

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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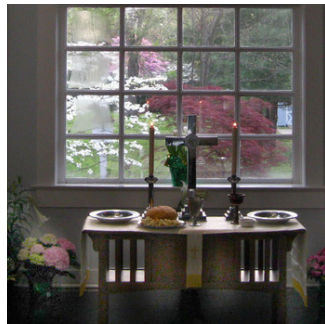
WORSHIP WITH US:

Sunday Morning Worship
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Casual Worship
5:00 p.m.

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!



World Communion Sunday and Week of the Ministry are both October 6.

We gather around the Lord's table with Christians throughout the world.

As Disciples we come proclaiming that all are welcome to the table. This has been important to us from the beginning of our faith tradition. We are sometimes called "People of the Table."

Who will you invite to come share this holy meal? As Disciples, we believe that we are all called to ministry. Every Christian who proclaims their faith that Jesus is the Christ takes up the gauntlet to share the Word. I've always loved this definition of evangelism, "one beggar telling another beggar where to find the bread."

Thank you for the wonderful privilege of sharing in ministry with you. We are blessed with this extraordinary church. We are blessed with this caring, loving congregation. Let us go out and offer the bread, let us invite others to come share the cup of salvation. When we gather around the table we know Jesus Christ is welcoming all of us sinners to receive his grace, mercy and forgiveness.

The feast we receive is the Lord's gracious love. Share it with all.

Shalom, Cindy



Message from Cindy

Dear Friends:

I love being your minister. I am grateful and humbled that you allow me the privilege to serve alongside you. I am continually amazed and delighted by your generosity and your compassion. We have a wonderful church.

It is my great delight to continue in ministry with you. I have thought about our future as a congregation and my future personally. My great hope is for us to establish a new ministry design. I would love to co-minister with someone else. I enjoy my ministry with you. I look forward to coming to work every day. However, we do need more pastoral help. It is simply not possible for me to visit everyone who needs to be visited, write sermons, lead worship and do the many administrative and pastoral tasks that need to be tended to every day.

I believe with God's help we can continue to grow our church. We can continue to grow our faith and our ministry. I also believe we need additional leadership. I am excited about the prospect of sharing this wonderful ministry with another minister. I personally need to have a little more time for my own mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

I pray for your support. I pray you will embrace the new possibilities. The board appointed a search committee and the search committee has met with our new Regional Minister, Bill Spangler Dunning. Our meeting with the Regional Minister was fantastic. Our committee felt optimistic and excited about this new model of ministry.

I look forward to working collegially with another minister. I am glad to talk with you more about this and answer any questions or concerns you may have. I do love you and I am so very thankful that God called me to serve this congregation 33 years ago.

Shalom,
Cindy



Grateful & Blessed



Fall Schedule

Dates to Note:

- October 6th: Guest Minister, Amy Spangler-Dunning**
- October 6th: Stewardship Commitment Luncheon**
- October 6th: District Assembly meeting at Seventh Street Christian**
- October 11th - 13th: Craig Springs Fall Work Weekend**
- October 12th: Bagpipe Concert**
- October 13th: Youth Group Meeting**
- October 20th: CROP Walk**
- October 20th: Board Meeting**
- October 27th: Bill Spangler-Dunning visit with potluck lunch**
- October 27th: Trunk or Treat**
- November 2nd: Traci & Vickie Concert with potluck dinner**
- November 9th: Powhatan Habitat for Humanity**

Stewardship: Windows of Opportunity to Serve God

Have you ever noticed all the windows at Bon Air Christian Church? We have three stained glass windows in our sanctuary that are a wonderful part of our historic house of worship. We also have several clear glass windows, complete with shutters, to help adjust the amount of sunlight as we worship. The hallway leading down to the Education Wing is bright and airy with all the windows looking out at Bon Air. And in our Fellowship Hall we have lovely touches of stained glass and an inspirational round window above the kitchen door.

The church's windows are a good symbol for how BACC relates to the community. The community can look in through the windows and see a vibrant place of worship, people sharing in fellowship and service. Those inside the church can see the community around us needing the Good News of God's love.

The church is a window to help us see God and the direction he wants us to take. The church is a window to help other people see how God can transform us with his love.

This year's Stewardship Campaign is based on **Windows of Opportunity to Serve God**. The proposed budget was mailed out to the congregation the week of September 9. The campaign kicked off with a special video created by Bud Deihl (thank you!). **Commitment Sunday and a brunch for the congregation will take place on October 6th**. The final budget will go to the church board on October 20. The final, approved budget will be mailed out the following week. The BACC congregational meeting is scheduled for November 3.

