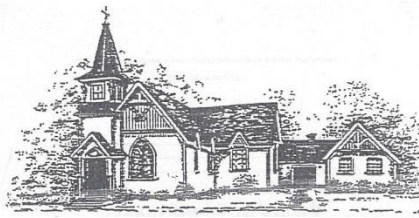


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Clap your hands

Ellie clapped after Vickie played the prelude music. We sang the first verse of the hymn and she clapped again. We sang verse two and she greeted it with clapping. And yes, verse three and four received the same accolades. I'm guessing that Ellie is thinking, "What's wrong with these people, something is good and then you clap. Why don't they clap?"



I admit that on Christmas Eve I ask the congregation not to clap after our special music because in those moments we are breathing in the unspeakable wonder and awe of God's glorious gift to us of his son. Our choir and our soloists are making a holy offering. With all that they have they are praising, worshiping and lifting us into the presence of God.

That being said, I would like to say a word of praise for praising. I think we should clap for God as the psalmist sang. O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy." How wonderful to be excited in worship! How wonderful to hear something of beauty and just not be able to resist clapping your hands!

Our Bible Study is focused on transformation. Worship is a time of transformation. We come into worship and bring all that we are. We offer ourselves up to God. We probably should be uncomfortable and at least a little bit scared because if we truly give ourselves to God there's no telling what God can and will do with us. We can trust that wherever God calls us he won't send us out alone. We can trust that God will work his changes within us and God will always be with us whatever challenges come our way.

So clap your hands my friends, clap your hands and give thanks and praise because even if you are walking through dark and rough paths there is one who always will light the way. Trust in his guiding light.

Shalom,

Cindy



## Family Concerns:

Mazie McCann and Sandy Logan are both recuperating well at home after surgery; Mazie had a portion of her colon removed due to diverticulitis. Sandy had a stint put in her femoral artery.

Our prayers are with: "Chico" Alfred Dyett who has Multiple Sclerosis; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street who has a neurological disease; Jan Skeens who has a kidney disease; Harriet Griggs; Bob McGowan; Shirley Acree; Helen Macklin's daughter, Cindy; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; Joe Bancroft's friend, Johnny Guilliams who has cancer; Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin McGuire; Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose who is being treated for leukemia; Tom Mayfield's friend Mickey Denke; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane and Harrison Zierenberg; Peggy Hill; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfadden's friends, Barbara and Lewis Bell.

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The family of Lou Scharon would like to express our deep gratitude for all of the expressions of sympathy on the loss of our dear Betty, Mom and Gran. The service, reception, cards and notes have brought us much comfort. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a loving congregation.



The Scharon family

Dear BACC:

Thank you so much for sending all of your prayers and thoughts. I am feeling so much better. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Charlie Ver Beek

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support and prayers this summer. Your cards lifted our spirits during this difficult time. We feel blessed to be part of this congregation.

Love, Ann and Eric Thomas

## **Christian Women's Fellowship**

Bon Air Christian Church has three opportunities for women's fellowship. All women of the church are invited to attend any or all of the groups.

Our CWF Day group meets on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at the church. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

The next meeting of the CWF night group will be at 7:00 on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Janet Lenhart's.

The CWF salad group will meet Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. Cathy Law is the leader. Members are asked to bring an item for the salad.



## **Darryl Emerson will perform at JOY on October 20th**

JOY will be a Pot Luck Luncheon, 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 20 at church. Jane Miller has arranged for Darryl Emerson, a professional pianist, to play for us!! Mr. Emerson plays for Ruth Chris restaurant every Friday and Saturday evenings. He is the pianist for Three Chopt Presbyterian Church, and he plays for Bliley's Funeral Home, weddings, other social events, retirement & nursing homes around the Richmond area. Jane Miller, Beth Roane, and Beulah Profitt will be out hostesses.

## **Touch O' the Pipe - 2015 Bagpipe Concert October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00**

### **Bagpipe Concert: Touch O' The Pipe**

For the 15<sup>th</sup> time, Bud Deihl and friends will present an annual concert of Highland Bagpipe and Scottish Smallpipe music. You are invited to join Bud, Chance Bell, Owen Brody and Bill Lively as they share an hour of music entitled "Touch O' The Pipe." This concert has been an annual tradition and is our gift to the community. The concert series has introduced Bon Air Christian Church to many, through the gift of music and is now being attended by people from as far away as Kentucky, Florida and parts unknown. Of course, the experience would not be complete without Susan Deihl's fantastic reception following. We hope you will join us and would appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer. We are especially in need of help cleaning up at the end of the evening.



## **Nursery Safety**

We are delighted to welcome back Shirley Acree to the Nursery. She is assisted by nursery helper, Alice Stitzer. To ensure the safety of our children in our Nursery we now request that all parents sign their children in and out each Sunday morning. There is a book on the table outside of the Nursery door to record your child's name and the time in and out. The Nursery is for babies and toddlers that are not potty trained. During special events and under special circumstances older children may be there. If your child is getting too old for the Nursery, children's ministry programs are offered during the Sunday School class time and also during the worship services.

Each Sunday morning Worship and Wonder is offered during both services. Children that are potty trained and who are able to follow instructions are welcomed to experience this amazing worship time that is designed to help our children grow closer to God.



It is time to start preparing for the Annual Crop Walk. The date for this year has been set for:

**November 1st from 2:00 to 4:00**

**Registration** will be at **1:30** at Sunday Park.

Will you walk to feed the hungry or sponsor a walker and help provide food for those who are in need?

### **World Communion Sunday - October 4th**

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. At its best, therefore, World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from around the world.



