

E-HEADLINER



DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER TO BE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The District Resource Center will be closed for Annual Conference beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 28, and re-opening on Monday, July 8, at 9 a.m. David K. Shumate, District Executive Minister, will be participating in the meetings of the Council of District Executives and the Annual Conference during the week.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONCERTS

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet - Wednesday, July 3 - 8:30 p.m.

This legendary southern gospel group will be bringing

their signature harmonies and gospel style to Annual Conference! As pioneers of the Christian music industry, the Blackwood Brothers Quartet are 8-time Grammy Award winners, have recorded over 200 albums, and sold over 50 million records.

This concert is free to all registered attendees wearing a name badge. Otherwise tickets are \$50.00 and will be sold at the door and the on-site Annual Conference office.

Jonathan Emmons Organ Recital - Friday, July 5 - 11:30 a.m.

Jonathan Emmons has become well-known for his musical abilities in the Church of the Brethren, having served as organist at Annual Conference many times. His recitals include a mix of sacred and classical organ compositions as well as informative commentary and information.

Friends with the Weather - Friday, July 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Friends with the Weather, is a project of singer-songwriter/multi-instrumentalists Seth Hendricks, Chris Good, and David Hupp. They bring a unique blend of dynamic musicianship, three-part vocal styling, and rich, lyrical content while exploring how we can learn and grow in the midst of challenging times, and strive to be sources of love hope, passion, and vision.

Go to www.brethren.org/ac/2019 for more information about Annual Conference 2019!

WORLD HUNGER ORGAN CONCERT - JULY 14, 2019

Please join us at the Antioch Church of the Brethren on Sunday, July 14, starting at 4 p.m. to enjoy a very entertaining program of advance organ compilations by Franklin County's own Jonathan Emmons. This entertaining event will be followed by a delicious dessert fellowship. Be sure not to miss this wonderful afternoon of music and fellowship.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH INSTITUTE - ROANOKE CENTER - BEGINNING 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 22, 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 Virgina 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 VIR-LINA 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.

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.

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 Virgina 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 St.John at (540) 362-1816 or virlina2@aol.com.

CAMP BETHEL 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 PEPIEST 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.

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 will open 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. Details about NOAC registration, lodging and meals are found at <http://www.brethren.org/noac/>.

PRE-NOAC CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

The Office of Ministry is offering a pre-NOAC continuing education event on "Preaching and Spiritual Formation" presented by Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm of Bethany Seminary. Arrive at NOAC early and be refreshed by this inspiring and practical professional growth event. See the flyer at this link: <http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice/>.

BY CHARTER COACH TO NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE

The Mid-Atlantic District will be chartering a motor coach to the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) in Lake Junaluska, NC on September 2-6, 2019. The cost of the motor coach transportation will not exceed \$165 per person round trip (based on 30 passengers as a minimum). If and as the number of registrants increases, the cost of the bus will be shared and the per person cost will decrease.

The motor coach will depart from the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren in Maryland on September 2 at 6:00 a.m., pick up at Frederick Church in Maryland at 6:30 a.m., the Manassas Church in Virginia at 7:45 a.m. and the

Bridgewater Church at 9:45 a.m. There will be a passenger pick up and stop for lunch in the Roanoke, Virginia area at approximately 12 noon. Arrival at Lake Junaluska, NC should be in time for afternoon registration. The return trip departs Friday, September 6 at the conclusion of the morning session, arriving home Friday night.

Reservations for the coach will be accepted thru July 1 on a first-come-first-served basis, with a deposit of \$50 per person. Checks should be made payable to Mid-Atlantic District. You will be notified in July of the balance due on August 1 (this is dependent upon the number of passengers). Deposits may be refunded up to August 1. Please contact Pat Ecker or Brenda Palsgrove at (410) 259-6677 or brendapalsgrove@gmail.com with any questions. You may contact Mary St. John at virlina2@aol.com to receive a flier by email.

"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 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>](mailto: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.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 8-9, 2019

Virlina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and transact 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 St. John, Director of District Conference, Nurture and Witness, at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at Virlina2@aol.com.

HEIFER CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2019

Heifer is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year - in the development sector, that's unusual and really sets Heifer apart from organizations doing similar work. Our mission is still to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Seventy-five years ago, our founder, Dan West outlined a simple but groundbreaking plan to help the hungry. West, a Midwestern farmer, had recently returned from volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War where his job was to provide refugees with a single cup of milk. But he saw that handing out cups of milk wouldn't have a lasting impact. He said, "these people don't need a cup of milk, they need a cow." And that's where the vision of Heifer International began.

Founded by Dan West and members of the Church of the Brethren, Heifer was the first development agency (after the Red Cross) to start providing livestock and agricultural resources to Japan and Germany - where the war had devastated the agricultural landscape on both fronts. When the fighting stopped, Heifer started feeding.

