

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

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Bon Air Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

WORSHIP WITH US:

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

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

waiting

In our Bible study we are walking with Jesus through the final week before his crucifixion. Can you imagine how it must have been to live inside his skin? As he looks around he sees these people he has come to love so dearly. That is one of the hard things for those who face death, thinking about those who are left behind. He has done so much good, does he yearn for more time to do more good and to enjoy his friends?

The song about how Jesus walked the lonesome valley keeps playing in my head. He had to walk it by himself. We too have our lonesome valleys and no matter how many people we have in our lives there are some valleys we find we are alone. Just us. And God. Sometimes we need to take the time to go sit in that proverbial valley and feel what we feel.

And we wait for Easter. We wait to hear that triumphant message. The Day of Resurrection means more to those that have walked the Lenten journey, who have walked in the valley. Some people wake up to Easter candy and baskets and bunnies. We who follow Christ wake up to Hope. We wake to New Life. We wake to a firm belief that there is more to life than the dark valleys.

Come walk with us. Spread your cloaks, wave your palms as Jesus comes to town. Come receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation and know "this is for you." This forgiveness, this mercy, this gracious love is poured out for love of you. Come receive the most wondrous gift of all, the gift of God's love nailed to a cross, raised to Glory. We wait in eager anticipation for the joy about to be revealed to us.

Cindy



Youth Group News

Spring Lock-In and Youth Sunday

Our Youth Group is simply amazing! So talented and so much fun to be around. We should feel GREAT about the disciples we are bringing up in this church and sending out into the world! We had our Spring Lock-In and we had tons of fun with the Mystery of "The Search for Truth." The kids really got into their characters and the activity of finding out "Who poisoned camp leader Peter Stein?"



This year's Youth Sunday was definitely one to remember! What a testimony of God's love and light shining in and through these kids. Great job to everyone who participated! Special THANK YOU to **Allison Landergan** for delivering the message. More pictures and videos are on our BACC FaceBook page!



Fellowship and Service Groups

YOUTH GROUP DATES TO COME

March 31st	YG & The Gathering Place
April 14th	YG & Seder Meal
April 21st	EASTER — egg hunt after late service
April 27th	(Saturday) Shalom Farms, 9 a.m. - Noon



CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP

June 24 - 28	Nature Camp
June 30 - July 5	Special Camp
July 8 - 13	AMPDD Camp
July 14 - 19	First Triple
July 28 - August 2	Second Triple
August 4 - 9	New Covenant
August 9 - 12	Family Retreat



****Early Bird registration due by May 15th****

All registration forms can be found in the church office. The church will pay half of the camp fee. Make your check for the other half to: "Christian Church in Virginia. Remember to include a copy of your insurance card.

*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct in love,
in faith, in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12*

Craig Springs Wish List



Large Sized Items (\$1,000 - \$6,000)

All-terrain vehicle, used 4WD Pickup Truck, 36 foot scaffold kit, very large commercial sized box freezers, two new commercial convection ovens, large retractable canopy for providing shaded area on the swimming pool deck, golf cart, hydraulic log splitter.

Medium Sized Items (\$100 - \$999)

Wooden or metal furniture with removal cushions, picnic tables with fusion coating, permanent benches with fusion coating, *generators* – we need many of these, step or extension ladders, hand truck, 3-tire wheelbarrow.



Items Under \$100

Plastic storage containers, twin mattresses, PVC or CPVC pipe ($\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 4", 6"), PEX flexible pipe ($\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ "), lumber of all sizes (especially treated lumber or marine grade plywood), large canvas drop cloths, gas weed trimmers, heavy duty tarps, 32+ gallon trash cans with lids.



Items Generally Under \$25

Mops, mop buckets, brooms, push brooms, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, wood cleaner, glass cleaner, degreaser, laundry detergent, toilet cleaner, toilet brushes, Lysol spray, liquid hand soap, twin and double size waterproof mattress protectors, pillows, pillow cases, bath towels, wash cloths, basketballs, volleyballs, 4-square balls, putt-putt clubs, toilet fill valve kits, rakes, shovels, paint brushes and rollers, paint trays, painter's tape, marshmallow roasting sticks, energy efficient light bulbs, drill bits, hammers, tape measures, screw drivers, levels, squares, bungee cords, rope, axe, splitting maul, work gloves.



