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Worship Services

Sunday 8:45 & 11:00

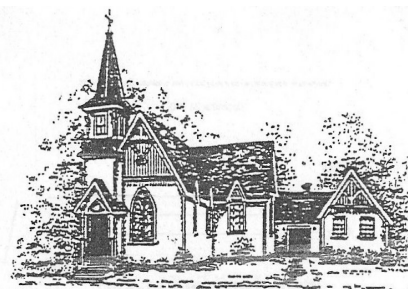
Saturday 5:00

Sunday School 10:00

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Bon Air Christian Church Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2017 Edition

COMMUNITY

One of the things I enjoy about Bud's bagpipe concert is the wonderful sense of community. People come from all over but there's this feeling of connectedness. The music, the good food and the fellowship draws all the people together and strangers begin to feel like friends.

It's the same with Trunk or Treat. I love seeing all of our neighborhood kids dressed up and enjoying the festive atmosphere provided by our youth group kids and other adults at BACC.

Our building started 135 years ago as a community chapel and in many ways we continue to be a community chapel to Bon Air. We like welcoming groups into our church. We want our building to be an extension of our ministry.

Our world is in great need of community. So many people feel isolated and there is a cynical malaise of depression pervasive in our time. As we listen to the news we hear so much division. How can we build community?

During the CROP walk and I enjoyed getting to know some folks from other churches as we walked. Disciples have always been a strong voice for united all of God's children.

I encourage you to invite your friends to our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service and brunch. That service started when Bon Air Christian Church first began and members of the church who were far away from extended family. They invited their friends to share Thanksgiving festivities with them. Thanksgiving is about groups coming together and giving thanks for God's bountiful blessings.

John Fawcett has expressed well the importance of being bound together:

*Blest be the tie that binds; Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds; Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne; We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one; Our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes; Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows; The sympathizing tear.*

I am thankful to be part of this wonderful community. I thank you for your kindness to me and I pray for you. I pray that God will continue to show us how we may be the embodiment of his good news through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Shalom,
Cindy*



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group Lock In

Youth Christmas Lock-in (for Grades 3 to 12)

Bring a friend!

When: Friday 6PM, December 1st until Saturday 8AM, December 2nd.

Where: Bon Air Christian Church

Activities: Jingle Bell Toss, Christmas Pageant practice, Preparing for Hanging of the greens, Ornament making, watching the Polar Express together...lots of holly jolly fun!!!!

We need helpers and Chaperones! Please contact Jerusha at the Church Office if you are available to help fix hot chocolate, dinner or breakfast!



Trunk or Treat

Less walking for little kids, a safer environment for Halloween, and fun ...to add to which, we kept away from the rain and stayed dry during this year's *Indoor Trunk or Treat!* The event was held on Sunday, October the 29th, 5 to 7PM. Thanks to Ann and Kevin Heath, a giant orange pumpkin, a green Frankenstein, and a well-dressed, motion activated skeleton with a formal black hat welcomed visitors and church members at the door. The participants decorated their table according to a theme and wore costumes that went with it. There were movie characters, a setting of a scene, lighting effects and smoke. There was plenty of candy as children went from table to table receiving goodies, positive words and happy thoughts! We had a competition for the best decorated table and the best painted pumpkin. Thanks to the Seemiller family, we served 120 hotdogs with chips along with white popcorn hands filled with candy corn fingertips. We are thankful to Sean Hylton for his exciting photo booth which encouraged everyone to smile their brightest smile with their closest friends, making the evening a memorable one!



WE THANK
EVERYONE
who offered
support to make
this event a safe
and joyful one.
Thank you!



CROP WALK 2017



is an event we look forward to every year. We are always the church with the most walkers AND the church with the largest donation! (Not that we are competitive or anything :)

THANK YOU to all who make CROP Walk a success by either walking or sponsoring a walker. We appreciate it so much!

This year BACC collected \$2,077! We love

We had another successful CROP Walk this year with over 30 BACC members walking to End Hunger! This

doing our part to help our community and those in need. This year, part of the proceeds will go directly to **Feed More** and the **Chesterfield Food Bank**. We are making a difference right in our own back yard!

