

# The Herald



**THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

The Christian Education Commission appreciates tremendously the contributions made by the teachers and our superintendents to our Sunday school program. Each year we take time to recognize and formally say “thank you” to our superintendents as well as our teachers, substitute teachers, and assistant teachers who donate time, talents, and energy to provide meaningful Christian education classes for all ages. This year Appreciation Sunday is **June 5<sup>th</sup>** and Christian Education hopes that all current teachers and those who taught during the past year will be on hand to receive recognition and accept our appreciation for a job well done.



## UPCOMING RECOGNITION



The Nurture Commission will recognize the accomplishments of our high school seniors on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, as well as our many other graduates.

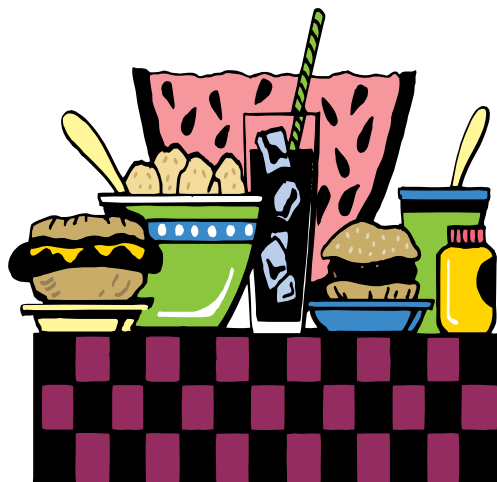
**Page 6** includes our graduates from various levels of academia. If we missed you, please contact the church office.

## SUMMER MUSIC!!

On June 12 the Choir season wraps up for the summer. What gifts can you share with the congregation this summer? Go to the sign-up sheet in the gathering room and pick your Sunday. Need more details? Contact Gabriella Ryan at 754-8356 or [gryanmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:gryanmusic1@gmail.com).

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## It's Picnic Time!!

Mark your calendar -- **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** is our picnic! It's right after church, so you don't have to worry about getting here late. We will need sliced tomatoes, lettuce and onions as well as other picnic sides. What do you like with your grilled burgers and hot dogs? Baked beans and potato salad sound real good! Chips and some cool desserts would be great too. You won't want to miss this!



# GIFTED WITH PROMISE: EXTENDING JESUS' TABLE

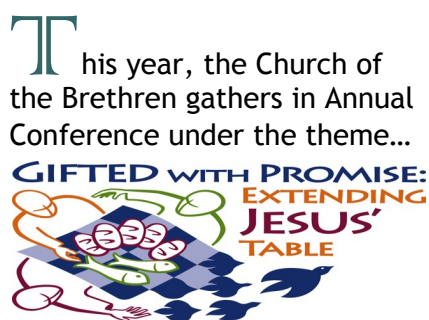
Each year my family makes a trip to the home of my wife's parents in Ohio. The extended family crowds the house with bodies and laughter. At some point there is a sumptuous meal, where the main table is extended and joined to other tables the length of the main room. In recent years the gathering has taken on new challenges, for marriages and births have swelled the number of extended family members to over 50. Space limits have led to the awareness that we will probably have to move to a nearby church.



Something similar happened in Jesus' day. Large crowds of people followed him into the secluded hills to hear teachings about God's holy kinship. But when evening came, many did not have food for a meal. There appeared to be no place to extend a table. But Jesus made a place. He asked his disciples to see what food they had, and they came up with five loaves and two fish. Jesus blessed



those five loaves and two fish for everybody to eat, and all were fed. It is likely that his example moved those in the crowd with food to pull it out and share it with all the others. There was supposedly plenty, with twelve baskets full of leftovers. A table of sharing and generosity was created, a table that has become an example for followers of Jesus down through the ages.

