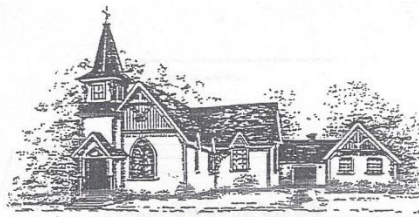


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April 2016

Hope

We come together on Easter Sunday to shout into the darkness of the world that death, sadness, mourning and pain are not and will not be the final Word. We live in a world filled with challenges. We're not sure how incivility became so very popular or exactly when the wondrous value of human life became so extraordinarily expendable. We do know it is a different world that we live in than most of us remember when growing up.

We grieve that our children and our children's children are exposed to this hardness, where there's so much anger and brutality. We wonder what in the world is going on and where will it all lead.

We do know that violence isn't new. We've just journeyed through the atrocious violent death of an innocent man, who came to proclaim God's love. Cruelty and incivility aren't new. This man of love stood against the forces of hate and ultimately he showed us that life is stronger than death, that love is stronger than hate and that hope will triumph over despair.

We are God's Easter people. We are here to proclaim the hope he brings. The seed will push up from its burial ground beneath the earth. The butterfly will emerge from the cocoon. Darkness and death could not hold our Lord and Savior. God's power, God's love broke the chains of despair and frees us to love and hope. Because God is our strength and our shield we will never give up. We persevere and press on toward the upward call of Christ. Tell everyone you know that love conquers hate. Life conquers death. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God and we accept him as our Lord and Savior. We are Easter people because Christ lives. He lives in us and he is still bringing hope into the world.

Shalom, *Cindy* 

Prayer Concerns:

Our prayers are with Polly and Doug White and Emily Rush Moore, upon the death of Polly's mother and Emily's grandmother, Marge Klawiter.

Please pray for:

- Chris Bates who is battling esophageal cancer again.
- Robin Lorraine who has a brain tumor.
- Peggye Alcock who has a broken pelvis and is at Johnston Willis.
- Linda Verheul who had back surgery this past month.
- Danny Simmons who had knee replacement
- Jon Ver Beek had shoulder surgery.
- Bill Thornton who is in hospice care.

We continue to pray for those who are recuperating: Nancy Maiden, Carnell Teachey (at home); Philip Burkhalter (Laurels of Bon Air); Norton Snead, and Harriet Griggs, who are both home.

Please keep Karen and Steve Kline's daughter, Melissa in your prayers. Melissa and her husband have suffered the loss of their son.

Our prayers are with: Carol McGowan's uncle, Fred McIntosh; Marjean Bernard's sister, Teresa; Doug Beasley; Arlene Blythe's cousin, Terry Tynan; Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton; Guy Barker's brother-in-law ;"Chico" Alfred Dyett who has Multiple Sclerosis; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street who has a neurological disease; Gerry Roppe'; Marjean Bernard; Bob McGowan; Shirley Acree; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin 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; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane and Harrison Zierenberg; Peggy Hill; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake and Hannah Bryant who has leukemia.



A note from Florida

Hello Everybody,

I'm so grateful that my move to Florida is working out well. It started out rough but "The Big Guy" came through and turned my water into wine. And my tears of sadness turned into rivers of beautiful and calmer flowing water. I miss you all dearly and the times of fellowship we shared on Saturday afternoons. You will always be firmly held in my heart and please include me as I include you on my prayer list. Keep in touch.

May the Lord bless you today and each and every day.

Gerry Roppe

Craig Springs CAMP Schedule 2016

Registration forms are available in the church office. The church will pay for half of the cost of camp. Registration must be postmarked no later than May 15 to receive the early registration discount.

Listed below are camp dates and the total cost of each camp:



	<u>Early</u>	<u>after May 15</u>
June 20-25 AMPDD	\$347.00	\$387.00
June 25 – July 1 Nature Camp	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 3-8 Special Camp	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 10-15 First Triple	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 17-22 Second Triple	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 24-29 New Covenant	\$347.00	\$387.00

July 29 – Aug 1 Family Retreat - \$75.00 per adult \$50.00 per child; free for children 5 and under.

