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JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH & IYC RETREAT - FEBRUARY 8 -9, 2019

Junior High Youth are invited to attend this annual retreat which will be held at the Mount Hermon Church of the Brethren located in Bassett, VA. This year, the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet from Bridgewater College will provide the leadership. Members of the Cabinet include: Kasey Carns, Amelia Gunn, Chad Whitzel, Erika Clary, Eli Quay, and Helena Ullom-Minnich. This retreat will be structured like previous senior high retreats, of which the Cabinet lead, except it will begin on a Friday and end the next day.

When: Friday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.) through Saturday, February 9, 2:00 p.m.
What to Bring: Bible, Sleeping bag, pillow, personal items, suitable clothes & a snack to share. Find a registration form and more information at <<http://virgina.org/events.html>>.

SOUTHERN AREA MINISTERS MEETING - FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Southern Area Ministers Fellowship will meet at the Cedar Bluff Church on Monday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. The District Executive Minister will present the program. Persons attending should notify Todd Reed, pastor of the Cedar Bluff Church, of their intention to attend the meal preceding the program.

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - MARCH 1-2, 2019

The annual retreat for ministers and their spouses will be held March 1-2, 2019 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H and Conference Center.

The retreat will focus on pastoral leadership in congregational life. Leadership for 2019 will be provided by James F. Mauney, the Bishop Emeritus of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Born in Lynchburg, Va., and raised in Norfolk, Va., Jim Mauney graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, S.C. He was ordained in 1978 and served as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in San Diego CA, and Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA. Jim and his wife, Lynda, are the parents of an adult daughter. They are members of College Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salem.

The cost is \$150 per couple, \$100 for a single and \$40 for a "commuter." Up to 50% scholarship is available for those who need and apply. The brochure with registration form and information is available at <http://virgina.org>.

ROUNDTABLE SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - MARCH 1-3, 2019

Save the date for the annual Roundtable Youth Retreat at Bridgewater College! Join other senior high youth from neighboring districts for this fun and Spirit-filled retreat lead by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet and a yet-to-be-announced speaker. As soon as we have information, we will pass it on. Stay up to date by following IYC

on Facebook and their website: @InterdistrictYouthCabinet and <http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>.

SOW THE SEED SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET - MARCH 7, 2019

The "Sow the Seed" Scholarship Banquet will be held at Camp Bethel on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships." Please reserve your space by March 1 to CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or (540) 992-2940. Payments accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2019 is \$350. A week at camp can change a life forever. Give the gift of CAMP!

FAITHQUEST SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - MARCH 15-17, 2019

Senior High Youth are invited to attend FaithQuest – a retreat held every two years at Camp Bethel.

You might be wondering...What is FaithQuest? FaithQuest offers senior high youth an opportunity to explore their relationship with God while considering different spiritual practices, which symbols are sacred to us, and how to live in community with each other as Christians. Our FaithQuest leaders this year include: Hannah Oakes (Summerdean), Mike Elmore (Roanoke, Oak Grove), Sam St. John (Roanoke, Ninth Street), Amber Harris (Fraternity), Tabby Patterson (Roanoke, First), John Reed, Sr. (Cloverdale), Patrick Sims (Topeco), Harmony Johnson (Copper Hill), Amy Beery (Bethany Theological Seminary), Christa Craighead (Monte Vista) and Carol Elmore (Roanoke, Oak Grove).

When and Where: March 15-17, 2019. Check-in begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. The retreat ends at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. It will be at Camp Bethel in Heritage Lodge.

Find a registration form and more information at <http://virilina.org/events.html>.

PILGRIMAGE XXIII – A FAITHQUEST FOR ADULTS – MARCH 22-24, 2019

Pilgrimage XXIII will be held March 22-24, 2019, at Camp Bethel. People from 60 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! 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 haynesmk1986@yahoo.com or go to www.experiencepilgrimage.com.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR - APRIL 27 – MAY 2, 2019

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue. Christian Citizenship Seminar in 2019, held from April 27 – May 2, will focus on innovative approaches to resolving conflict and preventing civilian harm.

All high school youth and their adult advisors are eligible to attend the seminar. Congregations are strongly encouraged to send an advisor with their youth, even if only one or two youth attend. Congregations are required to send one advisor for every four youth.

Registration is limited to the first 60 participants. Registration opens December 3, 2018 at 1 p.m. (Eastern Time). The \$425 registration fee includes:

Event programming, lodging for five nights, two dinner meals, one in New York City and one in Washington D.C. and transportation from New York to Washington D.C. Each participant will need to bring additional money for

most meals, sightseeing, personal expenses, and subway/taxi fares. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Emmett Witkovsky-Eldred, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Assistant, at ewitkovsky-eldred@brethren.org or (847) 429-4385.