Since then, Heifer has operated in 120 countries (we are currently active in 20) and have helped over 34 million families lift themselves out of poverty. Our goal now is to bring all the families we work with in projects where we work to a living income - which we define as "all the income of a household earned/generated or transferred whether cash or in kind, sufficient to enable all members of the household to afford a decent standard of living."

Heifer is the best sustainable development agency in the world. No other organization uses the variety and depth of tactics to create lasting impact in the areas where we work. We know that this work would be impossible without Dan West's vision 75 years ago and we remain wholeheartedly grateful for the support of Church of the Brethren congregations located across the United States.

For more information, visit <Heifer.org>, read our blog, follow us on Facebook, on Twitter or call (888) 5HUNGER (888) 548.6437.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT?

The New Community Project has several new outreach opportunities for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Class or Congregational Outreach Projects:

- We've just launched our A Girl and a Bike campaign to help young women from Malawi, site of our recent visit, attend secondary school. Their challenges are several: it is 7 miles to the school from their villages, and the tuition of \$45 is steep—especially as their families are struggling to grow food in a less stable environment. So for \$110 (\$45 + \$65 for a bike) these girls can get to school! (there's the little issue of crocodiles as well, but that's another story...)
- Then there's our 10-year Million Tree initiative, launched this past Earth Day. In light of climate change, habitat loss and the general despoliation of our landscape, we plan to plant 1 million trees over the next decade, or 100,000 annually. For as little as 10 cents a tree, your congregation can help restore God's earth in South Sudan, Rwanda, Malawi, Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, and Nepal.
- Keeping Kids Safe – from mosquitoes When we learned that the majority of the children at the girls' school we funded to build in South Sudan don't have mosquito nets—and 5-6 come down with malaria every week—we felt like we had to do something. All that's needed to stand between them and this deadly disease is a \$6 net for night-time protection, which they can't afford.
- Finally, later in the summer we'll be launching our She has a Dream fall campaign to respond to the aspirations of women and girls we work with around the world as they want to take next steps in their development and education. They want more capital to expand businesses, sewing machines to practice their trade, help planting trees for food and income, scholarships to finish high school or go on to higher education.

For more information on these and other opportunities, contact David Radcliff of the New Community Project at dradcliff@newcommunityproject.org.

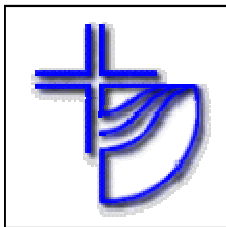
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BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE - JULY 22 -26, 2019

The 46th Annual Brethren Bible Institute will have their summer term July 22-26 on the campus of Elizabethtown College. For a packet of information outlining the 2019 Summer Bible Institute (which includes application), write to: The Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA, 17517. **Registration deadline is June 25.**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR ADULTS - JULY 27, 2019

The Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, 409 Ridgeview Road, NW, Floyd, VA, is hosting a "Mental Health First Aid for Adults" on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This course will be offered to a maximum of thirty (30) participants. **Participants must be church pastors or their spouse.** We want to provide a dedicated space that will allow participants the opportunity to freely engage in this training. At the end of the training, 0.8 hours of continuing education will be available.

What it covers:

- A discussion of first responder culture, stigma and their relevance to the topic of mental health.
- Outreach tactics to respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- A discussion of the specific risk factors faced by many first responders and their families.
- A review of common mental health resources for first responders, their families and those who support them.

A flyer is available from nuchurch@aol.com or from Marvin D. Wade, Pastor of the Beaver Creek Church at bcpastor@swva.net.

YOUTH LEADER NEEDED AT TOPECO CHURCH

The Topeco Church of the Brethren, six miles west of Floyd, Virginia, is seeking to employ a Youth Leader to work 12-15 hours a week. For more information and a job description contact the church office at (540) 789-7339.

2019 EVANGELISTIC, REVIVAL AND RENEWAL SERVICES

If your congregation is planning a revival, renewal or evangelistic meeting during 2019, please advise us of the dates and speakers. We would like to know and advertise those. Send information to EHeadliner@aol.com.

Date	Location	Speaker
August 18-20	Bethlehem, VA	Ronald D. Coleman
August 25-27	Cedar Bluff, VA	David K. Shumate
September 5-8	Pleasant Valley, VA	Greg Cox
September 8-10	Bassett, VA	Ted M. Turner, Jr.
September 15-18	Oak Grove S., VA	Timothy H. Emmons
September 16-18	Bethel, VA	Carroll Martin, Jr.
September 22-25	Red Oak Grove, VA	J. Michael Varner
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Smith River, VA	J. Michael Varner
October 6-9	Duncan Chapel, VA	Craig Reed
October 6-9	Topeco, VA	David K. Shumate
October 7-10	Pulaski, First, VA	Marvin D. Wade
October 13-16	Eden, First, NC	Dava C. Hensley
October 20-23	Beaver Creek, VA	Cecil Brown