

West Richmond Church of the Brethren



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We've got something super special lined up just for you! Join us for our second amazing "Friendly Family Movie Night". It's all about good times, great movies, and a whole lot of family fun. Showing **Friday, October 6 at 6:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Not only that, but free popcorn and drinks to boot! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to settle in for the evening.



UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

On **Sunday, October 8**, there will be a *quick* Congregational Business Meeting immediately following worship to elect this year's District Conference delegates. Persons nominated are June Diehl and Alyce Newman. District Conference is being held November 10-11 at Faith Fellowship Church in Wirtz, VA.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Hello, fantastic grown-ups! We're thrilled to announce our second incredibly special "Movie on the Lawn!" at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13** taking place on the lawn right outside our doors. Complimentary popcorn and beverages will be served! Just bring along your lawn chairs or cozy blankets for a snug evening. Can't wait to see you there for a memorable night under the open sky!



COME TO THE TABLE

We are celebrating our fall Love Feast on **October 15**. It is the Brethren observance to hold Love Feast twice a year, usually on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week and sometime in the fall. The Brethren's Love Feast is a three-part ordinance replicating the events of the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. It begins with feet-washing, and then a simple meal called the Agape Meal, and we close with Bread and Cup Communion. Join us at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15** for this meaningful experience.

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O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.

Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT

Live
simply

The mantra that was developed many years ago by a consulting firm for the Church of the Brethren as they were going through a discernment process continues to speak to me. The "catch phrase" is *"The Church of the Brethren: Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully, Simply, Together"*. It speaks so succinctly of who we are, peacefully (we are one of the historic peace churches), simply (seeking to live a simple and uncluttered lifestyle), and together (placing community central in our lives as believers).

This year's stewardship pledge drive centers on simple living, as Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:18, "Take hold of the life that really is life". Our current culture has made much toward complicating our lives until we find ourselves stressed and anxious. There is a better way. Paul writes in Philippians 4:11, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have".

Over the course of the five Sundays in October, we will highlight aspects of simple living beginning with a skit on the first of October. We will look at four

scripture readings and four stewardship thoughts each following Sunday. A letter was mailed out to each of you asking you to consider how you might help the ministries of West Richmond for the year 2024. We ask you to submit those considerations in the form of a pledge on Sunday, October 29th, during worship.

There is a documentary I would encourage everyone to watch. It is entitled, *Affluenza*. In it there is a line that is worth remembering and sharing. It goes like this. *We buy things we don't need, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't know.*

The Apostle Paul teaches us that in Christ, we can be content with whatever it is that we have, in a lifestyle that offers contentment, without a lot of material possessions. So during this stewardship drive, let us consider what is that truly bring joy and satisfaction.

Living simply, so that others may simply live.

Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation



HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!!

Help us welcome Shepherd Psalm to the Dedrick family! He was born on **Saturday, September 10**, weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz., and measuring 21”.

His parents are Dustin and Carrie. Shepherd joins sister, Emmanuella, and brother,



October is Clergy Appreciation Month and on **October 22** we are taking on a New England accent to have lunch together after worship and let “Pasta” Dave know how much we appreciate all he does for us.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

It’s time to have some fun! Let’s gather in the Friendship Room (in the office building) on **Saturday, October 21** at **6:30 p.m.** to play board games for 90 minutes or so. If it’s nice, we may even go outside to play! Come with your favorite game and be ready to play! Talk to Barbara Beers for more info.



If you’d like to help out with the meal, please chat with Janet Brunk.



Jori Carter signed up for the CROP Hunger Walk to raise money and awareness to help other people near and far! She’s doing her part to help get us one step closer to ending hunger for good. Will you consider joining her?

Click the link at the bottom of this article to join the movement!

Click [here](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/accept?challenger=jori-carter&team=west-richmond-church-of-the-brethren) to register or enter the URL <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/accept?challenger=jori-carter&team=west-richmond-church-of-the-brethren> in your browser's address window.

Learn more about 2023 CROP Hunger Walk at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023?challenger=jori-carter&team=west-richmond-church-of-the-brethren>.

Check out her page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/jori-carter>.

