

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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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!

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

*He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. - Psalm 40:1-3

Dear friends:

We pray God will bring us up out of the miry bog, out of the darkness. We are praying for our country, our community, our world, our families and ourselves. One of the tricky things is sometimes we don't know we are in the bog. When we become complacent. When we become lazy. "Acedia" was once the word that was used for the deadly sin of sloth.

Sloth, lack of motivation, "this is good enough" being too comfortable, are deadly in part because we are no longer living into the person God has created us to be. As we live in this crazy world we have to remember WHO WE ARE. We are a people created for more than finding ways to entertain ourselves. God created us to be purposeful. God who loves us beyond our measure longs for us to live meaningful lives that are making a difference in the world.

Many of us realize that we have fallen into some bad habits. Habits that seem to reflect a world that revolves around ourselves. I say this not for judgement or condemnation. I say this because there is more to life.

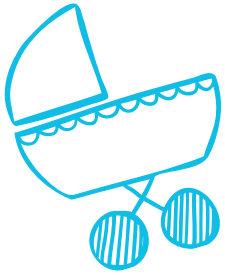
Fulfillment in life is about giving, not receiving. We need more heroes who care about something more than themselves. We need more Christians who are living out their calling to build a better world. I find that when I'm moody or feeling a bit down, very often part of my problem is I've spent too much time thinking about myself.

I believe when we serve God and serve others that we find our own peace and happiness. As Jesus said, "give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

I continue to pray for you and give thanks for the joy of sharing in ministry with you. Love, *Cindy*



Love One Another



Welcome, Calvin Bennett Storm!

Congratulations to Joshua and Hannah Storm upon the birth of their son, Calvin. He was born on September 2nd and weighed a whopping 9 lbs. 8 oz. His big brother, Aiden, loves his new baby brother. Our prayers and best wishes go out to the Storm family. Their address is:
16845 Jaydee Court, Moseley, 23120.



WOW!

Ethan Thompson began his harp studies at GreenSpring International Academy of Music a year ago at the age of 11. Because of his dedication to his musical studies and his potential, Ethan was selected in July 2019 as the recipient of the Bon Air Christian Church harp scholarship. As such, Ethan has been loaned Bon Air's professional grade pedal harp for his home practice. GreenSpring is grateful to Bon Air for the opportunity you have provided Ethan to grow his musical talents both through practice and performance. In addition to harp, Ethan is in the Virginia Choristers and excels at school with a particular interest in science. Ethan shares his beautiful music with our congregation once a month. We are thankful to be part of his musical journey. Ethan's parents are both school teachers and we always enjoy seeing them when they worship with us on the days Ethan plays. Thanks, Ethan!

For those of you who are reading this article digitally, you may click on this link to hear some of Ethan's beautiful music. You can also visit Bon Air Christian Church's YouTube page and view Ethan's video there.



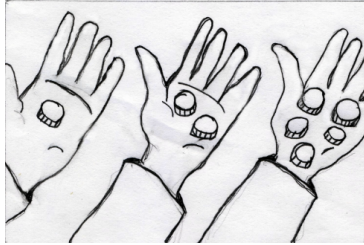
[Enjoy Ethan's lovely harp music!](#)

*"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 Rucker



Cathy Wheless



Jon Ver Beek



Bryahna Mooney

**Many thanks to our talented artists who share their gifts
in providing artwork for our bulletin covers!**

THANKYOU

THANKS SO MUCH TO OUR BACC FRIEND PAULA CRAFT, who so often uses her time and superb talents to makes our beautiful church look seasonal and lovely, no matter what time of year it is! We are so lucky and blessed to enjoy her special gifts!



THANKS ALSO TO OUR FRIEND JENNIFER COLLINS!

Jennifer has joined Cindy in presenting the Mental Health Moments throughout 2020, and also wrote an excellent article on dealing with grief during the holidays for our December 2019 newsletter. Jennifer is a Pastoral Counselor with SHEPHERD'S STAFF MINISTRY INC., and she has been a delight to work with and a wonderful friend to our church family.

Juanita Coleman and family thank you for your prayers and kind cards that have helped her as she has undergone multiple surgeries and rehabilitation. Your love and thoughtfulness mean much.

Juanita is now receiving Physical Therapy. Here is her address if you'd like to send her a card:
Lakewood Manor Health Services, Room 318, 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238

Many, many thanks to all who sent me well wishes and brought that delicious food during my recent hospitalization and continuing ill health. They are very much appreciated. I am doing OK; I have to rest more and take it easy, and not try to do too many activities. --Charles Stevens

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG - Thank you for your support of the University of Lynchburg and your gift of \$200.00 to the Lynchburg Fund. We are very grateful for your friendship and generosity.

