

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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WORSHIP WITH US:

September 2nd:
9:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**Fall Schedule
returns
September
9th!**

Sunday 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Last year when Sandy asked “what would you like to do on your sabbatical?” I said, “be normal”. Well, I don’t know if I’m normal but I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to do things that many folks take for granted that are exceedingly difficult to do as the pastor of a church. I have truly loved sitting in a pew. It has been moving and meaningful to sing songs, pray prayers and enjoy the sacred quietness in worship without needing to think about “what next?”

I have enjoyed traveling. I’ve enjoyed being with family and friends and not having to rush off and be somewhere else. It has been a joy to “be present” and not planning the next thing. This month I visited the Smithsonian Native American museum, the World War II Memorial in Bedford, enjoyed family time at the Shenandoah River and contemplated God’s amazing creation at the beach.

I attended a Silent Retreat at Richmond Hill. It’s something I think we should all do. I remember years ago one of my clergy friends saying that would be severe punishment for him. Something extraordinary happens when we give ourselves over to being with God in silence. Someone once said, “Silence teaches us who we are”. I’d say “silence teaches us whose we are.” We come to know the strength of the indwelling God. We come to know ourselves as God’s own. Sometimes it is tumultuous as we confront those things we carefully avoid but then there is great peace as we confront those things we carefully avoid. Only when we make peace with the storms that rage within will we find the calming presence of the Holy One birthed anew in us.

One of the quotes I love in the Smithsonian’s Native American museum is:

To be Anishinaabe is to understand your place in all creation.

We are spiritual beings on a human journey.

Everything in the Anishinaabe world is alive.

Everything has a spirit And everything is interconnected.” – (Carry Raven)

We are all connected. We need each other. I have missed you and look forward to seeing you in September. I am grateful to you and for you. I am thankful for the ways our lives have been linked to one another and look forward to the ways God will work through us in the days to come.

Shalom,

Cindy 

YOUTH GROUP

BACC Youth Group hits a home run!

On Thursday, August 9th, the Youth Group attended Faith & Family Night at The Diamond. 30 youth and family members headed out and watched the Flying Squirrels take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. It's debatable how much of the actual game the kids saw, but we sure did have a BLAST!



2018/2019 Youth Group Schedule

Your fearless and excited Youth Group leaders this year will be Robin Blanchard, Marie Boger, Joan Mielke and Kendra Ver Beek. We can't wait for another amazing year!

We are working on the full calendar year schedule but as of the time of the newsletter publication, it was not 100% complete. Please be on the look-out for that schedule from Kendra coming in the next two weeks. For now, please mark your calendar for the following dates in September:

September 9th: Sunday School Kick-Off! Brunch, Class and presentation of Bibles.

September 16th: Youth Group Kick-Off! It's time for some group bonding and ... climbing! YG is going to Go Ape! Details to come and, heads up, **lots** of chaperones will be needed!

September 30th: Youth Group Meeting at BACC

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WELCOME MEGAN!

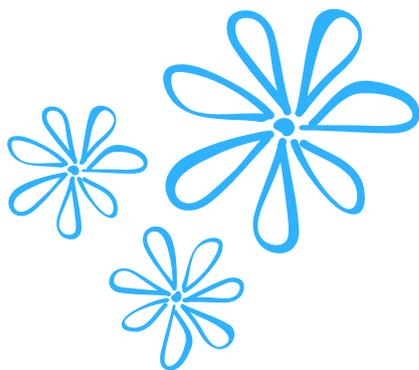
Welcome to Megan Gorman, our new BACC Secretary!

We are thrilled to have Megan join the BACC family as our new secretary. Megan grew up in Chesterfield County and received her BS in Sports & Exercise Studies and Biology at Greensboro College. She currently lives in Chester with her 7 year old son, Colton, who attends St. Benedict's Catholic School and enjoys playing baseball. Megan enjoys going to Lake Gaston with her family, boating, water sports, scrapbooking and being a Mom.

Megan is a welcome addition to our office staff. She will be working 4 hours each morning and as usual the office will be open between 9 and 12. Please come into the office, introduce yourself and let Megan get to know you as she is learning all about our wonderful church.

Many thanks from Personnel to Jean Turlington, Becky Harvell, Nicole Johnson and Debbie Inlow.

The past 6 months have been bumpy as we have tried to find just the right person to fill our Secretarial position. These four women have dedicated many hours of service to BACC to fill that role and keep the office running smoothly. We all are tremendously indebted to them for all they have done. Thank them next time you see them!

