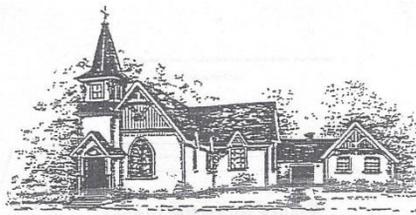


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February 2016

### **ALL WE NEED IS LOVE**

What's love got to do with it? Well, actually everything. In February we observe the season of Lent and of course Valentine's Day. If you study the history of Valentine's Day you will hear a definite connection. St. Valentine lived in a time of political corruption and moral decline. Emperor Claudius II had banned "marriage" because he thought single men made better soldiers than married men. Valentine continued to join couples together in Christian marriage. Valentine defied the emperor's decree and was imprisoned and executed around February 14, 278 AD. Valentine stood up for what he believed in and gave up his life.

Lent begins on February 10<sup>th</sup> and our primary focus is on the one who has poured out his all for us because of his incredible love. As we enter the season of Lent we pray that God will work within us that we may be more loving.

Create in us, Holy God, the will to love our neighbors both near and far, with a love that makes a difference in the world. Grant that we will stand fast for what we believe and in so doing may we shine your gracious love in our deeds as well as our words. Let us love our families and our friends with a mature love that thinks first of their welfare. Help us to listen more and talk less. Help us to care more and judge less. Help us to break down the barriers that block us from loving and serving you. Let us put away our excuses and look with clarity at our lives. Draw us ever closer to you that we may be your committed and loyal children of love.

Shalom,

*Cindy* 

### **Family Concerns:**

Donnie Etz had bilateral hip replacement. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to Helen Macklin upon the death of her daughter, Cindy.

Carnell Teachey is at Johnston Willis for physical therapy and Harriet Griggs is at the Laurels of Bon Air for physical therapy in room 116. Philip Burkhalter is also at the Laurels of Bon Air in room 113.

Charles Stevens was hospitalized this past month.

Mabel Garrison is recuperating at home.

Sara Reese's mother had surgery this past month. She is recuperating at home.

We are praying for Steve Craft as he undergoes chemotherapy for lymphoma.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Strebe, who passed away this past month. Cards may be sent to Dorothy's daughter: Jennifer Strozier, 1810 Fox Downs Lane, Oilville, VA 23129.

Our prayers are with: 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; Marjean Bernard; Bob McGowan; Shirley Acree; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; 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; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfaddens friends, Barbara and Lewis Bell.



## WEEK OF COMPASSION Special Offering – Feb. 21 & 28

*“Where you go I will go; and where you stay I will stay.”*

-Ruth 1:16-17

Naomi and Ruth were refugees from their homelands, and both were widows, with no family to support them. The theme this year for Week of Commission special offering is Ruth’s statement of commitment to her mother-in-law, as they gleaned food left behind in the fields, in order to survive. We can reflect on Ruth’s words to help us be open to ways we can express solidarity for those around the world confronted with extreme distress caused by natural disasters or political crises. From helping small farmers gain access to a fair market, helping women support their families in countries like Iraq and Haiti, to assisting communities become sustainable and resilient, Week of Compassion fulfills a mission of ready and compassionate response to those who are suffering. This includes refugees, as there are now more people displaced or in refugee camps than there were during the entirety of World War II. It is staggering to think about this level of suffering around the world.

As we prepare to help one refugee family settle into a safe and caring home here in Richmond, we can reach out to even more families through our gifts to Week of Compassion. Please plan to give. Our goal for this special offering is \$2300.



*Valentine's Day Dinner  
& Dance*

*Sponsored by Youth Group*

*February 20, 2016*

*Dinner at 6:00*

*Dance at 7:00*

*Our awesome DJ will be Kevin Heath*

*RSVP to the church by February 14*



## 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 February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 in members' homes. The next meeting is February 2 at 7:00 at Jamie McDonald'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 February 10<sup>th</sup>.