"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." Matthew 25:35

With gratitude,
Kendra Ver Beek



JOY

- ⇒ JOY meets November 21st, 10:30 a.m. at the church. "A Learning Experience" will be presented by Brenda Kidd entitled "Having Fun with the Bible". Bring your lunch, dessert and a beverage will be provided.
- ⇒ Mark your Calendar for December 19th: JOY Christmas luncheon will be at Capital Ale House, 13831 Village Place Dr, Midlothian, VA 23114 at 1:00 p.m. Please contact me for a head count by December 11th at lollihollis@verizon.net or 804.320.3466.

Laura Hollis

CWF

In case you haven't heard, CWF is hosting a **Chili Cook-off** on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The event will be held in the fellowship hall following the Saturday evening service (about 5:45 pm). This will be our CWF fall fund raiser. We are asking for \$5.00 a person or \$12.00 per family to taste the chilis and choose their favorite. Tickets are available after services on Sunday. You can also buy tickets the night of the event. The menu also includes mac & cheese, cornbread, salads, and cookies. It's a bargain for Saturday night dinner.

In conjunction with this event, we will be having a raffle for a beautiful Christmas tree quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets are available on Sundays after each service. The drawing will be held at the Cook-off. You do not need to be in attendance to win. Just make sure your name and phone number are on the raffle ticket.

We will also be having a silent auction that night. If you would like to donate anything for the auction, call or email Jamie McDonald (numbers in next paragraph). You can also fill out the bulletin insert.

If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-off, please fill out the bulletin insert or call or email Jamie McDonald (379-7495)(newmac13433@gmail.com). The cost is \$5.00 (includes admission). It is a fund raiser after all. You do not have to be a member of BACC to enter. We also ask that you provide a list of ingredients so people with allergies will know if it is safe for them to taste. We don't need the actual recipes or amounts. Ribbons will be awarded and winners announced in December's newsletter. You will be able to humbly bask in the praise of your fellow chili aficionados.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. You will be doing good.

Jamie McDonald

Christmount Retreat Camp & Conference Center

The Christmount Voice

An Appalachian Advent, November 28 - December 1, 2017

Imagine if things could be different...

Imagine something growing where nothing should...

Imagine the kingdom of God where ALL are welcome...

Imagine engaging in Advent with CHILD LIKE WONDER...

Imagine: The Coming of God with keynote speaker Rev. Megan Huston, Senior Minister at First Christian Church, Bowling Green, KY. An Appalachian Advent is an annual event for church groups and individuals. The event includes time for daily worship, fun free time, tours in the area, and festive activities each evening. Since it is held on weekdays, it is especially good for senior adult church fellowship groups and Church School classes, but all are welcome!

Call 669-8977 or go to www.christmount.org/

[advent](#) for more information or to register.

Winter Solstice Yoga Retreat, December 1-3, 2017

Beth Morris will guide you through a weekend preparing for the contraction and expansion of Winter Solstice and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, rich with yoga, meditation, breath work, and inquiry. Winter Solstice on December 21st is the darkest part of the year, the shortest day and longest night. The weekend will be supported play and rest, time to connect with others, and full of internal reflection and outer movement such as yin yoga, restorative yoga, slow flow vinyasa, and meditation. For more information go to www.christmount.org/yoga or call (828) 669-8977.

College Retreat, January 3-6, 2018

Christmount's College Retreat is a time for college

students to deepen their faith walk and be challenged to think seriously about how their faith influences their life choices. It is scheduled between New Year's and the beginning of classes. Activities will include keynotes, discussion, worship, recreation, fellowship and time just hanging out...plus a bonfire and ghost stories. For more information go to www.christmount.org/college

Winter Fun Weekend January 12-15, 2018

Winter fun at Christmount is back for youth groups, young adult groups, and adults! Choose your fun: ski package, snow tubing, Fun Depot, or winter area tours. Spend part of the time in the area exploring, returning each evening for special activities. For more information go to www.christmount.org/winterfun or call (828) 669-8977.

YOUTH SEMINAR

The youth ministry's number-one priority is building relationships with teenagers and helping them grow in their faith and become Jesus' disciples. Three youth leaders from Bon Air Christian Church (Kendra Verbeek, Joan Mielke, and Jerusha Moses) attended a five-hour workshop on Saturday, October 21st, organized by Group's Simply Youth Ministry. Using the metaphor of God's Garden, the youth leaders were inspired to plant seeds in the rich soil of the church to help build a Jesus-Centered youth ministry that transforms, builds intimacy with Jesus, and inspires kids.



THANK YOU'S

A special thank you Anne Heath for baking the bread for our World Communion Sunday Service.