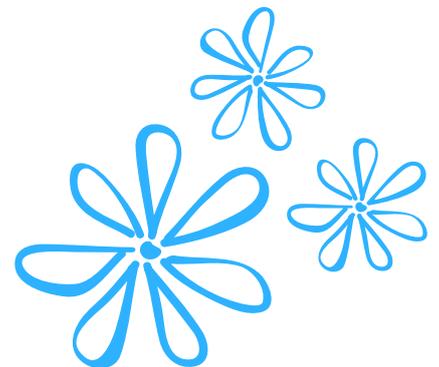


DEBBIE



JEAN

BECKY



NICOLE

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MANY THANKS ...

During Cindy's absence on sabbatical this summer, many people have stepped up to ensure "all things Bon Air Christian" have continued to move forward. From the day-to-day office business to the worship services, everyone has stepped in as needed and things have been smooth and seamless. We are looking forward to Cindy's return, we have missed her so much!

Thank you to everyone who has pitched in allowing Cindy to be away from the church and get some much deserved rest, relaxation and rejuvenation!

A **very special thank you** to all who have preached and continued to inspire and fill us with the Good News:

Gail Macfadden, Joan Mielke, Dan Griggs, Charles Stevens, Kevin Heath, Steve Scott, Sara Reese, Doug White, Joe Bancroft, Jean Turlington, Cathy Law and Frances Stanley.

*"The gift of the Sabbath must be treasured.
Blessed are you who honour this day."*

Cindy will return at the beginning of September and will be preaching on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 2nd. I know she will be excited to see everyone!

Saturday Casual Service:

Summer is a busy time for all of us, and often the many things we do take us away from Sunday worship. Our Saturday Evening Casual Service continues all summer, and throughout the year. Starting at 5 PM and lasting less than one hour, it is a viable alternative to Sunday morning worship. We all need regular worship, so come on down to the Saturday Evening Casual Service, and keep with your church attendance up to date.

~ Charles Stevens

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:3

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited for our Sunday School Kick-Off on **Sunday, September 9th**. It will be a busy and exciting day, we hope you can join us!

Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Brunch

10:00 a.m. Sunday School kick-off, adult & youth classes

11:00 a.m. Service with Bible presentations to rising 4th graders



All are welcome, See you there!

From Jamie McDonald: The Parlor Class is using the Uniform Series lessons "Justice in the New Testament." Our first lesson comes from Matthew 12:1-14. The lessons this quarter come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and the epistles of Paul. Jamie McDonald, Steve Craft, and Danny Simmons lead the classes. I hope you will join us.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study, "Overflowing," will start **Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet every Thursday until October 18th. We hope you will join us!

MISSION PATHWAYS

The Long Range Planning Committee is excited to share our learnings from our work with Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. We will be presenting Minute for Missions during the months of September and October explaining the process, research findings, our Future Story and prototypes. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 21st**. We will have a "Missions Pathway Luncheon" and make a more formal presentation and will have small group break-outs to brainstorm further on the prototypes planned for 2019. All are encouraged to come!

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.
Impress them on your children.
Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

***NEW* YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Sandy Collins and Chris Harrison will be leading the new Young Adult Sunday School class. We hope that ALL 18-30 year olds will consider attending!

We will start the year with a Bible study about faith. You may have faith, but may also realize that it can mean many things. Is it belief, trust, waiting, moral behavior, all of these things or something else? *Faith: Living a Spiritual Life* will help us examine our faith and grow as Christians.



Starts Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the Christian Education Wing, room next to Worship & Wonder
Invite friends!

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FAMILY CAMP

This year we attended Family Camp at Craig Springs, for the first time. It was a wonderful experience and we will definitely go again. There were about 60 campers ranging in age from 1 to 87. Our own Anne Heath was the Director, and she did an excellent job.

We started the day with a great breakfast and then a devotional service. There was a media presentation of a recent trip to India and Brenda Kidd taught us wonderful things about sea shells. Brenda also read the book, *Prickles*, to the children, which was written by our own Pat Pennington. There were also craft projects. We had a wonderful service on Sunday. I especially like the camp songs and music that we sang.

It was fun getting to know people from all over the state. So many of them had attended Craig Springs as children and youth and told us stories of those great times.

The wild life was spectacular. If you like outdoor games, board games, cards, hiking, swimming, or just rocking on the porch this camp is for you.

Save the date on your calendar for the first weekend in August 2019. This years cost was \$75 per person for 3 nights and 7 meals.

