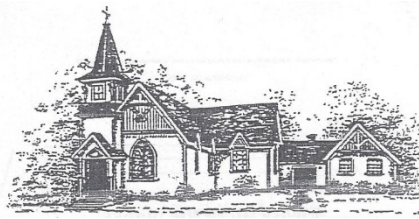


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June 2016

Dear friends:

Thanks. I needed that! Sitting in my office, feeling a bit stressed, the bells begin to play – “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.... This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior, all the day long.” I am truly blessed to have such reminders throughout my day, reminders of what we are all about, reminders of our mission.

Most of us are eagerly awaiting the advent of summer. There’s a lot of groaning about the cold damp weather, which will be replaced very soon with groaning about “how hot it is”. As we make our plans for summer I hope we’ll all plan for worship as well. On the summer schedule we relax and take a vacation from Sunday School, choir and other regular church activities, unfortunately the temptation is to take a break from worship.

The day of Sabbath has become the day for sports, family time and household chores. God gives us our lives. God has blessed us with every day, every good and perfect gift. God gives us the Sabbath that we may find our rest in him. Certainly we can and do worship God on the mountaintop or by the ocean but let us not forget what it means to be the community of faith. God has given us this church and it is a blessing. Our souls are nourished when we come together to share our faith and praise God together.

Children learn what they live. When children see that it is important to us to worship God, they learn that this is a priority. We all pray that as we teach our children by example and direction that this will take root deep in their lives. There comes a time in all of our lives when we need to rest upon the faith that has been sown deeply into the fabric of our lives.

Our church needs each one of us. We are the church. As Saint Teresa of Avila once said: “You are Christ’s hands. Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, Yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ’s compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless....

May peace abide as we celebrate Sabbath and rest in the Lord.

Shalom,
Cindy



Prayer Concerns:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Patti Sellman who passed on to glory on May 4th. Our sympathy is also extended to the McGowan family upon the death of Carol and Bob’s uncle.

Please pray for:

- Maddie Smith as she continues her treatment.
- Lewis Bell as he has recurrent cancer.
- Chris Bates who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- Robin Lorraine who has a brain tumor.
- Linda Verheul who had back surgery this past month.
- Danny Simmons, Joe Atherton and Beth Roane who had knee replacement surgery
- Peggye Alcock and Carnell Teachey continue recovering at home.
- Philip Burkhalter, who is at the Laurels of Bon Air.
- Arlene Blythe’s cousin, Terry Tynan and her friend, Donna Leake
- Bob McGowan
- Gerry Roppe’
- Leigh Anne Phan’s friend, Ron Evans
- Steve Kline’s friend, Ed Winfield
- Rhonda Ringel’s friends, Hailey Lane and Harrison Zierenberg
- The Landergan’s friend, Dan Bickett
- Steve Goff’s friend, Beth Ann Molter
- Tom Mayfield’s friend, Mickey Denke
- Shea Hollifield’s friend, Denise Ambrose
- Dawn Mooney’s sister, Debbie Roben
- Pete Landergan’s friend, Meredith Britton
- Guy Barker’s brother in law

If you would like someone added to our prayer list please contact Kelly at 272-6228 or email her at baccdoc@verizon.net. If you will update us for any changes that need to be made to the list we appreciate your help and please do let us know if we have inadvertently left anyone off this list. We are all grateful for your prayers. Thank you for caring and for lifting up these friends with your prayers and with your expressions of concern.

BACC has received the following thank you notes:

Dear BACC,

Lloyd Thacher was discharged from the Laurels of Bon Air on May 16th. Thank you for all of your prayers and visits over the last several weeks since he experienced a stroke.

With my best regards,
Lynn Sarvis

Dear BACC,

Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Feeling a lot better!
Appreciate your prayers and cards.

Love,
Norton Snead

Dear Cynthia:

On behalf of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, we thank you and Bon Air Christian Church for the contribution of \$225. The support of your congregation for the Counseling Aid Fund ensures that clients seeking pastoral counseling will receive services regardless of their ability to pay.

Please let us know if there is anything that VIPCare can do to serve Bon Air Christian or its members now or in the future.

Best regards,
Douglas M. Thorpe, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Dear BACC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, kind words, and beautiful flowers. The love and support we have received after my dad's passing have been wonderful, and more appreciated than we can ever express.

Love,
The Etz's

Dear BACC,

Thank you for your support of CCHASM and our community.

