



Daleville Church of the Brethren

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April 2-5 – Awakening Services at Williamson Road CoB

April 2 – Virtual Easter Lilly collection

April 6 – Women’s Night Out at Cheddars 6:30pm

April 9 – Palm Sunday; Virtual Easter Lilly collection

April 10 – Executive Committee meeting 6:30pm

April 13 – Maundy Thursday – Love Feast 5pm

April 14 – Good Friday at St. Mark’s Methodist Church 7pm

April 16 – Easter

April 23 – Congregational Business Meeting

April 29 – District Women’s Retreat @ Peter’s Creek 9am

A Note From Pastor Doug...

“Dating Easter”

As I sat down this week to write about how we figure out when we will celebrate Easter, I realized that it was this week last year that we were celebrating this special holiday of the Christian calendar. Yet this year, as we enter into April, a number of weeks remain before Easter arrives. Unlike most other holidays that we celebrate these days, Easter moves around quite a bit from year to year. While there are some other holidays that don't necessarily end up on the same day each year like Christmas does, most of the other mobile holidays move around a few days to a week at most. Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day each move around from year to year, but you can be certain that they will come around a small number of dates from year to year. Memorial Day always falls in the last week of May, Labor Day around the first weekend in September, and Thanksgiving towards the end of November. Why is it, then, that Easter has such a wide range of dates?

Well, there are a number of factors that go into our calculations of the date of Easter, which in actuality can fall anywhere from March 22 to April 25. Last year we had a fairly early Easter, on March 27, and this year it falls on April 16. To understand why this occurs, we have to look at the way that Easter is calculated. The date of Easter, at least in the Western church, is calculated as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox. As the full moon varies in timing from year to year, Easter travels around the calendar to account for this factor.

Still, we may wonder why this is the calculation used. And to understand that, we need to remember that Easter is connected back to the Jewish celebration of Passover, which is where the connection to the full moon comes from. While the calculation of Easter and Passover have diverged over the centuries, this connection remains an important one as a basis for our own calculations.

Another historical quirk that affects the date of Easter, and ends up with Easter being celebrated on differing dates for those in the Orthodox tradition of Christianity, is the usage of a differing calendar system. Our calendar is based on the Gregorian calendar, whilst the Orthodox church continues to use the Julian calendar. These two calendars end up being a bit different, and because of this the Orthodox celebration of Easter generally occurs a week or two after our celebration of it. About once every four years, though, they are on the same date, as occurs this year. And back in 2010 and 2011, Easter fell on the same day for both western and Orthodox Christians for two years in a row, something that will not happen again for about 800 years.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

What's Happening???

SPRING CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: New or like-new chest coolers w/handles; Digital cameras or a “GoPro” video camera, LCD projector, working mini-van and pick-up truck, LED light bulbs(75-100W equiv), donations for camper scholarships, new(in-the-box bike helmets and/or horse helmets, canoes, kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets; brooms/dust-pans. Gifts to Camp are tax-deductible. Thank you!

AWAKENING SERVICES IN ROANOKE - APRIL 2-5, 2017

Awakening 2017 will take place at the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren on April 2-5, 2017. Services begin each evening with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. and worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "A New Hope for Every Generation" presented by Shawn Flory Replogle. Brother Replogle was Moderator of Annual Conference in 2010 and was formerly pastor of the McPherson Church of the Brethren in Kansas. He is a native of Bridgewater, Virginia.

In addition to the evening services, Bible Studies will be held by Brother Replogle each morning, Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The study on Monday will be held at the Hollins Road Church, on Tuesday at the Masons Cove Church and on Wednesday at the Peters Creek Church. Each of these will feature a light breakfast prior to the study.

WOMEN OF MANY HATS--WOMEN'S RETREAT – APRIL 29, 2017

"Women of Many Hats" is--an inspirational, fun filled time of fellowship for women of all ages planned just for YOU! This event will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017, at the Peters Creek Church, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., registration and fellowship time begins at 9, program begins at 10. Lunch will be provided by Peters Creek, cost \$10, reservations due by April 15, to Gwen Kropff, (540) 761-8672. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend. Additional information will be sent to churches soon. Sponsored by the Northern and Southern Area Women's Fellowship of the Virgina District.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

- 3 Angie Baker
- 4 Clyde Carter
- 7 Jeff Baker
- 8 Gene Lee
- 9 Rebeca Olmedo
- 10 Todd Baker
- 11 Ann Layman
- 18 Matt Meyer-Fey

Upcoming Special Events

Virtual lilies! We will be collecting for our virtual lilies on April 2 and April 9th. All proceeds will go to the interfaith crisis fund at the Botetourt Resource Center.

Women's night out! April 6, the ladies will meet at Cheddar's at 6:30pm!

Love Feast: We will have our Maundy Thursday love feast on April 13 at 5pm!

Good Friday: An ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Daleville on April 14 at 7pm!

CBM: Congregational Business meeting will be held after worship on April 23. Please stay after let your voice be heard!

Servants for April:

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

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Benton Bolton
Marilyn Hubbard
Elaine Welch
Joan Erikson
Gene Lee
Doris Quarles
Maryamu Wavi (Nigerian girl taken by Boko Haram)



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Food Pantry April 2 | | | | | | 1 |
| 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship Virtual Lilies | 3 *Angie Baker | 4 *Clyde Carter | 5 | 6 Women at Cheddar's 6:30pm | 7 *Jeff Baker | 8 *Gene Lee |
| 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship Palm Sunday Virtual Lilies | 10 Executive Board 6:30pm *Todd Baker | 11 | 12 | 13 Maundy Thursday Love Feast 5pm | 14 Good Friday Ecumenical G.F. service at St. Mark's Methodist 7pm | 15 |
| *Rebecca Olmedo | | | | | | |
| 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship Easter | 17 | 18 *Matt Meyer-Fey | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship CBM(23) | 28 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 29 9am District Women's Retreat at Peter's Creek |