

E-HEADLINER

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NEEDED NOW

The initial deadline has passed to register for the 2019 District Conference, to be held at Grandin Court Baptist Church on November 8-9. Not everyone has completed the registration process, however. Since books for delegates are about to go to print, we would like a fair estimate of how many we will need. So, if you and your congregational delegates have not registered, please do so by going to <http://www.virlina.org/resources/downloads/send/5-miscellaneous/80-2019-virlina-district-conference-reg-packet.html> and downloading all forms. Then, please mail or bring the registrations, meal reservations and age group forms with payment to the District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012. If you need a paper copy of any of the registration forms, please let Mary St. John know by e-mail at virlina2@aol.com or by calling the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or toll free at (800) VIRLINA.

CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP- OCTOBER 12, 2019

"New and Renew: Revitalize, Plant, Grow" is a church planting and church revitalization workshop sponsored by the New Church Development Committee on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. You do not have to be a church planter or a member of a new church to benefit from this workshop. Any person can gain new insight from this event!

We continually hope to renew the whole body of Christ. Some think church planting is the only way to go, while others are more concerned about church revitalization. It would be a mistake to believe we have to choose between church planting and renewing the church. So is there a middle ground?

Join us as to have a conversation and explore the importance of both church revitalization and new church starts, along with practical ideas to implement with congregations:

Topics include the following:

- How the DNA of church planting aligns with the DNA of church renewal.
- Franchise and upgrade church. How does this impact us, and why is it essential to our congregations and district?
- Are you ready for revitalization? It's more than saying, "Yes."
- What are the "1 percent" and "2 percent" guidelines, and how do they heighten church outreach?

Stan Dueck, from the Discipleship Ministries of the Church of the Brethren, will provide leadership for the event. The cost is \$30 per person (lodging excluded). For those wishing to receive credit for 0.6 CEU toward the continuing education requirement for ministers, the cost to receive credit will be an additional \$10. Please register online by October 5 at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/grow.

BRETHREN HERITAGE BUS TOUR - OCTOBER 19, 2019

Our Brethren Heritage bus tour is planned for Saturday, October 19, 2019. This year's fall foliage outing, sponsored by the Historical Committee of the Virlina District, will include visits to a number of congregations in central Virginia. Among those visited will be Lynchburg, Bethel, West Richmond, Hopewell, Wakefield Chapel and

New Covenant. Several historical presentations will be a part of this tour and (0.6) continuing education credits will be available for ordained ministers.

The cost, including continuing education credit, transportation and the luncheon meal, is a bargain at \$49.99. The tour will depart from the District Resource Center in Roanoke at 7:00 a.m. We will also make a pick up at the Lynchburg Church of the Brethren. The luncheon meal will be provided by the West Richmond Church. We plan to be back in Roanoke by 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to learn about Brethren life in the Piedmont of Virginia!

Please contact Betty M. Wills at the District Resource Center to reserve your spot and make your check out to Virlina District Board – Church of the Brethren (put “Heritage Tour” in memo spot).

DISASTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - OCTOBER 20, 2019

The annual Disaster Response Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Antioch Church on 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 Mary Sink St. John at the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>.

EVANGELISM IDEAS NEEDED FOR SHARING AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Good News Team of the Virlina District Commission on Witness, formerly called the Evangelism Committee, will have an informational display at the District Conference on November 8-9. Each congregation is requested to submit information about your efforts in this area to be shared with others. Please consider the following questions:

What evangelism efforts (sharing Jesus) has your congregation done or is doing now? Include ideas that “took root” and those ideas that “didn’t sprout.”

Recognizing that each of us are called to proclaim and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, what have you done personally that has been effective?

These ideas will be shared at the Good News Team display. They will be available on the www.virlina.org website after conference. Please note your congregation, location, pastor and, if possible, a contact person that might share details if others would like to more information.

Please send via electronic mail at virlina2@aol.com or by U.S. Mail to the District Resource Center at 3402 Plantation Road, N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012. For e-mail please use: GOOD NEWS TEAM - DISTRICT CONFERENCE. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Blackwell at <kathyboyblackwell@gmail.com>.

