

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2021 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!

Watch and Pray

Jesus said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." Matthew 26:38

Holy is the week. Jesus invites us to stay awake with him.

Be present.

Come along with him to the Holy City.

Along the streets people shout for joy.

Come along as he breaks bread for the Passover.

He pours out the wine.

Eat

Drink

Receive his holy love, poured out.

Kneel with him in the garden of Gethsemane.

Pray

Be present

As he is taken

Crucified

Dies

And wait.

Wait upon the Lord.

I hope to see you during the Holy Week services. As we see Christ's love outpoured, we too pour out our love. We come to be present, and to tell our Lord of our great love of him.

I pray that as we worship together we will feel God's holy presence close, and because of God's amazing love in our lives we too will love, even as we have been loved.

With love and prayers,

Cindy



In the Works...



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March 25, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with excitement and joy that I report to you that, on March 21, 2021, the Board of Bon Air Christian Church approved our Search Committee's motion to call Reverend David Finnegan-Hosey as our candidate for co-minister. I hope many of you heard David preach on February 27 and also met him on our Zoom "meet and greet" on March 15. His sermon is on our YouTube page, as is the Meet and Greet recording.

Our Search Committee began its work in September 2019. We reviewed the profiles of twenty-six potential candidates, communicated with fifteen of them and ultimately interviewed eleven individuals. Five of these eleven individuals we interviewed multiple times.

We began our journey with David in November 2020. After numerous interviews with David, numerous committee meetings, and ultimately our trust that the Lord is guiding us, we bring this enthusiastic recommendation.

The final stage of approval to extend the call to David is for you, our congregation, to vote. If approved, David's ministry with BACC will begin June 1, 2021. His biographical statement and the proposed terms of call are attached for your review and prayerful consideration.

Accordingly, an in-person and Zoom congregational meeting is scheduled for April 11, following the 11:00 a.m. service. I look forward to seeing you there and discussing any questions you may have.

I also take this opportunity to thank our Search Committee: Diane Clark, Russ Johnson, Shea Hollifield, Kyle Clark, Nicole Johnson, Pete Landergan, Sandy Collins, Susan Baum, Kendra Ver Beek, Cindy Stratton, and Joan Mielke.

