

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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(Disciples of Christ)

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!



*Love in the time of
the coronavirus*

This is weird. We've got lots of different emotions pinging around as we cope with the pandemic. It all seemed to come so unexpectedly. One day we're going out to eat, exercising at the gym, watching movies at the theatre, and the next - boom - hunkered down and isolated. Some of our dear families may be growing a little weary of one another. Others have had the unexpected joy of time with family that is uninterrupted, unexpected and serendipitous.

We are mindful of those who suffer. And we do pray for those who feel so very alone. Our prayers go out to the amazing healthcare workers and their families. Our prayers are with those who are sick. Our prayers are with those who are hurting because of the economic impact.

In Genesis, Laban says "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another." We stick together. Even while we are apart we stick together. We love and we pray for one another.

I hope you are finding ways to share the love of Christ during this time when people long for good news. I pray for you and for your families. During this Lent we have had to give up a lot, unintentionally and involuntarily, but I hope we have learned how to appreciate the many gifts God gives us everyday.

Shalom, Cindy

*Thank you to Chris and Barbara Isenberg and Signcrafters
for the banner and to Kendra for designing it.*



Lent and Easter

OUR TENTATIVE EASTER SCHEDULE:

(Please check your email and our facebook page for updates. We will continue to practice social distancing as long as needed. Our services will be online as long as we are quarantined.)



Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9—Maunday Thursday service

7:00 pm

Friday, April 10—Good Friday service

12:00 pm

Sunday, April 12—HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUJAH!

7:00 am—Sunrise Service

7:45 am—Easter Brunch

9:45 am & 11:00 am—Easter services

12:00 pm—Easter Egg Hunt



OUR PASTOR'S CLASS

Mia Berkley, Taylor Trezza and Tripp Raine are all part of the BACC Pastor's Class this year.

Albeit, a different kind of class, but nonetheless they are learning more about the love of Jesus and the Disciples of Christ church. They were even able to lead a devotion time recently on FaceBook Live and they did a great job!

We are so proud of them and how they have handled this unexpected bump in the road. We are looking forward to continuing to meet virtually while we are unable to gather in person.

We know that our building is not the Church. The far more glorious truth is that WE are the Church; that God is all around and ever-present and within us wherever we are.

We look forward to celebrating their baptisms very soon. Please keep these young disciples in your prayers.



Mia



Tripp



Taylor

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

REJOICE! Even if we've missed our Easter offering envelopes and our related Minutes for Mission, we all still have the opportunity to contribute if we wish. Please be sure to note on your check or your envelope what part of your offering is designated to our **2020 Easter Offering: REJOICE!**



"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."

— Psalm 118:24 NRSV

2020 Easter Offering
REJOICE
A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund

APRIL 5 AND 12, 2020



Find more stories from our general ministries and give online at disciplesmissionfund.org.



"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it." —Psalm 118:24 NRSV

Across the United States, Canada, and beyond, Disciples are rejoicing in all that the Lord has made.

We rejoice with the **Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries** (Obra Hispana), **National Convocation**, and **North American/Pacific Asian Disciples** (NAPAD), who will be holding their biennial gatherings together this summer for the first time.

We rejoice with the growing number of congregations who, with support from **Green Chalice** and **Disciples Home Missions**, find new ways to care for all that the Lord has made – developing recycling programs, installing solar panels, planting community gardens, and more.

We rejoice in all the stories and voices preserved by the **Disciples of Christ Historical Society**, who work every day to document and share our Church's heritage.

We rejoice that lives are restored through the work done by the **National Benevolent Association's** Prison and Jail Ministry. This collaborative group develops and shares resources to help Disciples serve and minister to those currently and formerly incarcerated.

We rejoice in the work **Disciples Women** do together to combat human trafficking, working together with **Global Ministries**, to partner with organizations supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

This Easter, we rejoice together as one Church, as the One Body of Christ. We rejoice in all that we accomplish together, and the work God accomplishes through us.

Let us rejoice that the Easter offering, through Disciples Mission Fund, makes this ministry – and so much more – possible. Through the general ministries of our Church, lives are changed and our world is transformed. Will you rejoice with us and give to this special day offering?

This Easter season, let us rejoice in all the ways our wider Church embodies the Spirit of Resurrection, through life-giving ministry.