Vacation Bible School Now and Forever Land August 8 - 12

Registration is open for children ages 3 years to rising 6th graders. Children must be potty trained. Nursery is provided for children up to age 2. For more information please contact the church at 272-6228. To register, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Age & Birthday: _____ Last school grade completed _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____

Food Allergies/Other Medical conditions: _____

These persons can pick up this child from VBS:
(name) _____ (relationship to child) _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Each day we have a color of the day and if your child would like to wear those colors they are: Monday – Orange; Tuesday – Blue; Wednesday – Red; Thursday – Yellow; Friday - Green. On Monday we will be using FABRIC MARKERS please dress child appropriately.



Church World Service Kit Collection Begins April 13

Beginning April 13, BACC will be the drop off site for the statewide collection of health kits, school kits, clean up buckets and baby kits. The collection continues through May with a driver picking up kits and delivering them to New Windsor, Maryland on May 25th.

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship is open to all women of the congregation. There are three groups to choose from:

The **Day group** meets the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be April 12th. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich to the meeting. Meeting starts at 10:30.

The **Evening group 1** meets the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is April 5th at 7:00 at Becky Skowron's. Kitten Whitlow is the group leader.

The **Evening group 2 (Salad Group)** meets once a month at 6:15 at the church. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Group Leaders Appreciation May 1

ON Sunday, May 1 our appreciation will be expressed to Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders during both services. We are so grateful for their dedicated service.

This will be a special service you will not want to miss.

CARITAS 2016

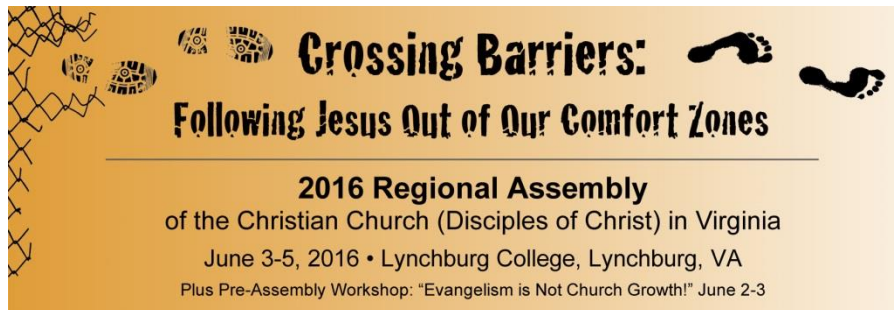
May 28 to June 4

BACC will host the CARITAS single women's program from May 28 to June 4. During this time homeless women will spend the nights at Bon Air Christian Church. We will provide them with breakfast in the morning, dinner in the evening and a bag lunch to take on their way during the day.

We will need a large number of committed volunteers to make this week successful. We will need people to provide food for breakfast, bag lunches and a hot dinner each night. We will need volunteers to spend the night at church to be on call as needed, a lead volunteer each night, folks to help with laundry and transport to showers. On-line sign-up can be accessed at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1swUlWZIRJY6TyhIBPkbyMJ03edphNi11Ei7hP9shfUk/edit#gid=0> and a sign-up poster is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please consider ways you can help the homeless.



"...for I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you as stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:35-41



Join Disciples from across the state for a weekend of interest sessions, worship, fellowship, as well as doing the work of the region together.

The 172nd Regional Assembly will be held June 3-5 at Lynchburg College. The theme is "Crossing Barriers: Following Jesus out of our Comfort Zones." Special events this year is "First! Mission Gathering and a Celebration of Craig Springs and 40 years of Nature Camp.

There will also be a Pre-Assembly workshop June 2-3 entitled: *Evangelism is Not Church Growth!* with Rick Morse.

Contact the church office for a registration form and let the office know if you are interested in serving as a delegate. Early bird discount deadline is April 15. Registration due by May 16. After May 16 late fees apply.



If you are graduating from high school, college or other learning institute this spring, please contact the church office. Please include where you are graduating from as well as any plans made for after graduation. Graduate recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 1.