MINISTRY AND MISSION DAY – MAY 4, 2019

Ministry and Mission Day will be held at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren on Saturday, May 4, 2019. There will be worship and workshops in the morning and the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing in the afternoon. 2019 Annual Conference Moderator Donita S. Keister will be with us to provide an update on conference events and planning. More information will be forthcoming.

KINGDOM BUILDING – AN EVANGELISM CONFERENCE – MAY 31 – JUNE 1, 2019

Kingdom Building – An Evangelism Conference will be held on May 31 – June 1, 2019. Moderator Elect for the 2020 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Paul Munday, will be the keynote speaker. Brother Munday was formerly the pastor of the Frederick Church in Mid-Atlantic District and was denominational staff for evangelism and church growth. He was instrumental in the design and implementation of the “Passing on the Promise” process in the late 1980’s.

The preliminary schedule of this event is as follows:

Friday, May 31

3 – 6 p.m.

Pre-Session for Leaders

“The Person I Must Become”

7 – 9 p.m.

Session One

“Announcing the Reign of God”

Saturday, June 1

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Session Two

“One Size Doesn’t Fit All”

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Session Three

“If Jesus Be Lifted Up”

Sponsored by the Good News Team of the Virlina District Board – Commission on Witness, this event will be held at a central location yet to be determined. Early registration, received by May 10, will be \$15 (groups registering five persons will get the sixth person free). From May 11 until the event, registration will be \$20. For ordained ministers seeking Continuing Education credit, add \$10. This event provides 1.0 CEU from the Christian Growth Institute. Save the date and watch for more information in district publications and on our website.

VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

The Virlina District Conference will be held at the Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on November 8-9, 2019. Please save the date and watch for more information.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Barry D. Sink, pastor of the Monte Vista Church in Franklin County, VA, expects to undergo heart surgery on Monday, February 11, at the Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He appreciates your prayers and your presence.

A memorial service for **Harold and Hazel Moyer** will be held at the Roanoke-Williamson Road Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Harold was the long-time pastor of the Williamson Road Church and a leader in our district and denomination. The service is sponsored by the congregation and the Northern Area Minister’s Fellowship of the district.

The ordination service for **Zachary R. Hatcher**, pastor of the Mount Bethel Church in Botetourt County, VA was postponed due to the winter storm last weekend. Please watch our **Facebook** page, “Virlina District Resource Center on Plantation Road” for the rescheduled date!

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VENTURES ONLINE COURSE ON AN INCLUSIVE MULTICULTURAL CHURCH – MARCH 2, 2019

The March offering from the “Ventures in Christian Discipleship” program at McPherson (Kan.) College will focus on “Growing an Inclusive Multicultural Church.” As the world becomes more diverse, church leaders and lay people will need an understanding of what is inclusivity/multiculturalism. Instruction includes a non-threatening approach to invite and help bring more people, especially People of Color, into the churches or agencies of the Church of the Brethren. Learning new information can help change the trajectory of people, whereby they see with new lenses of compassion and inclusivity. Plus participants can learn tips about how current church members can be more welcoming and inclusive.

The class will be held online Saturday, March 2 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST (10 a.m. – 1 p.m. EST) and taught by Barbara Avent. Barbara is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren living in Littleton, Colo. She graduated from Iliff School of Theology earning a Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Justice and Peace. She is co-coordinator of high school trainings about peacemaking, reconciliation and bullying prevention through Agape Satyagraha, a program of On Earth Peace.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures and to register for courses, visit www.mcpherson.edu/ventures.

MONTE VISTA SPAGHETTI SUPPER – MARCH 9, 2019

Monte Vista Church is having a Spaghetti Supper on March 9, 2019 from 4:00-6:00. All donations will go to Camp Bethel through the Seed, Scattered and Sown project. We hope to make it another successful event for Camp Bethel!

BRETHREN PRAYER & WORSHIP SUMMIT - MARCH 29 - 30, 2019

The Brethren Prayer and Worship Summit will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The theme for 2019 is “Praying for the Vision.” The purpose of this event is to provide the opportunity for Brethren to earnestly seek God's direction and for the Holy Spirit to guide us. The speakers and prayer time will focus on: VISION LOST ** VISION RECAPTURED ** VISION LAUNCHED. Those speaking will be:

Larry M. Dentler --- Pastor of the Bermudian Church in Southern Pennsylvania District
Donita S. Keister --- 2019 Annual Conference Moderator
Michaela Alphonse --- Pastor of the Miami-First Church
Paul Munday --- 2020 Moderator-Elect and former pastor of the Frederick Church

Additional information is available at www.brethrenprayersummit.com or you may contact Pastor Roy McVey of the Collinsville Church at pastorroy@centurylink.net.

SERVICES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON AND REVIVAL-EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

If your congregation is planning a revival, renewal or evangelistic meeting during 2019, please advise us of the dates and speakers. If there are groups planning Lenten or Pre-Easter services, we would like to know and advertise those. Send information to EHeadliner@aol.com.