

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



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WORSHIP WITH US:

Sunday 8:45am & 11:00am
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday School 10:00am

All are welcome!

*Roses are red, Violets are bluish;
If it weren't for Jesus we'd all be Jewish.*

It's true - he defines us. One of the reasons we come to church is so we can get to know this man named Jesus a little better. We hear his teachings. If we close our eyes we can picture him on a green hillside teaching us that we are to let our light shine. "Don't hide it but let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

We can see him entering Jerusalem and feel the fervor of all the Jews gathered there to celebrate the Passover. We see him kneel like a servant to wash the feet of his friends. We hear him teach about loving, yes, even our enemies, love as we are loved.

There he is in the upper room breaking the bread, raising the cup and pouring out his love -- for us. He prays in the garden. This man with his pure heart prays for God's will to be done.

Can you see him? Are you kneeling at the foot of the cross? Hear his agony. Do you see in his eyes the heartbreak of our betrayal? Friday and Saturday seem to go on forever. Oh let us not be numb to your suffering on our behalf. We are marked by this sacrificial love.

And then comes Easter. As the stone is rolled away, holy God, roll away the stone from our own hearts that we may truly sing, "Alleluia, alleluia, Christ, our Lord is risen. He is risen indeed." Rise in us and make us your Easter people, dear Jesus, make us your own.

Shalom, Cindy

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

By Kendra Ver Beek

The Youth Group hosted a fantastic & **fun** dinner and dance on Friday, March 9th. They served up delicious Mexican food that was prepared with the help of 'chef' Leah Harrison. Kevin & Anne Heath had everyone up and dancing with their tunes and all had a wonderful time!

Special thanks to Leah, Steve Craft & Cindy Johnson for helping the kids and leaders prepare the food. And to Fantasia DJ's for the fun & festive music.

The Youth raised \$447! This money will go directly to assisting more kids being able to attend Craig Springs summer camp.

The Youth Group then led service on Sunday, March 11th for our Youth Sunday program. The kids did a wonderful job! It was a very special and meaningful service where the kids presented items that held special meaning to them as a group. Taylor Brooks also shared her personal testimony with us about her diagnosis of Acute Transverse Myelitis. She was so strong and brave, her story touched many hearts.

THANK YOU to all of the youth group for doing such a great job. You made your whole congregation *proud*!



Photos by: Charles Stevens



WHAT'S HAPPENING

CWF

By Jamie McDonald

February and March have been busy months for Christian Women's Fellowship. The Evening CWF met at Jamie McDonald's home following dinner at Candelas. We had tea and dessert. In March, we met at Diane Clark's home after dinner at Lone Star Steakhouse. We continued with our study of Hebrews and collected needed items for the Battered Women's Shelter. Several of us went to see the Richmond Ballet's Sleeping Beauty after brunch at Mosaics. And we get together frequently to play games. Looking forward to the beach and the symphony in April. Our next meeting will be **April 5th at 7:00 p.m.** at Carol Herrin's home. We usually carpool. All women are welcome.

The Day CWF finally got to meet after being snowed out in January and missing December's meeting. So we had "Christmas in February" with a gift exchange. We played a game to determine who got what gift. We followed that with a potluck and great conversation. Snow once again cancelled our March meeting. Join us **Tuesday, April 10th at 10:30 a.m.** in the multi-purpose room at Church. Hopefully no more snow.

The Salad CWF met on Thursday in February due to Valentine's and the prayer vigil. The group collected items for Yeshua House which is a shelter for victims of domestic violence in Petersburg. Leah Harrison led the study in Hebrews. Sara Reese talked to us about Ghana. Cecilia gave us more information on South Africa in our meeting in March. I led the lesson. We discussed our retreat in September. And we continue to collect items for the Yeshua House. The Salad CWF will meet on **April 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at Church. Come join us.

CHILI COOK OFF 2.0

November 17th, 2018.

Once again, the CWF is planning a chili cook-off fundraiser ...Mark your calendars!

We plan to have a silent auction also so be thinking about what you might like to donate. We had a great time last year.