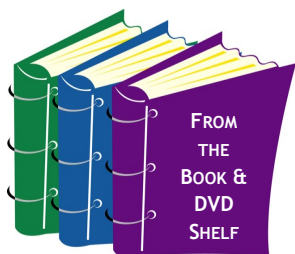


Such extending of table is a challenge for Brethren, for we live in a society where many people seem to have little interest in Jesus' extended table of holy kinship and community. Even within the Church of the Brethren, many wonder how to extend the table to certain groups within the church, groups like the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) constituency. An Old Business query on whether language

from a 1983 Human Sexuality Paper still speaks for the church will be before delegates, as will be a Standing Committee Statement of Confession and Commitment that recommends reaffirmation of the 1983 paper. A New Business query on whether Annual Conference should have rules of proper decorum relative to positions people hold will also be before the delegates. The call to look at decorum evidently targets those who have worn rainbow scarves in support of LGBT persons. Another New Business query addresses extending Jesus' table to all creation as we seek guidance on how to respond to the earth's changing climate.

Jesus' example of extending the table to 5,000 reminds us that God gifts us with far more than we can imagine. If we will but look at what is in our hands and share it freely, wonderful things can happen. May we not hoard our positions and possessions in such a way that we miss out on those wonderful things.

Peace,  
*David*



One book that may help us extend Jesus' table is Joetta Handrich Schlabach's *Extending the Table: A World Community Cookbook*. Gleaned from the various persons and Mennonite Central Committee workers, the book includes recipes from all over the globe as it encourages users to learn from the world community. Besides explanations of food, the book includes stories of individuals and cultures, stories that can inspire us to reduce consumption and share the resources we have. *Extending the Table: A World Community Cookbook* is published by Herald Press.

# In Our Congregation



What a great day for a yard sale! The weather was perfect. Our shoppers were generous. Our helpers were awesome! This year we took in \$2,539 — the most in years. There are a couple expenses to come from that total, but still a banner year.

Many thanks to everyone who chipped in their time during the week and also to Goodwill Industries who sent a truck to collect our remaining unsold treasures.



Did you have a hot dog or donut during the yard sale? Many did and the youth made \$315! Thanks so much!!



## LADIES NITE OUT

The next outing will be on **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, at Candela's Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano (14235 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, 23113).

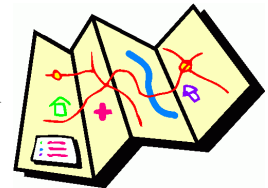
If you want to go along, please contact Betty Ziegler by **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, to save your seat. The more the merrier!

# Witness News...

## Can You Find Me Now?

Yes, everyone can find the church now, because we are listed on the newly published Richmond Chamber of Commerce map! The map is available at all Richmond Visitors Centers, the Greater Richmond Convention Center and through the Chamber of Commerce. Now visitors to Richmond will be able to find us easily and quickly, learn a little about us and know when we meet. The map will be available for the next two years or until stocks are depleted.

This project enables us to extend our visibility and is an outgrowth of the Biblical Hospitality Weekend.



At the Congregational Business Meeting on May 15, Dani Saunders was elected to the Board of Directors of Hilltop Preschool. Join us in supporting her in this endeavor. She joins Alex Arthur, Sandi Davis, and Tori Yoder as well as four preschool parents.

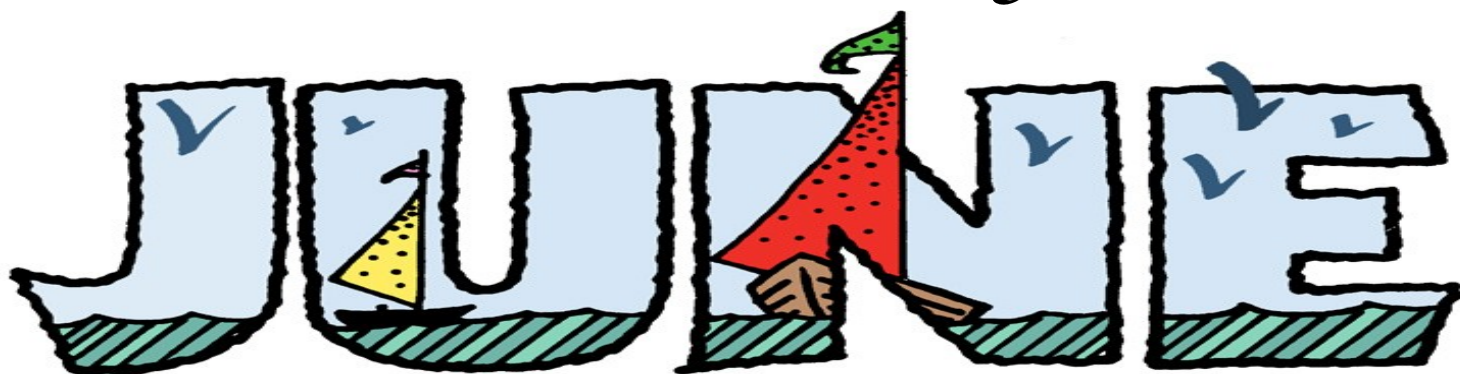
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Church office (M-F).....9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or if the line is busy, voice mail will answer — please leave a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted to the church office by **12 noon on Thursday**. Articles for the **Summer** edition of *The Herald* are due by **June 15, 2011**.

