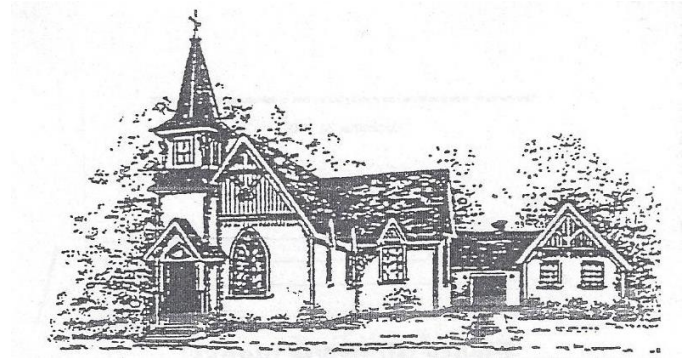


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November –

It begins with “For All the Saints”

It ends with “We gather together to ask the Lord’s Blessing” and then on the last Sunday of the Month, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

Somehow those bookends are truly bookends blessing our lives and everything that is in between.

For all the Saints – we remember. How wonderful to remember those who have shown us the way! Our dear friends whose “homegoing” is already accomplished and they have gone on to glory. We miss them terribly and always, but we do know they are basking in the fullness of God’s glory. With joy and tears in our eyes we remember those who taught us to live well in this time through their laughter and through their ability to truly live fully, to truly live the days God gives.

Thanksgiving we gather together first and foremost to pause and say “Thank you God” for it all! For the joy and sorrow, for the challenges and the celebrations, for your incredible love that redeems us and makes us new we are humbly grateful.

The last Sunday of the month we begin Advent. How did that happen? Here we are at the beginning again. As we begin a new liturgical year we sing and we pray, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” We pray to know what this means in our lives, Emmanuel, “God with us”.

It all comes together. The Saints in our lives have shown us “God with us.” So often we don’t realize what an incredible blessing the people in our lives are until they are gone from our sight. Whether we are blessed for a short time or a long time people make indelible marks upon our souls and we have the privilege of carrying with us their enduring beauty. Thanks be to God. And here in the meantime, we wait. We wait for the one who carries us into the fullness of God’s presence. But this is no waiting while twiddling our thumbs. This is active waiting. While we wait for the glory about to be revealed to us we live, we build God’s realm through acts of love and words of kindness. Oh, God help us live into this wonderland you have given, even today. *Cindy* 🦋

Reaching out to Thanksgiving and Christmas Families



Poinsettia Order Form

Dedicating a poinsettia at Christmas in a way to remember a loved one at Christmas and to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary at the same time. Order forms will be included in the bulletins for November. All requests for poinsettias must be received by the church office by November

Poinsettia Order Form

_____ Poinsettias (red) at 10.00 each

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by: _____

Please join us for the Christian Women's fellowship!

There are three groups and we would love to see you at any or all of them.

The morning group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30. The next meeting will be November 11th. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

There are two evening groups. The Salad Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the church. One person in the group will bring the salad greens and everyone else brings things to add to the salad. The group meets, eats and shares in a time of study and reflection. Their next meeting is November 12th.

The other evening group meets the first Tuesday (November 4th) of every month in a member's home at 7:00. November's meeting will be at Patty Simmons home



It's that time of the year again; Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner. We will be helping six families for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. We are working with three schools in our area. The food collection baskets are in the hallways and you can also help by making a donation. Please make checks payable to the church but write Thanksgiving families on the envelope. The food and money donations are due on Nov. 19th.

The Christmas Mother Trees will be out shortly. We will be working with local families and several church members who are part of our Armed Services. Keep your eye out for our special tree.



Begin your Thanksgiving Day by giving Thanks to the one who is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our Thanksgiving Day Worship service will be at 8:45. Following the service, join us for a potluck brunch. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and let us give thanks to the one who gives every good and perfect gift.



What's a Taize'?

