

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

MARCH 2024 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!

Expectation and Holy Times

As a congregation, we are looking forward in expectation to our shared observance of Holy Week. As we cultivate seeds of joy throughout Lent, we wait to see them begin to blossom and then seem to wilt by the emotional shift of Palm/Passion Sunday; remember the covenant of love that is our deepest joy on Maundy Thursday; witness the pain of the cross on Good Friday; wait in vigil on Holy Saturday; and awaken to the joy of new life on Easter morning.

Our Holy Week worship times this year are as follows:

Palm/Passion Worship - Saturday, March 23, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 24, 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship - Friday, March 29, 12:00 noon

Holy Saturday Worship - Saturday, March 30, 4:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Worship - Sunday, March 31, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, March 31, 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, March 31, 12:00 noon

Even as our congregation prepares for this holy time, my family is preparing for a different sort of holy time. We are expecting our second child right at the beginning of Holy Week, and I will be taking four weeks of family leave as we welcome this new addition to our family. I am grateful to this church for the gift of this sacred time with my family. And fear not! Our elders, the rest of the staff, and a few special guests are working together to make sure that this time in our church's life will be as sacred, special, and life-giving as ever.

What a joy, indeed, to be in ministry with this congregation as we share the good news of God's promises of wholeness and healing with a community and world so in need of it.

Grace + Peace,

David



Holy Week

Worship With Us

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday - 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (and Zoom)

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (and Zoom)

A service remembering the Lord's last supper

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Ecumenical Community Service - Noon

Ecumenical Worship with Bon Air churches, hosted by BACC

Saturday, March 30th

Holy Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service - 7:00 a.m.

Early service - 8:45 a.m.

Late service and Zoom - 11:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt - Noon

*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:6*

Social Events

SHROVE TUESDAY

Thanks to all who came out for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. It was a great night with delicious food! We raised \$300+ to go towards our church-wide mission project that will be happening in the Fall. Thanks to the Christian Ed. Committee for leading the efforts this year.

"Food itself is not what connects us at a deeper level, but it's often the centerpiece around which relationships are built."

—Meg Bucher



CHILI COOK OFF

I want to thank everyone who participated or helped with the CWF Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction on February 17th. We had a great turnout and had 9 chili entries. All were delicious.

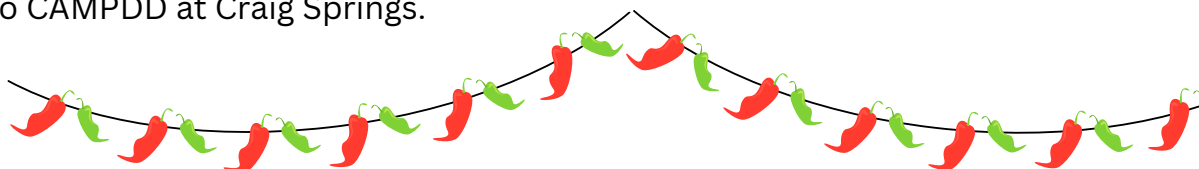
Our winner this year was Susan Baum, Kitten Whitlow placed 2nd, and newcomer Ralph Collier was 3rd. All were very close in the balloting. Thank you to all those who made chili and brought food.

Nancy Wyman won the beautiful quilt made by Cathy Law in the raffle.

I also want to thank all those who donated items for the silent auction. We had great items to bid on. Thank you to Claire Deitch, Carol Herrin, Shea Hollifield, Cathy Law, Dee Caras, Stuart Smith, Diane Clark, Kitten Whitlow, Jon VerBeek, Angie Goff, Sandy Logan, Sara Reese, and Dan Butler (Butler Portraits) for their donations to the silent auction. We have some very talented people at BACC!

CWF was able to raise \$1,791.37. So we made money and had a great time and a great meal. CWF will be meeting at the end of March to decide where to donate the money. Part of the money will be going to CAMPDD at Craig Springs.

~ Jamie McDonald



Youth Group

We had a great February meeting playing a Valentine's Escape Room and making decorations for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We are looking forward to our next Youth Group meeting on **Sunday, March 3rd**, where we will be hearing from a Safe Harbor representative and making "safe bags." And for Youth Sunday on **Sunday, April 13th**. Information on the Multi-Generational Regional Mission Trip this summer and Craig Spring camp dates below ... lots of great stuff coming soon!