### Worship Committee Says Thank you!!!

A Huge THANK YOU to all who helped clean up: Janet & Bob Lenhart, Sam & Carol Herrin, Jim &

Lois Zarefoss, Sandy Logan, Jane Miller, Steve Blythe, Paula Craft, Martha Wright, Jamie McDonald, Barbara Bancroft and Tim Skeens. These elves were on a mission; they arrived early and finished in record time. Thank you again.

Thank you to Tom Mayfield and Doug Collins for replacing the flooring in the women's bathroom.

Thank you to Joe Bancroft for helping us keep track of our church attendance.

We are grateful for all of your gifts of time and talent!

### A Note from Gail Macfadden:

As I reflect on the past year, I'm saddened by some of the changes in my life. Yet my sadness is not only tempered by, it's greatly overshadowed by the kindness, generosity and empathy shown by the members of BACC. The help and support I received at mom's memorial service, the assistance and understanding given to me during the often overwhelming tasks of downsizing and moving, and all of the little yet delightful and often unexpected ways you've shown you care warm my heart and renew my spirit. I will always be grateful to you all, as will my dad. He so appreciates your notes, cards and calls; even if he doesn't always show it (I suspect it's a macho guy-of-his-era thing). And so I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for letting us experience the love of Christ through you!

In Christian love,  
Gail Macfadden

### Please update your church directory:

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Joe Atherton (804) 513-5613

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## ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Ash Wednesday is February 10th

Our church will participate in the Disciples of Christ Chain of Prayer. The online sign up link is listed below and also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. It is a meaningful way for us to begin the season of Lent. To sign up for 1/2 hour of prayer time visit the link below:

The on line sign-up link is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yDyXnSKtu0UWWsCxgtpfkQjcvhzcKfyPdgipaFBZI4/edit#gid=0>

## Craig Springs CAMP Schedule 2016

June 20-25 AMPDD Director- Julia Franklin; AMPDD Jr Coordinator- Jason Good

June 25 – July 1 Nature Camp- Adult Advisors: Amy Jones, Hannah Ott, Dawn Taylor

July 3-8 Special Camp Director- Janice Austin, Assistant/Coordinator- Helen Cronin

July 10-15 First Triple Directors– Kelly Ragsdale & Eric Eide

July 17-22 Second Triple Directors- Sarah Trezza & Robert Sharp

July 24-29 New Covenant Director- Sally Good

July 29-31 Men’s & Women’s Retreat Director- Amy Jones

Assistant Director- Dawn Taylor



## Upcoming Events with the Christian Church in Virginia

Each of these events offer spiritual renewal, fellowship with others from around the state and an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) around the world.

**There are options to attend one day to the full event. See Cindy or Cathy Law if you have questions or might be interested!**

Men's Retreat April 1-3, 2016  
Wakefield, VA

Regional Assembly June 3-5, 2016  
Lynchburg College

Disciples Women Retreat July 15-17, 2016  
Lynchburg College

## How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place, O Lord Almighty

### GOOD STEWARDS!

Thank you to every person who turns out the lights and shuts doors. You help us to conserve energy. We have lots of different heat pumps and it helps when you shut the door to the Sunday school rooms, to the multipurpose room and fellowship hall. Also when you leave the building we thank you for ensuring that the door is locked.

It is so great when we all work together to conserve energy, reduce bills and maintain our lovely building.



## Church World Service Kit Program

Once again BACC will be the drop off site for kits for Church World Service. The church will begin collections on April 13 through May 25. On May 25 the New Windsor Service in Maryland will pick up all the kits collected.

If you would like to participate, below is the list of kits and its contents. The cost to process each kit is \$2.00.

