

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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VISIT US:

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Sunday 8:45am & 11:00am
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday School 10:00am

All are welcome!

I loved watching the Olympics. I love watching these crazy people who strap two pieces of wood on their feet and hurtle down the mountain, crazy people who zoom head first through an ice tunnel and I hold my breath as I watch the amazing skill of people who twirl and jump and gyrate with unbelievable grace with two little medal blades on ice. Their enthusiasm, their dedication, their perseverance and their indomitable spirit inspires us and makes us proud as we cheer USA.

I have admired the incredible spirit of our children throughout the land who have challenged our powerful lawmakers to hear their voices about the atrocities of gun violence in our schools.

In this holy season of Lent we are invited inward. We are compelled to examine our spiritual lives as we kneel in the shadow of the cross. Can we begin to take in how deeply we are loved? Oh, let us not blunder our way through this holy time with complacency. May our spirits be filled with passion and may we too persevere as we seek after the upward goal of knowing Christ fully in our lives.

Lord, continue with us down this Lenten journey. Help us to draw close to you and grant that we will know you. Let us ponder the many ways you have come into our lives to speak your words of love. When we are lost, find us. When we are discouraged, lift us up. When we do not know which way to go, Lord, direct our steps. Help us God of Grace, to forgive as we have been forgiven. Help us dear Jesus to love as you have loved. We are your children, sometimes wayward and lost but you are the one always ready to welcome us home and welcome us into your loving arms. Amen.

Shalom, Cindy

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group's first **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** was a HUGE success. Because we had donations to cover all food costs, we were able to make a donation to Week of Compassion for \$604!

We had approx. 50-60 people join us for dinner and the youth did an excellent job flipping pancakes and getting all decorations & food prepared. Way to go!



Important Dates:

- 3/1: YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE
- 3/4: YOUTH GROUP MEETING / PRACTICE
- 3/9: DINNER & DANCE **AND** LOCK-IN
- 3/11: YOUTH SUNDAY
- 3/25: YOUTH GROUP MEETING

March 18th is Girl Scout Sunday and all registered Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Church to show their faith and participate in Girl Scout Week.

MORE YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Update on Maddie Smith:

(from Katie)

Maddie is on track to graduate from high school in August. Her school was able to combine her junior and senior years and Maddie has worked hard with the rigorous course load to make this happen. Her school is on a year round schedule so the plan is she will graduate early August. YAY!

Despite everything she has struggled with she continues to be successful in school. I personally think it's a huge accomplishment to be able to graduate a year early.

She has been busy with college applications. She has been accepted to VCU and Radford and is awaiting a few more letters. Fingers crossed!

Letters or small care packages are a wonderful way to let her know you are thinking of her. Her address is: Grove School 175 Copse Rd Madison CT 06443

We appreciate the continued emotional and financial support that our BACC family gives. You are the most kind and generous group of people!

Update on Taylor Brooks:

In the midst of PT three times a week as well as homebound schooling three days a week, Taylor continues to be in good spirits. Each day is different with Transverse Myelitis & we continue to look upward and onward. We're hopeful to have a new wheelchair coming soon that's easier to handle than the one borrowed from CHKD and will continue to appeal the insurance company for a bioness unit that could help her walk more independently.

We don't know what we would do without the support of our church family and the love and prayers that have lifted us up throughout this journey. Thank you for the continued prayers and simply asking how we're doing or what we need. This is such a rare disease that it's hard to really know the answers. The recovery possibility and timing of TM recovery is unknown, so we'll continue to have faith that God will lead us and direct us.

Know that it's your love and prayers that have helped Taylor and the rest of our family so much more than you may even realize. Your faith is moving mountains in her!

Thank you and God bless!

Vickie



*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Week of Compassion

Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures that our response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships, Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world.



JOY

Tuesday, March 20th at 10:30a.m.

Leigh Crank Perry, daughter of Judy and John Crank will present ways to bring your families together for holidays or reunions.

Most family patriarchs and matriarchs want to see their extended families stay connected and close, and Leigh can share lots of ways to do that. Leigh will share suggestions for new traditions you might try or old ones that you spice up with new approaches. The wonder of any family holiday can be enhanced by the special activities you try with those you love.