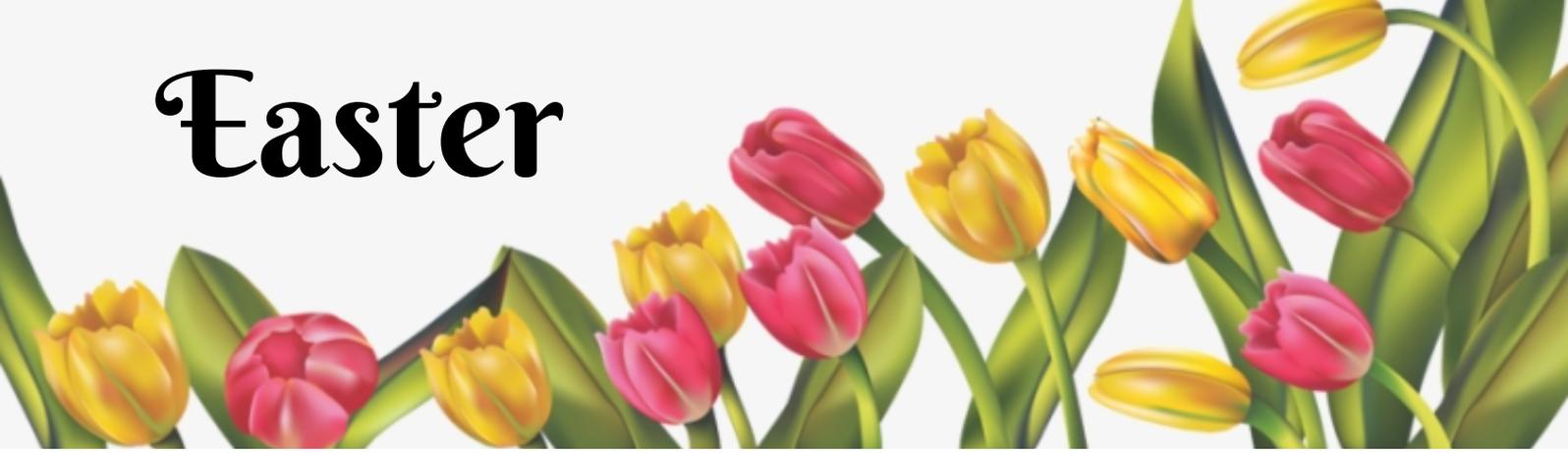
Yours in Christ's love,

Joan M. Mielke

Joan M. Mielke
President of the Congregation
Chair of the Board

David Finnegan-Hosey currently serves as the Chaplain of Barton College in Wilson, NC, having previously ministered in a variety of campus, congregational, non-profit, and hospital settings. He is a 2015 graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and was ordained at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Wilson in August 2020. In addition to his M.Div., David completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. David is also an author and mental health advocate, sharing from his own journey of mental health challenges, recovery, and faith. He is certified in Mental Health First Aid and has published two books, *Christ on the Psych Ward* and *Grace is a Pre-Existing Condition: Faith, Systems, and Mental Healthcare*. David's wife, Leigh, is also ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); they currently live in Wilson with their 4-month old daughter Laila and their dog Penny Lane, all of whom are excited about making the move to RVA!

Easter



March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 1 at 7:00 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2 at 12:00 p.m. — Good Friday Worship Service

April 3 at 5:00 p.m. — Easter Eve Service



HOLY WEEK

APRIL 4 — EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 a.m. — Sunrise Service in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. — Zoom Easter Service

11:00 a.m. — Outdoor Easter Service

11:45 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt

Preparing for Baptism



We are looking forward to baptismal services for: Tripp Raine, Taylor Trezza, Angel Huff, and Mia and Craig Berkley. They will be baptized on Saturday, April 3rd at the 5:00 Saturday evening service.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

Mark 16:6

Sharing Christ's Love

Reaching out with Christ's love

General Ministries that receive support from the Easter Offering include:

- Center for Faith and Giving
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana)
- Communication Ministries
- Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry
- Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- Disciples Home Missions
- Disciples Women
- Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries)
- Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
- National Convocation
- New Church Ministry
- North American Pacific / Asian Disciples
- Office of the General Minister and President
- Treasury Services



Imagine what God can do when we share our gifts.

The Easter offering reaches deep and wide with the limitless power of the risen Christ by

- developing Disciples,
- forming new faith communities,
- connecting with ministry partners around the world,
- serving God's people in need.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Our warmest congratulations to John and Judy Crank's son David on his nomination for an Oscar for best production design of the Tom Hanks' film "News of the World." David's family is so proud of him, as are all of his friends at Bon Air Christian Church!

[READ MORE ABOUT DAVID CRANK AND HIS WORK HERE!](#)

*He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

Phillipians 2:8

Youth Group



Craig Springs Camp Schedule

May 28-31	Spring Work Weekend
June 20-25	Diversity Inc. Camp
June 25-27	Homecoming Weekend
June 27-7/2	Nature Camp
July 4-9	Special Camp
July 11-16	Triple 1
July 19-24	CAMPDD
July 25-30	Triple 2
August 1-6	New Covenant
August 6-8	Family Retreat
October 8-10	Fall Work Weekend



Most of our Youth are already dreaming about being on the mountain and it looks like that is going to be able to happen this summer!
We are so excited!

Governor Northam has said that beginning May 1, 2021, overnight camps will be permitted. He also announced that cohort size may be up to 25 people now. This is all good news! With that, there are still A LOT of details that need to be worked out to do summer camp safely. The VA Region and all the staff & volunteers at Craig Springs are working very hard to figure this all out!