*"Your good deeds might seem invisible, but they leave a trail
that is imprinted on the hearts of others."*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Victorian Days

Saturday May 12th

A favorite community event held at Bon Air Christian Church. The parade will start at 11a.m. and end at noon.

The festival will continue through 3:00pm.

The Youth Group will continue their tradition of hosting a Bake Sale that will benefit an individual or organization that they choose.

We hope you can come out and support our wonderful community of Bon Air!

JOY

April 17, 2018, We will have the privilege of hosting Mr. John Boyer, meteorologist. Mr. Boyer joined the Richmond Times-Dispatch in November 2016 as its first staff meteorologist. He grew up in the Roanoke Valley and returned to Virginia after covering severe weather on television in Tulsa, Okla. Boyer earned his degree in meteorology from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and earned their Certified Broadcast Meteorologist seal in 2012. Look for his weather forecasts in the Richmond Times Dispatch and on Richmond.com, along with weather videos, stories about meteorological phenomena and coverage of major weather events in our area.

Our hostesses will be Mary Ann Casdia and Cath Cartino. We will enjoy the JOY group's famous pot luck, and Mr. Boyer will be joining us for lunch. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. **10:30 a.m. on April 17th**. All are welcome to attend.

Earth Day

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; for God founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." -- Psalm 24:1-2

As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, we pause to thank God for his beautiful creation.

Please be good stewards of God's creation by recycling paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, and glass in the bins located in the kitchen, the storage room adjacent to the kitchen, the church office, and the foyer by the front office.



*"Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:3*

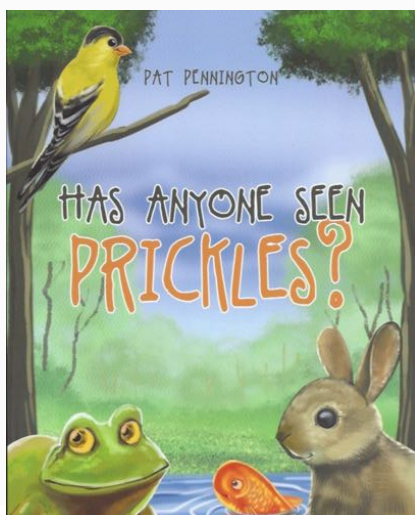
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Author's Corner

Our own, Pat Pennington, has written the book "Has Anyone Seen Prickles?"

Pat studied Fine Arts at the University of North Carolina and gained writing experience as a newspaper reporter/editor and by creating copy for an advertising agency. While raising her two children, she earned a B.S. in Sociology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has counseled, encouraged and continued to learn from children working in Juvenile Court and volunteering in schools and community centers.

Toward the goal of growing the best in every child, Pat offers this story of Prickles and of loving the hard to love. The book can be ordered on Amazon and Pat also has a few copies available for purchase by BACC members and their families.



Congratulations Pat!

Week of Compassion

"Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering." Dalai Lama

Week of Compassion total was \$2,397.30. In addition the YG Shrove Tuesday Dinner contributed another \$600!

Thank you to all who donated!

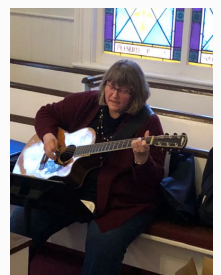
Bainbridge Food Bank

Even though spring is just around the corner, and we all long to get outside and enjoy the weather, let's not forget the folks who depend on Bainbridge Community Ministry for part of their food. Bainbridge is a well-run organization and helps many needy people in the metropolitan area.

Current needs continue to be jelly and milk products. They especially like the new liquid milk in containers that do not need refrigeration until opened. Thank you.

Casual Service

Don't forget if you can't get here on Sundays you can come worship with us for our Saturday Evening Casual Worship Service. Starting at 5 p.m. worship lasts just under one hour, and includes hymns, scriptures, communion, prayers, and a sermon by Cindy.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

District VII



Variety Show, Saturday April 21 12 - 2 pm

District VII churches are sponsoring a Variety Show at *Battery Park Christian Church*. It starts with "make your own sandwich" lunch followed by entertaining acts from the nine congregations in District VII.

