

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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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!

Keeping Christmas

"Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did NOT die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew ... and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless Us, Every One!" (Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol)

Charles Dickens wrote a beautiful and moving classic story that tells of a man who has no joy or hope. He thinks only of his business and his money. He has no compassion or kindness for anyone else. The spirits of Christmas past and present remind him of Christmases past and show him the things he doesn't see in his world at present. Another spirit shows him his future if he stays on this path of selfishness. His eyes and his heart are opened. He is redeemed.

Even the most lost among us can be found. Wounds can be healed and when we open our hearts we can bring joy to others as well as ourselves. This is the message of Christmas. A little babe is born into a troubled world. God's gift to us is a Savior cradled in a cow's trough in a cold, smelly barn.

Through this one, born under a star's light, we are given New Life. Let us keep Christmas by entering into this new year ready to share this glorious story. Christ is our beginning. Christ is with us now. Christ will lead us into the future. We trust in the power of hope to conquer despair, we trust in the power of kindness to uproot cruelty, and we trust in the power of love to win out over hate. We trust in the Holy Child. Love one another. This is how we keep Christmas – shine his light, share his love, forgive as we have been forgiven and know there is more to come. The best is yet to be.

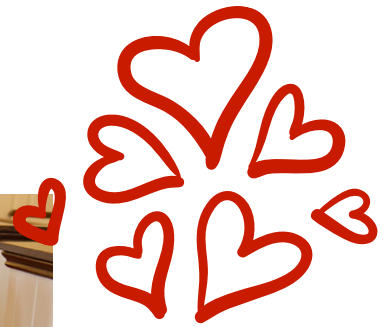
Shalom, Cindy



We Thank You!

May your days be

MERRY & BRIGHT!



Our Dear Friends, our Family,
We are so extraordinarily grateful to you for all of your kindness to us.
We give thanks for you and for your generosity and thoughtfulness.
You mean so much to us and we hope you know we are always here for
you. We give thanks to you for the many gifts you share with us. May
God's peace and love grace your lives in the days to come.

Cindy, Kendra, Vickie, Kyla and Gina



**Thank you to our choir and our soloists for sharing with us
beautiful music. By sharing your gifts you inspired us and
touched our hearts. We are grateful for the many ways
you enrich our worship services and raise us into the
Holy Presence of God.**

**Our special thanks to Vickie Brooks for all of your hard work
and the many hours of rehearsing. We are so very blessed
to have you in our lives.**



We Thank You!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

We are grateful to those who schlepped holiday decorations from the basement: Charlotte and Elizabeth Emson, Jordan Etz, Paula Craft, Cindy Stratton, Bob and Janet Lenhart, and Kendra Ver Beek.

Thanks also to everyone who helped decorate on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It all looks beautiful, and we thank you for the gift of your time: Tim Skeens, Paula Craft, Janet and Bob Lenhart, Jim and Faye Lester, Cecilia and Brooke Bingenheimer, Cindy Stratton, Arlene and Steve Blythe, Martha and Samantha Seemiller, and Barbara Bancroft.



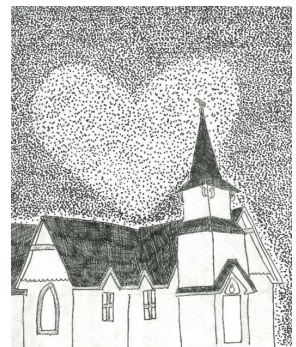
Thank you to all who shared their beautiful artistic talents and provided us with bulletin fronts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season!
Check the bulletin board near the office to see other bulletin artwork from the past.
Thanks also to Cassie Price for the photo used for our January newsletter banner!