Some of the policies and procedures for participation to minimize risk while preserving the camp experience will include:

- Diligent, multilayered non-pharmaceutical interventions (face coverings, health screenings, hygiene practices, physical distancing, sanitation) to combat the spread of COVID-19.
 - Maximizing the use of all outdoor spaces
 - Limiting the participation capacity of events

There are many things we are currently unable to know for certain. Many of the adult leaders may have had access to vaccinations by their participation dates, however, most youth will not have access by this summer. The plan to open Craig Springs assumes that restrictions on gatherings will be relaxed by June.

The Region is also actively exploring backup plans for ways to provide the camp experience if we are not able to be fully functional. We will keep you all up-to-date as we learn more details. You can also visit: <https://www.ccinva.org/craig-springs-camp>

Youth Group



**Youth
Sunday
2021**

*God so
Loved the
World*

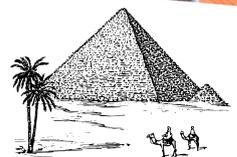
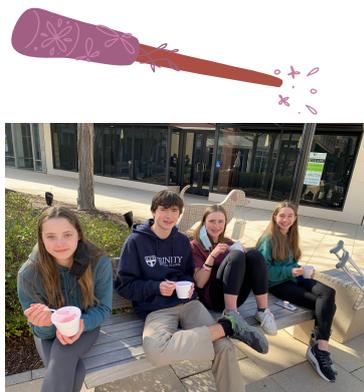
Congrats to the BACC Youth for doing such an amazing job with Youth Sunday this year. The talent runs deep for our young disciples and the future looks so bright with these children leading the way! If you haven't seen the Youth Sunday program yet, please be sure to check it out on the BACC YouTube page.

**YG
fun**



Gnome & Raven

We had a wonderful outing Sunday, March 21st at Gnome & Raven at Stony Point Fashion Park. We did the Tomb's Ruin and Wizard's Castle escape rooms. Good news ... we all made it out! Next up: Volunteering at Shalom Farms on April 3rd & May 8th, and a hiking trip - more details to come.



Spreading the Joy of Christ

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

Bon Air Christian Church is once again partnering with the Rotary Club to host an American Red Cross blood donation drive from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20 in our Fellowship Hall. To register to give blood, visit the April 20th blood drive at BACC at [UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE~~HELP SAVE LIVES.](#)

—Cassie Price and Emily Atherton



YOGA WITH LINDA

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. for Yoga with Linda Verheul via Zoom. Watch for your link in the Wednesday morning email with the Prayer and Fellowship info, and dedicate some enjoyable and well-deserved time to self-care!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The daffodils have arrived. The little Virginia spring beauties are all over the place and my Virginia bluebells are getting ready to bloom. I love the changes spring brings. Unfortunately some things haven't changed. CWF will still be meeting via Zoom. Due to Maundy Thursday, The Ladies of the Evening will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.** The Salad Group will meet the following **Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.** The lesson for this month comes from Luke 8:42B-48. Both groups continue to provide support to the battered women's shelters. Come join us on Zoom.

—Jamie McDonald

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Our Week of Compassion offering was over \$2000. Through your gifts you helped those who suffer following hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other devastating circumstances. Your generosity is touching the lives of those in need.

WORK DAY - APRIL 24

We come to serve and it is more fun together. We invite you to join us on April 24th for a work day. We hope to do some much needed work around the church, help our homebound friends with projects for which they need a helping hand, and tackle some community projects as well.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Feeling the Love...