Lets have a pot luck so we can ask Leigh to join us for lunch! Chicken, coffee, and water provided, please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Visitors & New Members

Please join us for a Visitor and New Member Luncheon on **Sunday, March 18th**, after late service, in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a great way to get to know more members of the church and ask questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

Pastor's Class

Cindy is currently leading pastor's classes for youth and adults who are interested in church membership. Please contact Cindy if you would like information about baptism and/or church membership.

Look to the Lord and his strength, seek his face always.

1 Chronicles 16:11



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mission Pathways

The group continues to work through the process of developing a "Future Story" for the church.

Once written and worked through with our Hope Partnership consultant, this will be shared with the congregation.

Bainbridge Food Shelter

Bainbridge Community Ministry is a well-run organization that gives food to deserving people in the south Richmond area. Recipients are well checked for actual need before food is given. It is also one of our outreach ministries.

Please continue to support this worthy organization and the folks it serves.

District VII

Variety Show, Saturday April 21.

Noon - 2pm

Battery Park Christian Church

Lunch at Noon, Show at 1:00pm

All monies collected will go to Safe Harbor human trafficking efforts.

Please come and enjoy the show!

Annual District Assembly

Sunday, October 7.

Details to follow.

Craig Springs Camp

Spring Work Weekend is coming!

May 25th - 27th, 2018

(Please register before May 15th)

This is a free event open to anyone. Craig Springs provides food, lodging and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor!

There are tasks suitable for persons of all ages and abilities.



And don't forget Summer Camp!

June 25-29

Nature Camp

July 8-13, 2018

First Triple

July 22-27, 2018

Second Triple

July 29-Aug 3

New Covenant

Aug 3 -6

Family Retreat

(Early Bird registration due by May 15th)

All registration forms can be found in the church office.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

CWS Kits

CWS Kits will be collected from April 1st - May 1st here at BACC. We will be collecting both **Hygiene Kits** and **School Kits**.

The list of what is needed for each kit can be found in the church office.
Any and all donations are welcome.

The Youth Group will be putting all kits together and pick up is May 24th.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

We had a wonderful brunch on February 18th celebrating our awesome Sunday School Teachers! All of our teachers put in so much time and love to teach class. We do appreciate ALL that they do!

Christian Ed. gifted all of the teachers hand stamped spoons (made by Milk & Honey Luxuries ~ aka: our own Ryan & Sarah Parker) ~ see picture. The women got an assortment of tea and the men a coffee mug to go along with the spoons.

We hope this small gesture reminds them of how much they mean to their students.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it."*

Easter Flower Orders

Be on the lookout for Easter Flower order forms. They will be in the bulletin and in the church office. Orders will have a quick turn around.

Ordering Easter flowers is a great way to remember & honor our loved ones and also fill the sanctuary with God's beauty during our Easter services.

*"Happiness radiates like a fragrance from a flower and draws all good things towards you."
Maharishi Yogi*





EASTER TIME



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service, March 29th at 7:00p

On Maundy Thursday we remember the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples by sharing in Holy Communion. The service is also a Tenebrae service. The Tenebrae is the extinguishing of light as the scripture describing the passion of Christ's suffering and death is read.

We are reminded that the road to Easter always passes through Golgotha. Please plan to join us for this inspiring service.



Good Friday

Good Friday Worship Service, Friday March 30th at 12:00p

Journey to Jerusalem again on Good Friday. Through scripture, reflection, prayer and silence, in our minds eye we'll walk along Jesus' final path to the cross, the famed Via Dolorosa. This is the final piece of the puzzle that began on Ash Wednesday, before the joy is revealed on Easter morning. So please join us for this poignant journey. Gail Macfadden will lead our Good Friday Worship Service.

Schedule for Holy Week

Sunrise service -- Please join us at 7:00a.m. Easter morning for the Sunrise Service. This service is held in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Brunch -- There will be an Easter Potluck Bruch following the Sunrise Service. It is a lovely way for us to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and the new lives promised to us and also enjoy fellowship with one another.

Early service -- 8:45am

Late service -- 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt -- An Egg Hunt will follow immediately after late service. We will release butterflies and then go hunting! All children are invited to participate!