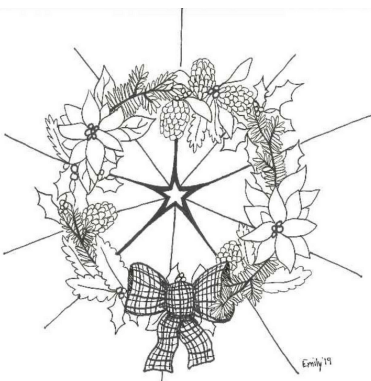
Pat Pennington



Andee Kirk



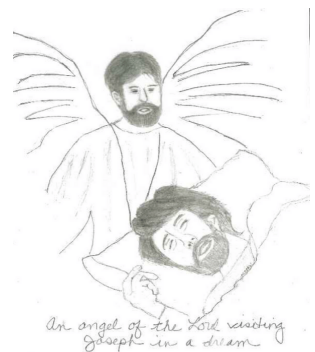
Bryahna Mooney



Emily McKenney



Claire Deitch



Carol Herrin

Thank You for the Poinsettias

*Thanks to all who honored or remembered loved ones with a poinsettia for our sanctuary in December.
We all enjoyed both the flowers and the reflections!*

IN MEMORY OF:



Micah and Don Dutrow, given by Cindy Stratton

W.A. Turlington, given by Jean Turlington

Nancy Lenhart, given by Bob and Janet Lenhart

Marguerite Goff, Mastin Goff, and Hector Cote', given by Steve and Angie Goff

My mother, Barbara Hollifield, given by Shea Hollifield

Polly and Raymond Craft, given by Paula and Steve Craft

**Jimmy and Bunnie Herrin, Sam's parents; Reuben and Mary Varnier, Carol's parents,
given by Sam and Carol Herrin**

Lina, Sidney, and Stephen Arthur, given by Lena Neal and Madison Arthur

Allen and Carl Shelton, given by Myrtle and Russell Shelton

My husband Bill, and my brother Wesley Mills, given by Martha Wright

Jerold Todd, given by Joe and Barbara Bancroft

Vic and Eleanor Foster, given by Kris Foster

Dick and Nancy Price, given by Cassie Price

My sister Cecilia, given by Mary Ann Casdia

Gwen and Lester Alley and Edith and George Garrison, given by Ed and Mary Garrison

Joe Spivey, given by his family

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Batkins, and Mrs. Shirley Heath, given by Bill Heath

Janice Rice Hedrick and Laura Rice Jenkins, given by Laura H. Hollis

Matthew and Sabina Faszewski, and Shepard and Alma Moon,

given by Shep, Ellen, Nathan, Zachary, & Hannah Moon

John Dowdy, my spouse, and Carol Anderson, my sister, given by Jean Dowdy

My parents, Catherine and Dan Neumayer, and my wife, Jean T. Neumayer, given by Tom Neumayer

Our Papas, Ken Brokaw and Don Westveld, given by the Ver Beek Family

Arlette Brown, given by Rhonda Ringel

My loving wife, Carol Roppe', given by Gerry Roppé

Jim Henderson, Sr. and Belle Henderson, given by Jim and Phyllis Henderson



IN HONOR OF:

Jane Miller, given by Rhonda Ringel

Our granddaughter for her recovery, given by Nancy and Bill Jeffrey

Georgette Cote' given by Steve and Angie Goff

Suzanne Dale and all of my BACC camp friends, given by Lois Haines

My BACC Family, given by Mary Ann Casdia

Our children, Ellen and Matt, Karen and Ryan, David and Kasey, and our grandchildren, Jackson, Charlotte,

Mason, and Lillian, given by Philip and Susan Baum

Kama, Greg, Mary, Gwen, and Hunter, given by Ed and Mary Garrison

My friend and minister, Cindy Stratton, given by Gerry Roppé



Christmas Pageant

Thank you, Kendra Ver Beek, for all of your hard work helping our youth get ready for the Christmas Pageant. It was great, and we are thankful for our wonderful children, and all those who give their time to help them learn and grow in Christ.

