

# THE VISITOR

MAY 2026

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**DEADLINE FOR  
JUNE  
MAY 15**

## May Scripture and Sermons

**May 3** *Anger and murder* Matthew 5:21-26

**May 10** *Lust and adultery* Matthew 5:27-30

**May 17** *Divorce* Matthew 5:31-32

**May 24** *Pentecost Code talkers* Acts 2:1-21

**May 31** *Oaths* Matthew 5:33-37

### **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:**

- Rena' Brown
- Carolyn Broyles
- Nancy Hylton
- Josephine Keller
- Bryana Lackey
- Emily Nelson

*Come Worship with us on Sundays!*  
*Sunday School-9:45 a.m.*  
*Worship-11:00 a.m.*

**CHURCH OFFICE  
SECRETARY HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00-2:00 p.m.



# Church News

*Prayer concerns since the last Visitor:*

- ...Becky Fowler, recovering from surgery
- ...Randall Eakin, heart monitoring
- ...Cooper Purcell, recovering from surgery
- ...Tina Angle, kidney stone surgery
- ...Betty Wills, surgery for broken leg
- ...Joyce Harmon, cardiac issues
- ...Jake Keating, Bell's Palsy
- ...Becca Duncan, depression treatment

*Sympathy and prayers to the family of Marge Montgomery. Marge passed away April 1, 2026.*

## Happy Birthday

- 2- Carol Winners
- 3- Bryan Hanger
- 3- Eowyn Hernandez
- 4- Dawn Thomas
- 4- Joan Simpson
- 5- Caroline Meisenzahl
- 5- Eleanor Brogan
- 6- Alli Yingling
- 6- Tess Anderson
- 7- Kate Elmore Hoyt
- 11- Dan Lubbs
- 12- Toria Knox
- 15- Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson
- 16- Dan Brogan
- 16- Dotty Smiley
- 21- Mike Hanger
- 22- Gay Bulach
- 22- Ed Woodard
- 23- Karin Musselman
- 23- Hannah Trent
- 25- Sarah King
- 25- Jodi Zabo
- 26- Garland Brown
- 26- Rex Robinson
- 27- Tim Harvey
- 30- Rebecca Eggleston



### SHP BED BUILDS FOR MAY

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**  
 Green Hill Church of the Brethren  
 2699 Harborwood Rd  
 Salem, VA 24153

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
 Trane Technologies  
 2303 Trane Dr  
 Roanoke, VA 24017

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
 Roanoke Regional Home Builders Association  
 622 Mohawk Ave NE  
 Roanoke, VA 24012

*Buids begin at 8:30 a.m. Join us!*

## Happy Anniversary

- 10- Don and Tanya Pizzullo
- 21- Neal and Karin Musselman
- 22- Rosemary Saul and Richard Moore

### Potluck and Council Meeting May 17, 2026

Please mark your calendars for our spring council meeting on Sunday, May 17. Potluck lunch will follow our worship service. Council meeting follows our lunch.

While members are eligible to vote, everyone is encouraged to stay for the potluck lunch and meeting.

### April 2026 Outreach

- Three individuals assisted through our Good Samaritan Fund.
- Food for five families through our Food Pantry.
- Backpack is delivering 18 bags weekly.
- SHP Bed Builds produced 40 beds.



**Jaxson Leddy**  
*by Carol Elmore*

Jaxson is soon to be a graduate from Northside High School on May 26, 2026. Son of Amanda and Harvey Leddy, Jaxson has been very involved in his school choir earning the right to go to All-District Choir for several years. This year he auditioned and was accepted into All-State Chorus. This was quite an honor! He is also a leader on the Northside tennis team!

Jaxson has been on summer staff at Camp Bethel for the past 3 summers.

He is an active participant of Life Church off of Peter's Creek Road. He attended Oak Grove when the Leddy family first came to Oak Grove. Carol and other youth have enjoyed his involvement in Roundtable and FaithX.

Jaxson plans to attend Bridgewater College this fall! We are happy for you, Jaxson!