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 by Randy Gallimore of the Pleasant Valley Church will enliven 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 were included in the September 2019 HEADLINER and are available at www.virlina.org. 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>.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

Calling ALL young adults! Please plan on attending the Friday evening Worship Service at District Conference on November 8, 2019, 6:45 p.m., at Grandin Court Baptist Church, 2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24015, and then plan on staying for an ice cream fellowship and a time of discussion with Joy Murray, the new Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries for Virlina, about what your congregation does to invite and excite young adults in your church. Bring some ideas of what you'd like to see young adults doing in our district.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COST UPDATE FOR 2020

The Program and Arrangements Committee concluded their planning meeting for 2020. Registration fees for the 2020 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids will be \$125 for non-delegates and \$305 for delegates. The hotel costs will be \$119/night (+tax) for the Amway Grand Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott, and \$129/night for the JW Marriott. All three hotels will have free self-parking.

TO INCLUDE EVERYONE WHO IS "OTHER ABLED"

The goal of the Virlina disAbilities Ministries Committee is "To include everyone who is "other abled" in the life, worship and activities in all Church of the Brethren Congregations in Virlina District". We want all congregations to know that we are here for you and want to help with any concerns which you may have. We are here to support all persons, their families and caregivers. If you have a specific area of concern which you would like us to address, you can contact, Heddie Sumner, Committee Chair, at <sumnerfam@aol.com> or home at (540) 884-2256. Our members want to hear from congregations about what you are doing as a welcoming congregation. We have been addressing Dementia and Spirituality this year but are seeking ideas for areas to address in the future. Let us hear from you!

DISASTER RESPONSE OFFERING FOR HURRICANE DORIAN

Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the east coast of the United States after its deadly effects on the Bahamas. Let us all be in prayer for those whose lives have been impacted by this weather event. We are receiving offerings from our congregations in response to this disaster. If your congregation receives an offering, please send it to us (Virlina District Resource Center - 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012) with the following inscription on the memo line: "Dorian Offering - Account #33509." Funds received will be used to underwrite denominational and/or inter-church efforts to clean up and rebuild.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH OUR MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

The **Northern Area Ministers of the Virlina District** will meet at the Williamson Road Church at 3110 Pioneer Road, NW in Roanoke on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Following the meal, a program entitled the "Pastor's Role in Elections" featuring Dr. Stephen Longenecker of Bridgewater College. This program will have a continuing education credit of 0.1CEU.

The Peters Creek Church of the Brethren located at 5333 Cove Road, NW in Roanoke will be having their **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, October 19, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event is held come rain or shine! There will be artisans, crafters and vendors. Fall crafts, holiday items, jewelry, prepackaged soups, dips, honey, and many more items will be available. Café is open for breakfast and hot dogs with homemade chili are served for lunch. The country store will feature homemade baked goods, candy and Happy Home Flavorings.

There will be a **Bluegrass Gospel Benefit Concert at the Williamson Road Church**, located at 3110 Pioneer Road, NW in Roanoke on Saturday, October 19 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to benefit Lisa Orndorff, wife of the church custodian, who is suffering from terminal colon cancer. The Virginia-Carolina Band, along with Back in the

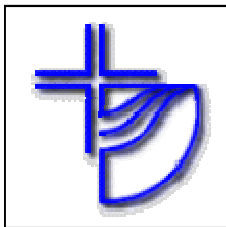
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Day Bluegrass Brethren will be sharing Bluegrass Gospel music. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, music and food (beans, cornbread, slaw and desserts) as we support the Orndorff family. For more info please contact Henry Boitnott at (540) 366-7064.

The **Southern Area Ministers of the Virlina District** will meet at Copper Hill Church at 3460 Floyd Highway, South in Floyd County, VA on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. Following supper, Harry S. Rhodes, an attorney and member of the Central Church in Roanoke, will present a program on wills, trusts and bequests.

The annual **Christmas Bazaar held at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren** will be hosted by the Women's Fellowship on Saturday, November 2, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will have vendors offering unique gifts for that special Christmas present. Our Thrift Shop will be open with all its treasures at below bargain prices. Come join us for a delicious breakfast or lunch (or both) and check out our home baked items table for special treats! All earnings from this bazaar go to our outreach programs so remember as you shop that you are a part of a gift that keeps on giving. We will look forward to seeing you soon.

The **Central Church of the Brethren**, located at 416 Church Avenue, S.W. in Roanoke, VA is hosting the **Bittersweet Gospel Band** on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

PIANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED AT POAGES MILL

Poages Mill is currently seeking to fill our Pianist and Choir Director positions. We welcome inquiries from individuals interested in filling both positions as well as anyone interested in only Pianist or Choir Director. Contact the church (540) 774-2379 or email us at <poagesmillsec@gmail.com>.

REVIVAL, RENEWAL AND EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

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
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