"While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke 2:6-7



Youth Group

BON AIR CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP 2019

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs **all the good that I can do.**"

— Jana Stanfield



YOUTH GROUP COOKIE DECORATING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



*We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020 ~
following the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ &
shining his light and love to others.*

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

ADULT YOGA CLASSES

We're so fortunate to have Samantha Inlow Burns as a wonderful teacher for our gentle yoga class. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. In January, our yoga classes will meet on Monday, January 6 and Monday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. Come join the fun!

CABINET RETREAT / ELDERS RETREAT

Committee Chairs and Elders will both gather at Richmond Hill on **January 3rd & 4th** for retreats. This is a time of renewal and preparation for the leaders of the church. We hope to be nourished and refreshed to serve Christ and his church.

Please remember to RSVP to Cindy and the church office so we can make reservations.



NEW ONLINE COURSES OFFERED BY REGION

New On-Line 10-Week Course

Starting in January, The Virginia Region will be providing 2 courses of study:

1. Early Church History
2. Old Testament

Are you ready to go deeper in your study of the Bible and Church history? These courses will count toward a new Commissioned Ministry Education Program but are really designed to be a resource for already serving ministers, as well as Elders, Deacons and leaders throughout the church. More courses will be offered in the future. Registration is now open and you are encouraged to sign up quickly, as classes begin the second week of January.

Follow this [link](#) for more information and to register.

Reaching Out with Christ's Love



**Thank you to everyone for their generosity
and for sharing Christ's love this Christmas.
Together we helped 8 families have a
merrier Christmas!**



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. It is also one of our outreach ministries. Please continue to support this worthy organization and the folks it serves. Thanks for thinking of them. The current needs are cereal, soup, canned fruit, non-perishable milk products, and jelly.

The holiday season is a busy time for all of us. If you can't make it to Sunday Worship, please come to the Saturday Evening Casual service. We have hymns, prayers, communion, and a good sermon, usually by Cindy, all in the period from 5:00 PM to about 5:45. See you there!

CWF 2019 CHILI COOK-OFF

I want to thank everyone who participated or helped with the CWF Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction on November 23rd. We had a great turnout and had 13 chili entries. All were delicious. Our winner this year was Traci Eagle. This was Traci's first entry into the Cook-Off. Vickie Brooks placed 2nd, Arlene Westfeld was 3rd, and Ruth Ann Bates placed 4th. All of the top 4 were very close in the balloting. Thank you to all those who made chili and brought food. Samantha Seemiller won the Quilt Raffle. Special thanks to Cathy Law, Diane Clark, and Shea Hollifield for making the beautiful quilt. Once again they did a fabulous job. I also want to thank all those who donated items for the silent auction. We had great items to bid on. Thank you to Doug and Polly White, Paula Craft, Claire Deitch, Carol Herrin, Shea Hollifield, Cathy Law, Chris and Nancy Maiden, Gary Giffel, Rhonda Ringel, Francis Atherton, Wayne Farrell, Barbara Bancroft, Carol McGowen, Patty Simmons, and Sara Reese for their donations to the silent auction. We have some very talented and artistic people here at Bon Air Christian Church. Thanks also to all who donated to the White Elephant sale.

CWF was able to raise \$2,269.00. We made money and had a great time and a great meal! The money raised will go to Nature Camp and the regional CWF Spring Projects.

Jamie McDonald, CWF President

Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF

We have many fun opportunities coming up for those in our Men's Christian Fellowship group. Please join us whenever you can!

- Men's Card Game: The monthly card game will be on **Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 PM** in the BACC multi-purpose room.
- Men's Team Building Event: BACC Men are planning a brush-clearing project at the pond where we enjoyed fishing last June. The event, scheduled for **Saturday, January 11th, 2020**, will be at the Vaden Farm. The Vadens have opened their property to several BACC group events including fishing, swimming, picnicking and animal education. Rain date for brush clearing is January 18th. Additional details will be provided by email.
- Men's Gathering: BACC Men will gather for dinner on **Wednesday, January 15th, 2020** at Candela's Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano (11541 Robious Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235). During the meal we will discuss options for CMF events in the spring, including fishing, golf, and viewing team sports. CMF Leaders Seek **your** Ideas. What events peak your interest? Would you like to form a group of like-minded Christian men to enjoy the events together? Contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279, tesnodgras@aol.com) or Sam Herrin (cherrin2706@verizon.net) to suggest your ideas for a project or social event we can do together.

