

VIRLINA DISTRICT

Church
of the
Brethren



MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2019

- 1 OFF
- 2 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 3 Practice of Ministry Day - Cloverdale
- 4 Preach at Peters Creek/Installation/Teach CGI Class at DRC
- 5 Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee/New Church Development Committee/Lake Side Steering Committee
- 6 Office
- 7 Staff Meeting/Office
- 8 OFF
- 9 Office
- 10 World Hunger Auction at Antioch
- 11 Worship Undetermined
- 12 Office
- 13 Office/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee at Buena Vista (Stone)
- 14 Staff Meeting/Office
- 15 OFF
- 16 Office
- 17 Chicken Dinner at New Bethel (Pittsylvania County)
- 18 Worship Undetermined/Teach CGI Class at DRC
- 19-20 Office
- 21 Staff Meeting/Office
- 22 OFF
- 23 Office
- 24 OPEN
- 25 Preach at Poages Mill (AM)/Preach at Cedar Bluff (PM)
- 26 Office/Preach at Cedar Bluff (PM)
- 27 Office/Calling the Called Committee at Buena Vista (Stone)
Preach at Cedar Bluff (PM)
- 28 Staff Meeting/Office
- 29 OFF
- 30 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 31 OPEN

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

- 1 Worship Undetermined
- 2 District Resource Center (Closed for Labor Day)
- 3 Office
- 4 Staff Meeting/Office
- 5 OFF
- 6 Office
- 7 Executive Committee
- 8 Worship Undetermined/Teach CGI Class at DRC
- 9 Northern Area Ministers Meeting/Office/Daleville Church Board
- 10 Office
- 11 Staff Meeting/Office
- 12 OFF
- 13 Office/Historical Committee
- 14 OPEN
- 15 Preach at Collinsville for 60th Anniversary Homecoming

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - AUGUST 3, 2019

The 2019 Practice of Ministry Day will be Saturday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. The focal point of this year's event will be the new ethics training curriculum written by Jim Benedict, former pastor of the Union Bridge Church in Maryland. Both the basic unit for ministerial students and licensed ministers, as well as the advanced unit for commissioned and ordained ministers will be available.

Ethics training is mandatory for all ministers and students in the Christian Growth Institute and other ministry training programs. This will be the only basic unit offered in our district.

SALCEDO TO BE LICENSED ON JULY 28

Cesia Salcedo-Morrison, a member of the Floyd, Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida, will be licensed to the Gospel Ministry there on Sunday, July 28, at 4 p.m.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 2019

- 16 Ethics Training at Coulson
- 17 Ethics Training at Collinsville
- 18 Ethics Training at Lynchburg
- 19 OFF
- 20 Office
- 21 District Board Meeting at Christiansburg
- 22 Worship Undetermined/Peace Day Service at Germantown Brick
- 23-24 Office
- 25 Staff Meeting/Office
- 26 OFF
- 27 Office
- 28 OPEN
- 29 Worship Undetermined/Teach CGI Class at DRC
- 30 Office

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2019

- 1-2 Office
- 3 Practice of Ministry Day at Cloverdale
- 6 Office/Peace Affairs Committee
- 7 Staff Meeting/Office
- 8-9 Office
- 13 Office/Spiritual Development Retreat Committee
- 14 Staff Meeting/Office
- 15 Office
- 16 Office/Commission on Witness
- 17 Transitions: Maintaining Family Life Event - Troutville
- 20 Northern Area Women/Office
- 21 Staff Meeting/Office
- 22 Office/Disabilities Ministries Committee
- 23 Office
- 26 Commission on Nurture
- 27 Office
- 28 Staff Meeting/Office
- 29-30 Office

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 2019

- 3 Office
- 4 Staff Meeting/Office
- 5-6 Office
- 10 Office/Disaster Response Committee
- 11 Staff Meeting/Office
- 12 Office
- 13 Office/Historical Committee
- 17 Office/Awakening Committee
- 18 Staff Meeting/Office
- 19-20 Office
- 21 District Board Meeting at Christiansburg
- 22 Peace Day Service at Germantown Brick
- 24 Office
- 25 Staff Meeting/Office
- 26-27 Office
- 28 Northern Area Women's Fall Rally at Peters Creek

WORLD HUNGER AUCTION - AUGUST 10, 2019

The World Hunger Auction will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 starting at 9:30 a.m. This is the culmination to our year-long fund-raising activities. The World Hunger Auction is held each August at Antioch Church of the Brethren, 2996 Callaway Road, near Rocky Mount, VA. The auction includes the sale of crafts, quilts, toys, produce, baked and canned goods, special services and much more. Come early for the best selection.

Throughout the three decades of the World Hunger Auction, the purpose has been to provide as much funding as possible to those facing hunger-related issues. With the exception of some expenses, all the money that is raised goes to organizations working toward that goal. The ten congregations of the Church of the Brethren that sponsor the auction are blessed with the opportunity to serve. However, they do not receive any of the funds. The money is distributed between Heifer International for international and domestic programs, Roanoke Area Ministries, the Church of the Brethren Global Food Crisis Fund, and Heavenly Manna, a food pantry in Rocky Mount, Virginia. You are invited to take part in this opportunity to touch those in need. Let the highest bidder win! Doing what we can opens the door for God to do much more.