As we enter this process please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to how we can support Windows of Opportunity to Serve God.

Welcome Back Amy!

For 2019 Week of the Ministry and World Communion Sunday, we will have Amy Spangler-Dunning as our guest minister preaching on **October 6th**. Amy is BACC's Timothy and wife to our new Regional Minister, Bill. We are so excited to welcome her back to Bon Air Christian.

Please be sure to come and be part of her visit, we know she would love to see you on the 6th!

What is a Priscilla? Or a Timothy?

Amy Spangler Dunning is our "Priscilla aka Timothy". Priscilla was the name of the woman who welcomed Paul into her home when he visited Corinth. Timothy was an energetic young man who sought to follow in Paul's footsteps in sharing the gospel. When a person enters ministry, he or she has been called a Timothy or a Priscilla. Bon Air Christian Church had the good pleasure of nurturing Amy in her faith journey. She went on to seminary at Lexington Theological Seminary where she earned her Master of Divinity. Bon Air Christian Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia ordained Amy as a Disciples of Christ minister.

Amy served churches in Kentucky and Iowa prior to earning her Master degree in Mental Health Counseling from Drake University. She presently provides mental health care through "Counseling Connections" in Lynchburg.

Amy said: "My approach to therapy is rooted in a belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all people and that, though we struggle in different ways, we each have within us the capacity for healing. It's just that, sometimes, we need someone to walk alongside us to get us there. Areas of focus for me are: early childhood trauma, depression, and anxiety. I am trained in the Gottman method of Couple's therapy and work with couples struggling to experience the positive aspects of committed life together. Additional trainings include, EMDR Level 1 & 2 (working toward certification), Janina Fisher's model for working with trauma (Levels 1,2,3), and have some experience in Internal Family Systems and Pat Ogden's body based trauma model."



"WE ARE THE BIBLES
THE WORLD IS READING;
WE ARE THE CREEDS
THE WORLD IS NEEDING;
WE ARE THE SERMONS
THE WORLD IS HEEDING."

BILLY GRAHAM

Week of the Ministry

From the **beginning of life to the end of life** on earth, ministers are there.

From **answering the call to anointing the sick**, ministers are there.

From **dedications to baptisms**, ministers are there.

From **weddings to funerals**, ministers are there.

From **staff meetings to sermon prep**, ministers are there.

From **the pulpit to pastoral visits**, ministers are there.

From **worship to hospitals**, ministers are there.

From **prayer to play**, ministers are there.

From the **sanctuary to the homeless shelter**, ministers are there.

From **crying tears of laughter to wiping tears of sorrow**, ministers are there.

From **the ministry of presence to the mission field**, ministers are there.

From **holding babies to heartbreak**, ministers are there.

From **communion to clergy clusters**, ministers are there.

From **stewardship to silent retreats**, ministers are there.

From **Bible study to assemblies**, ministers are there.

From **solitude to surrounded by parishioners**, ministers are there.

From **here and everywhere**, ministers are there.

Week of the Ministry is October 6th

Pension Fund of the Christian Church seeks to meet ministers where they are — walking alongside them from the beginning to the end.

May God, who is the **Alpha** and **Omega**, guide your footsteps and be ever-present in your ministry.



We love you, Cindy!

Sunday School & Youth Group

We are excited to be Back-to-Sunday-School

It was exciting to see everyone at the Sunday School kick-off brunch. We are off to a great year! Sunday School classes for all ages available and starts at 10:00 a.m. Bring your friends — hope to see you soon!



YG Fun on the Farm

THANK YOU to Tim & Cathy Vaden for hosting the Youth Group Kick-Off picnic! We had a wonderful time swimming, fishing, playing with the animals and enjoying one another's company on a beautiful afternoon! We are looking forward to a great year with the best Youth Group around!



Sunday School

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — *New Format*

New Young adult SS! This is a closed group of only young adult BACC members for this Sunday school class! Give us your mobile phone or email to receive an invite!

We hope to connect with daily and weekly discussions, lessons and blogging. We will also post sermons, music or other church service happenings. Personal highs lows, pictures and general fun and banter!

We hope to meet once a quarter for a social gathering.

No Sunday classes are scheduled at this time but we may incorporate a Sunday every other month if we have interest in the future. We are focusing on connecting first digitally/remotely on a regular bases then hopefully plan regular social meetings together.

