

The Newsette



Bethany Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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see calendar insert for
dates and meetings

JUNE SERVANTS:

If you are unable to serve on the date(s)
assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER - all month

Ollie Peebles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

5 - Lori Blair and Donna Wicker
12 - Kim Brown and Sue Marion
19 - Jo Anne and Ross Dorneman
26 - Brian and Penny Gradwell

WORSHIP LEADERS

5 - Donna Wicker
12 - Jackie Twedell
19 - Dolores McCann
26 - Penny Gradwell

JUNE SERVANTS (cont.)

USHERS - all month

David Brown
Scot Hawthorne
Tyler Hawthorne

ELDERS

5 - Elizabeth Little and Donna Wicker
12 - Becky Murrell and Barbara Ozlin
19 - Dolores McCann and Linda Spencer
26 - Brian and Penny Gradwell

Communion to Home Bound

primary: Barbara Ozlin
backup: Bob and June Sears

DEACONS - all month

Captain: Jo Anne Dorneman
Cari Alton
John Lancaster
Robin Lancaster
substitute: David Walls

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

~ Confucius

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your powers you cannot be successful or happy.

~ Norman Vincent Peale

Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star.

~ W. Clement Stone

VISION STATEMENT

“To share the Good News of God’s activity in our lives through witness and service to Westover Hills, Stratford Hills, and beyond, in order to encourage people to find their unique place in God’s family.”

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Sermons and Scriptures for June:

- June 5: Ross Dorneman preaching [Pastor Jackie away at Regional Assembly]
June 12: "She Has Shown Great Love" – Luke 7:36-8:3 / Psalm 5:1-8
June 19: "Called" – Galatians 3:23-29 / Matthew 4:18-22 [Pastor Jackie's 5th anniversary of her ordination]
June 26: "Called: No Turning Back" – Luke 9:51-62 / Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
...and a little child shall lead them." ~Isaiah 11:6

Sunday, May 22, we had a beautiful, spirit-filled Youth Sunday! All of the young people did a fantastic job leading this church in worship! I am so proud of them all – and I know you are too! How wonderful it is to have such talented, kind, thoughtful, and faithful youth in this church!

About halfway through worship, while I was sitting in the pews with you, I found myself repeating this verse...

...and a little child shall lead them.

...and a little child shall lead them...

Through her confident delivery of scripture behind a podium that is too tall for her.

...and a little child shall lead them...

Through his strong presence as he invites us all to join in praising God together.

...and a little child shall lead them...

Through a powerful message of strength from a teenage girl who has suffered beyond her years, yet holds strong to God's promise to put our broken pieces back together.

Youth Sunday brought to life this beautiful scripture for me. How wonderful it is to be a part of a community of faith that encourages the gifts of all of its members, especially its youngest!

As I sat with you in the congregation, I could not see most of your faces. But I could feel the proud smiles, the tears of joy, and the overwhelming love and support you have for each of these young people. Thank you for supporting and encouraging them. Thank you for being a part of their lives. Thank you for helping teach them about faith.

...and a little child shall lead them.

Our children will lead us somewhere wonderful! I can't wait to see where that will be!

FROM THE ELDERS

To All Involved in Youth Sunday Service:

The Youth Sunday Worship Service certainly showed us what Jesus meant when He said that we must come to Him as children. Your sincerity, your enthusiasm, the words, the music, the spirit of worship and the profound message in the sermon were awesome! What lessons for us all.

On behalf of the Elders I want to say thank you and encourage you to continue to be actively involved in the worship at Bethany. You were most inspiring. We are proud of you all. ~ Barbara Ozlin, Elder Chairperson

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Teacher Appreciation Week was the first week of May. Sarah McLillard and I took cookies, brownies, etc. from our Bake Sale, apples and oranges, and donut holes and coffee from Dunkin' Donuts for the teachers and staff at Patrick Henry Elementary School on May 3. We are in contact with Elizabeth Redd Elementary School to see how our church can help the teachers and staff even though Teacher Appreciation Week has passed. I will give Bethany more details as they come.

