

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:
4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
in person and via Zoom

Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

(Re)Turning to Wholeness

"Wholehearted living....means cultivating the courage, compassion, and connection to wake up in the morning and think, ***No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough.***"

-- Brené Brown, *Daring Greatly*

Several years ago, this congregation embarked on a discernment journey called "Mission Pathways." Through prayer, congregational conversations, and discussions with community partners, our church discovered a particular calling to respond to community needs related to mental health and wellness. The church envisioned a mission focus called "God's Table: A Wholeness Ministry," with wholeness including wellness of body, mind, and spirit.

And then 2020 came along, with all of the disruptions it entailed...and, at the same time, with an even more pressing need for us to care for the wholeness and wellness of our congregation and our community.

Throughout this Lenten season, we are going to be "re-turning" to the mission focus that the congregation discerned prior to the covid pandemic's eclipsing of our normal rhythms and focus -- not because we ever left it behind, but because this is a season to revisit, revive, and reimagine something that we've decided is important to our church. In particular, we're returning to four questions that emerged from our Mission Pathways work, as ways to examine our ministry through the lens of wholeness:

- Are our resources helping someone write their "wholeness story"?
- Are we reaching out and sharing the Word with someone who is in need of help with mind, body, or spirit?
- Is our time used to seek opportunities to help those who are struggling with depression, anxiety, homelessness, or distress of mind, body, or spirit?
- Are we saying "yes" to everything or are we being focused in our efforts?

How would you answer these questions for yourself right now? How would you answer them for our congregation? How might we explore them together throughout Lent? I can't wait to talk with you about it!

Grace + Peace,

David



Looking to Lent

Lent Book Study: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr, will begin **Wednesday, March 1st and Thursday, March 2nd; and end Wednesday, March 29th and Thursday, March 30th**. The Wednesday book discussions will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, immediately following (and using the same link as) our weekly Wednesday Prayer & Fellowship gathering. Thursday book discussions will be in-person at 10:30 a.m., meeting in the church office. Our first discussion will cover the Introduction and Chapter 1. Books are available in the office.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday Service:

April 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service hosted at BACC:

April 7th, 12:00 p.m., with lunch to follow

Easter Saturday Service:

April 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services:

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

8:45 a.m. - Early Service, in-person

11:00 a.m. Late Service, in-person and Zoom

Noon - Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Interested in baptism or baby blessing for Easter Sunday?

Contact David: davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org



Youth Group

Thank You

Thanks to all who donated items to the Connor's Heroes Family Fun Pack Supply Drive. We received a lot of games, candy, movies, and spa items. And even more items were sent directly to the CH office! These donations will certainly bring smiles to many families who are facing challenging times.



The future efforts and success of Connor's Heroes mission depend on generous people like you who want to provide hope, guidance, and support to the children battling cancer in Central Virginia. Thanks for being a HERO, BACC!



At our February 5th YG meeting, after some fun and games, we worked on "spreading some LOVE!" If you see the the cool paper hearts hanging from door ways around the church, you can thank our young disciples!

Youth Group

Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to all who came out to support the Youth Group for another successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. The youth raised over \$650 for Connor's Heroes Foundation! This money, along with the supplies that we collected for Family Fun Nights, will be so appreciated by those families having to deal with a childhood cancer diagnosis. It is so wonderful to see our church and young people give back to such a special organization.



Thank You

to all who helped set up, cook, and clean up, those who donated money, and all those who came to eat pancakes!



What's Happening

JOY GROUP TOURS CARITAS

On February 21st, 10 of us toured the CARITAS facility located in South Richmond. The tour was interesting and informative. We found the building to be clean, well-organized, and efficiently run.

We learned about the four programs of CARITAS: the Emergency Shelter Program, the Healing Place addiction recovery program, Works (a five week job preparatory program), and the Furniture Bank. They also have Recovery Residences where they invite men and women at any point during their personal recovery journey to live in one of their safe and affordable apartments. Here they will become part of a sober living community that meets the highest state and national standards.

CARITAS serves approximately 3500 people per year, taking people from crises to stability.