Christian Church in Virginia (Disciples of Christ) Second Annual Multi-generational Mission Trip to Charleston, S.C.

Dates

Monday, June 17 to
Saturday, June 22, 2024
Everyone 11 years of age and above is
welcome (11 yr olds to 17 yr olds must
have a parent or chaperone)

Accommodations

Accommodations will be at James
Island Presbyterian Church,
Charleston, SC

What We Will Do

We will be building and repairing homes,
working in food banks and homeless
shelters. (Note: we will have an inside
option for those who are bothered by the
heat). We will have devotionals each day
and have free time to experience historic
Charleston and the beach.

Cost

The cost is \$225.00 per person or
\$175.00 if you provide own
transportation.

Register

<https://ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>

Contact

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster
434-774-8494
jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com



You can sign up
for both now!

**REGISTER
NOW**

Remember BACC
pays 1/2 for camp,
and covers all
Mission Trip costs.

Camp Dates

- New Cov: **June 23rd - June 27th 2024**
- Nature: **June 24th - June 28th 2024**, Counselors show up on June 23rd
- Special: **June 30th - July 5th 2024**
- CAMPDD: **July 1st - July 6th 2024**
- Triple 1: **July 7th - July 12th 2024**
- Triple 2: **July 14th - July 19th 2024**
- Family: **July 19th - July 21st 2024**

*The Lord is risen indeed!
Luke 24:34*

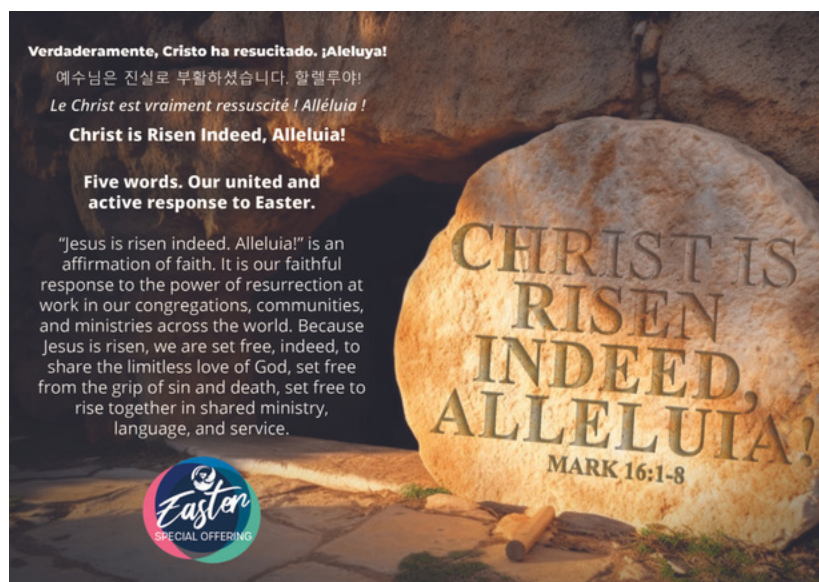
What's Happening

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.

The Easter Offering, received on **March 24 & 31, 2024**, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Your gift has the power to change lives around the world. Give online now or through your congregation. Thank you.



He is not here; he has risen!
Luke 24:6

What's Happening



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sara & Nick Gilbert who were married at BACC on Saturday, February 17th. Best wishes for a wonderful life together!

And to Leigh Finnegan-Hosey who passed her interview to become a Board Certified Chaplain! We are so proud of you!

Easter Flowers



It's time to order Easter flowers to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning. Be on the look-out for the Easter flower order form in your church bulletin, or you can call the church office. There will be three different flower choices this year.

Checks can be made payable to BACC with a memo: Easter flowers.

All orders are due MARCH 10th.

