

E-HEADLINER

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)

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, have been busy making preparations for conference and for the ballot respectively.

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.

Among the business items for the conference, in addition to the 2020 budget and elections, will be a comprehensive review and amendments to the constitution and by-laws, as well as a resolution encouraging support for Calling the Called 2020. All of these can be found on the Virlina District website at www.virlina.org.

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. So, if you and your congregational delegates have not registered, please do so by going to the following: <http://www.virlina.org/resources/downloads/send/5-miscellaneous/80-2019-virlina-district-conference-registration-forms.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. 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.

2020 MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - FEBRUARY 28-29, 2020

The 2020 Virlina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat will be held on February 28-29, 2020 at the Eagle Eyrie



Baptist Conference Center on U.S. 501 between Big Island and Lynchburg, VA (1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503). Nancy S. Heishman, Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren will lead the event. Her theme is "The Power of Sacred Stories." The three sessions will focus on the following texts:

SESSION 1: Watching for Where the Spirit Blows – John 3:1-21

SESSION 2: From the Margins to the Center – John 4:1-42

SESSION 3: Having the Sense to See – John 9:1-41

This event provides .3 CEU credits for ordained or commissioned ministers. The cost of the event is \$150 for couples (or double occupancy), \$100 for single occupancy and \$40 for commuters (meals included). The Commission on Ministry will provide scholarship up to 50% of the cost for those who need it. You may find the brochure and registration material at <http://www.virlina.org/resources/downloads/send/5-miscellaneous/97-ministers-spouses-retreat-2020.html>.

DISASTER RESPONSE OFFERING FOR HURRICANE DORIAN

As of October 30, 2019 we have received \$12,385.56 from twenty congregations and six individuals. We will continue to receive offerings from our congregations to underwrite various efforts in response to this storm that has devastated various parts of the United States and the Bahamas. Please send your check to us (Virlina District Resource Center – 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012) with the following inscription on the memo line: "Hurricane Dorian Offering – Account #33509."

UPCOMING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS

Registration for 2020 Denominational Workcamps opens on January 16 at 8 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Go to the website at www.brethren.org/workcamps for more information.

Other upcoming youth and young adult events include:

Junior High

November 3, 2019 is the National Junior High Sunday. The theme for 2019 is "Strong and Courageous" based on Joshua 1:8. Worship resources are available on the website at <http://www.brethren.org/yya/jr-high-resources.html>.

Senior High

February 2, 2020 is the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. For more information go to www.souperbowl.org.

Christian Citizenship Seminar 2020 will be held April 25-30, 2020. Registration for this event begins on December 2, 2019. Information may be found on the website at <http://www.brethren.org/yya/ccs/>.

May 3, 2020 is our National Youth Sunday. The theme and worship materials will be posted online in early 2020.

Young Adult

Ministry Summer Service (MSS) is a leadership development program for college students in the Church of the Brethren who spend 10 weeks of summer working in the church (local congregation, district office, camp, or national program). Applications are due on Jan. 10, 2020. Go to <http://www.brethren.org/yya/mss/> for more information.

The National Young Adult Conference will be held on May 22-25, 2020 at Montreat Conference Center (North Carolina). Registration opens on January 20, 2020. For more information on this event go to the website at <http://www.brethren.org/yac/>.

For details regarding events, contact Becky Ullom Naugle, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at bullom-naugle@brethren.org or (847) 429-4385.

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT 2020 LEARNING TOURS

New Community Project 2020 Learning Tours will take folks of all ages to Nepal (January), the Ecuadorian Amazon (early June), the Dineh reservation (NM) (late June), Denali National Park, AK (early August) and Arctic Village, AK (mid-August). Low cost, big experience of God's earth and God's people - both their challenges and their beauty and resilience. More detail may be found at <http://www.newcommunityproject.info>.

UPDATE FROM THE COMPELLING VISION PROCESS TEAM

Brothers and Sisters,

We want to express our gratitude to all who participated in the Compelling Vision conversations at Annual Conference for your prayerful and thoughtful engagement. The conversations were deep and rich. What a sacred honor and blessing it has been to read through the data generated by those conversations and in doing so to be given a glimpse into the hearts, minds, and souls of our brothers and sisters across the denomination.

While differences remain, it is clear we all share an abiding love for Jesus Christ and the Church and a genuine desire to live as faithful and passionate disciples in a turbulent world. A report on the data from the Compelling Vision conversations which took place at Annual Conference is now available at www.brethren.org/compellingvision. As someone who attended Annual Conference and participated in those conversations, we thought you might be particularly interested in this report and wanted to make sure you had direct access to it. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to us at cvpt2018@gmail.com.

In the weeks following Annual Conference, the Compelling Vision Working Group and the Compelling Vision Process Team joined into the Compelling Vision Team. As this united team continues its work to articulate the emerging and compelling vision, we invite you to join us in a season of prayer, that the Holy Spirit might continue to move in our midst as the body of Christ known as the Church of the Brethren, for the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

In Gratitude and Hope,
Rhonda Pittman Gingrich
Compelling Vision Team

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH OUR MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

Tee Shirts are available from the Summerdean Church in Roanoke, VA to benefit Camp Bethel's Heritage Day. These are short sleeve gray tee shirts. The Church of the Brethren emblem is on the front with a small design on left side. The back of the shirt has the legend: "The Church has left the building." All of the lettering is in yellow. The shirts were donated to Heritage Day in memory of Robert R. Jones and Owen and Flemmie Stultz. They are priced at fifteen dollars a piece. The sizes available are adult small, medium, large, or extra large. Please contact Bruce Stultz at cbwsweeties76@gmail.com or phone or text at (540) 204-3390.

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.

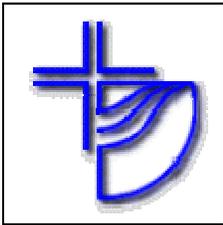
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The **Christiansburg Church of the Brethren** will host a **Fall/Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. In lieu of a Christmas cantata, Christiansburg Church of the Brethren will host a bazaar in which slightly used clothing, jewelry, shoes, household items, crafts, jellies and jams, cookware, furniture and other items will be sold for two-fold purpose of bringing the un-churched into the church to purchase items at a bargain price with proceeds funding a spring music program presented by Jonathan Elmore, music colleagues of Jonathan from Virginia Tech and the Christmas choir. Everyone is invited.

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.

"Come to Bethlehem and See..." Travel through an **outdoor live nativity program at Bethlehem Church of the Brethren** at 4250 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill, VA 24065. Come experience the story of Christmas as you walk by scenes of Mary and Joseph, shepherds with their sheep, angels, and wisemen. Then come into the Bethlehem Church for cookies, hot chocolate, and warm fellowship. Golf cart rides are available to assist your tour. Please join us anytime between 5 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th and enjoy this Christmas story. This program will be held whether rain or shine. If you would like to be a character in our live nativity (costumes provided) our church would love for you to join us. Please let Sharon Grindstaff know if you would like to participate and she can work out further details. For information or questions, contact Sharon G. Grindstaff at (540) 493-7252 or grindstaffsharon@gmail.com.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTER POSITION AT MOUNT UNION

A Children and Youth Minister position is open at Mount Union Church of the Brethren. We are seeking a mature Christian with a desire to nurture children in their relationship with Christ. This position pays \$10,000/year and requires approximately 15 hours/week. A full job description can be found at www.indeed.com. Interested applicants may also send their resume by email to mountunioncob@gmail.com or by USPS mail to Mount Union Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 192, Bent Mountain, VA 24059.

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