After the tour, we did a little volunteer work, and then enjoyed a delicious lunch together at Legend Brewing Company.

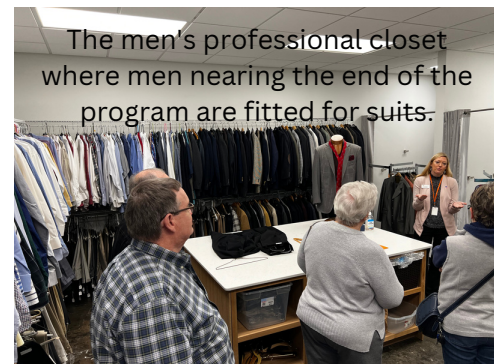
~ Brenda Kidd



The warehouse furniture donations are received, sorted, and stored.



The warehouse where household necessities are sorted, and stored.



The men's professional closet where men nearing the end of the program are fitted for suits.

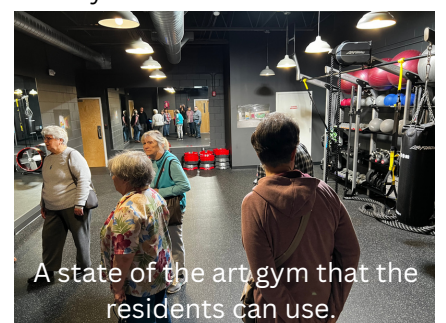


Some of our volunteer work. We made cleaning buckets that are free to those in need and we sorted through donation bags.



The Lifestory Room - very cool!

Everyone who graduates from the program presents and then writes their "story" on the walls of this room.

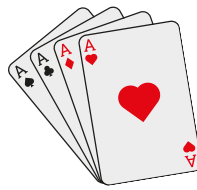


A state of the art gym that the residents can use.

What's Happening



The Card Sharks, who meet every Wednesday morning at 10:30, gathered on February 8th to celebrate Jean Turlington's 81st birthday.



Join the Card Sharks any Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.!
All are welcome!

CHILI COOK-OFF!

The Chili Cook-off has come and gone. But do not despair, we'll do it again next year. Date has not been set. The turnout was great and everyone seemed to be having a good time. We had 15 chilis entered. Rick Lewis was our Grand Champion in a close race. Traci Eagle was second and Paula Spencer was third. Probably not too soon to work on your chili recipe for next year. I want to thank everyone who helped make the event a success. Many hands make light work.



So far, we raised \$1,854. Part of the money will go to the Disciples Women's Spring Projects. The local project is to help rebuild the Church in Mayfield KY which last destroyed by a tornado. The international project is a Church in Morocco that helps refugees and displaced persons. The final decision on how the money will be spent will be made at the joint CWF meeting on **April 23rd after the 11:00 a.m. service.** Everyone is welcome to attend. ~ Jamie McDonald

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

What's Happening



"Lots-O-Ladies" serving!
Sara Reese, Kitten Whitlow, Arlene Giffel, Rose McCaferty,
Andee Kirk, and Cathy Law

A special thanks to Sara Reese and Jackie Twedell Woods, from Bethany Christian Church, for preaching while David was on a weekend sabbatical. It was wonderful to have these special women bring us the good news! They both did a wonderful job.

A heartfelt thanks to ALL who serve BACC to help make every weekend run so smoothly!



BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

For several years, BACC has supported Bainbridge Food Pantry through donations of non-perishable food. The needs remain high. The pantry is most in need of canned soups, cereal, jelly and canned fruit/fruit cups. The donation bins are outside the church office door. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE

Week of Compassion is more than a week in February. It is the relief, refugee and development mission fund for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through our gifts, WOC is able to reach out year round to those who are suffering brought on by earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and wars. In the past few months alone, assistance has been provided to Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Pakistan, Vietnam and many more places. In the United States, WOC has helped out in Kentucky, Florida, Puerto Rico, Texas and so many more places. Donations to WOC can be made at any time during the year (designate your gift for Week of Compassion), and you can sign up for email updates at Week of Compassion - Home.



