BONARCHRISTIANCHURCH CDISCIPLES OF CHRIST NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday:

5:00 Casual Worship Service in the Sanctuary

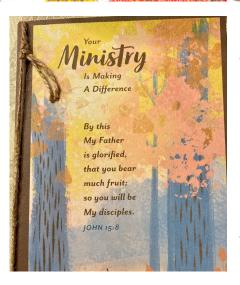
Sunday Morning Worship:

9:00 a.m. Zoom Adult Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Sunday School on-site 10:00 a.m. Worship via Zoom 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

All are welcome!



Dear friends:

This was one of the beautiful and kind cards I received for Month of the Ministry and it is exactly how I feel about sharing in ministry with you.

I am humbled and grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastor. I do believe God is working through this wonderful church and that we are making a difference in the world.

A lot of our dear friends have been having a rough time of it lately with illnesses and other challenges. Thank you for the many ways you extend your loving kindness.

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday. We have had the extraordinary blessings of sharing our lives with some of God's best and most loving angels. As we remember all of the wonderful people who have crossed our paths, we take time to ponder the ways they have touched our lives and transformed us with their simple acts of caring.

Who showed you what it means to live as a Christian? Who embodied Christ's love? I have a very long list and as I sit here remembering, I smile. I smile at all the love given and love received.

How will you be that person for another? How can you shine the light of Christ into someone else's life? The world is aching for more kindness.

Thank you for all the things you continue to do to bear fruit and give glory to God.

With love and prayers,

<u> Cindy</u>



(outh Group



We are keeping the BACC tradition alive with our Socially Distanced Trunk or Treat on
Friday, October 30th. This year it may *look* different but we are still going to give the kids in our congregation and community a Halloween activity to remember!
Masks will be required and trunks will have tables set out in front of them with pre-packaged candy for the kids to grab. Volunteers will keep a safe distance and wish our young ghosts & goblins a Happy Halloween from 6 feet away. *All are welcome* and we hope you can bring the kids and neighbors and join us in a little something that feels fun and normal. Thank you in advance to all who have donated money and candy, and those who are decorating trunks!







30 Days of Thankfulness

Are YOU up for a challenge?

The Youth Group is doing a 30 Days of Thankfulness Challenge this month and we invite you to join us! Every day in November, they will read a Bible scripture together as a family and then draw from the cards and name, draw, or write something they are thankful for according to the prompt for the day. We are challenging the Youth Group families to display the cards in this activity so it is a daily, visual reminder of all for which they are thankful & blessed.





The Youth Group will be receiving a package in the mail this week. If you would like to join in the Challenge, please call the church office and we will send you all the information!

Love One Another

CROP WALK 2020



We thank all of our members who walked on Sunday, October 18th to help those who are suffering from food insufficiency, and also all who chose to sponsor one or more of our walkers. Perhaps more than at any other time, we need to reach out and help fight hunger. Through these funds, we will support the Chesterfield County Food bank, as well as reaching out into the world to those who are hungry. Crop Walk raises funds to help stop hunger BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

We are so proud of our little white church on Buford Road, which raised \$1800.00 through this year's Crop Walk to combat hunger in these especially difficult days! We are part of the ChesterfieldCounty/BonAir Crop Walk, which raised \$3,770.00! Special thanks to Robin Blanchard and Tammy Rucker, who mapped out our beautiful walk on the lovely University of Richmond campus! Our walkers this year included Maggie Pace, Sarah Boger, Wendy Moore, Cindy Stratton, Reese, Robin, and Logan Blanchard, Emily and Tammy Rucker, Sandy Collins, Lilly, Jon, Kendra, and Charlie Ver Beek, Emma Jensen, and Marie Boger, in addition to Frank and Diane Clark, who walked on their own, and Cairo Blanchard and Axel Boger who "pawsed" to observe world hunger.