Find more stories from our general ministries and give online at disciplesmissionfund.org.

"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19

Youth Group

♥ We miss you ...

Our meetings have been cancelled and we have had to postpone our Spring Lock-In ... but it will be OK. We miss you and wish we could be together but this time will not last forever. We are going to get creative and I'm going to test out a "Virtual Youth Group" get-together so please be on the lookout for more details! *I miss seeing all your smiling faces :)*

In the meantime -- be creative with your time at home, and be grateful for the extra time with your family...

Practice massive appreciation and gratitude: Make a list every morning of things you are grateful for, even during this crazy time. *God is good all the time ... All the time, God is good.*

For every hour of the news or social media you read/watch on this epidemic, make it a point to then watch or listen to something funny: Laughter is medicine for the soul.

Be gentle and extend grace to your family: We need to be gentle with one another right now. This is new territory for all of us.

Get outside: Sunshine is sooooo good for the soul.

Write cards or letters to loved ones: We have a list of folks here at the church that can't have visitors at this time. They would LOVE to receive a card or letter from you! I bet your Grandma would too 😊

Learn calligraphy: One word – YouTube! You can practice on those letters! (see above)

Learn a language: Download Duolingo and teach yourself a foreign language. How cool would that be? You could be our next reader on World Communion Day.

Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! The whole family can get in on the fun. How about two puzzles and you make "teams" to see which team can complete theirs first?

Take a free online Ivy League class: Free online courses from Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, and Yale. [Click here to check it out.](#) You can take Yale's most popular class about HAPPINESS for free!

Listen to Podcasts — "The Happiness Lab" is a great one!

We love you and miss you.

We are here if you need anything during this time.

Craig Springs Awaits Us...

CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER - 2020 REGISTRATION

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.ccinva.org/craig-springs-camp.com>

CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP 2020: The Regional Camp Program Committee is in active communication with each other and our Regional Office staff. We will release information regarding our camping season as quickly and widely as possible as the situation unfolds. Please continue to visit our Regional website, www.ccinva.org, for continuing updates. We have decided to officially open camp registrations with the following covenantal commitments:

1. If we should need to cancel camp due to COVID-19 concerns at some point in the future, we will refund all registrations in full.
2. If we are able to continue with our camping ministry at Craig Springs this summer and a registrant and/or their parent decides that they are not comfortable attending camp, we will honor that concern and will refund the registration cost in full.
3. To further assist and encourage registrations, we will adopt a policy of holding all checks until guidelines from the CDC clearly identify that we can return to holding larger gatherings.

Please know that it is our deepest hope to have camp this summer to allow us to celebrate together on our particular Holy Ground! We hope these new procedures will allow more people to register for camp with the trust that if we should need to change plans, we will return in full those needed resources. We are in this together as Church and ask in this new journey that you offer prayers, grace, and love to each other – all things experienced in abundance at camp!



-- Regional Minister, Christian Church in Virginia
<https://www.ccinva.org>
(See my calendar on above website)



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

YOGA CLASSES

Monday, April 6 and Monday, April 20

9:30 AM

Instructor~~Samantha Burns

This is our plan, and plans may change.

Please call the church office or check your email for confirmation.



Thank you, Samantha Burns, for recording a Gentle Yoga video for us. This will be a wonderful and healthy distraction during quarantine time. The hour long yoga video can be found on the BACC YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0sAYMM8_hH3OrhGbNMSwA/

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

Our competition between our Sunday School classes and our Youth group continues! Each group can earn 1 point for each Hygeine Kit donated, 1 point for each School Kit, and 5 points for each Cleanup Bucket. Our pickup date for the kits has been extended, so we now have until June to assemble our kits! See the last page of your newsletter for items included in each. Good Luck to all!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Thank you to Leah and Chris Harrison and the Evangelism Committee for spearheading this important outreach into our community. The group has been using Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University to learn more about financial managment and elimination of debt. There are only two lessons left, and this group will be meeting for those as soon as we're out of crisis mode. As we seek to find ways to help people lessen their anxiety and stress, we are grateful for this helpful and practical approach to a more peaceful life.