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 Sunday School9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.
 Church Office (M-F)..... 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 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 by **noon on Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **November** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Sunday, October 15, 2023**.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

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| 1..... Tyler Goss
<i>Emily Tulli & Dan O'Sullivan</i> | 12.... Freda Wilkins | 24.... Polette Brunk
Emmanuella Dedrick
<i>Dave & Kathy Miller</i> |
| 4..... Peter Brunk | 14.... <i>Brendan & Sydney Faw (1st)</i> | 27.... Brian Diamond |
| 5..... Paul Heckman-Johnson
<i>Jon & Sarah (Beers) Hartman</i>
<i>Caren Molzhon & William Reber</i> | 15.... Chase Newborn
Rebecca Vanderhoff | 28.... Mark Diamond
Ariel Lindgren |
| 6..... Shirley Cheek | 16.... Shawn Baker | 29.... Ray Ryan
Coleson Tulli |
| 7..... Thoko Lipato
Lorraine Jackson Ordia | 17.... <i>Kenny & Joyce Keithly</i> | 30.... <i>Jack & Renee Clark</i> |
| 9..... Jessica Woodard | 18.... Michele Crawford | 31.... David McCloud
John Vassar |
| 10.... Joshua Diamond
William Hodkinson | 19.... Kate Jacobsen
<i>Shawn & Monica Baker</i> | |
| | 23.... Ginny Heatwole
Steve Vanderhoff | |

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



	Greeter	Worship Leader	Nursery Care	Tellers
10/1	Carol Goss	Barbara Beers	Janet & ??	Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin
10/8	Neria Shelton	Susan Robertson		Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
10/15	Dolly Guyer	Susan Mbeboh	Shaun & Madelyn	Joel & Dolly Guyer
10/22	Ann Andrus	Thoko Lipato		Bob & Pat Gangwer
10/29	Susan Robertson		Carol G. & Barbara M.	Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin



Attendance	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27
Worship (total)	36	44	53	43
In-person & visitors	31	38	47	33
Live stream	5	6	6	10
On-line views that Friday	26	17	34	25
Offering per week	\$4,085.00	\$679.00	\$10,417.37	\$2,096.00





October



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with Nursery Care	2 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	3 10:30 am Ladies Circle  5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street 	4 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga 	5	6 6:00 pm Family Movie Night  In the Gathering Room Childcare is not provided	7
8 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with  12:05 pm Congregational Business Meeting	9  Church Office & Henrico County Schools Closed Hilltop is Open! 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	10 10:30 am Ladies Circle  7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting (virtual) 	11 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga 	12	13  7:00 pm 	14
15  9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with Nursery Care 6:30 pm Love Feast	16 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	17 10:30 am Ladies Circle  12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen 	18 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga 	19	20	21 6:30 p.m. 
22 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with  12:10 pm "Pasta" Appreciation Luncheon 	23 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	24 10:30 am Ladies Circle 	25 9:30 am Friendship Café on field trip to  6:00 pm Free Yoga 	26 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out at Jiang's Chinese Restaurant 	27 	28 4-6 pm TRUNK TREAT  Sign up in the Gathering Room to be a trunk so that kids can treat!
29  9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with Nursery Care 	30 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	31 10:30 am Ladies Circle  				



District Conference



[FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10-11, 2023](#)

LOCATION: FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH -100 Wirtz Road, Wirtz, VA 24184

This large facility is easy to locate on Route 220, Virgil H. Goode Highway in Franklin County. Though we will not be using this section, part of this building has a unique “tent shaped” roof, which makes it stand out from the road. In addition, it is directly across from a Sheetz gas station and beside Plateau Plaza Dairy Queen and Bojangles.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

Registration for delegates (\$30 each) closes on *September 30*. After signing in at the registration table, Friday evening or Saturday morning, all delegates will receive a district information packet. Check-In on Saturday morning is 7:45-8:15 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend District Conference.

NON-DELEGATE REGISTRATION AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Non-delegates will register at the delegate table during the scheduled registration times. Limited conference booklets and district packets will be available. Children’s and Youth activities require a separate registration and fee.

CONFERENCE BOOKLET

Booklets will be mailed in October to each congregation. Pastors or contact persons are asked to distribute the booklets to the delegates. *Delegates should bring their business booklets to conference.* The 2022 District Conference minutes are published in the 2023 District Conference booklet, as well as the biographies of persons on the ballot. Books are ordered based on how many delegates register by the *September 30* deadline. A limited number of books will be reserved for non-delegates and officers.