Helen Hughes
Chief Executive Officer

Dear BACC,

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family as we struggle to understand and cope with our teenager's ongoing health challenges. We are still in a diagnostic process with no easy answers yet. I so appreciate the love and care extended to us over many years by the good folks of BACC. You are home to me!

With gratitude,
Laura (Foutz) Jurman

Dear BACC friends,

Joe and I would like to thank you all for your continued support, both financial and emotional! There are so many of you that have helped in so many different ways. I don't know where to start. A special thank you to the Youth Group (and those that donated baked goods for the bake sale) and to Alison & Sean Hylton who provided the photo booth at Bon Air Victorian Day. It was a huge success, and because of everyone's help, they were able to raise \$606.

Thank you to those that continue to send Maddie letters, I know she very much enjoys hearing from all of you.

We also applied for and received a family assistance grant from Beacon Tree for \$5,000.00. Please check out their website to learn more about the great things they are doing to shine light on children's mental health issues. www.beacontree.org.

The financial help including the Beacon Tree grant, the Go Fund Me page, church members and family and friends totaled at \$12,385. Isn't that amazing?!? GOD IS GOOD! Thank you to all that have contributed!

A special thank you to Kendra Ver Beek for organizing all the fund raising, continuously checking in on us and writing weekly letters to Maddie. She is such a blessing!

Thank you all!

With Love,
Katie, Joe & Mallory Smith



High School:

Abbey Crank, daughter of Laurie and Andrew Crank graduates from James River High School and will attend Randolph Macon College in the fall.

Mackenzie Crank, daughter of Laurie and Andrew Crank graduates from James River High School and will attend Roanoke College in the fall.

Collin Thomas, son of Ann and Eric Thomas graduates from Maggie Walker and plans to attend Ohio State University to study computer engineering.

Sydney Logan Batton is graduating from Richmond Christian School and plans to attend FullSail University.

College:

Samantha Carey, daughter of Valerie and Mike Carey, graduated with honors from the College of Nursing from Radford University with a Bachelor of Science. Samantha will be nursing at the Emergency Dept. of Lynchburg General.

Karson Clark, son of Frank and Diane Clark graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Minor in Mathematical Sciences.

Jasmine Heath, daughter of Anne and Kevin Heath graduated from Agnes Scott College with a major in Astrophysics and two minors in The Classics and Education. Jasmine will attend Lynchburg College in the fall to pursue her masters in Science Education.

James Latta, nephew of Maggie Pace graduated from Virginia Military Institute.

Kaleigh Thomas, daughter of Ann and Eric Thomas graduated from University of South Carolina and will pursue her graduate degree from American University.

Andy Trezza is graduating from The American Military University with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. He will be starting classes for his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at The American Military University.

Caritas 2016

May 28th to June 4th

We are hosting the CARITAS single women's program from May 28 to June 4. We will house and feed up to 32 women for this week. We will provide breakfast each morning, a bag lunch to take with them and a hot dinner each evening. We will provide showers and laundry as well.

The women's program runs on a later schedule than the family program. They will arrive about 7 pm and leave about 7:15 am. This means that dinner and breakfast will need to be provided on a later schedule than in previous years.

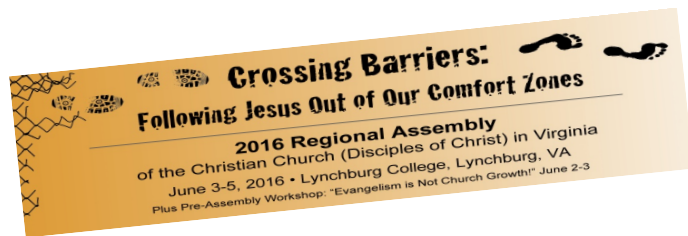
This intensive ministry requires many participants. Many, many thanks to all the folks who have signed up to prepare meals, spend the night, serve as lead volunteer, transport to showers and do laundry. This is truly loving our neighbor!

**Craig Springs
Work Weekend
June 10-12**

Craig Springs Work Weekend is scheduled for June 10 – 12. Work Weekend is a free event open to anyone. The camp provides food, indoor lodging, and friendly fellowship in exchange for labor. There are tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. Come alone, or with a group.

This work weekend event provides an opportunity for you to share with others how outdoor ministry has affected your spiritual life. The facility of Craig Springs cannot grow and prosper if its supporters do not grow and prosper.

Because food and lodging required careful planning it is essential that participants register in advance, even if you are coming for only one day. All youth 18 and under must have adult supervision. Adult leaders should be prepared to work with their youth as a group or as part of a larger group. Adult leaders must also lodge with their youth.