"I have no silver or gold, but what I do have I give to you . In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

Acts 3:6

Craig Springs Wish List



NATURE CAMP Wish List:

- Bubbles
- Stickers
- Paint (Any Kind, Any Color)
- Basic School Supplies
- Craft Supplies
- Gently used clothing (girls and boys ages 9-12)
- Rainy Day Activities
- NEW underwear, socks (girls and boys ages 9-12)
- Vinyl Pillowcase Covers
- Vinyl Mattress Covers
- Bedding, Pillowcase covers, Twin Sheets (fitted and flat), Blankets
- Gently used or New Towels and Wash Cloths
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap)
- Bibles
- Stuffed animals in good condition
- Fans

CAMP Wish List cont'd...

GIFT CARDS TO LOWES, SAM'S CLUB, AND WALMART!

These gift cards will be used to purchase plumbing and construction equipment. Also, for groceries and perishables for the camping season. And for consistency purposes, so that each child will receive equal proportions.

BACC will be hosting a SHOE DRIVE for Nature Camp as well.

**Donate new or used tennis shoes for
boys and girls ages 9 to 11.**



All donations will go to campers at Craig Springs Nature Camp: a free week-long camp experience for children with financial struggles or difficult family situations. Please bring any donations to the designated box outside of the fellowship hall.

Contact Allison Landergan or Jake Ver Beek for more information

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF - CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Two more meetings to go. I hope all the women of the Church will be able to join us as we wrap up the school year (CWF meets September - May).

The CWFs are continuing to work on the clean-up buckets. The recent flooding in the plain states show the need. Clean-up after a flood is overwhelming.

The Thursday evening CWF met on March 7th. We had an excellent dinner at Travinia Italian Kitchen in Willow Lawn. We had our meeting at

Barbara Bancroft's home in the Fan District. We collected pots, pans, plates, etc. for the battered women's shelter. We continued with our card ministry. Jean Turlington always includes a special thoughtful message in each card! We discussed our upcoming beach trip to the Outer Banks in April. We're so excited! Our study included women, both bad and good from Acts. Sapphira was an example of what not to do. It's not good to lie to God. (Acts 5:1-11), Lois and Eunice (Timothy's grandmother and mother) as well as Priscilla were examples of strong Christian women. As usual, we enjoyed some excellent desserts. The next meeting is on **Thursday, April 4th** at Janet Lenhart's home. All are welcome to join us!

The Day CWF met on Tuesday, March 12th in the multipurpose room at Church. We had a wonderful turnout. The day group also has a card ministry. The study was about Sapphira, Lois, Eunice, and Priscilla. Not much is known about these women. We know in the early Church, women were held accountable for their actions. Strong Christian women raised strong Christian children like Timothy who was a great helper in Paul's missionary work. The women held positions in the Church and travelled as missionaries. We had a tea party and of course dessert! The next meeting will be the second **Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m.** at BACC. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday evening is a busy place at BACC. Several community groups meet at our Church. So the Salad CWF meeting on March 13th was held in the choir room. It was cozy and the acoustics were great. We had dinner together as usual including dessert. In honor of the Easter season, we had peeps and cookies. Not everyone gives up sweets for Lent. Rose McCaferty shared interesting and often alarming information about the status of women in India. The Salad group also sends cards to members to our congregation as well as friends of members. People appreciate being remembered. We started planning our fall retreat.

Hoping to avoid flooding (high tide can be a problem), we're going to Lake Gaston. Barbara Bancroft led the lesson on Phoebe and June. Paul mentions them in his letter the Roman Church. These were faithful Christian women with important ministries in the early Church. Come join us on **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.** for our next meeting.

Fellowship and Service Groups

CMF - CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Twelve BACC men gathered in Chester on March 20th for dinner, devotion, fellowship and lively discussion. There was excitement about having more options for men-focused fellowship. The men identified preferences for Men's activities in the April – September time frame. Opportunities for fellowship, eating, golf and fishing were favored activities. Planning for those activities is ongoing.

The men want to continue fellowship through a monthly evening Men's gathering. Next gathering is **Wednesday, 6:00 PM , April 24th**. Location is **Joe's Inn - Bon Air on Buford Road**.

The CMF is open to all men. If you are too old for the BACC Youth Group, consider attending a CMF activity.

Tom Snodgrass

JOY Group



JOY on **April 16th** will be one sweet program!! Cathy Law invites us to a **"Honey Tasting"!!** She has a collection of honeys, produced from nectar collected from various flowers. Jane Miller and Emilie Fuller are our hostesses. Entree and dessert provided, please bring a side dish, **10:30 AM April 16 at the church!!**



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study about the events of Holy Week has begun. You are welcome to join us Monday morning at 10:30 or Monday evening at 6:15.

We welcome your participation and look forward to learning more about the events of Holy Week.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Service, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday we remember the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples by sharing in Holy Communion. This service is a Tenebrae service, The Tenebrae is the extinguishing of light as the scripture, describing in the passion of Christ's suffering and death, is read. We are reminded that the road to Easter always passes through Golgotha. Please join us for an inspiring service.