Youth Group

BACC Youth Group Kick-Off

We had a wonderful time kicking off the start of Youth Group on Sunday, September 20th. We met at Huguenot Park and it was a BEAUTIFUL day! We had 11 kids total and after we ate a picnic lunch, they set off on an "Amazing Race" adventure. Donned in masks and with hand sanitizer at the ready, the kids had to find clues hidden all over the park. Once they found their clue, they had to accomplish a task in order to get the next clue. We broke up into two teams and it was a close race all the way to the end! The kids had 11 clues total -- some tasks were silly, some took team work and collaborative effort, some referenced biblical knowledge, and other tasks took talent & maybe a little luck. ALL of them brought laughter and fun!

The kids did a wonderful job adhering to all the rules. We were very proud of them playing the game in a very responsible and safe way.



Our Awesome Youth Group



Working hard for their next clue



The winning team!



Group effort



Snack break



Team work

Sharing Christ's Love

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Thanks so much to all of you who keep sharing with our neighbors in need of food items through your generous contributions to the Bainbridge Food Bank. So many friends in our area benefit from your kindness and your giving spirits! Continued thanks to Charles Stevens and Tim Skeens for their dedication to keeping this ministry running for us!

SUSAN G KOMEN "MORE THAN PINK" WALK 2020



Wendy Moore invited some of our BACC members to join other friends in forming Team Linda for the Susan G. Komen "More Than Pink" Walk 2020, to raise funding for breast cancer research. They had eleven participants, and those from Bon Air Christian Church included Cindy Stratton, with Dutch and Dani, Kendra and Lilly Ver Beek, Susan Baum, and Wendy herself. The team included several breast cancer survivors, and raised nearly \$300.00!

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH CWS



The Church World Service Emergency Kits and Buckets were picked up on Friday, September 18. Among the donations picked up here were 11 Clean Up Buckets. 48 Hygiene Kits, and 32 School Kits contributed by BACC! So many people in emergency situations will find comfort and assistance because of the love and support shown by our members who contributed to this program!

If you're looking for ways to help your neighbors during these trying times, the Church in Community Committee has lots of ideas!

1. Sponsor one of our youth or another member of our congregation for the annual CROP Walk, which will be held virtually on October 18 (people will do their own 5K walks). We will donate the money we raise to the Chesterfield Food Bank.
2. Beginning October 4, place nonperishable food items in the Thanksgiving family boxes that will be located throughout the church.
3. Although we will not be hosting CARITAS in our church this year, we will be helping CARITAS with some of its needs during a week in November. Stay tuned for more details!

*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?*

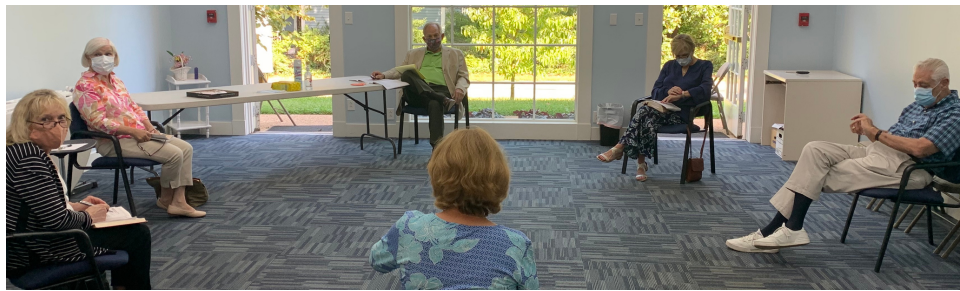
1 John 3:17

Growing Together While Seated Apart

YOU'RE INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Did you receive your invite to Sunday School? If you're ready to join us, *we're waiting here for you at 10:00 on Sunday mornings, which is a time change, as we've been meeting at 9:45 during the month of September.* The adult class, taught by Steve Craft, Cassie Price, and Danny Simmons, meets in the Multi-Purpose Room, and the Middle and High-Schoolers meet in the Worship and Wonder Room with Diane Clark and Cathy Vaden. The Elementary students meet with Robin Blanchard and Gina McKenney in the Sunday School classrooms. We follow all Covid guidelines as we meet, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're not ready for on-site Sunday School yet, join our Zoom Sunday School class from home at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as we explore the book of Proverbs.