Dear BACC,

Thank you so much for hosting the "Reel" Piping concert. What a wonderful event it was and the reception was fantastic.

Many thanks to Bud and Susan Deihl as well as Chance and Chelsa Bell.

Dave & Kris Chatfield

Dear BACC,

My special thanks to you the Saturday night worship group. You continue to be a strong, dedicated, and loyal worship group. Keep this group alive and continue to thrive.

A special note of thanks to Charles Stevens who has been a loyal elder and my special "paparazzi" whose photos have given me pause to reflect and to keep me an

honored part of this special group.

I love you all and think of you quite often.

Gerry Roppe'

Dear BACC members,
This quote reminds me of you..."give God your weakness and He'll give you his strength."

During my weakness and frailty of facing surgery and a 6 week recovery, the Lord has sent you to strengthen me and lift me up. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

The texts, calls, cards, visits and meals have brought me much comfort. I feel very loved and am so grateful.

Thank you to my amazing Youth Group too for the yummy Edible Arrangement and the giant gift basket filled with wonderful goodies to keep me busy.

You all are such a blessing in my life.

With thanks and love,
Kendra Ver Beek

Dear BACC

Thank you for the use of the big room and kitchen on September 20th. We were able to celebrate our 11th year of our meeting.

With Gratitude,
AA Buford Road Group

Dear BACC,

Being there when the time is right can mean the difference between a life saved and a life lost. The support of Bon Air Christian Church helps CARITAS save lives each and every day. Thank you so much for your recent gift and for making these transformative moments a reality!

With gratitude,
Karen J. Stanley
Chief Executive Officer

CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Ray and Alice Beasley upon the passing of their son, Doug. We also express our sympathy to the family of Beth Roane, who died this past month.

- ♦ Taylor Brooks is home! She is receiving outpatient therapy and home schooling
- ♦ Traci Eagle
- ♦ Mary Elizabeth Jonas who is at Lakewood Manor.
- ♦ Harriet Griggs who is at the Laurels of Bon Air.
- ♦ Phyllis Barker who is at Beaufont Healthcare Center.
- ♦ Bob McGowan
- ♦ Becky Harvell's mother and Shirley Heath who are at Sunrise.

- ♦ Steve Blythe
- ♦ Dot Nuckols
- ♦ Cathy Wheless
- ♦ Maddie Smith
- ♦ Robin Lorraine
- ♦ Carnell Teachey
- ♦ Arlene Blythe's cousin - Terry Tynan, friend-Donna Leake and extended family member-Carol Ann Miller
- ♦ Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield
- ♦ Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane, Harrison Zierenbergand, Crista Cole
- ♦ The Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett
- ♦ Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton
- ♦ Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben

- ♦ Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements
- ♦ Susan Baum's friend, Geri
- ♦ Julie Bock's friend, Theresa Robertson
- ♦ Gerry Roppe'
- ♦ The Ver Beek family friend, Sue Nagy
- ♦ Guy Barker's brother-in-law, Phillip Gibson
- ♦ Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke
- ♦ Mary Ann Casdia's sister, who has cancer
- ♦ Jackie Nilles friend, Kathryn Noftzger
- ♦ Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens
- ♦ 7 yr old Eleanor Brooks



Stewardship

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our church and to our Lord Jesus. We are grateful for all who pledged to help the church financially in 2018. We thank all who have pledged their time and talent and are willing to help lead and guide us in our ministry. God is growing beautiful flowers in this garden. God's love is proclaimed through our wonderful church as we continue to be the Body of Christ.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Families

BACC will assist seven families for Thanksgiving and Christmas (including our refugee family). We are working with area elementary schools to identify families that could use some assistance to have a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

We will collect nonperishable food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving. Bins for food collection are outside the church office and in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. They are labeled "Thanksgiving Families". Monetary donations will be used to provide families with grocery gift cards to purchase meats and fresh produce.

We hope to have the Christmas trees up with gift requests in early November.

Please take this opportunity to share our blessings with those who could use some help and happiness for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Shea Hollifield, sheahollifield@comcast.net or 323-5991.

Shea Hollifield



Mission Pathways

Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is embarking on a very important new path. We are using a planning process tool known as "Mission Pathways". We seek to discern God's will for our congregation as we move into the future. We will work in conjunction with Hope Partnership of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We begin on November 8th with a first module that will help us to gather information about the church and our demographics. In January the team will meet regularly and also will work with a consultant who will help us along in our planning process. We ask for your prayers as we continue live out our mission.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Bon Air Christian Church reaches out to proclaim the Gospel, reaches up to worship God, reaches in to nurture and grow in faith and love.