Everyone's invited to attend the Taize' worship service at Richmond Hill on November 3rd

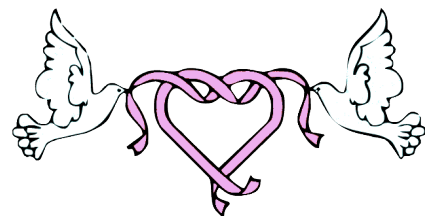
The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a field trip to Richmond Hill, an ecumenical worship center in the Church Hill neighborhood, to attend a Taizé worship service at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3. The Taizé service is meditative in nature and includes the singing of short, repetitive songs; prayer for Metropolitan Richmond; and a period of silence. A carpool will be leaving from BACC at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating in this field trip, please text or call Cassie Price at 804-337-1052.

Support our students so they can *Come Home* to a Disciples of Christ Institution!

Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our 14 member undergraduate institutions and our 7 seminaries or divinity houses. You are helping ensure that when students from your congregation go away to study they will *Come Home* to a Disciples institution.

Coming home to a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering. Together, we can make coming home to Disciples educational institutions more affordable. For generations thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. The Thanksgiving Offering helps continue this tradition.

[Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.](#) The Thanksgiving Special Day offering will be received November 16th and 23rd.



Congratulations are extended to Karen Baum and Ryan Smith who were married on October 18 at BACC.

Work of our Hands

Silent Auction, bake sale, and This and That Sale will be Saturday, November 22 from 1:00-3:00 PM.

You can be a part of the mission outreach of the CWF in several ways:

Donate to the auction. Do you draw, paint, sew, cook, arrange flowers, or make jewelry? Are you a skilled craftsman? Do you perform a special service (tax preparation, genealogy skills, babysitting) that others may enjoy or need? Do you have a vacation space that you are willing to share? Do you have a skill or hobby that you are willing to teach? Can you put a themed basket together?

Donate items for the bake sale.

Donate items for the "This and That sale".

Come to the auction with a generous heart and bring your friends. It is much more fun and exciting when there is a large crowd. There are opportunities to buy treats for Thanksgiving Day and unique gifts for those on your Christmas list.

If you have questions or can assist with the day of the sale, please contact Rose McCaferty, Cathy Law, Barbara Bancroft, or Sara Reese. This is the single largest fundraiser for the mission outreach of the CWF. Money raised helps to support Nature Camp, the CWF Spring Project and the Week of Compassion. Come and be a part of the fellowship!

Joy, Joy Joy



JOY Group meets

November 18 at 10:30

“Seeing Through the Fog of Senior Resources” is the topic. We will have a **Pot Luck luncheon** at the church. Peggye Alcoke and Judy Crank will be our hostesses.

Debbie Leidheiser, Senior Advocate, Chesterfield County, will speak to us about Senior Resources. Participants will hear about the various resources and programs for adults 50 and older in the county. Learn where our senior activity centers are located, the Yellow Dot program, caregiving programs, support groups, Senior Passport, telephone reassurance program and many others, in addition to upcoming events. Various resources and handouts will be available for the group. Most of the information is applicable to people living in Chesterfield and outside the county.

Stewardship

As online banking grows, several members are now making their contribution with their online bank accounts. Several other members have asked if they can make their donations online. Your online donations can be made using the following information.

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2071 Buford Rd. Richmond VA 23235
phone 804-272-6228

Be sure to put your current envelope number in the memo line along with where the donation is to be used, General Operating, Building Fund, As Needed, Special Offering.

Thank you for your Stewardship of Time, Service, and Treasure

Stewardship Committee

Thank you to Joe Bancroft for his leadership with our Stewardship focus!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

There were 14 total BACC members at Craig Springs Work Weekend, eight kids from YG total. We had a GREAT time! Our job was mainly to clean up grounds ~ pull weeds, rake leaves, beautify where we could & we weeded the labyrinth while getting some meditation in as well. Michael & Kitten Whitlow were great tour guides and showed the kids around, told stories, shared history and even took us on a hike. I think it is a weekend the kids will remember for a very long time!

Sunday, October 26th, the Youth Group will also be participating in the CROP Walk at Brandermill Park. We encourage parents to come walk with us and join us for the picnic at 12:30, before the walk begins. We are looking forward to raising a lot of money to help those who are hungry and in need.