All monies from this event will benefit Safe Harbor human trafficking shelter. Safe Harbor works to end human trafficking and to support its victims in their courageous effort to rebuild their lives. A representative will be present to speak to us.

We hope you will come and support this District VII fund raising event for Safe Harbor - and enjoy good food, good fun and a time to socialize with other DOC families!

Craig Springs Camp

Spring Work Weekend is coming!

May 25th - 27th, 2018

(Please register before May 15th)

This is a free event open to anyone. Craig Springs provides food, lodging and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor! There are tasks suitable for persons of all ages and abilities.

And don't forget Summer Camp!

June 25-29	Nature Camp
July 8-13, 2018	First Triple
July 22-27, 2018	Second Triple
July 29-Aug 3	New Covenant
Aug 3 -6	Family Retreat

(Early Bird registration due by May 15th)
All registration forms can be found in the church office.

And remember BACC pays for half of camp registration! Scholarships also available for more funding, if needed. Please see Cindy or Kendra for more details.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

CWS Kits

CWS Kits will be collected from April 1st - May 15th here at BACC. We will be collecting both **Hygiene Kits** and **School Kits**. The list of what is needed for each kit can be found in the church office. Any and all donations are welcome.

Monetary donations to help finish kits are welcome as well. Please mark checks: CWS kits. The Youth Group will be putting all kits together and pick up is May 24th.

Welcome new member

We welcome Alice Murray to our church family. Alice was born in Shenandoah, Virginia. Her husband, Bill, is a "Navy brat" and has lived all over. She met Bill while both were working at DuPont. They lived in St. Paul, Minnesota for 37 years before moving back to Richmond about 3 years ago. Alice is retired from 3M, after 37 years of service. She held several positions prior to her retirement. She has one son, Brett Kite, who lives in Winchester, and a sister who lives in Suffolk. She also has three grandchildren, Brendan, age 4, Fiona age 7, and Allison, age 12. She received a BS in Bio Chemistry from Virginia Tech. She enjoys sewing, cooking, walking and reading.

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Sunday School

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4

We would love to have you join one of the many Sunday School classes we offer every Sunday. It is a great way to get to know people better and to grow in your faith and relationship with Christ.

The Soujoner's Class, taught by Susan Deihl, Sara Reese and Cathy Law
The Fellowship Class, taught by Kitten Whitlow
The Foundations Class, taught by Sandy Collins
The Parlor Class, taught by Steve Craft, Danny Simmons and Jamie McDonald

Guest Speaker

Please join us on **April 15** after church for a lecture on India. Ann Bradshaw will be telling us about her Woman to Woman trip to India as a representative of Christian Womens fellowship. Ann is from Olive Branch Christian Church in Williamsburg.

Please join us for soup and sandwiches as we learn about her experience.

EASTERTIME

Photo by: Dan Griggs

Schedule for Holy Week

Sunrise service -- Please join us at 7:00 a.m. Easter morning for the Sunrise Service. This service is held in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Brunch -- There will be an Easter Potluck Brunch following the Sunrise Service. It is a lovely way for us to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and the new lives promised to us and also enjoy fellowship with one another.

Early service -- 8:45 a.m.

Late service -- 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt -- An Egg Hunt will follow immediately after late service. We will release butterflies and then go hunting! All children are invited to participate!



Photo by: Traci Eagle



Easter Special Offering

"Like good stewards of the multi-colored grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering, is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth."

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

A GIANT THANK YOU ...

- Thank you to Cassie Price and Joe Bancroft for collecting all of our recyclables and helping us be kinder to the good Earth! We appreciate all of your time and effort.
- Thanks to our talented members, Traci Eagle, Dan Griggs & Charles Stevens, for the photography used in the Easter post card (Traci) and this month's newsletter (Traci, Dan & Charles). We are grateful for your gifts!
- Thank you to those who helped us host the Regional meeting.
- Thank you Kristopher Clark for sprucing up our floors! We appreciate your hard work and your time that helps the church look shiny and clean.

BAPTISM



Congratulations to **Lily Carden** and **Katherine Cartino**, who are being baptized during this Holy Week.