### **A Church-wide Mission Project: Co-Sponsoring a Refugee Family in 2016**

There are more refugees in the world currently than after World War II. At its September meeting the BACC Board unanimously approved for the church to co-sponsor, with Church World Services, a refugee family in early 2016. We do not know yet where the family will come from or its size, but will know more approximately two to three months before their arrival. The World Outreach and the Church in Community committees will work together, with the refugee resettlement staff at Church World Services, to organize the tasks of helping the family start a new life in Richmond. There will be several ways you can help, such as donating household items and furniture to providing transportation and more. We will begin collecting items for the new household and coordinating the details once we know the specifics about the family. We are excited about this mission project and opportunity to serve others. If you have questions or wish to volunteer to be part of this project, please contact Cathy Law or Shea Hollifield.



### **CARPOOLING TO THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

Anyone interested in riding together to the **District 7 Get Together on October 4<sup>th</sup>** please meet in the church parking lot at **3 to 3:15 pm**. We can determine drivers and riders once we see the number in attendance. Call Andee Kirk with questions 804 929 2270.



### **Craig Springs Work Weekend October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers are needed for the Craig Springs Work Weekend October 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. This is an important ministry program of Craig Springs. Veteran volunteers know how important this weekend is. This weekend provides an opportunity for you to share with others how outdoor ministry has affected your spiritual life. The facility of Craig Springs cannot grow and prosper if its supporters do not grow and prosper.

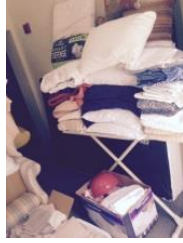
If you are interested in volunteering, each participant must register in advance. If youth are attending, an adult leader should be prepared to work with their youth as a group or as part of a larger group. Adult leaders are required to lodge with their youth. Please bring insurance information with you to camp. Registration forms are available in the church office and are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## BACC Hosts CARITAS

November 7 - 14

BACC will host the CARITAS family program from November 7 through 14. During this time homeless families will spend the nights at Bon Air Christian Church. We will provide them with breakfast in the morning, dinner in the evening and a bag lunch to take on their way during the day. This program usually includes a large number of children. We must be prepared to assist families with school aged children as well as infants. We will need a large number of committed volunteers to make this week successful. We will need people to provide food for breakfast, bag lunches and a hot dinner each night. We will need volunteers to spend the night at church to be on call as needed, a lead volunteer each night, folks to help with laundry and transport to showers. Any volunteers available to help with the children during the week would be a real blessing. Sign-ups will be available soon. Please help the homeless

*“...for I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the King will answer them, “**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these you are members of my family you did it to me.**”*”



### **Thank you for the support of the Congolese Family!**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the generous response to the needs of a Congolese refugee family that has recently come to Richmond.

Church World Service shared with us that this large family (2 parents, 8 children and 2 other relatives) did not have towels and bed linens for the two apartments they moved into.

Thanks to your kindness the family now has all of these needs met, along with some dishes and other kitchen items.

I continue to feel God's love move among Bon Air Christian Church and this is a wonderful example of that.

Shalom,  
Shea Hollifield

### **FOOD PANTRY**

An ongoing ministry of BACC is the collection of non-perishable food for the Bainbridge ministry. Suggested food donation for October: Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars, please) and pasta. Collection bins are located by the church office and the Fellowship Hallway.



### *Library Corner*

Here is a book may want to read from our library:

**Due North** by James Zimmerman. This is the Introduction written by the author:

“At the end of last year, I sensed that I had come to an end - in my life and in my walk with Christ. I asked the Lord to give me a project to work on, not wanting to drift. This is the result of the prayer. In many different ways He bore witness to me, not only to do this, but also how to write it. The story is allegorical in nature and poetic in nature. It is a fictitious tale, based upon spiritual truths. **Due North** is a story of how Christ calls men to serve Him - Leaving the Southern Territory of their personal/natural lives... Journeying to the Northern Territory, where they encounter various battles and trails of faith. It is Christian fiction, but laced throughout the story are songs and sonnets and poems of praise to God - in the midst of tragedy and triumph - all the while journeying onward to the end ...which is Christ Himself.

Much of this comes from personal experience and walking with Christ for twenty plus years. Possibly some of the best parts of the story come in the mid to late chapters, where the message of salvation is clearly defined ... because so many in our day have abandoned the gospel for a form of religion.”

## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2015

### **October 4**

Elders: Bud Deihl, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Jerrell Todd

11:00 Paul Seemiller (P), Connor Kirk, Rick Bernard, Joan Mielke

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Paula Craft 11:00 Jean Turlington

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Allison Landergan

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Caitlynn Collins 11:00 Pete Landergan

Usher/Greeters: 8:45 Jim and Faye Lester 11:00 Lena Neal and Madison Arthur

### **October 11**

Elders: Frank Clark, Bill Sydnor

Deacons: 8:45 Joe Smith (P), Tom Mayfield

11:00 Jerrell Todd (P), Whitney Graham, Daniel Whitlow, Kitten Whitlow

Worship Leaders 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Joan Mielke

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maggie Pace

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Taylor Brooks 11:00 Barbara Bancroft

Usher/Greeters: 8:45 Sam and Carol Herrin 11:00

### **October 18**

Elders: Steve Kline, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 8:45 Tom Mayfield, (P), George Smith

11:00 Laura Hollis (P), Stephen Blanchard, Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Zachary Moon

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Zachary and Hannah Moon

Usher/Greeters: 8:45 Steve and Angie Goff 11:00

### **October 25**

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Carol McGowan (P), Jeanne Brock

11:00 Collins Thomas (P), Lauren Johnson, Doug White, Polly White

Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Brenda Kidd

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Deb Romig

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Cassie Collins 11:00 Zachary Brink

Usher/Greeters: 8:45 Janie and Jim Severance 11:00 Jean Turlington

Offering: Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis

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