~ Joe and Barbara Bancroft

CARITAS

August 4-11 was a VERY busy week at BACC! We hosted 31 homeless women and children from 12 families. The group included four infants (one who was discharged from Neonatal Intensive Care into shelter at our church); four toddlers; 11 school age children and 12 adult women.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped provide these families with the care and shelter that they needed. Thank you for the food purchased and prepared, the nights spent at the church, the miles driven taking them to shower, the hours spent washing and folding their laundry, the time and compassion given to listening to them and caring about them and the energy and effort to keep things on track. It is a big task but thanks to all who made it happen with Christ's love.



Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHILI COOK-OFF

We're doing it again! The ladies of CWF are sponsoring a Chili Cook-Off on **November 17, 2018** in the fellowship hall at Bon Air Christian Church. This will be our major fundraiser. Once again we plan to have a silent auction. More details will follow. We had a great time last year. Think about entering a chili. We also need donations for the silent auction. Let me know if you want to donate.

Email or phone Jamie McDonald. (804) 379-7495 or newmac13433@gmail.com
Thank you!



JOY

The JOY group is our Senior's group, Just Older Youth!

WELCOME BACK TO JOY!! We look forward to our first meeting of 2018/2019 on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.**, at the church. Arlene Giffel's husband, Gary, will present the program, IRS Tax Law Changes in 2018.

Mary Ann Casdia and Laura Hollis will be your hostesses, chicken tenders will be provided, as will coffee and water. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your sense of humor! Gary loves "taxes"! He will share "the fun"!

Love and Prayers, *Laura and Mary Ann*



Follow the joy

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CWF

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) is starting up again in September. We currently have three CWF groups and we invite all the women of the Church to join one or more of the groups. This year's Cook-Off is being held on Saturday, Nov. 17. Mark your calendars. The entire Church is invited. All three groups work together on this fundraiser.

Now for your CWF choices:

The Day Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Church. It begins at 10:30 a.m. This group has fellowship time, Bible study, and lunch. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 11. I hope you will join us. It's a great time to get to know women from the Church. Arlene Giffel is the group leader.

The CWF Evening Group (Ladies of the Evening) meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We meet for dinner around 5:00 p.m. at a local restaurant and then go to the meeting which is held at a different home each month. Mary Ann Casdia will be hosting our first meeting on September 6th. The hostess usually provides a few snacks and a dessert. This group also has a lot of activities outside of the meetings. We go to plays, tour plantations, go to the beach and play cards. Kitten Whitlow is the leader.

The CWF Salad Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. Each month a different member of the group leads the Bible study and provides the salad greens. Everyone else brings something to add to the salad. This group also has activities besides the monthly meeting and an annual retreat. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 12. If you have questions, contact Cathy Law.

The Bible study this year is "Called For God's Purpose." It is a Disciples publication. Each lesson focuses on a person from the Bible, usually a woman. Each group also contributes to several very good causes such as the food bank, the battered women's shelter, Nature Camp & Craig Springs. We also provide help when the Church hosts Caritas and Vacation Bible School. We have a great time. If you are not a part of a CWF group, I hope you will consider joining us. And in case you can't tell, we love to eat. If you have been waiting to receive an invitation, consider yourself invited. It's a fun way to get to know members of the Church.

~Jamie McDonald

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SAVE THE DATES:

Vickie's 21st Anniversary Celebration:

We joyfully invite you to
commemorate 21 years of service
to Bon Air Christian Church



*Celebrating
Vickie Brooks*

September 30, 2018 at 12:00 pm
2071 Buford Road, Bon Air, VA



RSVP by September 17 to 804.272.6228 or
worship@baccdoc.org



2018 CROP Walk

This years CROP Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 14th at 1:30 p.m.** It will begin at the Bon Air Library.

We will have a friendly competition among the Sunday School classes to see which class can collect the most food — see *collection schedule below*. All food will be blessed and donated to the Chesterfield Food Bank on the day of the walk!

Week of September 16th: Canned soup

Week of September 23rd: Cereal

Week of September 30th: Peanut Butter & Jelly

Week of October 7th: Pancake & Syrup

Winning class announced, blessing of the food and CROP Walk on October 14th!

Did you know?



There are families in our shared communities that go to bed hungry every night.

Chesterfield Food Banks main clients are those who do not qualify for government assistance. This group includes the single mom working to try to put food on the table, the senior citizen surviving solely on social security, the veteran on disability, the young couple just starting out, and the person that just got laid off from their job.