~ Cathy Law

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?*

1 John 3:17

Serving Together

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." ~Hebrews 13:2

Would you like to become better acquainted with those in our BACC family? Serve as a Greeter and experience our church family from a whole new perspective! Greeters play a vital role in welcoming every person who comes into our church. As Greeter, you help our guests form their first impression of us, even before the first hymn begins.



If you are willing to volunteer, you can sign up via the link in our church weekly Wednesday email ([GREETERS](#)) or by emailing (worship@baccdoc.org) or calling the office (804-272-6228).

We hope you will consider accepting this opportunity to share your talent, time, and treasure to serve the Lord.

We are very thankful for all who generously volunteer their time to serve as a Greeter!

***** THERE WILL BE A SHORT TRAINING SESSION FOR GREETERS FOLLOWING OUR 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE. *****

GREETER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of worship.
- Light the candles in the wall sconces with the remote in the top table drawer.
- Check the bulletin to see if an Acolyte is named. If not, then ask someone in the pews prior to the service.
- The Acolyte lights the altar candles during the "Prelude."
- Check the wick for the Acolyte lighter. The lighter is in the top table drawer.
- If no children are available by 5 minutes prior to start of the service, then a Greeter can go ahead and light the candles on the altar table at that time.
- Close the sanctuary doors after the Acolyte is done.
- Check to make sure bulletins are at both side door entrances.
- Greet each person with a warm hello.
- Introduce yourself to the guests.
- Invite the guests to sign the guest book.
- Hand out bulletins and escort visitors to their seats.
- Greet until after the first hymn, so that those who arrive late will be welcomed.
- Introduce guests to Pastor David and to anyone else.
- At the end of the service, open the sanctuary doors.
- After the service is over, collect empty communion cups, bulletins, and any trash from the pews.
- Make sure the Acolyte candles on the altar are out; as well as the candles in the wall sconces.

Please contact the Worship Committee Chair with any questions.

Andee Kirk and Jean Turlington





Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Last month, The Ladies of the Evening had dinner at Sedona Taphouse and met at the Church for our February meeting. We continue to send greeting cards and collect gift cards for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA .

The March meeting will be on **Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m., with dinner at Firebird's at 5:00 p.m.** The lesson will come from Exodus 20:15 (do not steal) and Matthew 25:31-46.

The Day Group met on Valentine's Day. Becky Harvell was the hostess. We collected canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry. Brenda led the lesson on "bad girls of the Bible." Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 14th, at 10:30 a.m.** in the multi-purpose room. We'll be having a tea. Plan to join us.

The Salad group met on Monday, February 20th (President's Day). Turnout was very good and the salad was delicious. Claire Deitch talked about music in Ukraine. Shea led the lesson on the 7th Commandment. We signed cards and brought food to help replenish the food pantry at Safe Harbor. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 20th** in the multi-purpose room. We meet at 6:15 p.m. for salad and the meeting (including Zoom) starts at 7:00 p.m. The lesson will be on the 8th Commandment (scriptures as listed above).

We had several extra events last month, Several of us went to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse to see "A Soldier's Story." The play was excellent and we had dinner afterwards at Howlett's Tavern. A trip to the Playhouse is planned for April. We had our Chili Cook-off. We had a great turnout and a great time. Several of us also went to the see the Richmond Ballet's "The Firebird" and "Serenade" It was a wonderful production. And we went to brunch at Mosaic's before the performance. We do like to eat. Finally we are planning a joint meeting on **Sunday, April 23rd** after the late service. Lunch will be provided.



~ Jamie McDonald



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Christian Men's Fellowship Group had a wonderful time together on February 9th, visiting and enjoying dinner at Extra Billy's Barbecue!

From left to right: Bernie McDonald, Wayne Farrell, Frank Clark, Joe Bancroft, Steve Craft, Greg Shannon, Clay Boyd, Steve Goff, Jim McKenney, Tom Snodgrass, Michael Whitlow, Kristopher Clark, and Doug Collins. Not pictured: Scott Graham

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy March everyone! On February 25th, we had a hands-on CPR class. Now we know the "how-to" but hope we never have to use it.

On **March 19th**, please come for a free **St. Patrick's Day lunch** after the late service.