**Terry Robinson**  
by *Carol Hambleton and Gay Bulach*



Terry came to us from the NICU after Carol spent a night with him to learn how to use and care for his feeding tube. Terry's first years were very difficult and we are still so grateful for the women from Oak Grove who came to help care for him while Carol recovered from surgery. Terry stayed with us until his aunt (now "Mom") took custody when he was about two years old. Since then Terry spends most weekends, vacations and holidays with us and calls us his "grandmas." Terry is a loving, caring and friendly young man and his love of God and this church are very important to him.

As far as Terry was concerned, 364 days of the year were just remembering his last Camp Bethel week and looking forward to the next one. His heart was broken last year when he realized that he had "aged out" of camp. Once when Terry was a little boy in Vacation Bible School, he discovered that if he looked around the kitchen door frame, he could ask Pam Conner, "What's for dinner tonight?" He and Pam forged a bond that still flourishes whenever he gets to see her.

Although we haven't been able to attend church for a while, his questions and philosophical statements about God and his faith are uncanny and never cease to surprise us. Terry will graduate from Rivermont School on May 21, 2026.



**Ben Tatum**  
by *Carol Elmore*

Ben Tatum is a recent graduate of Virginia Tech (as of December 2025)! He earned a degree in computer science. Since graduation, Ben has been in Italy. He is looking for work in his field (remote work from the US would be fine, if you know of something). Ben is going to graduate school at University of Padua, in Padua Italy. Congratulations, Ben!

We hope you visit when you visit back in the US!

## Rachel Leddy

*by Jodi Zabo*

This May, Rachel will celebrate a significant milestone as she graduates from Hollins University on May 17, 2026 with a degree in Environmental Science. Her time at Hollins has been defined by a rigorous exploration of ecological systems and a commitment to understanding the delicate balance of our natural world. Through a combination of academic research and hands-on fieldwork, Rachel has built a strong technical foundation that she is now eager to apply to the professional sector. Driven by a passion for sustainability, she intends to pursue a career in water resources, where she can contribute to the vital management, preservation, and protection of aquatic ecosystems and community water supplies.

Beyond her professional and academic ambitions, Rachel finds balance through a variety of personal interests and deep family connections. In her free time, she is an avid reader and a fan of tabletop gaming, often immersing herself in the collaborative storytelling of Dungeons & Dragons. She also enjoys the physical activity and peace of riding her bike through local trails. Most importantly, Rachel cherishes her role as sister to her brothers, Stephen and Jaxson and sister, Becca. She is also a proud aunt to her nieces, Aria and Ava.

Whether she is exploring environmental solutions or spending quality time with her loved ones, Rachel approaches her next chapter with a blend of scientific purpose and personal joy.

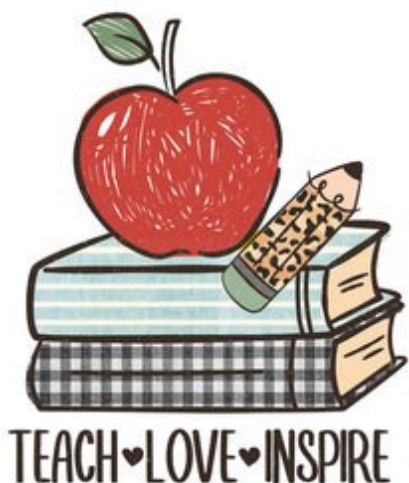


## **Maggie Pizzullo** *by Gloria Harmon*

Maggie Pizzullo is the daughter of Don and Tanya Pizzullo and the sister of Vincent Pizzullo. She has attended Oak Grove Church of the Brethren most of her life. In fact, it seems like yesterday that we were celebrating her graduation from Patrick Henry High School. Now we are celebrating her graduation from Radford University on May 2, 2026.

Maggie has always loved working with children. During her high school years she was a dependable volunteer in the “big kids” nursery. When she was old enough, Maggie worked at Camp Bethel both as a volunteer and on staff. Maggie took her passion for working with children to Radford with her and is graduating from Honors College at Radford University with a Bachelor of Science in Middle Education with a social science concentration. Her goal is to become a middle school history teacher in Roanoke or the New River Valley. Maggie currently works at Evie’s Bistro and Bakery in the evenings and subs in Roanoke County Schools during the day when needed.

Maggie’s hobbies include roller blading, painting and music. We are excited to see what the future holds for Maggie.





## WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE

### Men's Bible Study Schedule

**May 6 Deborah, Jael, Judith**  
Judges 4 – 5 (with Matthew  
26:47-56 and Luke 1:26-33)

**May 13 Abigail**  
1 Samuel 25 (with Matthew  
5:3-12 and James 1:19-20)

**May 20 Dinner and devotions with  
Women's Faith Study Group**

### May 2026 Highlights

2-SHP Bed Build at 8:30 a.m.  
9-SHP Bed Build at 8:30 a.m.  
16-SHP Bed Build at 8:30 a.m.  
16-Ministry and Mission Day 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.  
17-Potluck and Council Meeting at 12:30 p.m.  
20-Munch Bunch at 11:00 a.m. at Wings, Etc.  
25-Church Office Closed  
30-Virlina Youth Picnic at Peaks of Otter from  
11:00-2:00 p.m.



**Munch Bunch**  
**May 20, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Dining at Wings,**  
**Etc. in Salem**



## Virlina Youth Picnic



**May 30, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**MAY 16, 2026**

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**MINISTRY AND MISSION DAY**  
**SUMMERDEAN**  
**Church of the Brethren**  
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Virlina District Commission on Witness  
 Saturday, May 16, 9:00 Am-3:00 PM

**WORSHIP** with 2026 District Conference moderator, DEWEY WILLIARD, and hear the scripture focus of The Reason for the Hope Within You. 1 Peter 3:15b  
**MEET** 2026 Annual Conference moderator, DON FITZKEE.  
 Attend **WORKSHOPS** to aid in community outreach education for your congregations.

**EARN CEU.**

**FELLOWSHIP** at the catered lunch. Be **BRIEFED** in Annual Conference business. **INVITE** Annual Conference delegates and church leadership to a day of learning and spiritual growth.

**Lunch Menu: Pork BBQ & Baked Chicken, Coleslaw & Salad, Baked Beans & Mashed Potatoes & Dessert**  
**\$25.00 for lunch and workshops.**  
**\$15.00 for lunch**  
**Free Annual Conference Briefing**  
**Register on line & pay at**  
**[virlina.org/district](http://virlina.org/district)**  
**calendar**

**Schedule:**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	Registration, Coffee, light snacks
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship in Fellowship Hall
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Workshop One
<b>10:25 AM</b>	Workshop Two
<b>11:15 AM</b>	20-minute Break
<b>11:35 AM</b>	Workshop Three
<b>12:25 PM</b>	Move to Lunch
<b>12:30 PM</b>	LUNCH in Fellowship Hall
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Annual Conference Delegate Briefing in Fellowship Hall with Moderator, Don Fitzkee and Standing Committee
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Conclusion of Ministry and Mission Day

# Choosing to See Our Vulnerable Neighbors

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7 P.M.

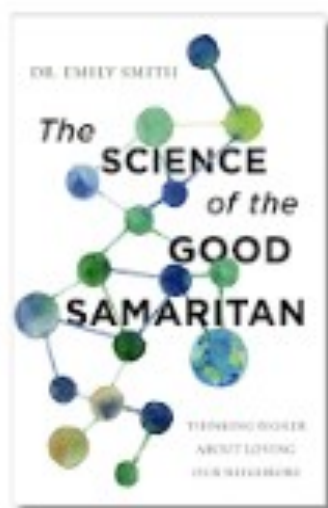
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"How can we be neighbors in a world set up to do quite the opposite?" ... The key, she said, is looking to Jesus and seeing who Jesus placed in the center of his attention. ... He flipped who should be in the middle of our attention on its head."

"I hope this book helps people understand how to do just that by understanding historical inequities, systemic racism and structural violence through storytelling and data. I also hope it can help places of worship have these conversations in nonthreatening but challenging ways in their own congregations."

– From an Interview with Baptist News Global



## Registration

Strongly Encouraged  
(But Not Required)



## Dr. Emily Smith

Guest Speaker

Emily Smith, PhD, is an Associate Professor at Duke University with research interests including children's global surgery, poverty metrics, health economics, and global health policy. In 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, she launched a blog, *Friendly Neighbor Epidemiologist*, to answer questions she already was receiving from family, friends and neighbors. She led workshops for pastors and lay persons and national religious leaders during the pandemic, including Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregants. Her work was featured in *Christianity Today*, NPR, the *Washington Post*, and *TIME Magazine*. Dr. Smith's book, *The Science of the Good Samaritan: Thinking Bigger about Loving Our Neighbors*, was released in 2023.