# Who's celebrating and Who's Doing What in...



## B i r t h d a y s & A n n i v e r s a r i e s

1 .. Charlie Cheek	12 ... Susan Dowdy	24... <i>David &amp; Judy McCloud</i>
1 .. Michael Dowdy	12 ... Dan Tulli	24... <i>Dan &amp; Christen Tulli (5<sup>th</sup>)</i>
4 .. Karl Hoff	12 ... <i>Mark &amp; Erin (Fyne) McLaughlin (1<sup>st</sup>)</i>	25... Alexa Newborn (1 <sup>st</sup> )
5 .. Peggy Reynolds	14 ... Ashok Solanky	25... <i>Eric &amp; Sandy Faw</i>
5 .. <i>Don &amp; JoAnn Holsinger</i>	16 ... Jeff Goss	25... <i>Stanley &amp; Ponpun Nickel</i>
7 .. Mike Whitten	17 ... <i>Brendan &amp; Sarah (Ziegler) Hodgkinson (5<sup>th</sup>)</i>	26... Mary Knight
8 .. Greg Adams	18 ... Luanne Holsinger (50 <sup>th</sup> )	27... <i>Earl &amp; Anna Reber</i>
9 .. <i>Bob &amp; Pat Gangwer</i>	18 ... Ponpun Nickel	28... Barbara Beers
9 .. <i>Ken &amp; Ginny Heatwole</i>	18 ... <i>John &amp; Jennifer Riner</i>	28... Hannah Miller (20 <sup>th</sup> )
10 .. Benjamin Haslego (5 <sup>th</sup> )	22 ... Bill Jenkins	28... Shirley O'Donovan
11 .. Bryan Heilman	23 ... Grace Clark	29... <i>Wally &amp; Linda Knox</i>
11 .. Jonathan Knight	23 ... Tommy Ferguson	30... Kevin Urban

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
<b>Greeter</b> (Dolly Guyer)	Dolly Guyer	Sandi Davis	Larry McCann	Betty Altic
<b>Acolyte</b> (Belinda Layman)	Chris Reynolds	Jon Reynolds	Zack Keithly	Alan Vallejo
<b>Worship Leader</b> (Sarah Niswonger)	Alyce Newman	Ann Andrus	Paula Bryant	Kevin Beers
<b>Nursery Care</b> (Alyce Newman)	Kevin Beers & Alan Vallejo	Richmond Mennonite Fellowship	Jeff & Carol Goss	Barbara & Anna Beers
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b> (Alyce Newman)	Sue Aigner & Lewis Mullins	Betty Altic & Sandi Davis	<b>Church Picnic</b>	Nadene Brunk & Dani Saunders
<b>Tellers</b> (Nancy Martin)	Jeff Goss & Nancy Martin	Joel Guyer & Larry McCann	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Sandi Davis & Lewis Mullins
<b>Mowing Crew</b> (Larry McCann)	Richmond Mennonite Fellowship	Joel Guyer, Chris Heatwole, Ken Heatwole		Frank Fuller, Charles Layman, Jim McKinnell
<b>Care Giving Coordinator</b> (Ginny Heatwole)	Shirley Wampler			

If you want to be included in any of these activities, please contact its coordinator. If you cannot fulfill an assigned date, please swap with someone and then contact the coordinator.