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Service, Friday April 19th at 12:00 p.m.

The journey to Jerusalem. Through scripture, reflection, prayer and silence; in our minds we walk along Jesus' final path to the cross. The Commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, before the joy is revealed on Easter morning. So please join us for this poignant journey. Gail Macfadden will lead our Good Friday Worship Service.

EASTER - THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

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

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

Early Worship Service - 8:45 a.m.

Late Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - An Egg Hunt will follow immediately after late service. We will release butterflies and then hunt for Easter eggs!

All children are invited to participate!



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16

Reaching In To Grow In Faith

UNITED - SHARING OUR FAITH - BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Bon Air Interfaith Group is launching its 13th Annual Interfaith Dialogue in 2019. This year dialogue will focus on the topic of: "Home".

The aim of the dialogue is to deepen mutual understanding and appreciation between the three Abrahamic religious communities. These communities will meet three evenings in end of March/April to understand each others traditions and build better relations.

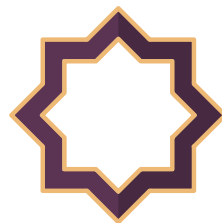
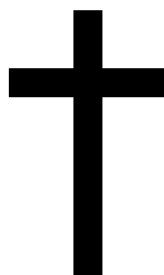
The organizers stress the importance of such dialogue because it helps appreciate our respective faiths as good neighbors and will lead to goodwill and mutual understanding and provide a model of neighborhood harmony in the region. They see these gatherings as important opportunities to address together religious, ethical and moral issues facing the Richmond region. We do not need uniformity to seek common ground. All events are free and open to public.

The three events start at 6:30 pm. Free Parking and refreshments will be available.

1st session - March 28, 2019: St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

2nd session - April 4th, 2019: Islamic Center of Virginia (1241 Buford Road, Richmond VA 23235)

3rd session - April 11th, 2019: OR AMI (9400 West Huguenot Road, Richmond, VA 23235)



So that we maybe mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
Romans 1:12

Reaching Out to Help Others

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH EMERGENCY CLEAN UP BUCKETS

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (if bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50ft. or one 100ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new - all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

We will be collecting clean up buckets here at church throughout April. Our pick up date will be May 22nd.



BAINBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

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 they check out each applicant for genuine need before any food is given. Current needs are jelly and canned fish products, canned fruit, and breakfast cereal. They especially like the new liquid milk in containers that does not need refrigeration until it's opened. Thank you!

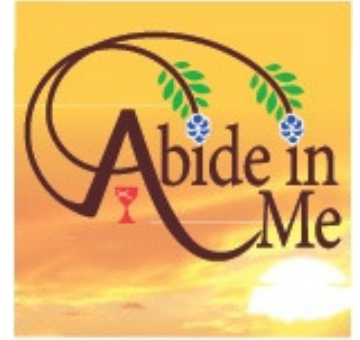
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

Whats Happening

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING - APRIL 14 & 21

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.



Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter Special offering can transform our shared work.

Saturday Service

With Spring in the air, we may have things to do on Sunday mornings other than come to church. If you can't get here on Sundays, there is a viable alternative - our Saturday evening casual service.

Starting at 5:00 p.m. , it lasts less than one hour, and includes hymns, scriptures, communion, prayers, and a sermon by Cindy. Come and pay us a visit on Saturday.

Victorian Days

Saturday, May 11th

A favorite community event held at Bon Air Christian Church. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at noon.

The festival will continue through 2:30 p.m.

The Youth Group will continue their tradition of hosting the Bake Sale that will benefit the 2019 mission trip to Christmount.

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

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

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

Earth Day - April 22

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970. It has evolved to be a worldwide endeavor and currently over 193 countries participate in Earth Day activities. The theme this year is “protect our species”. Many living beings are in danger of extinction —bees, giraffes, coral reefs, whales, insects, elephants and the list goes on.

The good news is that we each can have a positive impact. Many decisions that we make on a daily basis can change the course of continued damage to our earth home and begin to restore the balance of nature. This Earth Day try making a small change. If it is a sustainable change, then keep up the good work. If we all do something small this day, we can accomplish something big. If we all do something small every day, we can accomplish miracles!

