

SEPTEMBER

The Herald



For the time being and in everyone's best interest, we request that you wear a mask while inside the church building.



Please continue to also use hand sanitizer and wash your hands.



Even though our National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) is virtual this year, Ken Medema and Ted Swartz will be recording their keynote program in the Bridgewater COB sanctuary on **Thursday, September 9, at 2 p.m.** and those who are interested in being in the audience are invited. There is *no charge* for this program. An ice cream social will follow. For more information about the conference, see www.brethren.org, the NOAC [Facebook page](#), or the Church of the Brethren Newline.

National Older Adult Conference September 6-10, 2021

\$100 per person, \$150 for couples



We have been in contact with the Bridgewater Church and we are invited to join them! Let's get a group together to go.



Please contact our church office if you'd like to carpool.



CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE



Brethren do not baptize infants. We believe the choice to be baptized follows a personal decision and a confession of faith which infants are too young to make. We are blessed to have three families that are dedicating their children on **Sunday, September 12th** during worship. As their congregation, you are their extended family and hope you will be a part of this enriching experience.



We plan to prepare a slide show that would include the children's photos for display during the service.

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Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.

This past July, during Annual Conference business, the Compelling Vision for the Church of the Brethren was voted on and passed. You can read it above. It was a long process of discernment, which included the year 2020, the pandemic, and the cancelation of the business of Annual Conference. The attempt was made and quite successfully too, I might add, to reach out to as many Brethren for input in the development of the Compelling Vision. Rev. Kevin Daggett, pastor of the Dayton, VA congregation in Shenandoah District and part of the Compelling Vision committee came to West Richmond to share with us and to include our thoughts and suggestions. It is a vision for our denomination into the next decade. I pray we can

live into as we come to understand all the various aspects of the vision.



Having said that, I invite you to come and join us **Sunday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m.** for the first session of a thirteen-week Sunday school Bible Study focused on the new Compelling Vision. It will be in person in the Gathering Room and on Zoom, so you can join us either way. The Sunday school classes will focus on the Bible verses that undergird and support the Compelling Vision statement—so bring your Bible!

In doing this study, my hope is to join our spirit to the spirit of the denomination to renew and to revive the church in the goal of living out the promises of God's kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. I also hope that this process will also generate a new and compelling vision for our own congregation as we look past the pandemic toward a new understanding of God's call on West Richmond. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could make this Sunday school class a whole church event? It has always been

the premise of the Brethren to discern God's will as a corporate enterprise that includes the whole community of faith.

It will be helpful for me, as facilitator, to have you RSVP to know whether you are coming in person or attending through Zoom. I most definitely need your RSVP if you are planning the online option. There will be handouts available. If I knew who was coming I can email you copies of the lessons in advance. Otherwise, I will have the lessons available in the Gathering Room. Please join me in a process that will give us direction, guidance and inspiration as we work into the next decade. In coming bulletins, there will be an opportunity to RSVP me. I remain yours as we continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply and together.

Pastor Dave

**Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6226 5468
Passcode: 163746**

In Our Congregation



Darryl & Sandra Lynch welcomed a new grandson to the family. Graham Wesley Bosman, was born on Friday, July 30, to Claire & Wes. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.

Christian Ed. News...

The Christian Education Commission is pleased that Pastor Dave will be leading our adult Sunday School class, beginning September 12. We will be discussing the Church of the Brethren's new Compelling Vision. The class will be held in the Gathering Room and online from 9:30 to 10:30am and will run 13 Sundays. (More details are in Pastor Dave's article).



Much to the delight of our children, Janet Brunk is continuing Children's Church on the first and third Sundays of each month. This is designed for K-8th grade. The children will start in the church service and follow Janet out at the appropriate time. Christian Education is also hoping to have a class for preschoolers at the same time. The logistics of this needs to be worked out. Stay tuned for more information.

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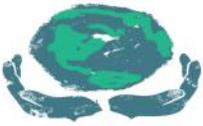
Pastor Dave Whitten (319-610-2274)
 Administrative Assistant..... Barbara Beers (804-338-3482)
 Sunday Worship (On site & Online)..... 11:00 a.m.
 Office (M-F).....9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or the line is busy, voice mail will pick up so **PLEASE** leave us a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted to the church office by **noon Thursday**. All articles for the **October** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**.