# June, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Visit us online <a href="http://wrcob.org">wrcob.org</a></p> <p>You'll find the calendar and the newsletter there!</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:45 pm Choir</p>	 <p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café (away)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>3:00 pm Cub Scouts Picnic</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>LAMB's Basket</p> <p>Graduate Recognition</p> <p>Teacher Recognition</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Board</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:45 am Craft Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Hull Street Ministry</p> <p>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	 <p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café (away)</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:30 pm Quilting</p> <p>7:45 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>7:00 pm Civic Assoc. Board meets</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1:30 pm Recital</p> 
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth (grades 6-12) Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:45 am Craft Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	 <p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	 <p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>finding our place within God's story</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>  <p>National Jr. High Conference Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:15 pm Church Picnic</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p> <p>7:00 am Executive Committee meets</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:45 am Craft Group</p> <p>1:30 pm WRCOB Volunteers at Community Kitchen</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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# Our 2011 Graduates!

**Cameron McCloud** graduates preschool from Magnolia Ridge Child Development Center to go to kindergarten at Greenwood Elementary School.

**Cate Yoder** graduates kindergarten at Gayton Elementary.

**Jon Reynolds** graduates from Tuckahoe Middle School to go to J.R. Tucker High School.

**Liam Breen** graduates from J.R. Tucker High School to go to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

**Emily Driver** graduates from J.R. Tucker High School to go to Virginia Commonwealth University School of Art.

**Elizabeth Glass** graduates from J.R. Tucker High School to go to Art Institute of Washington (Interior Design major).

**Braeden Breen** graduates from Skipwith Elementary School to go to Tuckahoe Middle School.

**Ashley Holsinger** graduates from Moss-Nuckols Elementary School to go to Louisa County Middle School.

**Cameron Sabel** graduates from Pemberton Elementary School to go to H.F. Byrd Middle School.

**Alan Vallejo** graduates from Dumbarton Elementary School to go to Brookland Middle School.

**Faith Keithly** graduates from Highland Springs High School to go to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

**Adam Solanky** graduates from Atlee High School to go to James Madison University (Accounting major).

**Jessica Woodard** graduates from J.R. Tucker High School to go to Longwood University.

**Jamee Call** graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College with her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology.

**Hannah Guisewite** graduated from Bridgewater College with her Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy and Religion.

**Sloan Lynch** graduated from Virginia Tech with her Masters Degree in Higher Education & Instruction.

**Flora Vassar** graduated from Bernard/Columbia where she majored in Architecture with a focus in Stage Design.

**Virginia Vassar** graduated from Georgetown University where she majored in Arabic Language and African Studies.

... as seen in Virlina District's eHeadliner

## DISASTER RESPONSE WORK IN PULASKI

We have an opportunity to work on houses damaged by the two tornados in the Pulaski, Virginia area. This project will be directed by the Town and County of Pulaski. At first, work will be on roofs of 6-12 pitch or less,. There may be a few with 8-12 pitch but only with harnesses. Work will resume on Tuesday, May 31st.



Work schedule will be three days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Will need teams of five or six people each day. Will meet at the Peters Creek Church (in Roanoke/Salem area) at 7:00 a.m. and drive the disaster van. We will return to Peters Creek COB about 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. The Shenandoah District will cover Thursday and Friday. Thus far, two roofs have been replaced and sixty-seven person days have been contributed by 31 individuals from Virlina.

Each person needs to pack their lunch and drinks each day. Will take a cooler for water and a cooler for other drinks. A tool trailer will be near the site (on loan from Shenandoah District). Bring your own hand tools. Please contact the people at your church to find out who is interested and what days they are available. For more information, contact Jim Kropff, Disaster Response Coordinator, at jimgwenkro@comcast.net.

## PULASKI TORNADO OFFERING IN PROGRESS



About 400 homes were damaged or destroyed in Pulaski, Virginia as the result of a tornado on April 8th. Estimates of property damage are as high as \$8.5 million. It is apparent that governmental and other help will be sparse. Please consider taking a special offering in your congregation to be used by the district in our relief efforts there. Send any funds collected to: Pulaski Tornado Relief Effort, c/o Virlina District Resource Center, 330 Hershberger Road, NW, Roanoke, VA. 24012 In order to insure proper accounting, please mark these as Account #33509.