WHAT'S HAPPENING

Updates

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." Acts 20:28

The **Church in Community** Committee is recruiting volunteers to tutor and mentor children. To tutor/mentor at Redd Elementary School, 5601 Jahnke Rd., contact Barbara Bancroft at babancroft@gmail.com.

To tutor/mentor a child one day a week at an after-school program run by the Christian-based Youth Life Foundation of Richmond, contact Cassie Price at cassie.price60@yahoo.com.

We want to remind everyone what a great ministry **Worship & Wonder** is for our youngest church goers. It is designed to focus on the essential components of worship and on the biblical stories that give content to the images, symbols, and actions of worship. We have recently added new stories to our collection and we know the children will be so excited! Each Sunday we need a StoryTeller, and two helpers (for early & late services). If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Robin Blanchard at 2danceit@gmail.com.

Refugee Family Update

Refugee Family Update: In February, Sitina and the boys took another big step toward independence. Thanks to a generous donation from within our congregation, we were able to purchase a car for Abdi, who got his drivers license last year. A used car in very good condition was located, and Abdi can now drive to work and take Sitina to work when her ride is not able to take her. They are very appreciative of the car and of all the support they have received from Bon Air Christian. Below is a picture of Abdi and Sitina when they picked up the car. It was an exciting day for the family!!

Sitina is working full-time at a food packaging plant. Abdi and Ahmed are both making good grades at James River High. Abdi is working at a couple different jobs, and Ahmed is actively looking for a job. Sitina and Abdi recently filed their first tax return.

Thank you for your continued prayers for them.



PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kris Perkins (Charles Stevens daughter). Her psoriatic arthritis is an ongoing health issue, and so far she has had little or no relief from her medicines.

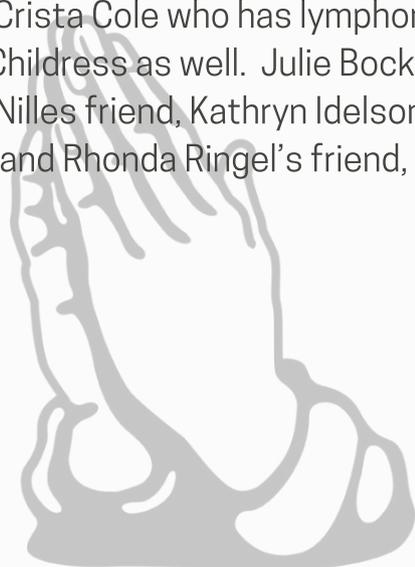
Juanita Coleman who is being treated for asthma and is at the Laurels for rehab.

Robin Emson, who is having a partial knee replacement March 1.

Carnell and Ivy Teachey, who have been hospitalized with respiratory problems.

Our prayers continue to be with:

Arlette Brown and also for her daughter Rhonda Ringel. Kris Shouldice while she continues to recover, she is back home! Jake McCann, who is being treated for blood clots. Douglas Aitken, Philip Burkhalter's cousin who has lymphoma. Carrie Berkley; Harold Campbell; John Dowdy; Harriett Griggs; Linda Verheul's grandson, Lachlan Conley and Dot Nuckols. Shirley Heath, who is at Sunrise; Steve Blythe, Jane Washington, Cathy Wheless, Gerry Roppe', Maddie Smith, Carnell Teachey, Robin Lorraine, Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Sara Reese's mother; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements, who has lymphoma. Vickie Brooks' friend, Michelle Vest who battling cancer; Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton, Terry Tynan who has cancer; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben who has ovarian cancer. 7 year old Eleanor Brooks who has cancer; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin McGuire; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Stacy Price; the Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene for recurring cancers. Mary Ann Casdia's sister, Cecilia Slack who has cancer. Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Crista Cole who has lymphoma, pray for her mother, Tootsie Buffo and her sister, Casta Childress as well. Julie Bock's friend, Theresa Robertson who has a brain tumor, Jackie Nilles friend, Kathryn Idelson Noftzger who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and Rhonda Ringel's friend, Brian Le.



Lord, Hear our prayers.

PRAISE & THANKS

A GIANT THANK YOU ...

To Debbie Inlow and Jean Turlington for helping in the church office for the past two months. They have been an invaluable asset to making things run smoothly and on-time. We couldn't have done it without them!

Thanks also to Joe Bancroft, Pat Pennington, Tim Skeens and Gail Macfadden for helping with bulletins, newsletters and other office needs.

