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SEPTEMBER 2016

September 2-5 – Labor Day Family Weekend at Camp Bethel

September 18 – District Peace Day Service 3pm

September 19 – Church Board 6:30pm

September 25 – Teacher/Pastor Recognition

September 25 – Renacer Banquet

October 1 – Heritage Day Festival

A Note From Pastor Doug...

“Everybody's A Priest?”

Over the last couple of years, I've had the opportunity to get to know the local Roman Catholic priest, Father Steve, through some various ecumenical activities. We'll get together from time to time to have lunch and talk about some of the similarities and differences between our particular brands of Christianity. It's been quite interesting to have this opportunity, to really get to know a Catholic priest pretty well. Still, I know that there are some pretty big differences both in our practice and understanding of the Christian faith. We will likely never be able to get to a point where we both agree about everything, and that's ok. That's not the point of our spending time together and talking about our faith. No, its more about understanding each other, and being able to find ways to work together in spite of our differences.

As I've spent time with Father Steve, it's helped me to understand a bit more about the idea of the priesthood of all believers. A topic which, believe it or not, is something that both Catholics and Brethren hold in common, even though our specific ways of living it out are different. Now, I know that when we hear the word priest, we often think of someone like Father Steve, who holds such a position in a church, someone who wears specific robes and leads a very formalized worship service.

But there is a deeper meaning than that, and that is what we are getting to as we think about this idea of the priesthood of all believers. I would like for us to think about a priest as one who stands between God and others, to mediate the love and grace of God to those whom he or she encounters. This is the vision we speak of when we, as Brethren, say that we are a priesthood of all believers. This means that everyone who is part of the church is charged with sharing and ministering to the world. It's not just something that the pastor does.

As we begin a transition in our congregational life to half-time pastoral leadership, I think that it is extremely important for us to remember this understanding of the priesthood of all believers. As I will be having less time available for ministry in the congregation, we must come together to continue the work of ministering to one another and to those outside of the congregation. Everyone will need to step up, to be willing to take on the necessary work for our congregation to flourish. As we move into this time, let us commit once again to serving one another, and to serving the community, as a group, a priesthood, who seeks to extend the love and mercy of God to our world. Let us all live into our calling as priests of God.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

What's Happening???

ANNUAL VIRLINA DISTRICT PEACE SERVICE

Mark your calendar. The annual Virlina District Peace Service will be held Sunday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m at Oak Grove Church of the Brethren.

32nd HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Camp Bethel's 32nd Annual Heritage Day Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1. Please encourage everyone in your church to participate and help in this vitally important fund raiser for Camp Bethel. Tell your friends and help us advertise. Heritage Day forms, fliers and information are available at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/events.html, or from your pastor or camp representative.

RENACER HARVEST BANQUET – SEPTEMBER 25

This year the Renacer Fall Fundraiser is going to be held on Sunday afternoon when folks are getting ready to go out to lunch. This will be a great opportunity to get together with others to celebrate what God is doing in our midst through the ministry and outreach of Renacer Roanoke. Your prayers, attendance at services and financial support are all greatly appreciated and very important in helping fulfill the mission of Renacer. It's exciting that we have the opportunity to be involved in active missionary work so close to home by supporting this ministry. The banquet date is Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Roanoke, 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA. Because a number of businesses and individuals are participating in a sponsorship program, tickets are available at only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ten and under. Buffet Menu

Mixed Garden Greens with Julienne Vegetables
Assorted Dressings and Salad Toppings
Assorted Fruits and Berries Compote
Roma Tomatoes & Fresh Mozzarella & Basil
Chicken Marsala
Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef-Natural Au Jus
Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Homemade Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans Almondine
Gourmet Rolls with Butter
Chef Selection of Desserts
Iced Tea and freshly brewed Coffee and Decaf

By popular request, Pastor Daniel D'Oleo, the Renacer Dancers and Praise Team and Renacer congregation will be sharing in music, dance and testimony. They will update us with exciting news of what our awesome God is doing in the ministry and mission of Renacer Roanoke. We encourage you to mark your calendar, make plans to attend, and bring others with you. To host a table of 10 for \$100.00 or to purchase individual tickets, you may contact Pastor Daniel at (540) 892-8791 or e-mail him at renacer.dan@gmail.com.



- 1 Jim Driver
- 3 Nick Baker
- 7 Priscella Dooley
- 15 Doris Jones
- 21 Peggy Wright
- 22 Ed Baker
- 27 David Shumate

Servants for September:

Altar Decorations: Open

Bankers, Greeters, Ushers: Open

Deacons on Call: Sam & Casey Meyer

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

All those affected by the acts of terrorism in Orlando, FL; Istanbul, Turkey; Baghdad, Iraq; Medina, Saudi Arabia

Marilyn Hubbard

Elaine Welch

Dreama McMillan

Joan Erikson

David Shumate

People of Ecuador – especially Brian Bolton

Gene Lee

Allen Layman

Joann Baker

Tim Hiner

Doris Quarles

Maryamu Wavi