JOIN US FOR
Sunday School

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September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>He's Got the  WHOLE WORLD in His Hands</p>			<p>1 6:00 pm Handbells</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 am JanPro</p>
<p>5 9:30 am On Site & Online Sunday School 11:00 am On Site & Online Worship</p> 	<p>6 Offices Closed</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>7  First Day of School for Henrico County Schools 10:30 am Ladies Circle 5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm Handbells</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00-11:00 a.m. Open House at Hilltop Preschool</p>	<p>11  10:00 am JanPro</p>  <p>Remembering 9/11</p>
<p>12  Grandparents Day 9:30 am On Site & Online Sunday School 11:00 am On Site & Online Worship with Child Dedications</p>	<p>13 First Day of School at Hilltop Preschool</p> 	<p>14  10:30 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Virtual Church Board</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm Handbells</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 10:00 am JanPro</p>
<p>19 9:30 am On Site & Online Sunday School 11:00 am On Site & Online Worship</p> 	<p>20 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> 	<p>21  10:30 am Ladies Circle 12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen</p>	<p>22  6:00 pm Handbells</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24  Office Closed Today</p> 	<p>25 10:00 am JanPro</p>
<p>26 9:30 am On Site & Online Sunday School 11:00 am On Site & Online Worship</p>  <p>LAMBs Basket</p>	<p>27 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> 	<p>28  10:30 am Ladies Circle</p>	<p>29 6:00 pm Handbells</p> 	<p>30 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out at Roma's</p> 	<p>Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.</p> 	

Who's Celebrating and Who's Doing What in...

September

1 Joanna Adams
 2 Abigail Altic
 3 Andrew Ludwick
Aaron & Deanna (Heckman) Harding
 5 Elizabeth Bower
 Donita Solanky
 Anna Welch
 6 Richard Barry
 Clifford Brubaker (98!)
Terry & Cheryl (Hite) Mitchell
 8 Cheryl (Hite) Mitchell
Dave & Peggy Reynolds
 9 Ellen Flory
 Collins Harris
 13 Paul Brockman
 Barbara (Walbridge) McCann
 14 Leslie Altic

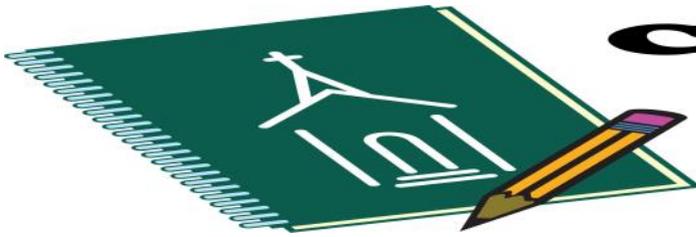
15 Aubree Evenson
 16 Joel Guyer
 Chloe O'Sullivan
 17 Ronnie & Jennifer (Altic) Harris
 18 Fred Bryant
 Gary Fields
 Judy Lindgren
 Rachel McCann
Joel & Allison Brunk
 19 Kurt Reber
 21 Travis & Anna (Beers) Williams
 22 Cathy (Martin) Vanderhoff
 23 Charles Layman
Chris & Colleen Wampler
 24 Erin (Fyne) McLaughlin
 Shiloh McLaughlin

25 Becky Klein
Brandon & Dani Saunders
 26 Jonathan Flory
Leslie Altic & Tommy Ferguson
 27 Pamela McCloud
Bob & Margaret Phillips
 29 Jack Clark
 Bethel Mbeche
 Cate Yoder
 29 Dustin & Carrie Dedrick
 30 Jonathan & Jennifer McCloud

Have we missed either your birthday or anniversary?
 Please, contact the church office to correct the omission.

September	5	12	19	26	
Greeter	Dolly Guyer	Barbara Beers	Dolly Guyer	Barbara Beers	
Worship Leader	Carol Goss	Ann Andrus	Jori Carter	Alyce Newman	
Nursery	These activities are suspended until further notice.				
Fellowship Host					
Tellers	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Nancy Martin & Ann Andrus	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman	Joel Guyer & Larry McCann	

Want to be included in these activities? Please contact the church office.



Church Board Notes

Our Church Board had its virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Some highlights are:

- ✓ Our Brethren Foundation Funds earned \$ 362.98 in interest for May and had a gain of \$677.30.
- ✓ Witness has made arrangements for National Night Out, August 3 from 5:30-7 p.m., in cooperation with Friends of Anoka Neighborhood Watch.
- ✓ Stewards has employed the services of Advanced Plumbing to fix issues with many of our restrooms.
- ✓ The Board supported the summer schedule that Pastor Dave presented at the meeting.
- ✓ Eleven people participated in the Slave Trail hike June 5th. Many expressed that it was a deeply meaningful experience.
- ✓ Hilltop Preschool's ten weeks of summer camp continue to fill up with several being completely booked up already.
- ✓ The donation giveaway headed up by Janet Brunk has been a huge success, with many thanks for help from Anna Welch, among others.
- ✓ The Board voted to engage the services of J-Dog Junk Removal and Hauling to remove all remaining items from the White Building (with the exception of our church overflow items), as well as the current debris pile in the church ditch,
- ✓ The Board voted to accept the proposal from '58 Foundations for the amount of \$9217.40 from Maintenance

Reserve to repair the "weepy walls" in the two downstairs classrooms. There will be a CBM on Sunday, June 27th to seek congregational approval.