Notes:

We are very grateful for Steve Scott for delivering our sermon on February 4th while Cindy was on vacation. We are blessed to have Steve as part of our congregation!

Many thanks to all who signed up for the Prayer Vigil on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to the Elders who wrote prayers and kept watch of the church during the prayer time. We are grateful for their spiritual leadership.

Dearest BACC,

Thank you for all the love and support this past year and a half as my mother struggled with so many health problems. I also thank you for the prayers, phone calls, hydrangea and cards upon her death.

On behalf of my family and me we thank you for all that went into momma's memorial service. Thank you to all who served as ushers, prepared food, set up the fellowship hall, served and cleaned up after the service. We thank Cindy for the beautiful words about our momma., Janet for sharing her beautiful voice and to Vickie who used her lunch hour to play the organ for the service. We also thank Kendra who designed the bulletin front and to Jean and Debbie for their help in the office preparing the bulletin.

From the bottom of our hearts, my family thanks you.

Becky Harvell and Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to CCHASM. May the Lord give you a hundredfold return.

Blessings,

Mary Anne Weeks

Outreach Director

A thankful heart is a happy heart ...

SERVING SCHEDULE

March 2018

March 4, 2018

Elders: Doug White, Bob McGowan

Deacons: 8:45 Cecelia Bingenheimer (P), Al Bingenheimer

11:00 Arlene Giffel (P), Tom Snodgrass, Chris Harrison, Tim Vaden

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Bob McGowan 11:00 Doug White

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maddy Boger

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00

Greeters: 8:45 Sandy Logan 11:00 The Boger Family

Offering: Rose & Jim McCaferty

March 11, 2018 -- YOUTH SUNDAY

Elders: Maddy Boger, Jake Ver Beek

Deacons: Lilly Ver Beek, Reese Blanchard, Mia Berkley, Bryhana Mooney

Worship Leaders: Sarah Boger

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Rose McCaferty

Greeters: Jordan Etz, Parker Landergan

Offering: Arlene Giffel & Laura Hollis

March 18, 2018

Elders: Jamie McDonald, Russ Johnson

Deacons: 8:45 Claire Deitch (P), Sam Herrin

11:00 Aidan Novak (P), Allison Landergan, Charlie Ver Beek, Tom Snodgrass

Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Doug White

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Maddy Boger

Greeters: 8:45 Carol & Sam Herrin 11:00 Girl Scout Troop 5122

Offering: Jean Dowdy & Jean Turlington

March 25, 2018

Elders: Paula Craft, Steve Goff

Deacons: 8:45 Al Bingenheimer (P), Cecilia Bingenheimer

11:00 Tom Snodgrass (P), Joe Smith, Charles Stevens, Ellen Moon

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

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maggie Pace

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

Greeters: 8:45 Steve & Karen Kline 11:00 Frank & Diane Clark

Offering: Barbara Bancroft & Jean Turlington

CALENDAR

◀ February		March 2018					▶ April
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 7:00pm CWF Diane Clark	2 6:30pm Jamie McDonald Flock Gathering	3 Feed Men's Shelter-Church in Society 5:00pm Casual Service	
4 8:45 & 11:00am Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School 12:00-2:15pm Youth Group	5	6 7:00pm Choir	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00-8:45pm Quilters 7:00pm AA, ACA	8	9 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner/Dance & Lock-In	10 5:00pm Casual Service	
11 8:45 & 11:00am Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School YOUTH SUNDAY 12:15pm Board 1:30pm Bon Air Historical Society	12	13 7:00pm Choir	14 8:00am Men's Breakfast CWF 6:30 Salad Group 7:00pm AA, ACA	15	16	17 10:00am Regional Meeting 12:00 Noon Lunch 5:00pm Casual Service	
18 8:45 & 11:00am Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY	19 10:30am CWF Card Party	20 10:30am Joy Group 7:00 Choir	21 8:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm AA, ACA	22	23	24 5:00pm Casual Service	
25 8:45 & 11:00am Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School PALM SUNDAY	26	27 10:00-12:00 pm DAR (FH) 7:00 Choir	28 8:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm AA, ACA	29 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	30 12:00 Noon Good Friday Service	31 5:00pm Casual Service	



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