Please update your church directory:

Jerrell and Eva Todd
2907 Barton Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
447-3500
329 -4195

Paul and Martha Seemiller
3854 Laroux Ave.
N. Chesterfield, VA 23237
308-8774

Welcome Kelly!

After an extensive search for the right person to fill Becky's position, we have hired Kelly Edwards to be our new executive assistant. Over the years Kelly has worked in a number of secretarial and executive assistant positions in the Richmond area and comes to us highly recommended. Kelly is from the Richmond area and currently lives in Mechanicsville with her husband Mike Edwards. She states she has been blessed with two grown children and two three year old granddaughters. She also has other family members in the Mechanicsville area. Her interests include landscape design and floral arrangement. Kelly is a history buff and enjoys traveling to the many historic sites throughout the region. She is excited about working in the historic Bon Air area and at BACC. We are excited to welcome Kelly who will start Monday March 28 and work with Becky for several weeks.



**Now and Forever Land
Vacation Bible School
August 8 – 12**

Summer is approaching and now is the time to get your child/children registered for Vacation Bible School.

Our stories from the Old and New Testament will explore heaven and we will talk about how we can live our lives to create a heaven on earth.

Three year old children that are potty trained to rising 5th graders are welcome to participate. A nursery for the younger child will be provided.

Vacation Bible School will start with the children coming at 5:15 p.m. and being served a kid friendly meal at 5:30. Parents are welcomed to stay for dinner. The program will end with a closing assembly at 7:50 in the sanctuary.

Be sure to let all your family, friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity. We love to get to know your grandchildren, nieces and nephews!

Fill out the registration form included in the newsletter and leave it in the church office. And look for further details on the bulletin boards throughout the church.

JOY

The next meeting of the JOY group will be April 19, 10:30 AM at the church. Mr. Frank Nelson will portray a historical figure. Could be George Washington or, could be Thomas Jefferson, depends on who shows up!!! Surprise!! He and his wife, Arlene, will join us for a **Pot Luck luncheon.** Laura Hollis and Arlene Giffel will be the hostesses; chicken tenders, coffee, and water will be provided.

Also, please "save the date" May 17, 1:30 PM our end of season luncheon will be at Crab Louie's in Midlothian. More information will be provided at the April meeting.

Refugee Family Update

As of March 23, we had not received word from Church World Service about the arrival date for a refugee family. So many of you have offered generous donations for their new home, and originally we asked you to hold them until we had the arrival date. We are now asking that donations of all *small household items*, e.g., household linens, kitchen items, lamps, curtains, etc., be brought to the church between April 1-11. For large items of furniture, we ask you continue to hold them until we are ready to move them to the family's home. Once we receive information about the arrival date, an email will be sent to share the news! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Law (Ph: 273-6370, cathylaw@verizon.net) or Shea Hollified (Ph: 323-5991, sheahollified@comcast.net).

While we have been waiting a few months to receive information about a family, they probably have been waiting for years to receive this news! We ask for your continued prayers for their safety and well-being, as well as for other refugees around the world.

Wishing Happiness in Retirement to Becky Harvell

We have been blessed for 25 years with a wonderful church secretary. Becky has kept us organized and has been a loving, kind and compassionate part of our church family. She's decided to enjoy life in retirement and will complete her work with us at the end of April. We'll have "Becky Appreciation Day" to honor her service with us on April 17.

She is retiring as our secretary but not as our dear friend. Although she will no longer be sitting in her usual seat in the office, she will not be a stranger to us. Becky has been with us for the happy as well as sad events in our lives as we have been with her during those events in her life. That kind of friendship does not end with retirement. We wish Becky many years of enjoyment ahead and look forward to continuing to celebrate those years with her. Please join us Sunday April 17 to celebrate Becky's service to BACC.



Stop by the choir room and see the new curtains! We want to thank Nancy Jeffrey for making the beautiful curtains for the choir room. Her husband Bill installed the hardware.



Congratulations to Parents and Grandparents!

Congratulations are extended to Ryan and Karen Baum Smith upon the birth of their son, Mason James Smith who was born March 2. Mason weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Susan and Philip Baum. His aunt is Ellen Rembold and his uncle is David Baum.