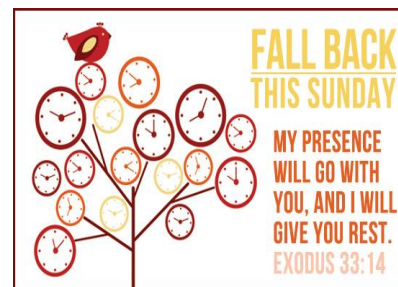
We are already working on the Christmas Pageant and in November, we will have our Fall Lock-In. More details to come!

Thank you for sharing your children with us ~ they are a true blessing!

Proverbs 22:6

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Kendra Ver Beek



Go ahead get an extra hour shut eye and don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night before you go to bed because on Sunday, November 2nd daylight savings time ends.

The time of our **Saturday Casual Worship Service** will change to 4:00 p.m.

Men's Group Yard Sale a Success!

\$1,500 was raised by the Yard Sale. The funds will be divided between new Choir robes and funds to be used to renovate the 2 small bathrooms by the Nursery into 1 large bathroom with a shower for our CARTIAS guests.

Many thanks to all the men who helped!

The Church Library

Our First Christmas by Lisa Jackson, Mary Burton, Mary Carter and Cathy Lamb. "It's that time of year when the world falls in love. Four authors for tales of Christmas romance to remember forever. The four short stories are:

"Under the Mistletoe" Lisa Jackson Megan Johnson's marriage is over--or so she thinks. When her husband Chris lands in the hospital, fighting for his life, she remembers the unexpected joy of their first Christmas together.

"A Ranger for Christmas" by Mary Burton. The holidays bring painful memories for history professor Marissa Thompson. Agreeing to help Texas Ranger Lucas Cooper solve a case offers the perfect distraction. But as danger threatens, the joy of love has never been more tempting.

"A Southern Christmas" Mary Carter Reporter Danielle Bright is heading home for the holidays to write up a feature story about Christmas down south--and possibly win back her ex. But Sawyer, the sexy photographer along for the ride, is determined to jingle her bells.

"Christmas in Montana" Cathy Lamb Family is the ideal antidote to getting fired, but Laurel Kelly isn't prepared for the changes at home in Montana--or the fact that her college boyfriend Josh Reed now owns the family land. But a blue Christmas could be the perfect surprise for a holiday to remember.

Counselor in Residence

There is a new exciting opportunity for personal growth and spiritual care at Bon Air. The Reverend Paul W. Simrell, pastor at Elpis Christian Church in Goochland County, will soon be available by appointment as a "counselor in residence" here. As part of his continuing education Paul is working toward certification as a pastoral counselor and psychotherapist with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Via the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VICare) he is now seeing clients under supervision. He is happy to visit with clients here at Bon Air, or at his office in Goochland.

Paul is also a Certified Facilitator with PREPARE-ENRICH, a relationship assessment and couples counseling resource. The marriage enrichment class he recently provided here at Bon Air was a group version of this program.

If you or someone you know might find these services helpful, Cindy or Paul will be happy to provide more information. Call the church office, or call (804) 516-9164 to speak with Paul directly.

Family Concern:

We pray for: Cathy Wheless, Lloyd Thacher, Harriet Griggs, Alice Beasley, Alma Spivey, Helen Macklin, Bruce and Peg Macfadden, Joe Burns, Natalie Ringel, and Gerry Roppe'.

Our prayers are with: Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; Nancy Maiden's brother-in-law John Maiden who has been diagnosed with cancer; Marjean Bernard's friends, Carolyn Davidson's father who has cancer; Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's sister, Ginny McGuire; Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose who is being treated for leukemia; Tom Mayfield's friend Mickey Denke; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Arlene and Steve Blythe's friend, Greg Franz; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Evan Smith; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Peggy Hill; Jackie Nilles' aunt, Brenda Grant; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell.

We keep in prayer Lt. Adam Teachey who is stationed in Romania; Captain Nicolle Bernard who deployed in the Middle East and Sydney McKenney who is working in Ecuador.



Monthly Prayer Group

A small group has been meeting once a month on the second Thursday of each month in order to intentionally pray for members and friends of this church, as well as explore different aspects of prayer. The prayer group is a vital ministry of the church, and is open to one and all.

May God help us to be a praying people and to ever draw close to the one who is our sustenance and our strength.

