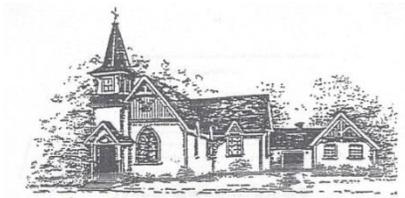


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Dear friends:

For me one of the most moving and meaningful worship services is Maundy Thursday. It is quiet and reverent. We stop and ponder what it meant to sit at the table with Jesus at his Last Supper. How must that have been for his friends as Jesus looked at each one in the eyes and said, "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood, poured out for you." He spoke of the new covenant. He called us to love and serve as he loved and served.

This year as we think about our stewardship we are focusing our thoughts on "Bread and Wine." We are invited to remember all that has been given for us and ask ourselves what we can give to make our church, our community and our world better. We seek to be about God's work of transformation.

We celebrate transformation each time we gather around the Lord's Table. We come to the Table wrestling with the complexities of life and leave with the simple assurance of God's abiding love. The financial gifts we offer and place upon the Table become the resources for ministry and mission.

Let us consider how we are transformed by our encounter with Jesus in the gifts of bread and wine. On October 4th we will celebrate our calling as stewards of God's blessings and we will share in a time of fellowship. God has done, and continues to do remarkable things with us. Our prayers and our participation are the gifts we offer at the table.

I look forward to seeing you around the Table, where each week Bread and Wine become Faith and Giving. We are blessed and we seek to be a blessing to others.

Shalom, Cindy 🦋

Family Concerns:

Our sympathy is extended to Lou Scharon upon the death of Betty. Our prayers go out to Lou and all of his family. The memorial service will be Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m at the church.

Our sympathy is extended to Andy and Sarah Trezza upon the death of Andy's grandmother.

Our prayers are with: Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street who has a neurological disease; Jan Skeens who has a kidney disease; Shirley Acree; Helen Macklin's daughter, Cindy; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; Nancy Maiden's brother-in-law John Maiden who has been diagnosed with cancer; 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.

A note from the family of Shirley Huff:

Thank you so much for all you did to help make our mom's service go smoothly. The food was delicious. Your kindness was beyond what we could hope for. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough
The Huff Family



**Back to
Sunday
School!**

September 13th is our Sunday School kick-off event. Please join us at 10 a.m. for a breakfast reception before heading off to your Sunday School classes.

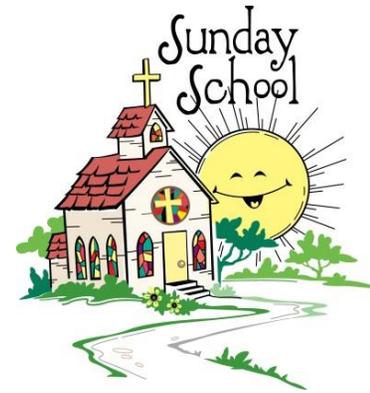
New Schedule Begins September 13

*8:45 Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service*

*5:00 Casual Worship Service
on Saturday evenings*

JOY for September 15

Welcome back!! Please bring a dish to share and a baby or young child photograph of yourself. The youngest photo you might be able to locate!! We will try to see if we recognize each other from ages past!! Bring any other photo you might wish to share and we will have just a generally good time!!



**Welcome Back to
Sunday School!**

Our appreciation is extended to all of those who week after week share their time and talent by leading our Sunday School classes. Our teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year are:

Pre-School-Kindergarten: **Martha Seemiller, Robin Emson, Lindsay Reynolds, Sarah & Andy Trezza**

Early Elementary (Grades 1-3): **Shea Hollifield, Catherine Mayfield**

Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6): **Pete Landergan; Robin Blanchard**

Middle School (Grades 6-8): **Russ & Cindy Johnson**

High School Class (Grades 9-12): **Karson Clark**

Adult Sunday School

Sojourners Class: **Cathy Law, Sara Reese, Susan Deihl**

Fellowship Class: **Kitten Whitlow**

Parlor Class: **Danny Simmons, John Crank, Steve Craft and Jamie McDonald**

Foundations Class: **Sandy Collins**



*Thank you everyone for your love and support when I was in the hospital.
Love, Anika*

Renovation Dedication Sunday September 13th

On September 13 we will dedicate the choir room, nursery and high school Sunday School classrooms.

We hope you will be part of this service of dedication.

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 first meeting will be September 9th at the church. This meeting will be a picnic. Members are asked to bring a picnic item; dessert and chicken will be provided.

The first meeting of the CWF night group will be at 7:00 on September 8th at Mary Ann Casdia's.

The CWF salad group will meet Wednesday September 2nd at 6:15. In October the group will begin meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. Cathy Law is the leader. Members are asked to bring an item for the salad.

SPECIAL OFFERING – for Reconciliation Ministry September 27 & October 4

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry. We receive this offering in the fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our church names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry. The need for addressing racism has never been more obvious. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." Contributions to this offering facilitate camp and conference and leadership development opportunities, as well as programs that promote life-giving community within our beloved church and among the whole family of God.



On September 13th we will begin our regular Sunday schedule with a Sunday school reception at 10:00. Children and youth will be promoted on this day to their new classes.

It is always such fun returning from our summer break and seeing all our friends. Sunday School is a special time for us to delve more deeply into Bible study and also a wonderful time for us to share in fellowship. We learn from one another and are challenged by differing perspectives. Together we draw 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?