Congratulations are extended to Jessie & Justin Hughes who had a baby boy "**Patrick Brian Hughes**" born March 21st. Debbie and Brand Inlow are the proud grandparents. Samantha Inlow Burns is Patrick's aunt.

School Supplies for Children in Malawi

Malawi is a small land locked country in southeast Africa - one of the smallest countries on the continent and one of the poorest in the world. It is a democratic, pro-western country with a largely agricultural economy. In recent years Malawi has served as a refuge for people fleeing other African countries, putting a strain on its all-ready struggling economy.

With many educational and health challenges Malawi is attempting to encourage higher levels of education. Higher levels of education have been shown to help prevent HV/AIDS which is a major health challenge.

The School of Education at UNC-Wilmington, where Claire Marling Kenney is enrolled, works with missionaries and aid organizations. Each summer a team of educators travels to Malawi to work with educational organizations. They provide technical assistance and much need supplies to help out the schools they work with. Claire is helping this summer's team assemble school supplies to help the children of Malawi. Below are a few of the items they need. Claire is Shea Hollifield's daughter. She was baptized at BACC and a long-time member.

If you can donate some of these items they will go directly to Malawi to help the children there. Please bring your donations by the end of April so Shea can deliver them to the team in May ahead of their June departure.

Please bring your donations to church - there is a plastic bin outside the church office labeled Malawi School Supplies. Any financial donations will go towards shipping. This is a partial list. For the complete list please contact Shea at sheahollifield@comcast.net

Black ink pens

Erasers (pencil top and other)

Hand held pencil sharpeners

Scissors (adult and child sized)

Crayons

Snack sized baggies

Colored pencils

Water color paint sets

Pencils

Band Aids

First aid creams - triple antibiotic, fungus, ringworm

Gauze and tape

Toothbrushes

Terry cloth hand towels

Many thanks for any donations!

SHOUT OUT TO THE CWF SALAD GROUP FOR THE AWESOME FLANNEL CONTRIBUTION!!!

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SERVING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2016

April 3

Elders: Bud Deihl, Paul Seemiller
Deacons: 8:45 Sam Herrin (P), Tom Snodgrass
11:00 Jeanne Brock (P), Andee Kirk, Zachary Moon, Cathy Law
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Steve Goff 11:00 Cathy Law
Acolyte: 11:00 Audrey Kate Duke
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Deb Romig
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Annie & Madeline Rucker
11:00 Zachary and Hannah Moon
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Steve and Angie Goff
11:00 Laura Hollis
Offering: Rose and Jim McCaferty

April 10

Elders: Bill Sydnor, Joan Mielke
Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Tom Mayfield
11:00 Whitney Graham (P), Jerrell Todd,
Collin Thomas, Madison Arthur
Worship Leaders 8:45 Steve Goff 11:00 Shea Hollifield
Acolyte:
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Madelyn Smith
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Maggie & Ben Pace
11:00 Arlene Giffel
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Steve and Angie Goff
11:00
Offering: Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis

April 17

Elders: Rick Bernard, Joe Bancroft
Deacons: 8:45 Sandy Collins (P), George Smith
11:00 Arlene Giffel (P), Jake Ver Beek,
Clairee Cochran, Tom Snodgrass
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sandy Collins 11:00 Joe Bancroft
Acolyte: 11:00 Jason Williams
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Madison Arthur 11:00 Jean Dowdy
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Doug and Sandy Collins
11:00 Martha Seemiller
Offering: Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington

April 24

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale
Deacons: 8:45 Claire Deitch (P), Jeanne Brock
11:00 Polly White (P), Doug White, Charles Stevens, Lauren Johnson
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Doug White
Acolyte: 11:00 Samantha Seemiller
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Allison Landergan
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Madeline and Anne Rucker
11:00 Maddy Boger
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 11:00 Marie and Sarah Boger
Offering: Barbara Bancroft and Kris Shouldice

(P) denotes communion preparation

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:00 Casual Worship Service
3 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	4	5 7:00 CWF at Becky Skowron's 7:00 Choir	6 Associate Minister Search Committee Mtg. 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, Quilters, ACA	7	8	9 5:00 Casual Worship Service
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