- ✓ The Executive Committee approved the motion for One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning of West Richmond to replace the parsonage heat pump for an estimated cost of \$8873 to be paid from the Parsonage Fund.
- ✓ The Gathering Room to be open for watching live streams of Annual Conference evening services the week of June 30-July 4. Ice cream served each night.

-Sandy Faw, Church Clerk

Our church board had its first hybrid meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Some highlights are:

- ✓ There were 10 in attendance at the church and 4 who attended virtually.
- ✓ Because of the yearly payroll audit, we received at a credit of \$354 from our insurance company.
- ✓ Christian Ed shared that we have three children going to Camp Bethel this summer: Garvey, Polette and Zherina.
- ✓ Stewards recently installed a couple water sensors (provided by our insurance company) along the downstairs classroom walls. There was leakage on two occasions.
- ✓ Stewards also had Advanced Plumbing install new faucets in most of the sinks (many were original).
- ✓ Hilltop Preschool's Summer Camp is



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running smoothly with all of the weeks completely full. The final week wraps up on August 19 and Jackie just deposited the third grant check in the amount of \$22,953.

- ✓ Our hybrid meeting was able to happen because prior to COVID we purchased tabletop microphones but hadn't had the opportunity to use them. Zoom coordinates with the ceiling speakers so we don't get audio feedback.
- ✓ The Board decided to have a Zoom meeting with some folks at Daleville COB in Roanoke who have been using a smaller organizational structure that works for their small congregation. This will be an opportunity to ask questions. It was suggested that we consider three priorities: the Pocketbook, People, and the Property. Suggestions were Alyce—as treasurer— for Pocketbook, Pastor Dave— as pastor— for People, and Kevin— as Stewards— for Property, also Sandy—as church clerk and Barbara McCann— as someone who has been church board chair and knows church polity, and Janet - as facilitator.

-taken from minutes submitted by Sandy Faw, Church Clerk

Weekly Statistics

June 6

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	12
Worship (total)	45
In-person.....	34
Live stream.....	11
On-line views as of 06/11	20

June 13

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	13
Worship (total)	43
In-person.....	32
Live stream.....	11
On-line views as of 06/18	24

June 20

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	0
Worship (total)	43
In-person.....	30
Live stream.....	13
On-line views as of 06/25	25

June 27

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	15
Worship (total)	50
In-person.....	35
Live stream.....	15
On-line views as of 07/02	26

June Offering

6/6.....	\$	3,875.00
6/13.....	\$	1,930.00
6/20.....	\$	1,830.00
6/27.....	\$	7,290.00

July 4

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	15
Worship (total).....	41
In-person.....	29
Live stream	10
On-line views as of 07/09....	22

July 11

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	11
Worship (total).....	41
In-person.....	29
Live stream	12
On-line views as of 07/16....	28

July 18

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	12
Worship (total).....	48
In-person.....	36
Live stream	12
On-line views as of 07/23....	25

July 25

Attendance

Virtual Book Study	14
Worship (total).....	31
In-person.....	31
Live stream	0
On-line views as of 07/30....	19

July Offering

7/4.....	\$	4,880.00
7/11.....	\$	1,485.00
7/18.....	\$	2,375.00
7/25.....	\$	1,800.00
Offering Y-T-D..	\$	121,749.75

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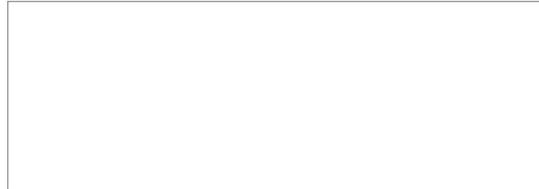
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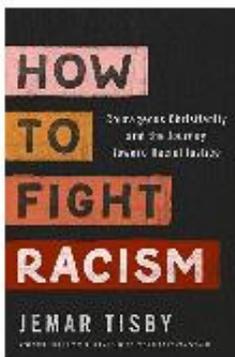


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HOW TO FIGHT RACISM

A SIX WEEK STUDY OF THE BOOK

BY BESTSELLING AUTHOR JEMAR TISBY



When: Thursday evenings, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
September 9 to October 14

Where: Second Presbyterian Church (5 N 5th St.)
and on Zoom

Signup: <https://bit.ly/3yZqqXM> or scan QR code

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