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EASTER LILLIES \$15/EACH

(4+ BLOOMS) / 6" POT

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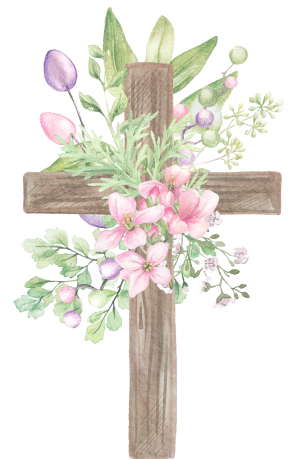
TULIPS \$11/EACH

(4-5 BULBS) / 6" POT / ASSORTED COLORS

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HYACINTHS \$11/EACH

(3 BULBS) / 6" POT / ASSORTED COLORS



What's Happening

Habitat for Humanity

In March, BACC is highlighting the work of Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity. RMHfH serves Richmond City, Chesterfield and Henrico Counties to provide affordable housing for hard-working families who struggle to afford safe, stable housing. RMHfH does this through new home construction and rehabbing houses. Volunteers play a major role in reducing the costs of HfH homes. Bon Air Christian has long supported Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity through an annual gift, and members have volunteered on various home builds through the years.

In April-June this year, RMHfH is coordinating a Unity Build, where faith communities from around the area, including several from Bon Air, are joining together to build a house on Spotsylvania St. Volunteers are needed, even if just for a day. You can sign up on the RMHfH website. BUILD: Spotsylvania St New Build | Habitat for Humanity (galaxydigital.com)

Please visit the display in the hallway outside our Fellowship Hall on March 10th and 17th, with more information about RMHfH. There will also be a 2x4 board, where you can leave an encouraging message for a new homeowner. The board will be used in the construction of a new house!



AED & CPR TRAINING

Thank you to Michelle Gossip from VCU Health for facilitating our AED/CPR training on February 24th. We had five people attend the training and it was great to see these folks learn about how they can help save lives if they are ever in an emergency situation.

*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after
Me cannot be My disciple.
Luke 14:27*

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

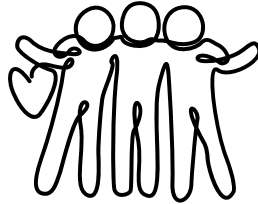
The CWF Night Group is meeting at Andee Kirk's home: 906 Buford Oaks Circle, N. Chesterfield, 23235 on **Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

The Salad Group will be meeting on **Thursday, 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in the MPR at Church.

The Day CWF met on February 13th. Brenda Kidd led the lesson. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12th** with lunch at Capital Ale House on Rt 60. Please remember to bring gift cards for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. The Bainbridge Food Bank does not need peanut butter or plastic bags right now but does need jelly, canned fruits & vegetables & meats. Hope you will join us.

I hope all of the women at BACC will join one of our CWF groups.

~ Jamie McDonald



PROV. 27:17

As iron
sharpens iron,
a friend
sharpens a
friend.

JOY GROUP

A very big thank you to Dee Caras from Senior Connections for coming to talk with the JOY Group for our February meeting. Dee gave us great information about caregiving, developing a plan for aging, information about important documents that everyone should have in place, and information about support groups for caregivers and/ or people dealing with dementia in their families. Dee has wonderful hand-outs and plenty of resource guides for anyone who is interested. Please don't hesitate to reach out to her!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 21st** at BACC and we will be joining in the Lenten Book Study conversation. Pick up a book if you haven't gotten one already!



*Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14:6*



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

March 2024 Scheduled CMF Activities:

March 6th Wednesday - Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM)

March 13th, 20th & 27th Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)

NO EVENING MEN'S GATHERING & DINNER IN MARCH. Lenten is a time of preparation for Easter. God be with You. The monthly Men's Gathering will resume after Easter.

April, May & June will provide many opportunities for men's fellowship. We are juggling calendar space for the following Spring events.

- BACC YARD SALE - De-clutter! Clean out the closets, bookshelves, attic, garage, spare bedroom and shed. Find those treasures you no longer use and donate them. Proceeds to benefit a charity supporting men's health. Frank Clark and Bob Skowron will provide more information, soon.
- FISHING - Join together for a morning/early afternoon fishing event. Tim Vaden has offered his farm pond in Cartersville VA for this outing. BASS and BREAM galore!
- GOLF - Sam Herrin is planning a golf outing at Providence Golf Course, just a 10 minute drive from church.
- FAITH NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND. Saturday evening, May 18th. This could be a BACC Family event rather than a men-only fellowship. Kim Teachey will provide details in the April newsletter.
- PENNY ANTE POKER - Wear your poker face to this first-ever fellowship evening at Bernie McDonald's home.
- CARITAS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS. Greg Shannon (CARITAS) and Kim Teachey (HABITAT) are exploring CMF volunteer options for these two worthy organizations.