STAFF MEETINGS AT THE DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER

Our weekly staff meetings at the District Resource Center are held on most Wednesday mornings beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at lunch time. As a result, we do not answer the phone during these hours as we review prayer concerns, share devotional time, coordinate the calendars and prioritize the work list. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **BOONES MILL** - Part time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Pulpit supply.
- **EDEN, FIRST** - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Edward C. Woodard serving as Interim Pastor.
- **FRATERNITY** - Full time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **JETERS CHAPEL** - *Part time position, profile circulating - James R. Worline began as interim pastor on June 1, 2019.*
- **JONES CHAPEL** - Part or full-time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Emma Jean Franklin Woodard serving as interim pastor.
- **LIGHTHOUSE** - *Part time position, no profile available - (Elizabeth) Anne Mitchell has resigned effective June 30, 2019.*
- **LYNCHBURG** - Part time position, profile circulating - Leah O. Harness serving as interim pastor.
- **MAPLE GROVE** - *Part time position, no profile available - Timothy Sink has resigned as interim pastor effective June 15, 2019.*
- **MASONS COVE** - Part time position, no profile available - Jack W. Lowe, Jr. serving as interim pastor.
- **MONETA, LAKE SIDE** - Part time position, profile circulating - Christian Becker serving as interim pastor.
- **NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS** - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply.
- **OAK GROVE, SOUTH** - *Chris C. Foster began as pastor on a part time basis effective July 1, 2019.*
- **PETERS CREEK** - *Johnny L. Thompson (AG) began as pastor on a full time basis effective June 1, 2019.*
- **PLEASANTDALE** - *Part time position, no profile available - W. Leonard Foley has resigned effective August 31, 2019.*
- **RED HILL** - Part time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **ROANOKE, IGLESIA CRISTIANA RENACER** - *Part time position, profile pending - Daniel D'Oleo has resigned effective July 31, 2019.*
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor.
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Joseph D. Smith serving as interim pastor.
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Pulpit supply.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH INSTITUTE IN ROANOKE - BEGINS AUGUST 4, 2019

• The next class to be held at the Roanoke Center will be CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION, taught by David K. Shumate. Textbooks and resources for the class are: Becoming Barnabas: The Ministry of Encouragement Paul Moots, The Alban Institute, 2004, Foundations for Purposeful Church Administration by Alvin J. Lindgren, Abingdon, 1965 (1988 edition - two new copies available at the DRC for \$10 per copy) and the Church of the Brethren Manual of Organization and Polity found on the internet at <http://www.brethren.org/ac/ppg/>.

• The Sunday afternoon classes will be held on August 4, August 18, September 8 and September 29, 2019 from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA. Tuition for the class will be \$75.00 (except that it is free for Virginia students living more than 75 miles one-way from the DRC in Roanoke) and students are responsible for purchasing the necessary textbooks.

• For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Gary L. Basham, Director of Ministry Formation by telephone at (540) 890-3818 or by electronic mail at gb0247@cox.net. Make checks payable to the VIRGINIA DISTRICT and send with the registration form by July 26, 2019 to: Gary Basham, 2526 Parkview Drive, Vinton, VA 24179-1612. CEU credit is available for ordained ministers taking the class.

BRETHREN ACADEMY CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

• Two TRIM courses that begin in September are available for continuing education credit: *Death and Dying* has a registration deadline of July 31 and *Interim/Transitional Ministry: More than Mere Maintenance's* registration deadline is August 21. Both classes will be online. Brochures for each class are attached (or enclosed).

• A CEU or PE student is not required to complete assigned papers or exams. However, any student who completes papers or exams can expect feedback from the instructor. CEU's are awarded after the instructor has notified the Brethren Academy of successful completion of the course.

• Questions about taking an Academy course for CEU's or personal enrichment may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu or (765) 983-1820.

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MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2019

Ethics training is mandatory for all ministers and students in the Christian Growth Institute and other ministry training programs. Both the basic unit for ministerial students and licensed ministers, taught by Janet Ober-Lambert, as well as the advanced unit for commissioned and ordained ministers, taught by Jim Benedict, will be available at Practice of Ministry Day at the Cloverdale Church on August 3. This will be the only basic unit offered in our district.

Advanced sessions for ordained and commissioned ministers, as well as licensed ministers who are serving as pastors and have previously had the basic unit, will be held as follows:

September 14	Charlottesville	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 15	Linville Creek	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
September 16	Coulson	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 17	Collinsville	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 18	Lynchburg	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration forms are available by contacting us at <nuchurch@aol.com>.

TRANSITIONS: MAINTAINING FAMILY LIFE - AUGUST 17, 2019

"Transitions: Maintaining Family Life - The Cycle of Your Sanity," sponsored by the Commission on Nurture of the Virlina District Board, is a family-life workshop to be held at the Troutville Church of the Brethren on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Moving out-moving back in...It has become a new rhythm in family life, one that extends across the generations. Adjusting to the changing family dynamics can result in a variety of feelings, leaving one to wonder-Am I still sane? What are my roles when we are different generations living together? Do I really need a curfew...I'm 40?! Do I have to go to Sunday School...I'm 25?! Come join us for a frank discussion of the realities as well as some tools for surviving any type of intergenerational co-habitation.