Mark Your Calendar

Please join us for our special **Thanksgiving Worship Service** on November 23rd at 8:45 and brunch after the service.

Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past twelve months, over 12,000 students have

graduated from these fine schools.

On November 12 and 19, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing

scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.



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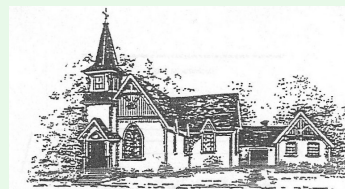
Secretary:
Kelly Edwards

Nursery Attendants:
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Sage Miller

PLEASE BRING FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRIES

Now that fall is here, our activities and thoughts turn to many new and different events. But let's not forget the folks who depend on Bainbridge Community Ministry for part of their food supply. Their needs continue all year long. Current needs continue to be canned fish products, jelly, and powdered milk. Of course, any non-perishables are welcome.

*On All Saints Sunday we remember all who have passed on to
glory since the last All Saints Day*



In Loving Memory of

Shirley Acree

Chris Bates

Doug Beasley

Dot Bennett

Philip Burkhalter

Micah Dutrow

Mabel Garrison

Bruce Macfadden

Helen Macklin

Beth Roane

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Elders: Doug White, Paul Seemiller
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Sam Herrin, Caitlynn Collins
11:00 (P) Tim Vaden, Kris Shouldice, Laura Hollis, Cathy Law
Worship Leaders: 8:45 and 11:00 Doug White
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Ann and Madeline Rucker 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Karen and Stephen Kline 11:00
Offering: Rose McCaferty, Jim McCaferty

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Elders: Joan Mielke, Tom Snodgrass
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Joe Smith, Cecelia Bingenheimer
11:00 (P) Jerrell Todd, Aidan Novak, Kris Shouldice, Whitney Graham
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Jamie McDonald 11:00 Lillian Parker
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Barbara Bancroft 11:00 Nathan Parker
Offering: Arlene Giffel, Laura Hollis

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Elders: Jamie McDonald, Shea Hollifield
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Sandy Collins, Tammy Rucker
11:00 (P) Jake Ver Beek, Allison Landergan, Laura Hollis, Sean Hylton
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Shea Hollifield 11:00 Charlie Ver Beek
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maggie Pace
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Janie and Jim Severance 11:00
Offering: Jean Dowdy, Jean Turlington

NOVEMBER 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving Service)

Deacons: 8:45 Aidan Novak, Charles Stevens

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Elders: Paula Craft, Steve Goff
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Madison Arthur, Claire Deitch
11:00 (P) Karson Clark, Charles Stevens, Emily Rush Moore, Allison Landergan
Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Kitten Whitlow
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Janie and Jim Severance 11:00
Offering: Barbara Bancroft, Kris Shouldice

(P) denotes communion preparation





NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day ♦ 8:00 Men's Breakfast ♦ 7:00 AA, ACA	2 5:00 CWF Night Group	3	4 ♦ 5:00 Worship Service ♦ Seemiller Flock Feeds Homeless
5 ♦ 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services ♦ 12:00 Christmas Mother workday ♦ Congregational Meeting	6	7 7:00 Choir practice	8 ♦ 8:00 Men's Breakfast ♦ 6:30 CWF Salad group ♦ 7:00 AA, ACA ♦ 7:00 Mission Pathways	9	10	11 5:00 Casual Worship Service <i>Veterans Day</i>
12 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	13	14 ♦ 10:30 CWF Day Group ♦ 7:00 Choir practice	15 ♦ 8:00 Men's Breakfast ♦ 7:00 AA, ACA	16	17	18  ♦ 5:00 Worship Service ♦ 5:45 Chili Cook off
19 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	20	21 ♦ 10:30 JOY Group ♦ 7:00 Choir practice	22 ♦ 8:00 Men's Breakfast ♦ 7:00 AA, ACA	23 <i>8:45 Thanksgiving Worship Service and Brunch</i> 	24	25 5:00 Casual Worship Service
26 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	27	28 7:00 Choir practice	29 ♦ 8:00 Men's Breakfast ♦ 7:00 AA, ACA	30		