Thus far we have received \$24,862.50 from the following congregations: Antioch, Bassett, Beaver Creek, Bethel, Bethlehem, Blue Ridge, Boones Chapel (Snow Creek), Boones Mill, Burks Fork, Copper Hill, Coulson, Danville-Emmanuel, Danville (*West Marva District*), Ewing (*Southeastern District*), Fairview (Rocky Mount), Jones Chapel, Kelley Chapel (*West Marva District*), Locust Grove (*West Marva District*), Lynchburg, Monte Vista, Nineveh, Oak Grove-South, Olean, Parkway, Peak Creek (*Southeastern District*), Peters Creek, PleasantDale, Pleasant Valley, Poages Mill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Roanoke-Oak Grove, Roanoke-Summerdean, Shiloh (*West Marva District*) and Smith River. Individuals identified with the Good Shepherd, Cloverdale, Daleville, Green Hill and the Bedford (*Middle Pennsylvania District*) congregations have also contributed.

### Summer Registration for Camp Bethel is Open!

Registration forms and brochure can be found on line at: [www.campbethelvirginia.org/summer](http://www.campbethelvirginia.org/summer).

See Sandra Lynch for Good As Gold Certificates.

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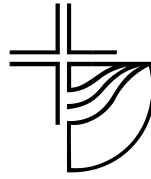
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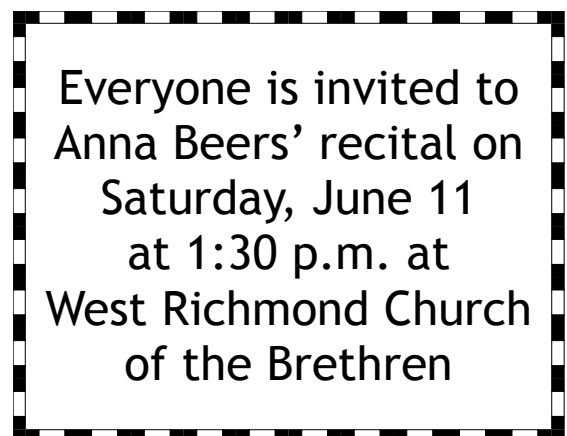
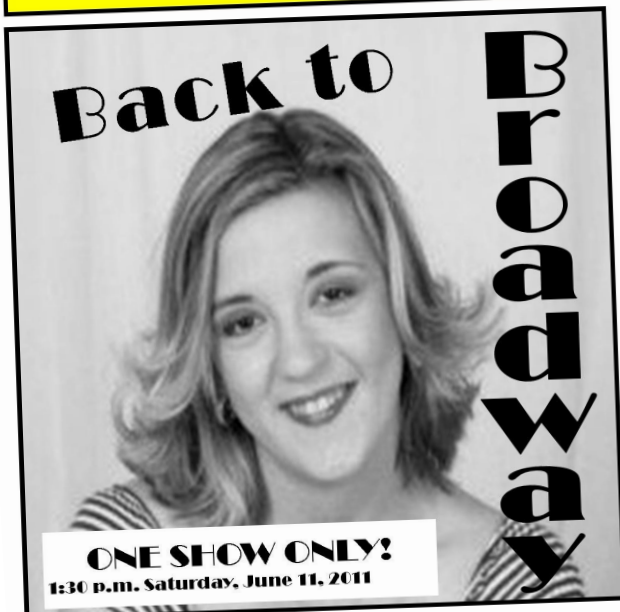
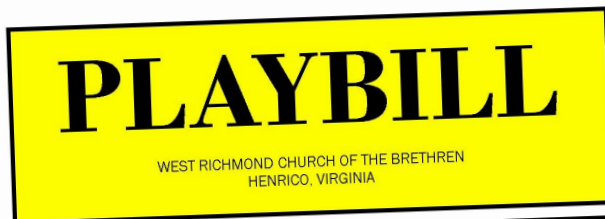
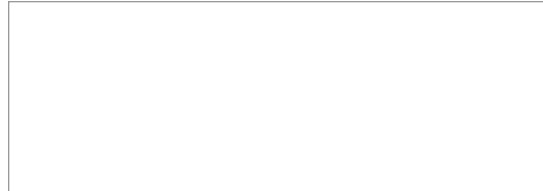
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She expresses her thanks to the Church Board for their permission for her to hold this fundraiser for her upcoming trip to Europe with the Christopher Newport University Choir.