The menu so far is shepherd's pie, roasted veggies, tomato soup, and something green.

We are always trying to do something nice for our members but this month we included the furry friends at RAL. We made thirteen dog friendly quilts that were soft, colorful, and smelled good. Some took them to their new adoptive homes.

An Irish Blessing for all:

"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

~ Sandy Logan

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Thank You

Hello,
I just want to thank all the disciples of Christ who have been sending wishes for my recovery, those who have graciously prepared meals for me, and those who are praying for my recovery. I love and appreciate you all. ROMEOS, I will be back!

Paul Stairs



Dear BACC Friends,
Our most sincere thanks for all of the love and support shown to our family as I recover from a recent foot procedure. All of the caring cards, calls, and texts, as well as the delicious and wonderful meals made and delivered with love, have been so appreciated by Jim and me, and have been such a blessing to us! We are beyond thankful for your kindness and generosity!

With Much Love, Gina McKenney

Dear Kendra and BACC Youth,
On behalf of everyone at Shalom Farms, thank you for your recent donation! We take very seriously our privilege and role in providing healthy and responsibly grown produce to the communities that need it most. Your support and investment in this work is greatly appreciated. Your generous donation of \$93.75 given on February 2, 2023 will fuel our work to ensure that the most vulnerable families in Richmond continue to have access to healthy, nutritious food and the support to use that food to live a healthy life in 2023 and beyond. Thank you for supporting Shalom Farms!



With gratitude,
Rainey Niklawski
Director of Development



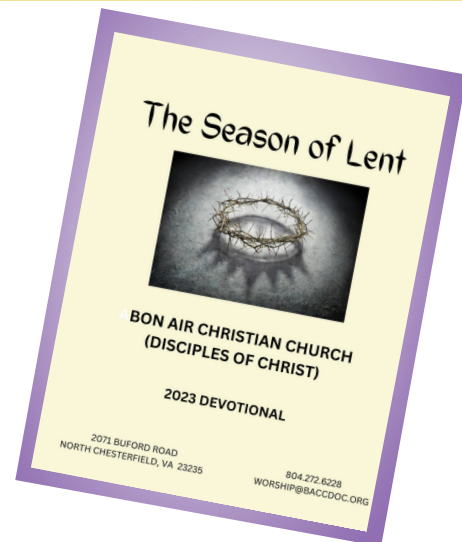


Thank You


THANKS TO OUR TALENTED WRITERS...

We so appreciate all of our BACC friends who wrote the lovely Lenten devotionals to share in our 2023 Lenten Devotional Book! They are such a blessing to so many near and far!

If you still need one, please contact the church office and we'll make sure you get a copy.



...AND OUR "BAG PEOPLE!"



Continued thanks to those who participate in our Gift Bag ministry! Our February bags included some edible treats, puzzles, a palm cross, a Lenten Prayer, and our Lenten Devotional Book for 2023. Diane Clark always kindly spends many hours organizing this for us, and our BACC delivery friends for February included Jamie McDonald, Kitten Whitlow, Suzanne Dale, David Finnegan-Hosey, and Frank and Diane Clark.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS to Mrs. Julie Burke, mother of Carol McGowan, who has spent many hours over the past few years decorating bags for this project. Julie always did bright and colorful bags for our recipients to enjoy, and Carol found more all ready for us during her last visit with her mom.

Julie's kindness and generosity are so appreciated!

Thank you for serving!

We are so grateful for the many ways you serve our church. Please click on the link and sign up to be part of sharing the gospel through acts of kindness and love.

GREETERS

WORSHIP AND WONDER

WORSHIP LEADERS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP



Church Family Updates

Welcome Josie Schmidt and Dan Butler as new members!

We are grateful and excited for you to join our community and look forward to being in ministry together. Be on the look out in our April newsletter to learn more about Josie and Dan.

Our Prayers

Please pray for: Joe, Frances, Emily, and Rob Atherton, as Joe's most recent cancer treatments have not been effective and the family is exploring next steps; Myrna Law, who has opted for hospice care; Bill Heath, Mary Garrison, Gina McKenney, Traci Eagle, and Jane Finnegan who are all recovering from recent surgeries; Mike Vernon, Debra Vaughn's friend, who has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer; Clay Boyd who is recovering from a heart procedure.