CANOPY ADVENTURE PARK - HIGH ROPES AND ZIPLINING

Sunday, November 8th, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. ~ Let's have some fun & swing from trees! Participants must be a minimum of 4'9" and 10 years old. Please RSVP via sign up genius <u>HERE</u>. We need to secure the proper number of chaperones based on the number of kids participating. Extra safety precautions are being taken during this time due to COVID. Specifics are on the sign up genius. More details to come.



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

Thank You

Emily McKenney

Many thanks to our talented artists who share their gifts in providing artwork for our weekly bulletin covers, and to Emily McKenney who designed our banner artwork for the November newsletter.



Susan Deihl



Wendy Moore



Carol Herrin



Lilly Ver Beek

VETERAN'S DAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Thanks so much to those who served to preserve our freedoms!

If you have a family member who is a veteran, please send us a photo and some info about their time in the service to <u>worship@baccdoc.org</u>, so we can honor them in our Veteran's Day Slideshow on Sunday, November 8. We will need to have that info by Tuesday, November 3 to include, please.



From Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis:



Dear Wonderful Ladies, Your continued support has given me strength, calm, determination and love. Each treatment is harder but I know I am not alone in this fight. I understand why Laura loves your church, minister and membership. Thank you, every one, for your cards, support and friendship. Bless you. Janice

My dear friends, Thank you very much for all the lovely and cute Get Well and Happy Birthday cards! Receiving them and your notes have brought me such joy during this time. I wish for all of you good health and happy days. Much Love, Juanita Coleman

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the meals, calls, and cards following my knee surgery. I am truly blessed. Love, Debbie Inlow

From the Family of Angel Huff:

Thanks so much for everything that everyone at your church does for our Angel and our family during our bereavement of Tommy Williams, Angel's great grandfather and guardian, and all that has been done for us throughout the preceding the ten months. The delicious meals have been just wonderful, and such a great help to our family at the end of a long day, as have the generous gift cards for meals and groceries. We are so appreciative of all that you have done to make this difficult time a little easier for all of us.

Tabitha, Richard, Bradlee, Chris, and Angel

Sharing Christ's Love

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

Church in Community has been busy, busy this fall. First, a big thank you to the Youth Group for spearheading the October 18 Crop Walk, which raised over \$1,800 to fight food insecurity in Chesterfield County! In November, we are collecting nonperishable food items for our Thanksgiving families; donation boxes are located throughout the church. Not able to make it to church? No problem--just send a check marked "Thanksgiving families" on the memo line, and we'll do the shopping for you! Please make your donations by Sunday, November 15 if possible. We are also accepting monetary donations for the Chesterfield and Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM) food pantry.



Bon Air Christian Church is offering our fellowship hall for an American Red Cross/Rotary Club blood drive from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10. If you are able to give blood on that day, please register online at <u>Upcoming blood drive. Help save lives.</u> Schedule an appointment.

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Fall is on the way. Leaves are falling. The temperature is falling. Our daylight hours are falling. One thing we should not let fall, however, is our support of Bainbridge Community Ministry, one of our outreach ministries. Bainbridge Community Ministry is a well-run food bank 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. Their clients depend on people like us for our contributions of food for part of their food supply. Please continue to support this worthy organization and the folks it serves by keeping the Bainbridge box filled. They remain open during the current health crisis, and have taken steps to reduce person-to-person contact. The current needs are cereal, soup, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, and non-perishable milk products.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Looking forward to the end of the pandemic when we can finally meet in person! The Tuesday Evening Salad Group and the Thursday 'Ladies of the Evening' continue to meet via Zoom, so watch your email for those links. Out next meetings will be on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Evening Group) and on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. (Salad Group). Hope you will join us for the Zoom meetings. Our Day CWF Group is cancelled until further notice. We look forward to being together again as soon as possible, but the day ladies are just not a zooming kind of crowd. So excited about the days ahead when that will no longer be necessary!

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? I John 3:17

Growing Tøgether While Seated Apart

Worship with us Thanksgiving Day at 8:45 a.m.