- Don't buy a disposable plastic water bottle—drink out of something reusable
- Use glass dishes instead of disposable plastic or paper
- Use cloth napkins or only one paper napkin
- Drink without a plastic straw
- Plant a tree or a plant
- Don't use pesticides-consider an organic option to your pest problem
- Recycle through re-use (gift bags, printer paper, cardboard boxes)
- Recycle through public programs
- Recycle toys, clothes etc through donation
- Compost
- Only run your dishwasher if you have a full load
- Dry your clothes in the sunshine or over a rack
- Use your bath towel twice
- Buy and use re-usable shopping bags
- Walk or bike to your destination
- Plan your trips to conserve gasoline
- Share the ride
- Turn off lights, TV, Computer, etc when not in the room
- Consider a more plant based diet-even just one day a week-better for you and for the planet
- Spend time outside and appreciate this amazing place God gave us as our home

At Bon Air Christian Church we can practice good stewardship by:

1. Place recyclables in the recycling bins located in the kitchen storage room, the front office, and the front hall.
2. Use mugs from the kitchen instead of styrofoam cups in Sunday School classes.
3. Use the church china and silverware rather than paper products when hosting a small church meal.

Rose McCaferty

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. -- Native American Proverb

Thank You!

Dear BACC Congregation

Steve and I thank our Lord for the wonderful congregation of church member friends at BACC.

We are so grateful for the prayers, visits, meals, calls and cards we have received as Steve recuperates from spine fusion surgery. Steve is making progress everyday but its not happening quick enough for him! He is impatient, for healing completely, could take a year!

He is doing very well though and your continued prayers are very appreciated.
Thank you so much!

God Bless,
Steve & Angie Goff



Dear BACC,

I want to thank all of the wonderful people of the church for all of the cards, meals, phone calls and visits during and after my recent heart surgery. The heart healed well. The left lung did not heal fast or easy. The 33 radiation treatments to my left chest made recovery difficult. I am doing very well and my left lung is doing great.

Thank you so much,
Cathy Wheless

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$300 gift to CCHASM. May the Lord bless every member of your congregation for sharing.

Yours Truly,
Mary Anne Geeks
Outreach Director CCHASM



*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults
with my song I give thanks to him.
Psalm 28:7*

Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS



Our congratulations go out to **Jessie and Justin Hughes** upon the birth of their daughter, Margaret Ruth Hughes, "Maggie".

Maggie was born March 16th, weighing 8 lbs. 8oz. and was 20 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Brand and Debbie Inlow.

Our congratulations go out to **Kelsey and Adam Bergan** as they welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Eloise Blair Bergan on March 8, 2019.

She weighed 7 lbs. 5oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches long. The proud Grandparents are Lena and Rick Neal.



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$750 to the Annual Fund Drive for Habitat For Humanity - Powhatan.

All of the proceeds will go to our mission to provide safe and affordable housing to our Powhatan neighbors. Your contribution makes a great difference and we are very grateful. It is truly gratifying to have our friends and neighbors offer their resources and thier time.

Sincerely,
Roseleen Rick
Executive Director

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your \$500 gift to the Micah Initiative for the year 2019. Your donation is essential, allowing us to support a part time Program Coordinator, provide quarterly Micah fellowship and educational events, and to develop Micah in effective new directions. Thank you for your service and your financial support on behalf of Richmond's children.

Sincerely,
Rev. Vicky Bethel
Micah Coordinator



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

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Church Family Updates

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy is extended to Cindy Johnson and Andee Kirk upon the death of their mother, Cynthia Majewski. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the Johnson family and the Kirk family as well as to the entire Majewski family.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Roberta Buchanan upon her death. Roberta was a charter member of Bon Air Christian Church.

Our sympathy is extended to Jim and Sally Phifer, whose niece died in a drowning accident.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Reverend David Edwards. David was the author of one of our favorite communion hymns, "When You Do This, Remember Me". He once led a spiritual renewal retreat for our congregation which was focused on music and he pastored several Disciples of Christ churches.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS ...



Please pray for Steve Goff and Jim Phifer as they recuperate from spinal surgery. Our prayers continue to be with: Jackie Nilles' mother, Joyce Burton; Bill Jeffrey as he recuperates from surgery; Tom Neumayer; Cathy Wheless; Harriet Griggs; Nancy Jeffrey's sister and brother in law, Reba and Wallace Kelley; Gene Dunston; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Pam Soddu; Traci Eagle; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton and her mother, Pat Hedrick; Lenora Fowler; Debbie Inlow's father; Greg Shannon's mother; Sandy Logan's sister, Brenda Peery; Jackie Nilles' friends, Cristie Webber and Kathryn Idelson Nofztger; Steve Blythe; the Clarks' friend, Norm Harbour; Jim Pannell; Charles Stevens' daughter, Kris Perkins and her husband, "Smokey" Perkins; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Harold Campbell; Dot Nuckols; Shirley Heath; Gerry Roppe; Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene; Brian Le.