This family life event will include individual and group opportunities to lament and celebrate the good, bad, and ugly of launching children into arenas of independence only for them to have a life crisis requiring they move back in. Alternatively, adult children find themselves needing to move in or share their own home with aging parents. Come seeking advice or to find a support group of others who are experiencing the same "How do we live together?" dilemma.

For more information, please contact Patricia A. Ronk by telephone at (540) 798-5512 or by electronic mail at Trish1951.pr@gmail.com. For a registration form, please contact Mary Sink StJohn at (540) 362-1816 or virlina2@aol.com.

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 21, 2019

Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, August 21 for our 2019 Golf Tournament and Banquet. Tee off is at 12:30p.m. at Ashley Plantation Golf Course, and \$75 per person includes green fees, cart and dinner at camp. Go to www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf.

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K RUN/WALK - AUGUST 24, 2019

Come and enjoy the Camp Bethel Pep! 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, August 24, for "the PEPPPIEST gang around!" \$32.50 entry includes a race t-shirt, pre-and-post-race snacks, fully stocked water/aid stations, prizes, and fun. Registration is from 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. start time. Please note that sponsor packages are available. For more information, go to www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.

"TUNE MY HEART TO SING THY GRACE" - CHOIR FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019

"Tune My Heart To Sing Thy Grace" is the first-ever Virlina District Choir Festival. It will be held on September 13-14, 2019, at the Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Virginia. The guest director will be S. Reed Carter, IV. Carter serves as Minister of Music at the Salem Presbyterian Church and as director of the Salem Choral Society. Robert "Bob" Iseminger, instrumentalist of the Central Church, will serve as our accompanist.

We will learn and rehearse four or five anthems on Friday evening and Saturday. The festival will conclude with a service of worship filled with music and the Word at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. It will be open to the public. We hope to have 100% participation from the Church of the Brethren Choirs (and all others who love to sing) in the

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area! You'll be able to take your anthems home to share with your congregation!

If you live out of the Roanoke area, and would like the blessing of staying in a Church of the Brethren family host home overnight Friday, let us know!! There will be a fee of \$25 per participant to cover music and food. A schedule will be shared soon! If you have questions or need more information, please contact Carol Elmore by e-mail at <carol@oakgrovecob.org> or by telephone at (540) 774-3217! This event is planned and sponsored by the Spiritual Development Retreat Committee of the Virlina District

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) - SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2019

National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) is "a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world" It is scheduled for September 2-6, 2019 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center located in the mountains of western N.C.

Registration opened online on May 1. **The cost per person is \$195 if you register before July 15.** After that date the cost will be \$225. First time attendees will get a \$20 discount Your registration fee does not include housing or meals. After you register you will be able to go to the Lake J housing reservations website to make your lodging reservations. Go to < <http://www.brethren.org/noac/>> for more information.

DISASTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - OCTOBER 20, 2019

The annual Disaster Response Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Antioch Church on the evening of Sunday, October 20 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to volunteers, but all persons interested in disaster response or those who have supported disaster response through making kits, financial aid, or prayers are invited to attend. 2018-2019 volunteers will be recognized as part of the program. To reserve your place, contact the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>.

VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

Virlina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and handle business items. The 2019 Virlina District Conference will be held on November 8-9 at the Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be "Don't Hide the Cross" with the scripture focus "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." I Corinthians 1:18 (KJV)

Dana Beth Cassell, pastor of the Peace Covenant Church in Durham, NC, and Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren, Inc. will be our preachers. Nancy will speak at the Ministers and Spouses Dinner and preach at the Saturday morning worship service. Dana Beth will preach at the Friday evening worship service. Some original pieces of music will liven our services.

The following are our conference officers: Roy U. Turpin, Moderator; Cathy S. Huffman, Moderator-Elect, and Pamela K. Clark, Clerk. The District Conference Committees, Program and Arrangements and Nominating and Personnel, are busy making preparations for conference and for the ballot respectively. Further information and registration forms will be in the September 2019 HEADLINER. For information or questions, please call Mary Sink StJohn, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at Virlina2@aol.com.

BRETHREN FAITH IN ACTION FUND

Formed by funds generated from the sale of the upper campus of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, the Brethren Faith in Action Fund provides grants to fund outreach ministry projects that serve their communities, strengthen the congregation, and expand the reign of God. Such ministries will honor and continue the legacy of service that the Center has epitomized while also addressing the dynamics of the present age. Grants of up to \$5,000 per congregation or ministry project per year are awarded, with a maximum of \$15,000 allocated to any one ministry project over multiple years. Any United States Church of the Brethren congregation, fellowship or project may apply. Guidelines and application form may be obtained at <<http://www.brethren.org/faith-in-action/>>.

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The final Virlina District Financial Secretary Report for June 30, 2019 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for 2019 in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention. Please remember that your offering plate is the offering plate of the district and denomination.