--Tom Snodgrass

CWF

CWF is ready to start the New Year. The Thursday Evening Group met on December 5th at El Patron for dinner and then gathered at Sara Reese's home for the meeting. We discussed upcoming events and sent Christmas cards. I led the lesson from Matthew and 1 Thessalonians. We continue to collect items for the battered women's shelter. We ended with dessert.

The Daytime CWF did not meet in December. Instead, we joined the JOY group for lunch at Candelas on December 17. The Salad group met on December 11th at BACC. We had salad for dinner, with Christmas cookies for dessert. We collected old towels and sheets as well as other pet supplies for the Richmond SPCA, and cards were sent. Nancy Maiden talked about Cuban Christmas traditions. Leah Harrison led the lesson from John 15:1-17. Start the New Year out right, and come join us.

The Thursday CWF will meet at Andee Kirk's house at 7:00 pm on **January 2, 2020**. We'll be eating at P. F. Chang's at 5:00 pm. The Day CWF will meet on **January 14th** in the multi-purpose at 10:30 am. The lesson for both groups will come from Matthew 18:15-22. The Salad CWF will meet on **Wednesday, January 8th** at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room at Church. The lesson will come from Matthew 28:16-20 and I Thessalonians 5:12-23. Join us in January!

-- Jamie McDonald

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

Our Church Family

JOY to the World! Joy Group enjoys fellowship and food!



The next JOY group meeting will be **January 21 at 10:30 a.m.** Lunch will be provided. Donations for lunch are appreciated. Please RSVP and help us figure out "who done it" at our mystery lunch theater! It's going to be fun!

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

The last six weeks of 2019 were busy ones for the Church in Community Committee. Our congregants donated groceries to CCHASM and eight local families for Thanksgiving, bought gifts for eight local families at Christmas, packed 30 lunches for the Gathering Place (a street ministry for homeless people), and made a year-end monetary gift to the CARITAS Healing Place. We'll start off the new year by providing dinner for 30 men at the Men's Homeless Shelter.

Thank you for spreading God's love through these gifts!

--Cassie Price

*"We love because he first loved us."
1 John 4:19*

Church Family Updates

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michael and Sasha Archer upon the birth of their new daughter! Katherine Alexandra Archer was born at 3:18 pm on Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day. She was 6 lbs., 7oz and 18." Katherine is the granddaughter of Gary and Barbara Archer.



Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Our sympathy is extended to Jim and Rose McCaferty upon the death of Jim's father. Our prayers are with Jim's mother, Mary, during this difficult time. Please also pray for Rose's sister who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma.

Continued prayers for Traci Eagle as she continues her cancer treatment, Rhonda Ringel's friend Diana Barber, who has just had a recurrence of pancreatic cancer; and Rhonda's friend Pat Tillman, who was recently diagnosed with cancer; Steve Kline; John and Judy Crank, who are at The Laurels; Valerie Carey's four year old grandson, Caden, who is having health problems; Dawn Mooney; Kathy Van Arsdale and family upon the death of Kathy's nephew; Kendra Ver Beek's nephew, Erik Hopp, who is awaiting biopsy results from his spinal surgery; Jeter Bourne; Jake McCann; Sitina Yusuf; Lenora Fowler; Pat Cosby; Carrie Berkley's sister, Liz Young; Steve Goff; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Todd Hatton and his father, James Hatton; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Charles Stevens' son-in-law, Smokey and daughter, Kris Perkins; Tom Neumayer, and his great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; 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; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; and Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene.