**FREE COPY OF DR. SMITH'S BOOK  
FOR THE FIRST 10 TO REGISTER**

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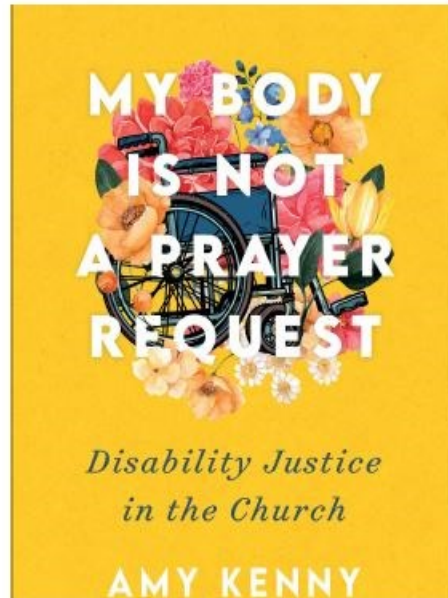
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# Want to Learn More About Disability & Accessibility in the Church?

Join Katie Smith Caudill, ADA Specialist, for a virtual, beginner-level book study of *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny.



Email: [katherinesmith508@gmail.com](mailto:katherinesmith508@gmail.com)

or text/call **540.267.4580**

Beginning in May [Gloria Harmon](#) is looking for at least one volunteer every week! She needs your help!

Please contact her if you can especially help with the Infant Nursery May 17 (needs two volunteers) or for the Children's Nursery May 3 or May 24 (needs two volunteers).


*Thank you volunteers for all your help!*



# Camp Bethel News



## Camp Bethel 2026 Summer Camps

	<u>Younger Elementary</u> ages 5-8	<u>Older Elementary</u> ages 8-12	<u>Middle School Resident</u> ages 12-15	<u>Middle School Adventure</u> ages 12-15	<u>High School Resident &amp; Adv.</u> ages 15-18
<b>Week 1</b> June 7-12	Mini Camp 1A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 1B (Wed-Fri)	Elem Resident 1 Elem Resident + Tube 1 Elem 3-Day 1 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 1 MS Resident + Tube 1	MS Adv WWRaft Tube 1 MS Adv Tube 1	HS Adv WWRaft Tube 1
<b>Week 2</b> June 14-19	Knee-High Day Camp 2	Elem Resident 2 Elem Resident + Tube 2 Elem Adventure 2 Elem Day Camp 2	MS Resident 2 MS Resident + Bike 2 MS Resident + Eques 2	MS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 2 River Adv Program 2	HS Resident 2 HS Res + Bike or Tube 2 HS Res Advanced Eques 2 Adv Canoe Cave Climb 2 River Adv Program 2
<b>Week 3</b> June 21-26	Knee-High Day Camp 3	Elem Resident 3 Elem Resident + Eques 3 Elem Resident + Tube 3 Elem Day Camp 3	MS Resident 3 MS Resident + Tube 3	MS Adv Canoe Climb 3 MS Adv Paddlesports 3 Intro to Backpacking 3	HS Adv Canoe Climb 3 HS Adv Paddlesports 3 Intro to Backpacking 3
<b>Week 4</b> June 28- July 3	Mini Camp 4A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 4B (Wed-Fri)	Elem Resident 4 Elem Resident + Eques 4 Elem 3-Day 4 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 4 MS Res Climbing Combo MS Resident + Eques 4	MS Adv Cave Climb Tube 4	Mtns-Beach-Bay Trip 4 HS Res Climbing Combo
<b>Week 5</b> July 5-10	Knee-High Day Camp 5	Elem Resident 5 Elem Resident + Eques 5 Camp Too Sweet	MS Resident 5 MS Resident + Eques 5 Camp Too Sweet	MS Adv Cave Climb 5	HS Adv Cave Climb 5 Camp Too Sweet
<b>Week 6</b> July 12-17	Mini Camp 6A (Sun-Tue)	Elem Resident 6 Elem Resident + Tube 6 Elem Adventure 6	MS Resident 6 MS Resident + Tube 6	MS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6	HS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6
<b>Week 7</b> July 19-24				MS Moonrise Adv 7 MS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 MS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 7	HS Moonrise Adv 7 HS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 HS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 7 Backpacking Trip 7