**The Regional Assembly
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
will meet at Lynchburg College June 3-5.**

Please update your directory with the following:

**Jane McKinley
526 Tazewell Avenue
Cape Charles, VA 23310**

**Maggie Sweeney
3112 Old Quarry Rd.
Richmond, VA 23235**

Summer Schedule Begins May 29, 2016

**Sunday Worship Services
9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Saturday Casual Service 5:00**

**We do have an adult Sunday School class that meets
during the summer at 9:30 a.m.**

Out of town on Sunday, our Saturday Casual Worship Service is a wonderful opportunity to worship the Lord.

-Psalm 122:1

*I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

YOUTH GROUP



Hello YG Families!

Thanks to all who came out for our last Lock-In of the year and our last group meeting of the year. We had tons of fun at both and I told the kids we will try to do a few things in the summer as well as schedules permit ... *so stay tuned!*

It's been a wonderful year with your children. At our meeting on Sunday, I had the kids list all the things we participated in & accomplished this year as a group. This is what they literally rattled off:

- TWO Take & Bake's to our homebound members
- Volunteered at DiggityFest for Connor's Heroes
- Youth Sunday
- Victorian Days Bake Sale to benefit Maddie
- We went Rollerskating
- Did the Christmas play
- Hid Easter Eggs
- Went to see Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat
- Hosted Hanging of the Greens dinner
- Did the Silent Auction
- Hosted the Valentine's Dinner & Dance
- Participated in CROP Walk
- and of course did Paint Ball!

WOW! And that is not even a complete list! This is what they remembered right away though, which made me smile :) We have done a lot and served many! Thank you for allowing your children to be part of this special group!

Kindly, Kendra



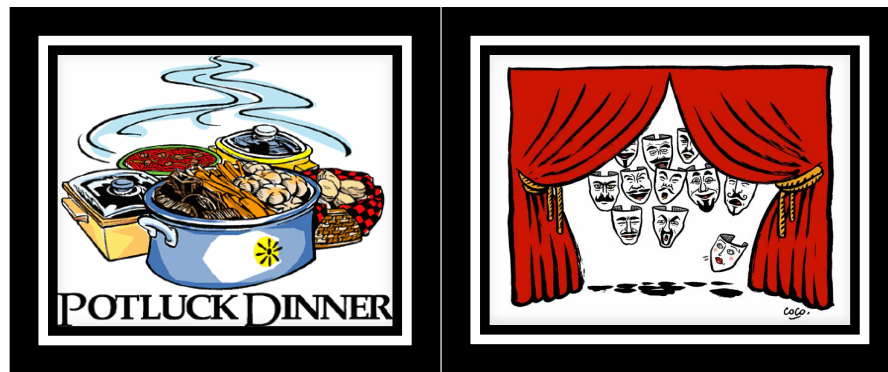
Godspell Pot Luck/Dinner on June 11th

Featuring the Revelations Choir of Middletown Christian Church (Louisville, Kentucky)

Godspell is based on the Gospel of Matthew and uses the parables to tell the story. It was written for a college project that became a long-running off-Broadway success. We will take our spin on it with a great group of talented kids!

Revelations Choir has been touring and sharing the message of God for over 30 years!

We do need host families to house 9 girls and 6 boys. Please call or e-mail Suzanne Dale or Kendra Ver Beek if you can help.



Refugee Update

New Friends From Ethiopia

Learning about other cultures has always interested me. I am also very interested in resilience and how people survive very trying circumstances and difficult conditions. As soon as Shea Hollifield and Cathy Law began talking about sponsoring a refugee family I was interested in learning and helping. Since I am so shy it has been a real struggle to learn about our new friends. ☺

What a busy and learning-filled experience it has been since April 11th when I began helping Sitina Umer Yusuf and her sons Abdirizak (Abdi) Mohamed Nur (age 17) and Ahmed Mohamed Nur (age 15). Mohamed is their father's name and Nur is their grandfather's name. They are from Ethiopia and the language they speak is Amharic which is the second most spoken Semitic language in the world, after Arabic. Since they lived in Nairobi, Kenya for over seven years, they also speak some Swahili. The boys' English is very good as well. Sitina is learning English. They are of Oromo ethnicity who number about 38 million and who live in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. They also speak Oromo. They are Sunni Muslims so they believe that Muhammad was the last messenger and prophet sent by God. They are faithful in their prayers, which occur five times a day, often "catching up" when they return home from school and social events.