Lily is in the 5th grade at Bettie Weaver Elementary. She lives with her big sister, Hannah Carden and her mother Alice and step father, Ed. She also has a step brother named Matthew. Lily loves to ride horses. She also goes to the stables on weekends and cleans the barns. This is Lily with her horse, Corey. She will be baptized on Easter Eve at the Casual Worship Service.

We welcome Katherine Cartino to our church family. She grew up in Chesterfield County and graduated from Thomas Dale High School. She worked for a while and then joined the military. She served in the military and served in the Desert Storm war. Upon returning home to Ft. Lewis, Washington, she was offered and accepted early retirement having served 16 years. She returned to school and graduated from Clover Park College and worked as an Operating Room Technician in labor and delivery for 23 years. She retired in September of last year and moved back to Richmond to be near her family. She has her mother, Kikue, two brothers, Edward and Jamey, and one sister, Gloria, who all live in the Richmond area. She likes baby sitting dogs and is learning to play cards with our CWF group.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Jerrell Todd who is being treated for lung cancer. Remember both Jerrell and Eva at this difficult time.
- Steve Blythe who had a cornea transplant.
- Ellen Morrison Birch, Suzanne Dale's sister who has cancer.
- Jim Pannell who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.
- Maggie Ehler, her breast cancer has now metastasized to her brain. She is a very good friend of Jessie & Justin Hughes.
- Ellen Moon's mother who is under hospice care.
- Robin Emson who is being treated for an infection following a partial knee replacement.
- The Clark's friend, Norm Harbour, who has stage 4 kidney cancer.

Our prayers continue to be with:

Kris Perkins (Charles Stevens daughter). Her psoriatic arthritis is an ongoing health issue, and so far she has had little or no relief from her medicines. Juanita Coleman, Carnell and Ivy Teachey. Arlette Brown and also for her daughter Rhonda Ringel. Kris Shouldice while she continues to recover. Jake McCann, Douglas Aitken, Philip Burkhalter's cousin, Carrie Berkley; Harold Campbell; John Dowdy; Harriett Griggs; Linda Verheul's grandson, Lachlan Conley and Dot Nuckols. Shirley Heath, who is at Sunrise; Jane Washington, Cathy Wheless, Gerry Roppe, Robin Lorraine, Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Sara Reese's mother; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements, who has lymphoma; Vickie Brooks' friend, Michelle Vest who battling cancer; Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton, Terry Tynan who has cancer; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben who has ovarian cancer; 7 year old Eleanor Brooks who has cancer; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin McGuire; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Stacy Price; the Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene for recurring cancers; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Crista Cole who has lymphoma, pray for her mother, Tootsie Buffo and her sister, Casta Childress as well; Julie Bock's friend, Theresa Robertson who has a brain tumor; Jackie Nilles friend, Kathryn Idelson Noftzger who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and Rhonda Ringel's friend, Brian Le.

Lord, Hear our prayers.

PRAISE & THANKS

Notes:

To my BACC Family,

How can I thank you for your many kindnesses and expressions of concern? The cards, the phone calls, the visits - the FOOD, my goodness, THE FOOD! Every expression of love has been much appreciated as Eva and I try to cope with my lung cancer diagnosis. Most of all, we rely on the prayers of all you saints; you holy ones of God. Keep 'em coming. You have more power than you know.

Love, Jerrell Todd and Eva Hite

To my friends at Bon Air,

Thanks for your prayers, cards & calls at a difficult time in my life — the loss of my sister, Rhonda's surgery and my hospital stay.

I appreciate your concern, also Cindy's beautiful prayers and concern.

In Christian Love, Arlette Brown

Dear Youth & Adults,

Thanks so much for the wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The food was delicious, the fellowship great, and I saw nothing but smiling faces.

It would take more than a ton of thanks to thank you for all the things you do to serve God, our church, the community and the world.

Your love, kindness, and generosity are much appreciated.

Well done, good and faithful servants.

With Much Love, Brenda Kidd

Dear BACC,

Thank you all so much for the many thoughts, kind words, prayers, cards, food and your offers to help following my knee replacement and emergency surgery for an infection. Having a church family like BACC is such a blessing and I am forever grateful to each of you for your support of me and my family during this time.

