



## **Daleville Church of the Brethren**

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**April 1-3 – Pilgrimage XX**

**April 2 -Spring Volunteer Workday at Camp Bethel**

**April 6 – Women’s Group 6:30pm**

**April 10 – Congregational Business Meeting**

**April 15-16 – Sounds of the Mountains Festival at Camp Bethel**

**April 17 & 24 – College Student card shower**

**May 5 – Mother/Daughter Banquet 6:30pm**

**June 11 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Ministry in Virginia at Camp Bethel**

## **A Note From Pastor Doug...**

### **“Holy Humor Sunday”**

Several years ago, I received a request from within our congregation to take a Sunday to think and reflect with the congregation around humor and laughter. I sat with this request for a while, thinking, praying, and looking at some different things. And I came across an old tradition, a tradition that takes the first Sunday after Easter and celebrates humor within the life of the church. So, that year, after Easter, we celebrated “Holy Humor Sunday” for the first time since I came.

This year, I've decided that we will once again take the opportunity to celebrate this “unofficial” church festival, on April 3. It seems quite appropriate to me that this year's celebration almost falls upon April Fool's Day!

In preparation for this service, I want to take some time to share a little background information about this celebration. Holy Humor Sunday is a revival of several old customs that see the time immediately after Easter as a time to engage in laughter and joy at the miracle of the Resurrection.

One of these old traditions originated in Bavaria in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, which included celebrating the Sunday after Easter as *Risus Paschalis*. This is a Latin phrase that means God's joke, or alternately the Easter joke. Priests in Bavaria would use the occasion to tell jokes from the pulpit, seeking to bring laughter into worship. As Christine Longhurst puts it: “It was their way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ – the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead.” The Orthodox church also has a tradition of laughter after Easter, which generally included gathering together on Easter Monday to tell jokes, funny stories, and to eat together.

Our service will revolve around laughter and joy, and I hope that this will be a meaningful service for our congregation. After all, we do enjoy having fun and laughing together!

In Christ,  
Pastor Doug

## **What's Happening???**

### **PILGRIMAGE XX - APRIL 1-3, 2016**

Pilgrimage XX will be held April 1-3, 2016, at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages, and God is working through this ministry in wonderful ways. The structure of the weekend includes talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God knows where we are on our spiritual journey, and He meets us right there. Whether you need peace, or joy, or forgiveness, or encouragement, or hope, or revival, or a little extra time with Him...He gives more than we even desire. It is difficult to put into words how wonderful the weekend is. The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it! Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, go to <[www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com)> or contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or <[haynesmk1986@yahoo.com](mailto:haynesmk1986@yahoo.com)>.

### **SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS APRIL 2!**

7:30am free breakfast; 1:00pm free lunch; Your help is needed to prepare camp for the winter conference season. Workday projects(rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. Bring rakes, blowers, drag tarps, chainsaws, wood splitters, safety gear, ladders, gloves, garden & landscaping gear, tools(construction, repair, electrical plumbing, etc), vacuums, flatbeds, trucks(especially 4x4), cleaning gear & chemicals, brooms, mops, rags...and bring friends! RSVP meals by March 27 – 992-2940 or [campbetheloffice@gmail.com](mailto:campbetheloffice@gmail.com)

### **THE NEW, IMPROVED VIRLINA DISTRICT WEBSITE**

The Virlina District website has changed. Check out the new and improved <[www.virlina.org](http://www.virlina.org)>. David W. Minnich from Durham, Peace Covenant is webmaster and been instrumental in getting a new website design and capabilities. Tabitha Hartman Rudy, a member of the Roanoke, Ninth Street Church and our student intern, is adding material and updating information weekly. Announcements, calendar, forms, news, and reports are being posted so there will be easier access to information. If you have not done so, check it out!

### **ROUNDTABLE - APRIL 8-10, 2016**

Roundtable will be held at Bridgewater College on April 8-10. Roundtable is a Regional Youth Conference for Church of the Brethren high school youth, held each spring at Bridgewater College, and is planned by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet. Tim and Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren in Maryland will speak on the theme of Carefree in Christ, using Matthew 6:25-34. Walking Roots Band will provide entertainment on Friday night. Make plans to participate in Roundtable to see old friends, make new friends, worship the Lord, and hang out at college. Registration is open online at <[yrcroundtable.wix.com](http://yrcroundtable.wix.com)>.

### **SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL, APRIL 15-16, 2016**

Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Sounds of the Mountains Festival of Music and Storytelling will feature nationally known tellers, Kevin Kling, Barbara McBride-Smith, Bil Lepp, Antonio Rocha, music by Carrington Kay, plus the Back Porch Studio Cloggers. This is one of Camp Bethel's most important fundraisers, so help spread the word. All information is at [www.SoundsoftheMountains.org](http://www.SoundsoftheMountains.org).



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- 4 Clyde Carter
- 7 Jeff Baker
- 8 Gene Lee
- 9 Rebecca Olmedo
- 10 Todd Baker
- 11 Ann Layman
- 17 Bubba Lacks
- 18 Matt Meyer-Fey

**Please Keep in Your Prayers...**

The family and friends of Mary Jo Flory-Steury  
 Cross Keys Village  
 Manchester University  
 Residents of Madelia, Minnesota  
 Gene Lee  
 Brian Baker  
 Becky Baker  
 Allen Layman  
 Joann Baker  
 Tim Hiner  
 Doris Quarles  
 Maryamu Wavi



**Servants for March**

Altar Decorations:  
 Becky Baker  
 Bankers, Greeters, Ushers:  
 Mike & Becky Baker  
 Deacons on Call:  
 Sandra Sue & Benton Bolton

**Custodian Fundraising Progress**

Total needed for 1yr service:...\$1950.00  
 Donated so far:.....\$1430.00  
 Still needed:.....**\$520.00**

Thank you for all the generous donations we have received so far!

**Upcoming Special Events!**

**April 10** – Congregational business meeting – please stay after worship and participate in the life and business of your church!

**April – 17 & 24<sup>th</sup>** – We will collect cards for our college students these two Sundays.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – **Mother/Daughter Banquet 6:30pm:**  
 Our theme this year will be “Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover!” Ladies are invited to come dressed as their favorite author/literary character! Come join us for some delicious food and to celebrate the written word!!



**150TH ANNIVERSARY BANNERS NEEDED!**

Bring a Church Banner to the 150th Anniversary Celebration!! We want EACH congregation in the Virlina District to bring a banner to Camp Bethel that morning (by 10:00 am, a half-hour before the service)! Specifics: It needs to be about 12" tall and 9" wide. The only requirement is that the name of your church is on it. It's your choice what material you use (felt, vinyl, burlap, paper, material, etc.), and how pretty you make it (quilted, colorful, appliqued, black and white, etc.). It also needs a string or ribbon with which it will hang. (Disclosure: It will go home with another congregation.) If you cannot be there that day, please have it to Camp Bethel by Friday, June 10. Thank you! If you have questions, contact Carol Elmore at (540) 774-3217 or <[carol@oakgrovecob.org](mailto:carol@oakgrovecob.org)>.

**June 11** - 150TH Anniversary Celebration! The Virlina District Historical Committee is sponsoring a "150 Year Anniversary Celebration of District Work in Virginia" at Camp Bethel on June 11, 2016. The 2016 Annual Conference Moderator, Andy Murray, a native of the Cloverdale Church in Botetourt County, Virginia, will be the keynote speaker and the worship service will feature special music. Research is going forward on an updated history of the district over the past fifty to sixty years. Mary Sink Saint-John is serving as the editor of this work.