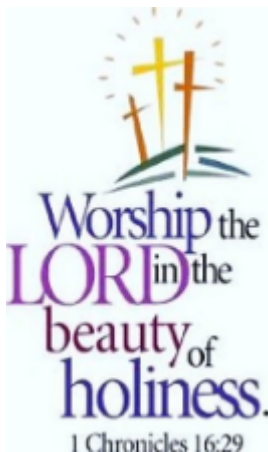
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fall is here and the CWF Day group will still not be meeting. The Ladies of the Evening are going to have another Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. A link to the meeting will sent by email. If you do not receive the CWF emails and want to attend, let the Church office know. The Salad Group will also be having a Zoom meeting in October, on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00. A link will be sent by email. Hope you'll be able to Zoom with us.

~Jamie McDonald

Together Again

An All-Star Zoom-Enhanced Socially-Distanced Pandemic Board Meeting



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.
Sunday worship - 11:00 a.m.
We welcome you to worship and we welcome you to invite your friends.

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*

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please keep in your prayers Debbie Inlow, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery; Faye Lester's sister and her husband who are having health problems, Ann and L.P. Mangum; Lynn Sarvis' friend Zack Bynum as he recovers from surgery; Bob Lenheart, who is recovering from recent sinus surgery; and Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick, who fell and broke her hip recently.

Our prayers continue to be with: Juanita Coleman who is at Lakewood Manor; Jim Henderson, who is undergoing chemotherapy; Harriet Griggs, who is at the Laurels at Willow Creek; Charles Stevens; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; John and Judy Crank; Traci Eagle; Peggy Gross; Jackie Nilles; Dot Nuckols; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Jim Severance; Russell Shelton; Cathy Wheless; Liz Young; Dane Thompson, family member of the McKenneys; Russ Johnson's sister Elizabeth; Kendra Ver Beek's aunt, Linda Walter and cousin, Kyle Walter; Alex and Emily Robinson's two-year-old niece, Sadie; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law, John Slusher; the Mendenhall family, friends of Jasmine Heath's, many of whom are ill with COVID19; Evelyn Moses, friend of Karson and Maggie Clark, who is recovering from a heart attack; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; Steve and Karen Kline's friend, Eric Fleenor who has COVID19; Robin Blanchard's friend, Leigh Ashanti; 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; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; 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; Debbie Inlow's neighbor, Anne Yamada; and J.J. and Paula Blum, parents of Kelsey Clark, whose home was badly damaged in the August 15th flooding.



The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

In appreciation to all Ministers

Week of the Ministry

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid; for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious hand. - Isaiah 41:10

Pastors, you have, in the last few months in the United States and Canada (and beyond), been asked to do what must have seemed impossible. Perhaps it does still. You've watched, and called your people to pray, as Australia burned. You've listened, and called your people to pray, as our national political turmoil has engulfed our churches and our communities. You've risen to the challenge, and called your people to pray, as a global pandemic forced us all to find new ways of being Church, drove us into our homes and away from one another physically, wreaked tragedy the world over, and left us all doing life in ways that leave us exhausted, feeling alone and experiencing trauma. And in the most recent weeks, you have entered the roiling waters of hate, and called your people to pray, as the reality and effects of racism have once again reared their ugly heads in loud and insistent and violent ways. You have demanded justice; you have insisted on Love. You have stood with your people as they have feared and fought and cried and prayed and wondered and felt alone. Perhaps you never imagined your call would lead you to such a time as this. And yet, here you are. Pastors, you may be tired. You may have fear and anxiety, too, just like your people. You may be wondering where and how this all will end. You may, as you have called your people to pray, be begging desperately for prayers yourself, because you have not known the way. But pastors...you have made a way. And you have not done so alone. God has not once left your side. God has not once forsaken you. God has not, even for a moment, brought you this far without the merciful promise to see you and your people through. God has upheld you and strengthened you. Every step of the way. We give thanks, during the upcoming Week of Ministry and every other day, for your collective callings. We pray for you with full certainty that God's love and grace will continue to guide your steps, lift up your voice, and give strength to your witness. You are not alone. Thanks be to God.

www.pensionfund.org/week-of-ministry

Lord, we thank you for all who have faithfully served our church!



Reverend Amy Spangler Dunning is a "Priscilla" from our congregation, who presently serves as a Pastoral Care Counselor; Reverend Steve Scott is a member of our church who serves as Pastoral Care Director at Covenant Woods. Reverend Clay Boyd and Reverend Dan Griggs have served numerous Disciples of Christ churches and are retired.