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

During this time when we're all concerned about our health and our finances, and about caring well for those we love, let's not forget the folks who depend on Bainbridge Community Ministry for part of their food supply. Bainbridge is a well-run organization, and they check out each applicant for genuine need before any food is given. If you read the RTD or listen to the news, then you're aware of how dangerously low all of our food banks are right now, and how much any donations would be appreciated!

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

John 1:2

Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF

Christian Men's Fellowship Gents, April will be the second month without any organized men's activities. We will place our hopes on a resumption of our in-person fellowship in May. Meanwhile, I'm sure you have found many activities to occupy any idle time. As you pare down that mental list we all keep of 'projects to complete (start)' keep in mind that spring is a great planting time. Sara and I have started a victory garden by ordering seeds from Burpee and starting them in small pots placed at the breakfast nook window. We already have some sprouts pushing above the soil. Also keep in mind that phoning a friend or writing a note to someone whose name comes to mind is a good use of time.

Tom Snodgrass



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE AND/OR YOUR EMAIL TO BE CERTAIN THAT PLANS HAVE NOT CHANGED.

CWF

All CWF groups were able to meet in March before we had to practice social distancing. The Thursday Evening Group was unable to meet at our scheduled location. Carol McGowan graciously offered her home for the meeting. We had quite a crowd, including several first timers. The lesson came from Luke 24: 13-35, about the road to Emmaus. We discussed our April beach trip, sent cards, visited and had dessert. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, we had to cancel our spring beach trip. Our April 2 meeting for the Evening Group has been postponed until we have clearance for a large group to meet again. The meeting on March 10th for the Day Group was delightful. We discussed the lesson from Luke, and had lunch and dessert. April's meeting will hopefully happen on the 14th in the multi-purpose room at 10:30. The lesson will come from 1 Cor. 1:18-31. The Salad Group met on March 11th. And guess what? We had salad for dinner! Shea Hollifield discussed the role of women in Cuban society. Makes me thank God for being born in the USA. We sent cards and Gail Campbell led the lesson from Philippians 2: 1-11 & 4: 2-6. We continued to plan our fall retreat. April's meeting is scheduled for the 8th at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room and the lesson will be Luke 24: 13-35. Praying things will start to return to normal and we'll be able to have our April meetings.

Jamie McDonald

Thank You

THANKS FROM THE BECKER FAMILY

Pastor Cindy, Thank you so much for the meaningful service for our son, Mike. It was very uplifting. Also thanks to the church members for providing the wonderful luncheon.
Love in Christ, Stan and Rose Becker

This message goes to all the staff at the Bon Air Church of Christ, but specially to Rev. Cynthia K. Stratton. I am Samuel H. Pena, father in law of Michael J. Becker (RIP), father of Diana (Pena) Becker, his wife of three years, and grandfather of Samuel Wade. I want to immensely thank all the Staff at BACC and specially Rev. Stratton for the beautiful and reassuring words during the service, you brought much comfort to our afflicted minds. The worship service in celebration of Michael Becker on Feb. 19, 2020 was something that filled us with a renewed sense of hope in our fellow man. My wife Olinda and I are forever in your debt.

I am a long member of the Roman Catholic Church, but the fellowship and kindness shown during the two occasions I have visited your church, first during the blessing of Samuel Wade, and yesterday for the worship celebration for Mike, have me reflecting if I feel whole inside at this stage of my mundane life.

With that in mind I'd like to inquire as to the availability of a similar congregation as BACC, in Fairfax County, VA where Olinda and I currently reside. I'd like to visit it if you could give us any information you might have. Again, thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel H. Pena and Olinda V. Pena

THANKS FROM HOPE TREE

Thank you so much for letting us have a table at your wellness fair! I thoroughly enjoyed meeting like-minded organizations, and the food was delicious! I appreciate the work you all are doing and hope to collaborate with you again in the future! Thanks again!

Sincerely, Dominique Shannon, Hope Tree Family Services



THANKS FROM JOHN AND JUDY

Dear Everyone, Thank you so much for all the notes you have sent us. It is nice to be remembered when you are sick! We are back home now, and glad to be. Happy to hear all is well at church.

Yours, Johnny and Judy



"That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

Romans 1:12

Thank You

THANKS FROM JOY BLACK

Dear Cindy, Gina, Kendra, and All Others at BACC who are working to communicate with and minister to all of us in the midst of the current healthcare crisis we are facing, Thank you all, so much, for your caring concern and loving ministry.