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BUSINESS SESSIONS—SATURDAY 8:15 AM—12:00 AND 1:20-3:30 PM

The business will include commission and committee reports, voting on the 2023 ballot, budget and new business, reorganization, prayer and commissioning for Virgina’s 2024 leadership and the installation of 2024 Moderator Stacy Goff. Some Brethren agencies will give reports as well. All business sessions will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

MINISTERS, SPOUSES, and FRIENDS DINNER –

Reservation by *October 21* is required!

The Annual Ministers and Spouses Dinner will be held on Friday, November 10 in a fellowship area at Faith Fellowship in Wirtz, VA. Delegates and friends are invited. Check-in will begin at 4:45 PM and dinner will begin at 5:15 PM. The cost is \$15.00/person. Faith Fellowship is catering the dinner. The guest speaker is Nate Polzin, Executive Director of Discipleship and Leadership Formation for the Church of the Brethren. Free childcare is provided on Friday by the Children's Cabinet. Children are asked to come with a packed supper and drink, and to bring a "show and tell" item! An invitation has been mailed to all congregations and will also be on the Virlina District website.

"COWBELL" WORSHIP, FRIDAY, 6:45-8:30 PM -

The speakers for the service are Lupita Cruz, Doug Diamond, Tim Harvey, and Dave Hensley. Ministry through Music is Iglesia Praise Band, Lisa Street, and 3 G's. The worship service will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

ON-SITE LUNCH ON SATURDAY – Reservation by *October 25* is required!

A limited number of turkey or veggie wraps and sides are offered by Faith Fellowship catering on-site for those who pre-order, for OMC members and for elected reorganizing board members. Boxed lunches are \$10 and will include a wrap, macaroni or potato salad, chips, cookie, and assorted drinks. There are also numerous restaurants located near the church. Lunch is scheduled from 12:00-1:15 P.M. Reservation forms will be sent to each congregation by mail. Meal tickets will be distributed on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the registration table.

PARKING

All parking is in front of the glass doors entry with ample handicap parking spaces. There is one main front entry for all conference activities.

EXHIBIT AREA

The exhibit area will be on the main floor just outside of the business and worship space. The exhibits will feature Church of the Brethren agencies and show some of the work of our Virlina committees and congregations. Exhibits will be set up after 3:00 PM Friday and are to be removed by 2:00 PM on Saturday. To reserve a space, contact Mary St. John at virlina.directordcnw@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY AREA

A space for visiting, with light refreshments, will be located in the lobby after worship on Friday evening.

~AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES~

Childcare will be available for infants-5th grade during the Ministers and Spouses Dinner and during Worship Friday

CHILDCARE: Infants – Pre-K

Infants through Pre-K during Business Sessions on Saturday (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon and 1:15 PM – 3:45 PM.). Please fill out a registration form and return it to the District Office by *October 21!*

CHILDREN: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

The Children will be taking the disaster van to Camp Bethel for crafts, a service project, age-appropriate Bible devotions, and lunch. Camp Bethel staff will lead outdoor or gym play. Please dress children suitable for outdoor and indoor play. Booster/car seats must be provided! The cost is \$10.00/child or \$25.00 for 3 or more family members.

Registration forms are online or in the conference packet mailed to the churches.

Register by *October 21!*

MIDDLE and SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: 6TH – 12TH Grade

Youth are invited to worship at 7:00 PM on Friday evening to hear multiple Virlina speakers in our unique cow-bell worship service.

On Saturday, participants, accompanied by a youth leader or chaperone, will meet at Camp Bethel by 9:30 A.M.

(Youth who need transportation are to meet at Faith Fellowship by 8:30 A.M.)

Camp Staff will lead games, a short hike, an outdoor work projects for camp, and Bible lesson. Lunch will be in the ARK with the children from conference.

Please wear appropriate clothing for being outdoors... shoes, gloves, and coats. The cost is \$10.00/participant.

Leaders from each participating church are needed to help drive and chaperone.

Registration forms are online and have been sent to each congregation. Register

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Popcorn and MORE!*

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4pm to 6pm

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**SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING ROOM TO
PROVIDE A TRUNK FOR OUR TREATERS!**