Please continue to pray for: Diane Fearnley and family; Karen Kline and family; Beulah Proffitt; Emily Porter, Christie MacAulay and family; Faye Ringel, sister-in-law of Rhonda Ringel; Paul Stairs; the Somik family; Terri Rudolph, and her husband, Jeff; Gary and Marion Hosey; the family of Raymond Langford, cousin of Bob Lenhart; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Jeri Farkus, friend of Susan and Philip Baum; Dawn and Craig Sandahl; Alex Kazas, Cassie Price's stepdaughter; Becky West; Ada Slayton; Angel Huff and her family; Steve Goff; Mary Ann Casdia; Gerry Roppe; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis; Liz Young; Jim Henderson; Peggye Alcock; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Gene Dunston; Jeter Bourne; Pat Cosby; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold Campbell; Wanda Russell; Joe Bancroft's brother-in-law, Joe Thomas; Nikki Todd; Carolanne Ivey; Jean Venner; Steve Kline's friend, Gail Smith; Gerry Roppe's friend, Chico; Cathy Wheless; Larry Brown; Judi Wright, sister of Debra Vaughan; Evan O'Dell; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Mary Williams, friend of Pat Cosby; Stephanie Strobe; Hannah Moon's roommate, Caroline Laughorn; Pat Cosby's cousin, Jo Bailey; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Barbara Barker; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's sister Judy; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Betty Jean and Diana Barber.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2

March 2023

1	We	9:15 a.m. ROMEO's at Joe's Inn; 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship on Zoom; 6:30 p.m. Quilters in MP 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study on Zoom (same link); 7:00 p.m. AA
2	Th	10:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study at BACC; 5:00 p.m. CWF dinner at Firebirds; 7:00 p.m. CWF Mtg at BACC; 7:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal in sanctuary
3	Fr	4:00 p.m. Wedding in the sanctuary
4	Sa	10:00 a.m. Baby Shower in MP; 4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service; 5:00 p.m. Tom Snodgrass' Flock feeds the HomeAgain Men's Shelter
5	Su	8:45 a.m. Worship; 10:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Worship; 12:00 p.m. BOARD MEETING; 12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Youth Group; 4:00 p.m. AA
6	Mo	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bon Air Artist Assoc. in FH
7	Tu	9:45 a.m. Church staff meeting; 6:00 p.m. Choir practice
8	We	9:15 a.m. ROMEO's at Joe's Inn; 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship on Zoom; 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study on Zoom (same link); 7:00 p.m. AA
9	Th	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Bon Air Artist Special Class in FH; 10:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study at BACC
10	Fr	
11	Sa	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quilters "sit & stitch" in FH; 4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service
12	Su	8:45 a.m. Worship; 10:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. BACC Greeter Training; 12:00 p.m. BACC Trustee's Meeting; 4:00 p.m. AA
13	Mo	
14	Tu	9:45 a.m. Church staff meeting; 10:30 a.m. CWF Day Group at BACC in MPR; 6:00 p.m. Choir practice
15	We	9:15 a.m. ROMEO's at Joe's Inn; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quilters in FH; 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship on Zoom; 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study on Zoom (same link); 7:00 p.m. AA
16	Th	10:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study at BACC; 5:30 p.m. CMF Dinner (location to be announced)
17	Fr	
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19	Su	8:45 a.m. Worship; 10:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Worship; 12:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at BACC; 4:00 p.m. AA
20	Mo	6:15 p.m. CWF Salad Group at BACC in MPR (7:00 p.m. meeting starts)
21	Tu	9:45 a.m. Church staff meeting; 10:30 a.m. JOY Group outing; 6:00 p.m. Choir practice
22	We	9:15 a.m. ROMEO's at Joe's Inn; 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship on Zoom; 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study on Zoom (same link); 7:00 p.m. AA
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28	Tu	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. DAR Meeting in FH; 9:45 a.m. Church staff meeting; 6:00 p.m. Choir practice
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