Gail Macfadden is sending out an email and would really appreciate your feedback as to how we can best implement our prayer ministry. Here is Gail's note. Please feel free to call the church office, or call/ email Gail with your thoughts.

Dear friends

We all know the importance of prayer. We are lost without this time to commune with God. At Bon Air Christian Church we have a prayer group that has been meeting on the second Thursday's of each month.

If you would respond to the following questions it would be a great help.

1. Are you interested in being a part of a prayer group?
2. What day of the week is best for your schedule?
3. Do you prefer day or evening? What time works best for you?
4. Regarding the structure of the group: would you like brief presentations about different types of prayer or would you prefer to come together simply to have a time to pray for one another?
5. Would you be interested in going off site for several hours (or longer) for a prayer retreat or to experience a different type of prayer? (walking a labyrinth, healing prayer...)
6. Other comments or suggestions

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Sylvia Montgomery
814 -6628

Bill Davis C807
1713 Bellevue Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227



What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to come and help decorate the church for the advent season! All are invited to join the fun on Saturday, November 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you can't stay for the entire morning, come and stay as long as you can. We should be finished by noon.



*Sunday, November 2
immediately following
the 11:00 worship service.*

***To be considered at the annual
meeting - Nominating Committee
Report***

Chair of Board
Sandy Collins

Elders - Term ending 2017
Shea Hollifield
Joe Bancroft
Bill Sydnor

Deacons - Three year term ending 2017
Sandy Collins
Laura Hollis
Whitney Graham
Cathy Law
George Smith
Daniel Whitlow
Jerrell Todd
Ian Thomas

Deacons - Term ending 2015
Paul Seemiller

Deacon - Term ending 2016
Tom Mayfield

Sunday School Superintendent
Andee Kirk

Financial Secretary
Duke Dale

Trustee - Term ending 2017
Doug White

Chair of Offering Committee
Jean Turlington

Offering Committee Members
Rose and Jim McCaferty
Wendy and Bill Sydnor
Barbara Bancroft & Kris Shouldice
Angie and Steve Goff
Ann Thomas and Steve Craft
Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington
Diane and Pete Fearnley
Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis
Debbie and Brand Inlow

Alternates
Bill and Peggye Alcoke
Jean Turlington
Jean Dowdy
Rose and Jim McCaferty

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 2

Elders: Bud Deihl, Janet Lenhart

Deacons: 8:45 Traci Eagle (P), Jean Dowdy

11:00 Connor Kirk (P), Kim Teachey, Joan Mielke, Rick Bernard

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Steve Goff 11:00 Kyle King **Acolyte:** 11:00 Logan Blanchard

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Jean Dowdy 11:00 Ann Thomas

November 9

Elders: Frank Clark, Russ Johnson

Deacons: 8:45 Chris Bates (P), Guy Barker

11:00 Jamie McDonald (P), Michael Whitlow, Lauren Johnson, Bill Sydnor

Worship Leaders 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Doug White **Acolyte:**

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Deb Romig

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Caitlyn Collins 11:00 Zachary & Hannah Moon

November 16

Elders: Steve Kline, Gina McKenney

Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Traci Eagle

11:00 Clairee Cochran (P), Lauren Johnson, Paula Craft, Jim Lehan

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sara Reese 11:00 Shea Hollifield

Acolyte: 8:45 Logan and Reese Blanchard

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Allison Landergan

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Taylor Brooks 11:00 Maggie Pace

November 23

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Russ Johnson

Deacons: 8:45 Jeanne Brock (P), Rick Novak

11:00 Doug White (P), Polly White, Lauren Johnson, Kim Teachey

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Suzanne Dale 11:00 Kitten Whitlow **Acolyte:** Dylan Brooks

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Robin Blanchard

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Rose McCaferty 11:00 Madison Arthur

November 30

Elders: Ed Parks, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Carol McGowan (P), Jeanne Brock

11:00 Rick Novak (P), Lauren Johnson, Doug White, Polly White

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass 11:00 **Acolyte:**

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Catherine Tejnecky

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Maddie Rucker 11:00 George Smith

Greeters 8:45 Jean Dowdy 11:00 Robin Stephen, Logan & Reese Blanchard

Offering: Debbie and Brand Inlow (P) denotes communion preparation