the Bethany Theological Seminary class of 2024*** who will celebrate commencement exercises on Saturday May 11. Let us pray for those who are preparing to serve Christ and the church in a variety of ministries.

May 12, 2024 -

Pray for ***Carol F. H. Elmore***, who celebrates 20 years as Associate Pastor for Youth and Music at Roanoke, Oak Grove Church of the Brethren on May 16. Let us rejoice for those who steadfastly guide, encourage and lead us in our Christian walk.

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Together.*



May 19, 2024 -

Pray for **Betty M. Wills, Administrative Assistant of the Virlina District**, who celebrated fifteen years full-time service on January 1, 2024. Let us give thanks for those who faithfully serve in ways that are both public and behind the scenes.

May 26, 2024 -

Pray for **those beginning their studies in Christian Growth Institute** who will participate in New Student Orientation at Stone Church of the Brethren in Buena Vista, Virginia on Saturday June 1. The us pray for those seeking further growth in Christian discipleship and leadership.

June 2, 2024 -

Pray for the **campers, volunteers and summer staff at Camp Bethel**. Let us pray for those who nurture the faith of young believers in the Church of the Brethren and beyond.

June 9, 2024 -

Pray for the **Virlina District Board** scheduled to meet on June 14 at the Fraternity Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Let us pray that every decision which affects the mission and ministry of the church, from the smallest to the greatest, be the subject and result of sincere prayer.

June 16, 2024 -

Pray for the **Nominating and Personnel and Program and Arrangements Committees** as they continue to prepare for the 2024 Virlina District Conference. Let us thank God for those who serve in ministries of preparation, calling and planning and let us give feet to our prayers by continuing to nominate sisters and brothers to serve God beyond the local congregation.

June 23, 2024 -

Pray for **Founa Badet** who began as Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren earlier this year. Please pray for those who help us to reach beyond our comfort zone that we may all grow closer to Jesus Christ.

June 30, 2024 -

Pray for **the officers and delegates of the 237th Recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren** as they gather in Grand Rapids, Michigan to discern the will of Christ Jesus for our denomination. Let us pray that the God's will be done with us, in us and through us.