Habitat for Humanity

Please join us for a work day in Powhatan on September 12 at 8:00 a.m. The address is 5314 Catersville Road, Powhatan. Pack a lunch and join us for a fun day. If you have any questions, call Frank or Diane Clark.



Directory Update

**Please make the following change
to your church directory:**

Nancy Roper
5100 Monument Ave. Unit 205
Richmond, VA 23230
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Vacation Bible School Success!!!

Forty three children attended the “Faith Trail” Vacation Bible School the week of August 10-14th. Special thanks go to Andee Kirk and Joan Mielke for heading the VBS effort this year, as well as to all the numerous volunteers who made VBS such a rousing success. It is a blessing to share the Good News with God’s children

An ongoing ministry of BACC is collection of non-perishable food for the Bainbridge ministry. The suggested food for September is canned fruits. Collection bins are located by the church office and the Fellowship Hall.

From Bread and Wine to Faith and Giving

At the table, God uses the loaf and cup as signs of his love for us, the gift of his son. When we eat the bread and drink the wine we embrace God's unconditional love as the basis of our lives and commit ourselves to live in God's ways of love. God's giving inspires and empowers our own giving.

Please pray for the stewardship of our church and our commitment to God and the mission of this church.

Joe Bancroft
Stewardship Chairman





**Sunday October 4, 2105
4:30 – 7:30**

**District VII Assembly
Trinity Christian Church**

“Celebrating Our Ministries: Blessed to Be a Blessing”

This is a gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Richmond Tri-Cities area. The program will be on mission work by the churches including BACC. Dinner is included. The cost is \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 max for a family. Childcare will be provided. Carpool will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. Let's have a large group from BACC attend! Reservations need to be made by September 27th. Call the church office or Cathy Law.

Women's Retreat 2016 – Save the Date

Next year the Women's Retreat will be held at Lynchburg College on July 15th through July 17th. Cathy Law and Andee Kirk will co-chair this event with our CWF groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for all women of our church to come together in fellowship and service, so be sure to mark your 2016 calendar.

**Youth Group Begins
September 13**



Congratulations to Newly Weds!

Congratulations are extended to Marvin Williams and Lora Hamilton who were married at the University of Richmond Chapel on August 15th.

On June 22, 2015 Joy Burkhalter Isley and Billy Magee were married in a beautiful mountain canyon close to Pikes Peak. Their reception was at Patty Jewett Golf Club. Joy's children, Autumn 19 and Ike 15 were her only attendants. Philip walked down the aisle with Joy. Relatives and friends came from Columbus, Ohio, Connecticut, North Carolina, Richmond and Qatar. Ellen helped with flowers and everything.



Alice Stitzer will be joining our Nursery Staff. Alice is a junior at James River High School with a passion for French. In fact she is trying to save money to go on an exchange in Epernay, France next year. She is a member of the James River HS crew team and has competed in Nationals at Princeton, New Jersey. Besides keeping busy with those pursuits she also plays the cello in the James River Orchestra, volunteers at a nursing home where her mother works and during this summer helped with the Pre-K students at Bon Air Elementary School. Please welcome her to BACC.



Many Thanks to Our Youth and Their Leaders!

Our youth group pulled weeds and spruced up the inside of the church building. They also baked cookies, pumpkin bread and other treats and took them to Shirley Acree and other Bon Air Christian Church members. Thank you for sharing your love and for all of your hard work.

Library Corner: check this out from our church Library

How Sweet the Sound (Series #1) by Vanessa Miller tells the story of Shar Gracey who wants nothing more than to sing the Lord's praises. She jumps at the chance to join a traveling choir led by the father of black gospel music, Thomas A. Dorsey. Better yet, the opportunity will give her money to pay for her ailing mother's medical care.

While on tour she falls under the tutelage of gospel great Mahalia Jackson and falls for the handsome but not-so-great Nicoli James, whose desires for Shar are fueled by his own greed. Shar would do anything for Nicoli and he knows it so when his life is threatened after a night of gambling, Shar agrees to help pay Nicoli's debt, only to have her faith and dreams shattered.

Reeling from the betrayal, Shar loses her voice and she believes that she will never sing again. She has no place to run except back home to her seriously ill mother and the man she left behind, who would move heaven and earth to make Shar's pain go away. Even if it means he has to let her go . . . again.



SERVING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

September 6

Elders: Bud Deihl, Janet Lenhart

Deacons: 9:15 Whitney Graham (P), Tom Snodgrass

10:45 Connor Kirk (P), Paul Seemiller, Rick Bernard, Cathy Law

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Cathy Law 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Ron Hill 10:45 Blanchard Family

September 13

Elders: Frank Clark, Bill Sydnor

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

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

Worship Leaders 8:45 Sandy Collins 11:00 Joan Mielke

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Kyla, Taylor, Dylan Brooks 11:00 Blanchard Family

September 20

Elders: Duke Dale, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 8:45 Rick Bernard (P), Sandy Collins

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

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 11:00 Blanchard Family

September 27

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Joe Bancroft

Deacons: 8:45 George Smith (P), Carol McGowan

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

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sandy Collins 11:00 Zachary Moon

Acolyte: 11:00 Audrey Kate Duke

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 11:00 Blanchard Family

Offering: Brand and Debbie Inlow

(P) denotes communion preparation