Much love, Robin Emson

Dear Cindy,

Our heartiest thanks to you and the members of Bon Air Christian Church for hosting the listening Conference this past Saturday. The space provided was excellent, the lunch delicious, and the hospitality warm and welcoming! The conference was engaging and fruitful and even more because of the welcoming atmosphere of your church family!

Blessings as the members of Bon Air continue to stretch their muscles in service to the Lord!

In Christ's Love, Kathryn A. Hull, Chair (Regional Search & Call Committee)

SERVING SCHEDULE

April 2018

April 1, 2018

Elders: Bob McGowan, Doug White

Deacons: 7:00 Sunrise - Al and Cecilia Bingenheimer 8:45 Claire Deitch (P), Jim Severance

11:00 Sam Herrin (P), Tim Vaden, Laura Hollis, Barbara Bancroft

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Brenda Kidd 11:00 Kitten Whitlow

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00

Greeters: 8:45 The Collins Family 11:00 The Ver Beek Family

Offering: Rose & Jim McCaferty

April 8, 2018

Elders: Bud Deihl, Jamie McDonald

Deacons: 8:45 Chris Harrison (P), Tom Snodgrass

11:00 Madison Arthur (P), Tom Mayfield, Ellen Moon, Kris Shouldice

Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Jamie McDonald

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Christie MacAulay

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Bella Seemiller

Greeters: 8:45 Sandy Logan 11:00

Offering: Arlene Giffel & Jean Turlington

April 15, 2018

Elders: Russ Johnson, Jamie McDonald

Deacons: 8:45 Joe Smith (P), Jim Severance

11:00 Emily Rush Moore (P), Jake Ver Beek, Allison Landergan, Karson Clark

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Jamie McDonald 11:00 Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Barbara Bancroft

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00

Greeters: 8:45 11:00

Offering: Jean Dowdy & Jean Turlington

April 22, 2018

Elders: Paula Craft, Steve Goff

Deacons: 8:45 Madison Arthur (P), Caitlynn Collins

11:00 Chris Harrison (P), Karson Clark, Charles Stevens, Tammy Rucker

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

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00

Greeters: 8:45 Angie & Steve Goff 11:00 The Clarks

Offering: Barbara Bancroft & Kris Shouldice

April 29, 2018

Elders: Sandy Collins, Bud Deihl

Deacons: 8:45 Al and Cecilia Bingenheimer (P)

11:00 Ellen Moon (P), Jim Severance, Tim Vaden, Chris Shouldice

Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Shea Hollifield

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00

Greeters: 8:45 11:00 Cathy & Tim Vaden

Offering: Steve and Angie Goff

CALENDAR

April 2018						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service 7:45 a.m. Easter Brunch 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	2	3	4 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6:00 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA, ACA	5 7:00 p.m. CWF at Carol Herrin's	6	7 Feed Mens' Shelter-Russ Johnson 5:00 p.m. Casual Service
8 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 12:15 p.m. Youth Group 1:30 p.m. BAHS 2:30pm Quilters	9	10 10:00 a.m. CWF 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6:30 p.m. CWF Salad Group 7:00 p.m. AA, ACA	12	13	14 5:00 p.m. Casual Service
15 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 12:15 Elders meeting 12:15 Presentation on India – Ann Bradshaw	16 10:30 a.m. CWF Card Party	17 10:30 a.m. Joy Group 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. AA, ACA	19	20 Girl Scout Lock-In	21 12:00 -2:00 p.m. District VII Variety Show @ Battery Park CC 5:00 p.m. Casual Service
22 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 12:15 p.m. Youth Group	23	24 10:00 a.m. DAR 6:15 p.m. Mission Pathways 7:00 p.m. Choir	25 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. AA, ACA	26 6:45 p.m. Trailogue @Orami	27	28 5:00 p.m. Casual Service
29 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services Youth Group provide lunch for the Gathering Place	30					

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Sunday Services, 8:45a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday School, Sundays at 10:00a.m.

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reaches up to worship God,
reaches in to nurture and grow in faith and love.***