Abdi and Ahmed play soccer, listen to music and play games on their cell phone and know about name brand clothing and shoes since Abdi worked in a men's clothing store in Nairobi. Getting a high school education is the main priority for them for the next four years. They have tried new foods and seem to like chicken, and fresh vegetables and fruit best. Sitina roasts her own coffee beans and they drink a very strong Ethiopian coffee. Hospitality is very important to Sitina so drinks and snacks are offered often. Friends made in Kenya have reached out to their friends and relatives in the US and Sitina has had weekend guests from New York and Atlanta who were very generous to our new friends.

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed are very friendly and easy to talk to about many topics. They are most appreciative of all the help they continue to receive. Cathy and Shea have spent many hours assisting the family. Sam Herrin and Joe Bancroft have been instrumental in driving them to ESL classes at Bon Air Baptist Church in April and May. I drove the family to sign the apartment lease, register for school, to take the ESL placement test and to sign up for high school

classes. There will be many opportunities to help this family in the future. Shea and Cathy will keep us up-to-date on how we can help them with a smooth transition to life in the USA.
Kitten Whitlow



**Virginia Disciples Women Ministries
2016 Retreat**

**“Just Breathe”
Finding our Sabbath time
and being in the moment with God**

The Virginia Disciples Women Ministries 2016 retreat will be Friday July 15th through Sunday morning July 17th at Lynchburg College. This year's retreat speaker is Rev. Linda Whitmire, a Disciple minister and retreat leader from Atlanta, GA.

This year's theme is “Just Breathe”. Retreat highlights:
The retreat is open to all Disciples women.

The retreat starts with dinner on Friday evening, July 15th.
There are various registration options. If desired, retreat participants may choose to stay off campus at a location of their choice.

Contact the church office for a registration form. Registrations and fees are due by June 30th. Make check payable to Christian Church in Virginia and mail to Christian Church in Virginia, 1290 Enterprise Dr. Lynchburg, VA 24502.

If you have any questions about the retreat, contact Cathy Law or Andee Kirk.



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| ➤ Church Picnic | June 5 |
| ➤ Craig Springs Work Weekend | June 10 - 12 |
| ➤ Godspell, the Musical | June 11 |
| ➤ Vacation Bible School | Aug 8 - 12 |
| ➤ Bagpipe Concert | October 8 |

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2016



June 5

Elders: Bud Deihl, Duke Dale
Deacons: 9:15 (P) Sam Herrin, Jeanne Brock
10:45 (P) Cathy Law, Andee Kirk, Tammy Rucker, Polly White
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Sam Herrin 10:45 Cathy Law
Acolyte: 9:15 Robin Blanchard
10:45 Audrey Kate Duke & Arya Duke
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Barbara Bancroft
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15
10:45
Greeters: 9:15 Sam & Carol Herrin
10:45 Martha Seemiller, Tom Neumayer
Offering: Rose & Jim McCaferty

June 12

Elders: Joan Mielke, Bill Sydnor
Deacons: 9:15 (P) Tammy Rucker, Tom Mayfield
10:45 (P) Whitney Graham, Collin Thomas, Laura Hollis,
Madison Arthur
Worship Leaders: 9:15 10:45 Gina McKenney
Acolyte: 9:15 10:45
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15
10:45
Greeters: 9:15 Sandy Collins 10:45 Cathy Law
Offering: Arlene Giffel, Laura Hollis

June 19

Elders: Rick Bernard, Shea Hollifield
Deacons: 9:15 (P) Sandy Collins, George Smith
10:45 (P) Laura Hollis, Jake VerBeek, Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Shea Hollifield 10:45 Doug White
Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Robin Blanchard
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Barbara Bancroft
10:45 Barbara Bancroft
Greeters: 9:15 Sandy Collins, Doug Collins 10:45 Tom Neumayer
Offering: Jean Dowdy, Jean Turlington



June 26

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale
Deacons: 9:15 (P) Laura Hollis, Jeanne Brock
10:45 (P) Doug & Polly White, Charles Stevens, Lauren Johnson
Worship Leaders: 9:15 10:45 Kitten Whitlow
Acolyte: 9:15 10:45
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15
10:45
Greeters: 9:15 Claire Deitch 10:45
Offering: Barbara Bancroft, Kris Shouldice

(P) denotes communion preparation



June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CARITAS 8:00 Men's Breakfast	2 CARITAS	3 CARITAS Regional Assembly (3 rd – 5 th)	4 CARITAS 5:00 Casual Worship Service
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9:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service