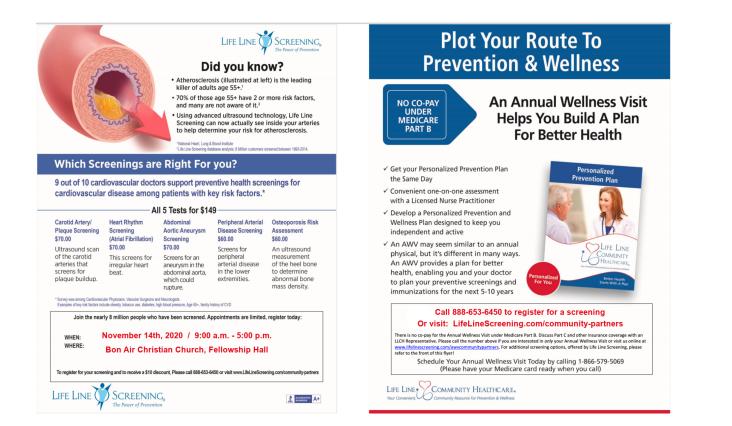
Ever since Bon Air Christian Church was founded in the 1960's we have come together on **THANKSGIVING DAY** morning for a casual worship service to remember the one has given us every good and perfect gift. As we ponder the many ways God has acted and is acting in our lives it is so important to pause and give praise to the Creator of all. Please join us on Thanksgiving morning.

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING

Our November Thanksgiving Offering will be received on November 15 and 22, 2020. The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

FROM OUR EVANGLISM COMMITTEE

In the midst of a busy holiday season, even a pandemic one, it's so easy to get so busy taking care of others that we overlook caring for ourselves. Take a positive step towards self-care this season by scheduling a Life Line Screening to help you plan for better health! We will be offering these right here in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call the church office for an application, or register online (Screening Code: **20-0710_RIC,1**) to get all five screenings for only \$149.00!



Together Again

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND OUTDOOR CONCERT BRUNSWICK STEW AND GRILLED CHEESE LUNCHEON

Please join us on **Sunday, November 1** for our Congregational Meeting following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will meet in the sanctuary, following Covid protocols, or you can join us on Zoom (Watch your Sunday morning email for the link).

Hang around afterwards for our **outdoor concert**, provided by wonderful musicians Michael McCall, Brand Inlow, Anthony Caserta, Peggy Gross, and Ron Rush. Our membership committee will be serving **lunch** - Brunswick Stew and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP WHENEVER YOU'RE READY!

We are worshipping and practicing our social distance skills. Worshippers wear face coverings and are seated at least 6 feet apart. Worship services in our sanctuary are:

Saturday worship - 5:00 p.m.

Fall is in the air. Summer is about over for another year. We are thinking of all the plans we want to make for our enjoyment between now and Christmas. And some of these plans will come up on Sundays. But that is our church day! For an alternative, our Saturday Evening Casual Service continues throughout the year. We all need regular worship to keep us in touch with God, so come on down to the Saturday Evening Casual Service. We practice social distancing and individual communion elements for your protection.

Sunday worship - 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship and we welcome you to invite your friends. We continue to practice social distancing and individual communion elements for your protection.

We continue to Worship via **Zoom** on Sunday Mornings at 10:00.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

What's Happening



UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, November 1 — Daylight Savings Time begins! Set your clocks
 back one hour; Congregational Meeting and Outdoor Concert right after our 11:00 a.m. service

Friday, November 13 — Advent Devotionals are due to the church office
 Sunday, November 15 — Thanksgiving Food Donation funds and foods are due

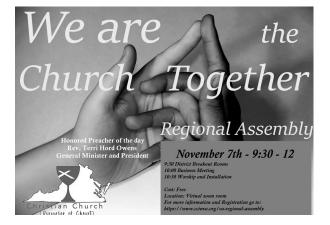
Thursday, November 26 — Thanksgiving Worship Service at 8:45 a.m. **Saturday, November 28** — Join us to decorate BACC for Advent!

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Keeping the spirit of the Design and Operating Manual in these extraordinary times, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia will assemble via zoom on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Regional Assembly, you can call the church office for a registration form to mail in, or you can <u>register online</u>.