CMF Chair for 2024 is Tom Snodgrass, 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com.

*And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.
1 Corinthians 6:14*

Thank You

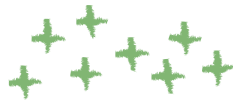


Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support over the past year. Together we are providing a place for all to discover community, acceptance, and purpose. We look forward to your continued support and to sharing stories of success with you in the future.

With Gratitude,

~ Rev. Rob Morris, Executive Director - Christmount



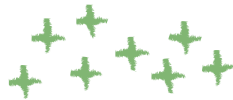
You bring positive change to our community!

Thank you for your in-kind donation of \$475 to YWCA Richmond.

Through your generosity, YWCA's impact is felt throughout our community. One gift might not feel like the systematic change we need to end intimate partner violence or provide high-quality education to children in the Richmond region. But every donation empowers us to continue the work to provide programming for our community. Thank you for joining us in creating a stronger Richmond.

Sincerely,

~Margaret Dodson-Cordrey, Advancement and Stewardship Manager - YWCA Richmond

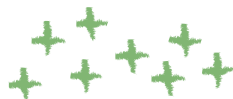


Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous support of VIPCare dating all the way back to 1991! Your gifts make mental healthcare accessible for people who otherwise could not afford care. Thank you for making a difference for so many!

Gratefully,

~Shea Tuttle, Director of Development & Communications



Dear Church,

Many, many thanks for the care and generosity you show our family and for the wonderful baby shower. We are so grateful for all the cards, gifts, and expressions of love. Our new baby boy will be well taken care of, and we thank you! We were blown away by the outpouring of support. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Gratefully,

David and Leigh Finnegan-Hosey

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Cindy Cochran's sister, Anita, who is in hospice care; Cindy & Russ Johnson's brother-in-law, William, who is experiencing health issues and getting tests done; Doug Collins who is still having issues with his eye; Doug Collins Sr.; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Karen Shelton Smith, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer; Mary Ann Casdia; all those dealing with COVID at this time; our Week of Compassion partners and all who receive help from our special offering.

Please continue to pray for: Karen Kline; Traci Eagle; Laura Hollis' daughter, Robin Carper, Jim McCaferty's mother, Mary; Kyla Brooks; David's brother-in-law, Scott Carlton; Debra Vaughan's niece, Liz Sheffield; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Phyllis Henderson; Steve Goff; Harold and Gail Campbell; Janie Severance; Taylor Brooks; Jack and Alois Ellis; the family of Lois Zarefoss; Rick Morton; Gerry Roppé; Evan Lenhart; Zachary Moon; Bob McGowan; Steve Kline; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; Paul Stairs; Pat Cosby; Sylvia Montgomery; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Cathy Wheless; Tonda Bynum; Caroline Laughorn; Cathy Law's brother, Richard; Barbara Horton and family; Fred Turner; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Jack Dalton; Baby Gabriel; Laura Finch and Brian Cassel; Marion and Gary Hosey; James Huff Jr.; Darlene Edwards; Debra Vaughan's daughter-in-law, Janice; Paul Stair's sister; Josie Schmidt's sister, Mary; Wendy Moore's friend, Laverne and her brother; Brad Munce; Shea Hollified's niece, Holly; Rose McCaferty's sisters, Barbara and Judy; Ken Schmalenberger; Bobby Saunders; Wilma Pruett; Bridget Hengle; Joan Mielke's friend, Pete and Joan's nephew, Bucky; and her sister in law, Lynn; Faye Ringel; Megan Moran Bucholz; Kath Cartino; Bob Penley; Eric Morris; Gunnar Dickson; Gerry Roppé's friends, Chico and Sue; Kathy Morton's nephew, Sean; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie, friends Woody Campbell, Kathy Sanford, and John Mann, and former student, Jackson; Alice Murray's friend, Robin T.; Mike Vernon; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Nikki Todd; Carolanne Ivey; Jean Venner; Larry Brown; Judi Wright; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Jo Bailey; Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell.



*They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

Luke 24:2-3