I especially want to thank those in the BACC congregation who have been connecting with my mom, Juanita Coleman. She tells me she is not fearful because multiple scriptures in the Bible say to not have fear. Nearly every day, over the phone, she tells me with palpable emotion in her voice of a letter or note or card that she just received from someone at BACC. It warms my heart and ministers to me more than I can express to know how completely she is supported and loved - not only by God, but also by BACC.

Joy Black

THANKS FROM HERITAGE QUILTERS

We would like to thank you for allowing us to use your facility once again. We are so appreciative. It is always a pleasure to interact with your staff as well. They do their best to answer any questions and accomodate us. Thank you again.

Anne Malcolmson, Treasurer, James River Heritage Quilters



THANKS SO MUCH

to all of our BACC friends who donated Easter flowers in honor or in memory of a special loved one! Your gifts will fill our lovely sanctuary with beauty and joy!

IN HONOR OF...

- Anne and Bill Glover, given by Nancy Maiden
- the children of Bon Air Christian Church, given by Jim and Phyllis Henderson

IN MEMORY OF...

- Joe Spivey, given by his family
- Alma Smith and Virginia Boardman, given by their families
- Patrick Malone, Wendy's dad, given by Wendy, Donnie, J.D. and Jordan Etz
- my wife, Jean Neumayer, given by Tom Neumayer
- my parents, Catherine and Dan Neumayer, given by Tom Neumayer

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Susan Neal had a successful surgery to remove a tumor on her brain. She will soon begin radiation and chemo. Clayton and Susan appreciate your prayers and cards. They have helped so much.

Our prayers are with Gary Giffel, who recently had a small stroke and is recovering well at home.

Our prayers are with Sally Phifer who had surgery to remove a parathyroid gland.

Our prayers go out to Russell Shelton who continues to undergo test and treatment for cardiac problems.

Diana and Samuel Becker also appreciate your prayers, cards and everything you have done for them. It means so much in this difficult time.

We continue to pray for Traci Eagle, Liz Young, and Jackie Nilles as they continue their cancer treatments. Jackie is now in the ICU at St. Francis, receiving treatment for some issues with blood clots. Tommy Williams, Angel's grandfather, is in The Laurels at Willow Creek and we pray for him and his family. We pray for Patrick Sibold, who visits our church frequently and has recently begun treatment for cancer.

We are praying for Lynn Sarvis' friend Brian Nelson, who has follicular lymphoma; and for Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber, who are being treated for cancer; John and Judy Crank, who are now at home; Jeter Bourne; Sitina Yusuf; Lenora Fowler; Pat Cosby; Steve Goff; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Charles Stevens' son-in-law, Smokey, who had surgery this week, and daughter, Kris Perkins; Tom Neumayer; Cathy Wheless; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Jackie Nilles' friend Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Harold Campbell; Dot Nuckols; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Gerry Roppé; Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; and the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake.

SUSAN NEAL'S ADDRESS:

6 River's Edge Lane
Saluda, VA 23149

GAIL MACFADDEN'S NEW ADDRESS:

212 Ashford Hill Loop
North Chesterfield, VA 23236
**Congrats, Gail, on the move
to your lovely new home!**





The Church in Community Committee and the World Outreach Committee launched BACC's annual drive to collect emergency buckets, hygiene kits, and school kits for Church World Services. To add a bit of fun to the drive, we are promoting a competition between the Youth Group and each of the adult Sunday School classes to see which group can collect the greatest number of buckets and kits by the end of May. Each **CleanUp Bucket** counts as five points and each **Hygiene Kit** and **School Kit** counts as one point. Take your shopping list below and join the fun!

HYGIENE KITS:

One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), One washcloth, One wide-tooth comb removed from the package, One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable), One bath-size bar of soap in the original package, One toothbrush in the original package, Ten standard size Band-Aids

SCHOOL KITS:

One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only,)Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper), One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler, One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package, One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers), Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package), One box of 24 crayons (only 24), One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

CLEANUP 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, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g. Handi 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 50 ft. or one 100 ft., Five dust masks, Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical), One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather, 24-28 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

For further info: <https://cwsglobal.org/>