EASTER FLOWERS 2021

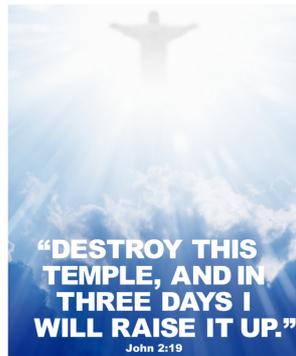
Thanks so much to those of you who filled our lovely sanctuary with beautiful blossoms in time for Easter! We will so enjoy being in the midst of them, and reflecting upon those whom you honor and remember in this special way. Our Easter flowers are given:

- by Jim and Phyllis Henderson in memory of James A. and Belle D. Henderson
- by Lynn Sarvis in memory of Lloyd and Barbara Thacher
- by Cindy Stratton in memory of Don and Micah Dutrow
- by Susan and Philip Baum in memory of our parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles
- in honor of Jackie Wood from her grateful children, Craig Huddle and Alison Bolen
- by Karson and Bode Clark, in honor of our wife and mother, Maggie Clark
- by Karson, Maggie, and Bode Clark in memory of our grandparents
- by Cassie Price in memory of Dick and Nancy Price
- in memory of Juanita and Linwood Coleman from all the kids
- by Steve and Angie Goff in honor of Georgette Cote and in memory of Hector A. Cote and Marguerite and Mastin Goff
- by Joe and Barbara Bancroft in honor of John and Judy Crank and in memory of Jerrell Todd
- by Joan Mielke in honor of Robin, Logan, and Reese Blanchard
- by Laura Hollis in memory of Janice Rice Hedrick and Laura Rice Jenkins
- by Rhonda Ringel in memory of Arlette and Linwood Brown
- by Todd and Dana Hatton in memory of David W. Bowen, Sr. and Elizabeth Winders
- in love by Paula Craft and Steve Craft in memory of Polly and Raymond Craft
- by Scott and Brenda Graham in memory of all the loved ones gone before us
- by Jean Dowdy in memory of my husband John Dowdy, and in memory of my sister Carol Anderson
- by Bill Heath in memory of Shirley Heath, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Batkins and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Farrar
- by Steve and Karen Kline in memory of Harry Kline, and in memory of Charles and Lucille Huddleston
- by Ed and Mary Garrison, in memory of our parents, Lester and Gwen Alley and George and Edith Garrison

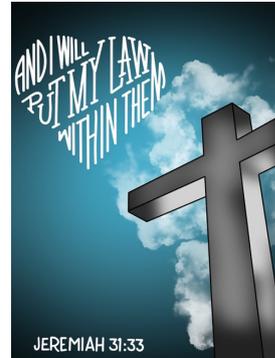
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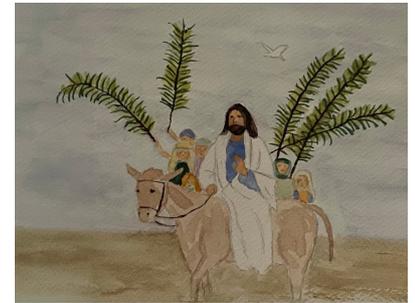
ASHE FEARNLEY



SUSAN DEIHL



LILLY VER BEEK



CAROL HERRIN

Many thanks to our talented artists who share their gifts in providing lovely artwork for our weekly bulletin covers, and to our amazing musicians who bless us each week with beautiful music that fills our souls.



He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Thank You



I want to thank all those who participated in preparing the "goody bags" delivered to us shut-ins. I have loved and enjoyed all the little gifts and treats as well as the communion. It is so sweet and thoughtful of you and I really appreciate it.

Beulah Proffitt



I just wanted to thank all of those who do the bags. They are absolutely priceless, and just uplift your spirits so much, so a very special thank you to all of you who do that!

With love, Jean Dowdy

Dear Cindy, Staff, and Church Members,

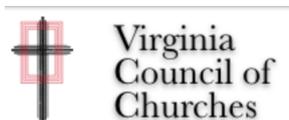
I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers when my mother was ill and when she passed away. My notes have all come slowly because with each one new teardrops fall. I miss her so much...It's hard to believe my mother has been gone since June when at times it seems like just yesterday. I know many of you understand and know how I feel from your own losses. You too have been in our thoughts and prayers. Stay safe and well.