### Activities

- Group Games
- Swimming Pool
- Nature Fun
- Archery
- Biking
- Home in the Woods
- Campfires
- Bible Study
- Ropes Course & Zipline
- Farm Animals
- Creek Play
- Hiking
- Songs & Music
- Arts & Crafts
- Skit Night
- Nightly Worship

**Resident camps:** accommodations in air conditioned cabins.

**Adventure camps:** accommodations in our primitive, open-air platform shelters.



[CampBethelVirginia.org/Camps](http://CampBethelVirginia.org/Camps)



**Memorial Day Family Weekend**  
**May 22-25, 2026**

Click [here](#) for more information!

# *Pastor's Column*

One of the defining characteristics of Jesus's ministry—one that often brought him into conflict with the authorities of his day—was his steadfast commitment to those on the margins. Again and again, he drew near to those others avoided. He listened to them, shared meals with them, and honored their dignity. So much so that he was criticized as “a drunkard and a glutton, a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matthew 11:29).

And yet, in these very stories, we catch a glimpse of what faithful Gospel living looks like. They gently but persistently invite us to notice who we may be overlooking. They ask us to consider whether we, too, have grown accustomed to turning our attention away from those whose voices are harder to hear. If we are to follow Jesus, we must be willing to listen—to those on the margins, and to the ways their stories reveal our own blind spots.

This May, we are given several opportunities to do just that:

- On **Thursday, May 7, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**, Roanoke Justice Ministries will host a *Rethinking Justice Workshop* at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church. This gathering will bring together Christians from across our community to reflect on how we might more faithfully care for those who live at the edges of our shared life.
- Then, on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.**, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church will host *Choosing to See Our Vulnerable Neighbors*. Led by Dr. Emily Smith, this seminar invites us to wrestle with a challenging question: “How can we be neighbors in a world set up to do quite the opposite? The key is looking to Jesus and seeing who Jesus placed in the center of his attention. He flipped who should be in the middle of our attention on its head.”
- Finally, on **Saturday, May 30 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Roanoke Valley will offer a workshop titled *Racism and Repair*. Through the lens of scripture and dialogue, this workshop is designed to encourage participants to engage in the difficult discussions surrounding the broken divisions in our culture and the opportunities for repair.

No one of us can do everything. But each of us can do something. Perhaps this month, that “something” is simply showing up—listening, learning, and allowing ourselves to be changed. And in doing so, we may find that we are being drawn more deeply into the heart of Christ, who continues to call us toward love, justice, and neighborliness.

*Pastor Tim*

# May 2026



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2 <b>8:30 a.m.- Bed Build</b>	
3 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship Handbells playing	4 9 a.m.-Crafts 12:30 p.m.- Backpack	5 6 p.m.-Peace & Justice	6 10 a.m.- Handbells 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.-Choir	7 10 a.m.-Women's Faith Study Group 1 p.m.-Games 5:30 p.m.- Commissions Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Christian Education	8	9 <b>8:30 a.m.- Bed Build</b>
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24 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m.- Worship	25 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	26	27 10 a.m.- Handbells 7 p.m.-Choir	28 10 a.m.-Women's Faith Study Group 1 p.m.-Games	29	30 <b>11 a.m.- Youth Picnic at Peaks of Otter</b>
31 9:45 a.m.-SS 11:00 a.m.- Worship Handbells playing Graduation Sunday	<b>Looking Ahead...</b> Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, June 7, 2026 during our after church fellowship to celebrate the birth of Julie and William Carroll's baby and the marriage of Tyler Chumbly and Katie Reep. This will give our church family the chance to congratulate the parents and happy couple as they all begin a new journey in life. There will be refreshments, games, baskets for gift cards, cash, gifts.				<b>BABY &amp; BRIDAL SHOWERS</b>	