One of the highlights of the Assembly will be the Installation of the Reverend Bill Spangler Dunning, and also we look forward to hearing some of our choir members participating in the service!



WORDS FROM OUR FRIEND CHARLES STEVENS

The apostle Paul said we all are sinners. We all have a sinful nature. We can't help ourselves. But there always is hope. After King David was brought to recognize his grievous sin with Bathsheba, he wrote the prayer we know as Psalm 51. This psalm is a very great example of earnestly asking for God's forgiveness. David had sinned against Bathsheba, and he had sinned against Uriah. But his greatest sin was against his God, who had written the 10 Commandments David knew so well, and had violated. In this psalm, David very prayerfully and readily acknowledged his sin, and that he realized the worst aspect of this sin was against the God he loved dearly, and had great faith in. David acknowledged his wrong-doing, and asked for God's forgiveness. He realized his God had every right to punish him for his violations of his God's Holy Word. He did not offer excuses, nor apologies. He readily admitted he had sinned, and pleaded with God to be forgiven.

In our asking for forgiveness for our sins, we should do the same. We should readily and prayerfully admit our sins, and not create reasons why we thought it would be OK. Sin is sin because it violates God's Holy Word. Therefore our greatest sin is against our God, rather than against other people. We should keep this in mind when we ask for God's forgiveness.

Church FamilyUpdates

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember and give thanks for all those who have touched our lives with God's love. During the October 31 and November 1 worship services we will remember those who have gone on to glory since the last All Saints Day. We give thanks for our friends who have shared in our lives and who now share in the fullness of God's glory:



Michael Becker. Myrtle Shelton. Lenora Perkins Fouder

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please keep in your prayers: Gene Dunston and Gary Giffel, who were both recently hospitalized; Harriet Griggs who is in ICU at VCU; Betty Snead and Doug White who have undergone cardiac procedures; John and Judy Crank; the Ver Beek family in the recent loss of Kendra's cousin, Kyle Walter; the Heath's friends, the Mendenhall family, in the recent loss of John Mendenhall; Lynn Sarvis' friend, Jon "Cal" Moore, who will be having surgery to fuse his spine after a fall from a ladder; Kathy Morton and family in the recent loss of Kathy's mother, Pat Hedrick, and her cousin, Kim; Faye Lester's sister, Ann; Rose McCaferty's sister, Barbara, who remains hospitalized with COVID19; Rose's brother, Richard, whose lung cancer has metastasized to kidneys and other organ systems; Rose's sister, Judy, whose lymphoma has metastasized to her small intestine; and the family of Eric Fleenor, friend of Steve and Karen Kline, who recently passed from COVID19.

Our prayers continue to be with: Juanita Coleman who is at Lakewood Manor; Jim Henderson, who is undergoing chemotherapy; Debbie Inlow, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery; Charles Stevens; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; Traci Eagle; Peggy Gross; Jackie Nilles; Dot Nuckols; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Jim Severance; Russell Shelton; Cathy Wheless; Liz Young; Russ Johnson's sister Elizabeth; Kendra Ver Beek's aunt, Linda Walter; Alex and Emily Robinson's twoyear-old niece, Sadie; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law, John Slusher; Evelyn Moses, friend of Karson and Maggie Clark; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; Charles Stevens' friend, Courtenay Reynolds; Charles' daughter Kris and son-in-law, Smokey; Joan Mielke's sister, Jan; Frances Atherton's sister, Ann Dwyer; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Jackie Nilles' friend,

Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Tom Neumayer and his granddaughter, Kassidi; Terry Tynan; Steve and Karen Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope; Patrick Sibold; Chip Wright; Jean Dowdy's friend, Julie Pearson; and Debbie Inlow's neighbor, Anne Yamada.

> The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. Psalm 145:18

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

Adult Sunday School on Zoom: 9:00 a.m. Zoom Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service in Sanctuary 11:00 Youth and Adult Sunday school on-site at 10:00 a.m.

Sundays:

Worship times: Saturday Casual service 5:00 p.m.

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