Blessings to you all, Brenda and Jeff Collie

Dear Members of All Groups of CWF,

You are fantastic for sending cards as well as goodies our way. Course it would be wonderful to get to more services and the Joy Group, when they meet again, more often. My rollator and cane help me wonderfully, but cumbersome to go with them. We try to keep up and catch up with the newsletter! So much goes good with the youth as well as projects. All cards are being kept and I go through them often. Covid-19 stays away from us so far--even our family.

Love to all, Nancy Jeffrey



Dear Cynthia, On behalf of the Virginia Council of Churches, please accept my gratitude for your continued support. It is support of Covenant Churches like yours that makes it possible to make real the prayer of our Lord that we might all be one. Please express my deep appreciation to the members of Bon Air Christian Church for your gift of \$275.00. Your contribution is vital to the continuation and strengthening of the Council's ecumenical mission. Please continue to hold the VCC and our mission in Christ in your prayers.

Blessing, Rev. Mary Anne Glover, General Minister, Virginia Council of Churches

*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?*

John 3:17

Church Family Updates



Our prayers continue with Dan Griggs as he grieves the loss of his beloved wife, Harriet.

Harriet's Memorial Service will be May 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Stevens who passed on to glory on Tuesday, March 23rd. We will greatly miss Charles and our prayers are with Martha, Paul, Bethany, Sydney, Nick, Bella and Samantha Seemiller as they grieve the loss of their father and grandfather. **The Memorial Service for Charles will be April 10th at 3:00 p.m.**

Please pray for: Sandy Logan, who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Frank Harlow, Amy Greening's father, who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Jim Severance; Bill Heath's son-in-law, Jeff Rudolph, who has been diagnosed with interstitial lung disease; Steve and Karen Kline, whose grandson, Brandon Boyd, recently passed away; Scott Graham, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery; Bob Basalay, friend of Bob and Carol McGowan; Hannah Moon's roommate, Caroline Laughorn, whose Leukemia has relapsed again; Pat Cosby's cousin, Jo Bailey who fell and broke her femur, and will have surgery soon; Nancy Maiden's friend, Betty Jo; and Buddy Snoot, Terri Snoot's father-in-law.

Our prayers continue to be with: Dan Griggs and family; Cindy Johnson; Sylvia Montgomery; Lois and Jim Zarefoss; Shirley Burkhalter; Jim Henderson; Jeter Bourne; Traci Eagle; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; John and Judy Crank; Steve Goff; Cathy Wheless; Peggy Gross; Jackie Nilles; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Jim Severance; Russell Shelton; Liz Young; Marie Boger's cousin, Teresa Houtz; Tristan Spangler Dunning; Lewis Williams, uncle of Diane Clark; Cathy Law's mother, Myrna; Vickie Shannon's mother; Angie Goff's sister, Cathy; Barbara Barker, mother of Guy Barker; Cassie Price's friends, Spencer, and Jessica and Carter Pope; Joan Mielke's sister, Jan Crawford; Rose McCaferty's brother, Richard and her sisters, Bonnie and Judy; Pat Pennington's friend, Nancy Bingle; Russ Johnson's sister Elizabeth; Alex and Emily Robinson's two-year-old niece, Sadie; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law, John Slusher; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; Charles Stevens' friend, Courtenay Reynolds; Charles' daughter Kris and son-in-law, Smokey; Frances Atherton's sister, Ann; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber; 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; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Steve Blythe's cousin Brandon; Terry Tynan; Steve and Karen Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Chip Wright; and Lynn Sarvis' friends, Jimmy and Pat Pitts.

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

Psalm 145:18

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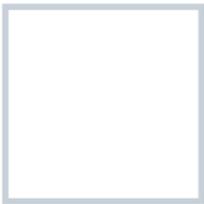
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reaches up to worship God,
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