It's mainly a way to discuss and guide each other through our daily lives in a Christian based and church family atmosphere.

It is an exciting adventure to reach our young disciples in a modern way. Opening our church doors in a digital fashion!

~ Robin Blanchard

*Prayers that our message of faith and guidance will
enrich all of our lives and bring us all closer to His
word and connect us in loving, caring Christian ways.
Amen.*

*"Ministry is about joining God where God can be found."
~ Andrew Root*

Reaching Out with Christ's Love



CROP WALK

Mark your calendar - 2019 CROP Walk will be taking place **Sunday, October 20th.**

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the CROP Walk and we are setting the goal to have 50 WALKERS from BACC! Let's make this our biggest year ever! Wouldn't it be great if all 50 walkers could raise \$50 each? Everyone is welcome to participate.

Our BACC walkers:

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| Sandy Collins | Marie Boger |
| Cassie Collins | Maddy Boger |
| Cindy Stratton | Sarah Boger |
| Jon Ver Beek | Laura Hollis |
| Kendra Ver Beek | Duke Dale |
| Jake Ver Beek | Suzanne Dale |
| Charlie Ver Beek | Pete Landergan |
| Lilly Ver Beek | Parker Landergan |
| Deb Romig | Diane Fearnley |
| Joan Mielke | Braeden Fearnley |
| Susan Baum | |

CROP Walk Food Drive

SEPTEMBER 22: **CANNED FRUITS**

SEPTEMBER 29: **CEREAL / BREAKFAST ITEMS**

OCTOBER 6: **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**

OCTOBER 13: **PASTA & SAUCES**



WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL COLLECT THE MOST?



50 years of walking. 50 years of ending hunger together.
Join this legacy to step out for the next generation.

*"Pay attention to the hungry, both in this country and around the world. Pay attention to the poor.
Pay attention for our responsibilities for world peace. We are our brother's keeper..."*
~ George McGovern

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

ANNUAL BAGPIPE CONCERT

The 19th annual bagpipe concert will be on **Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 8:00 - 9:00p.m. with a reception immediately following.**

This is one of the largest events our church holds and continues to draw countless people from the public to Bon Air Christian Church. Greeting and seating such a large crowd is challenging. Steve & Karen Kline have faithfully helped over the years, but we need more help.



Many of you have helped Susan in the kitchen and in setting up food for the feast which follows the concert, and we need that again. One of the most important tasks is clean up after the concert and packing dishes, loading the truck, etc. Please contact Bud Deihl if you can help. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present this concert gift to the public and all of the help that everyone provides. We look forward to making music and eating good food with you on October 12, 2019.

Thanks.

Bud (bud.deihl@gmail.com / 804-370-9115)

2019 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

The Reconciliation Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church. 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.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

SPECIAL BACC CONCERT

Traci and Vickie 2.0 Concert
November 2nd @ 7pm - FREE

AKA - The Laughing and Singing Tour; The Still Killin' It Tour; The No You Shut Up Tour...



Just come enjoy an evening of covers and original music followed by a potluck reception. If they can get through it without killing each other or laughing the entire time, then you'll have gotten your money's worth!

POWHATAN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



BACC will participate in the Powhatan Habitat for Humanity this year on **Saturday, November 9th.**

The address for the build is: 4323 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA.

You will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Please let Frank or Diane Clark know if you would like to participate.

4TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Please help us make our 4th annual Trunk or Treat a successful event for the Bon Air Community. You can sign up in the church office to "host a trunk" or volunteer in other ways. We will need volunteers to man the parking lot, people to donate candy and folks to help make hot dogs, popcorn & cider for our guests. It takes many hands to make this event run smoothly.

It is always a great time to see everyone dressed up in costume enjoying this safe alternative to neighborhood trick or treating!

Mark your calendars & invite your neighbors —
Sunday, October 27th, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

JOY GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We had a WONDERFUL time celebrating our octogenarians & nonagenarians at the JOY group b-day party! Dot Nuckols was our eldest member to attend, 95 & doing great! Thanks to everyone who came to make this such a special celebration.



JOY GROUP NEXT EVENT

Be sure to join us **October 15th at 10:30 a.m.** as we welcome **Paul Simrell** back with us to hear his beautiful piano playing and to chat about his new ministry.



BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Bainbridge Community Ministry is a well-run organization that gives food to deserving people in the south Richmond area. Recipients are well checked for actual need before food is given. Please continue to support this worthy organization and the folks it serves. Current needs are any kind of beans, hot cereal (oatmeal, etc.) macaroni and cheese, and any kind of soup.

What's Happening

DISTRICT VII ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 6th 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Seventh Street Christian Church

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

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

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

THEME: "LIVING OUT OUR FAITH IN TANGIBLE WAYS"

We will assemble CWS Hygiene Kits (goal: 20 kits) during the worship service, with each congregation signing up to bring 20 of one item for the kits. We will have a District Choir again and hope again to have at least 60 in attendance! An offering will be collected for CWS. If you have questions about the Assembly, please contact Cathy Law or Jean Turlington.

WE WANT YOU!



We joke about BACC Choir being some of the best free therapy! Come see for yourself -

Tuesdays @ 7pm

~ Middle school and up are welcome ~

Instrumentalists, please consider sharing your talent as well - contact Vickie!



THE VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN

Keep up with what is going on in the Christian Church in Virginia and learn about ministries and events happening throughout our denomination.

Click here to read the current newsletter.

What's Happening

CHILDREN & ADULT YOGA CLASSES — **NEW TO BACC**

Come try out kids yoga... for toddlers and preschoolers to enjoy with their caregivers.

The first Tuesday and third Wednesday of October at 10 a.m. We will sing, move, and breathe through yoga storytelling. Class with last about 20 minutes and will be followed by free play time on the church playground.

*October 1 and 16

The first Wednesday and third Tuesday of October at 9:30 a.m., come try out an hour-long hatha style, beginner-friendly yoga class for adults.

*October 2 and 15

For both classes: There will be a limited number of yoga mats to borrow, so please bring one or a beach towel if you can.

Email Samantha at sburns7184@gmail.com with questions or suggestions!



CARITAS

We hosted up to 32 ladies during CARITAS Sept. 21-28. Volunteers provided three daily meals, did laundry, made shower runs, and spent the night. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, including our neighbors at Bon Air Methodist Church for letting us use their showers and Bethany Christian Church for providing a very popular fried chicken dinner Tuesday night. A special thanks goes to Shea Hollifield, coordinator extraordinaire! Everyone--from the volunteers to the CARITAS ladies--felt God's presence. Thank you!

COME MEET OUR REGIONAL MINISTER!

We will have a Meet & Greet with Bill Spangler-Dunning on **Sunday, October 27th** immediately following the late service. It will be a potluck lunch so please bring a dish to share and join us!

Bill is excited to meet our wonderful congregation!



Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF

Golf. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the second Men's Golf Outing (September 29th) will have been completed at Providence Golf Club in Richmond. At this writing, twelve men are scheduled to play. Look for updates on the results in email.

Men's Gatherings will continue the **third Wednesday of each month**. Join us at The Pickle Barrel Restaurant (12912 Plaza Dr, Richmond, VA 23233) on Oct 16th at 6:00 pm for feast and fellowship.



Ideas? If you have a suggestion for men's activities that will strengthen the bond amongst BACC men and provide opportunities for service to our church family and local community, contact Tom Snodgrass, (email tesnodgras@aol.com or phone 804-370-5279).

CWF

CWF is off to a wonderful start. Due to various circumstances, only the Day group met at their regular time. We had a very good turn out. As usual we had a lesson, lunch, dessert and conversation. It was great to see everyone after taking the summer off. **Our next meeting will be October 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room at Church.** The lesson will come from Acts 1:1-11. Hope you can be there.

The Evening group met on September 12th at Mary Ann Casdia's. Everyone met at O'Charleys on Hull St. for dinner together. Donated items were collected for the domestic violence women's shelter. Kitten led the lesson. We're looking forward to our fall retreat in the Outer Banks in October. **The next meeting will be October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Carol McGowen's home.** We're meeting at Firebird's on Robious Road at 5:00 p.m. for dinner. Everyone is welcome.

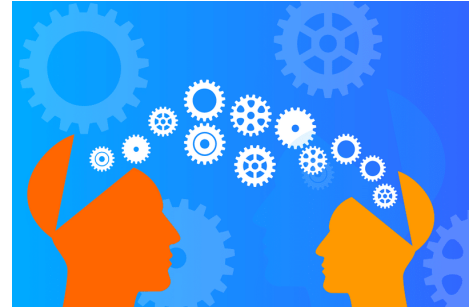
The Salad group postponed their meeting until September 18th. We decided to wait until we returned from our retreat at Lake Gaston. We had 4 wonderful days. The house was lovely, the food great, the water warm, and the company fabulous. Cathy Law led the meeting and lesson on the 18th. Our outreach for September is providing a meal for Caritas. Next month we'll be collecting household cleaning products for Safe Harbor. **Our next meeting will be October 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at BACC.** The lesson will come from Isaiah 43:1-21. Please join us.