Currently, in Chesterfield, the Chesterfield Food Bank serves 1800 people a week through six different programs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DISCIPLES NEWS:

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering 2018: September 30th and October 7th

The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.



District VII Assembly:

October 7th at Gayton Road Christian, Theme: "Celebrating Communion" with music by District Choir.

Gathering: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Worship & Program: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Light supper: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

\$5/ per person, \$15 max/ per family

Service Project:

Personal care items for
human trafficking victims.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

**First session: September 17th and 18th
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

It has been many years since we have had an updated Church Pictorial Directory, it's time! This year we will have online booking for your session, a pictorial directory with pictures and current contact information AND a mobile directory! So anywhere you go, you can have access to the directory.

LifeTouch has asked that we fill up the first session before we start booking a second session so please make every effort to schedule a spot! We want to make sure EVERYONE is in the directory this year.

Use this link to book your session:
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ye6k3vyy/>

If you can not attend and need to send a picture, please email Megan at worship@baccdoc.org.

You can also let Megan know if you are not comfortable signing up on line. If you need help, give her a call at the church office (272-6228) and she can sign you up!



Say Cheese!



Schedule your
photography session



It is still summer, and we're still busy with trips, vacations, and many other concerns. In the busyness of summer, please do not forget about the folks who depend on **Bainbridge Community Ministry** for part of their food supply. They depend on people like us for our contributions of food. Current needs are non-perishable milk products, canned fruit, canned soup, cereal, and tomato sauce. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Prayer Concerns



For those struggling on their journey, Lord, offer your steady hand over the rough terrain they are facing today, and let them drink of your living water, pure and refreshing, soothing, restoring the weariest of souls.



Our prayers continue to be with:

Joan Mielke's father, Debbie Inlow's father; Claire Deitch and her Mother, Bill Dunston; Greg Shannon's mother; Jim Pannell; The Clark's friend, Norm Harbour; Sandy Logan's sister, Brenda Peery; Mitch Lorraine and Wanda Russell; Charles Stevens daughter, Kris Perkins; Juanita Coleman; Carnell and Iva Teachey; TJ Westveld; Douglas Aitken, Philip Burkhalter's cousin; Carrie Berkley; Harold Campbell; Harriett Griggs; Linda Verheul's grandson, Lachlan Conley; Dot Nuckols; Shirley Heath, who is at Sunrise; Jane Washington; Cathy Wheless; Gerry Roppe'; Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Sara Reese's mother; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Pete Landergan's friends, Meredith Britton and John Loughran; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Eleanor Brooks; 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; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Crista Cole; Julie Bock's friend, Theresa Robertson; Jackie Nilles' friends, Kathryn Idelson Noftzger and Cristie Webber, and Rhonda Ringel's friend, Brian Le.



Lord, hear our prayers.

Thank You

Dear Cindy, YG and all,

Thank you so very much for all the kindness, love and support you all have provided to our family during some incredibly trying times. All three kiddos had an absolute blast at camp and immediately started begging me to be able to go again next year! Braxton told me that he feels like he is really starting to better understand his relationship with God as a result. Cadence has branched out and started singing all through the house and Shepard has a new curiosity with the stars and learning new constellations. All three of them have shared stories with me about the love that embraced them on God's Mountain and I feel so blessed! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

- Dawn Mooney

Cindy, Kendra and BACC,

Thank you for thinking of me after my recent surgery. The snack basket was very appreciated since I couldn't get up and around all that well. I truly appreciate all you both do for BACC and it's members.

Sincerely,
- Bill Boger

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

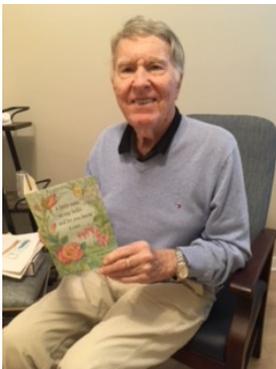
It was most thoughtful of you to offer your condolences for my Mom's passing. Mom enjoyed attending church when she was able to do so. Your kindness has been a true blessing in our lives.

Love,
- Rhonda Ringel

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you to all who sent cards to my Daddy. Sandi says he's reading them and enjoying every one of them.

Love,
- Debbie Inlow



Thank you!

THANK YOU for the tremendous support for our students at Redd Elementary School. I know they will greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity. If anyone would still like to contribute, just put the supplies in the boxes marked 'Redd Elementary / Micah Initiative' that are located around the church.

Love,
- Barbara Bancroft