### School Kits: Pack all items inside cloth bag.

One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton of lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

One pair of round tip scissors

Three 70 count spiral notebooks (no loose leaf)

One 12 inch ruler

One hand held pencil sharpener

One large eraser

Six new pencils with erasers

One box of 24 crayons

### Hygiene Kits: Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper

One hand towel 16" x 28"

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six standard size band aids

### Baby Care Kits

Six cloth diapers

Two t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)

Two washcloths

Two gowns or sleepers

Two diapers pins

One sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)

Two receiving blankets (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)

Items must be new and under 12 months in size. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

## BACC has received the following thank you notes:

Thank you Ms. Cindy and all the congregations for the loving and caring support for Angel and her brothers and sisters.

Angel, Martha and Thomas Williams  
and Desiree Cook

Cindy,

I appreciate so much you coming by on my surgery day and while I was recovering in ICU. IT meant so much to us.

I also want to thank the church family for their prayers, cards, food and heartfelt wishes during my surgery and as I recover. A special thank you to the CWF Day group, CWF salad group and CWF night group. I received numerous individual get well cards from church members as well.

I want you all to know, I am getting stronger every day. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for the prayers and good wishes which has truly made a difference and lifted my spirits. I am truly blessed.

With sincere thanks, In Christ's love,  
Steve and Angie Goff



## **BACC Welcomes our New Members!**

We welcome to our congregation Leah and Chris Harrison. Leah and Chris have been visiting our church for some time. Please update your church directory:

Leah and Chris Harrison  
1610 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Richmond, VA 23225  
[clkharr@comcast.net](mailto:clkharr@comcast.net)  
307-6757

## Fun for Seniors

**The JOY group** will meet on February 16, at 10:30 AM, at the church for a Pot Luck luncheon. Mr. Frank Nelson will present the program. He will portray an important figure from US history!! All are welcome!!



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

We are still eagerly waiting to receive word from Church World Service on the arrival of a refugee family for us. This could happen any time now! As soon as we receive word, the congregation will be notified. We will then know the make up the family and will announce more specific about needs for clothing and food donations. If there is a baby in the family, we will also need baby furniture, clothing and supplies.

In the meantime, we still need donations of some basic household items: Floor and table lamps, vacuum cleaner, mop/bucket/broom, king size bedding. If you can provide any of these items, please contact Shea Hollifield([sheahollifield@comcast.net](mailto:sheahollifield@comcast.net), 323-5991) or Cathy Law ([cathylaw@verizon.net](mailto:cathylaw@verizon.net), 273-6370).

Thank you for your continued prayers as we prepare to serve a family as they start a new life in Richmond.

## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2016

### **February 7**

Elders: Bud Deihl, Joan Mielke

Deacons: 8:45 Sam Herrin (P), Tom Snodgrass

11:00 Cathy Law (P), Andee Kirk, Tammy Rucker, Zachary Moon

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Joe Bancroft

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Madelyn Smith

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Tammy Rucker (Anne and Maddie) 11:00 Arlene Giffel

Offering: Rose and Jim McCaferty

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Lena Neal 11:00 Arlene Giffel and Barbara Bancroft

### **February 14**

Elders: Bill Sydnor, Paul Seemiller

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 Charles Stevens

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Andee Kirk

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Marie Boger

Offering: Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Tom Neumayer

### **February 21**

Elders: Rick Bernard, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 8:45 Sandy Collins (P), George Smith

11:00 Zachary Moon (P), Tom Snodgrass, Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sandy Collins 11:00 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Mallory Smith 11:00 Rose McCaferty

Offering: Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Sandy and Doug Collins 11:00 Jean Turlington

### **February 28**

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Claire Deitch (P), Jeanne Brock

11:00 Charles Stevens (P), Lauren Johnson, Doug White, Polly White

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Steve Goff 11:00 Doug White

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Robin Blanchard

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Emily Rush Moore 11:00 Zachary and Hannah Moon

Offering: Barbara Bancroft and Kris Shouldice

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Steve and Angie Goff 11:00

(P) denotes communion preparation