Don't forget our **Chili-Cookoff on November 23, 2019**. Mark your calendars. We're looking for items for our silent auction. ~Jamie McDonald

The Church Beyond Our Walls

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you're looking for a truly rewarding volunteer experience, consider volunteering as a mentor with the Micah Initiative or the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond, two Christian-based nonprofits that are actively recruiting mentors for the new school year.



To learn more about volunteering as a Micah Initiative classroom mentor at Redd Elementary School on Jahnke Rd., contact Barbara Bancroft (babancroft@gmail.com, 804-204-1688) or visit <http://www.micahrva.org>. To learn more about mentoring in the afternoon or evening at a Youth Life after-school learning center, contact Cassie Price (cassie.price60@yahoo.com, 804-337-1052) or visit <http://www.ylfr.org>.

CRAIG SPRINGS FALL WORK WEEKEND

October 11th - 13th

Work Weekend is a free event open to anyone. The camp provides food, indoor lodging, and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor. There are tasks suitable for persons of all ages and abilities. Come alone or with a group. Craig Springs want YOU there!

Registration is online at craigsprings.com

Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending in case others want to join and carpool!



"Give God your weakness and He'll give you His strength."

-Unknown

Church Family Updates

Dear BACC Congregation,

The family of Dr. Jack Andrews would like to thank Cindy for the beautiful memorial service and Kendra Ver Beek for helping with all the preparation and details ...Janet Lenhart for singing, "On Eagles Wings," Suzanne Dale for singing, "Amazing Grace," Bud Deihl for playing, "Coming Home," Vickie Brooks for playing the organ, Becky Skowron for coordinating the reception and the delicious food, Tom Mayfield for directing parking, the greeters Laura Hollis, Tom Snodgrass and Barbara Bancroft, and many others.

Thank you to all of our church members for their prayers, sympathy cards, calls and visits.

With Much Love,
Jeanne-Marie Andrews



WELCOME TO BACC!

We welcome our newest member, Wendy Moore, to our church family. Wendy was raised in New Orleans and has been in Richmond since age 13. She has one adult son, Pasha. She studied art at RPI (now VCU) and then attended John Tyler for nursing. She has been a nurse for 48 years and an artist all her life. Her interests are dedicated to *everything* to do with art! WELCOME Wendy!

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Important – Regarding Offering Envelopes:

The financial secretaries would like to let you know that during the month of December, **you can pick up your offering envelopes for the entire 2020 calendar year.**

If you have any questions, please call Diane Clark.



*"You can be committed to Church but not committed to Christ,
but you cannot be committed to Christ and not committed to church."*

Joel Osteen

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please lift up in prayer:

Jeanne Marie Andrews and family upon the death of her husband, Dr. Jack.
Traci Eagle who was hospitalized this past month for complications from her cancer treatment.
Zachary Moon who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
The Inlow's friend, Darryl Luper, who is battling cancer.
Paul Seemiller who will undergo surgery October 18th.
Clairee Cochran who is having kidney problems due to her lupus.
Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn, who is being treated for leukemia.
Carrie Berkley's sister, Liz Young, who is battling colon cancer.
Sitina Yusuf who has been diagnosed with nodular scleritis.
Please also keep in prayer Jake McCann and the Rev. Milo Marr who are having health issues.

We continue to pray for:

Shirley Heath who is now under Hospice Care at Sunrise; Pat Cosby and family; Katherine Cartino; Maggie Pace and family; Jackie and Peyton Nilles; John Crank; Jim Henderson; Jim Lehan; Steve Goff; Reverend Milo Marr; Jim New; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Todd Hatton's fathers, James Hatton; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pam Soddu and Bob Goad; Charles Stevens son-in-law, Smokey, and daughter, Kris Perkins; Tom Neumayer; Cathy Wheless; Harriet Griggs; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Lenora Fowler; Debbie Inlow's father; Greg Shannon's mother; Jackie Nilles' friends, Cristie Webber and Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; 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; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene.