Breakfast, Bake, Barbecue and Yard Sale Summary – This year was our best year yet with a net profit of \$2,934.46!!! (The profit may be more as we have a couple of items that we are still trying to sell in other venues.) Once again, we had many volunteers bringing items for donation, setting up tables and organizing items brought to church, working the day of the sale and cleaning up. Most of the items still in the old Fellowship classroom will be taken to C.A.R.I.T.A.S. for their use in setting up residences to help people around Richmond get back on their feet. The other items will be picked up after we deliver to C.A.R.I.T.A.S. A great BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Ozlin and crew for heading up the breakfast and bake sales and Brian Gradwell and crew for heading up the barbecue pork and chicken sales.

THANK YOU AGAIN ALL OF BETHANY - you are so very great, wonderful and caring!

~ Penny P Gradwell, Evangelism Department Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Stewardship report as of April 30, 2016 (33.33% of the year)

Budgeted offering income received year-to-date	\$52,545.09	(41% of annual budget)
Total budgeted operating expenses year-to-date	\$63,237.79	(33% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have also received \$3,334.94 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$4,678.14 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund.

WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Bainbridge Community Ministries Offering – On **Sunday, June 12, and Sunday, June 19**, Bethany will be receiving monetary donations for our Bainbridge ministry. Hunger is closer than you think, and this organization is vital in feeding area families. So, please give generously. We also appreciate the nonperishable food items that you continuously put in the food bank box in the hallway to Sanctuary.

Labels for Education – Bethany Christian Church has been helping Woodhaven for many years by collecting labels from Campbell's products. Through just these labels they have been able to purchase vans (and convert them to wheelchair accessible vans), craft supplies, computers, games, a SMART board, etc.!

The rules for Campbell's have changed --> they want only barcodes that have the Labels for Education logo on them. Most barcodes conform to the new rule, but some do not.

We have until June 30, 2016, to send Woodhaven the labels we have, so if you're hanging onto your labels, get them to the container in the Narthex SOON! Jo Anne Dorneman takes care of sending these labels in to Woodhaven.

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

WOW! What An Awesome **Youth Sunday!** On May 22, our worship service was filled with the sounds of Bethany's youth. Worship was planned and implemented by the youth, and it was amazing and inspiring for all of us. Thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to Sarah Oatman and Kim Gangloff for their leadership with the youth. We do appreciate all of you and would love to see you participate more in our church services.

We Miss You!!

We are truly missing some of our church family each Sunday. Our schedules become very busy at times and often things get put before church. I recently read an article by Rick McDaniel, a contributor to The Christian Post. The title of his article is "5 Reasons to Attend Church Regularly". I want to share his five reasons with you.

1. It is what Jesus did. Jesus went to worship regularly. We should follow Jesus's example.
2. It is a good habit. It is a good habit, and good habits bless your life and produce positive results.
3. It is a positive example. It is a positive example for your spouse, your friends, your co-workers, your children, and other family members.
4. It is important for fellowship. The church is an encouraging place. Life is hard and we all need encouragement. If you share your challenges with your church family, prayers can be said. When you share your joys, others can rejoice with you. Good Christian fellowship warms the heart.
5. It is essential for growth. It is absolutely necessary for spiritual growth to regularly attend church. Praising God through song, hearing scripture being read, praying, and really listening to sermons, helps you to know your purpose in life and to continue to grow as God has planned for you.

I want to add one more reason.

6. You need to hear Reverend Twedell's sermons. They are inspiring, relevant, scripture based, and interesting. A long time member of Bethany told me that Reverend Twedell's sermons have been some of the best he has heard.

Hope you will make regular church attendance a habit. See you Sunday?

(Can I get an Amen from the "Back Row"?!)

~ Sue Marion, Worship Department Co-Chairman

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) VIRGINIA

Pastor Jackie will be attending the 2016 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia. The assembly will be **Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5**, at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

BABY SHOWER INFORMATION

We will be having a baby shower for Petrina and Anthony Miller after church on Father's Day, **Sunday, June 19**. They are registered at Babies R Us; the registry number is 56897890. Please contact Dee McCann or Donna Wicker if you would like to help!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David Brown and family on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Addison Nichole Douglas, on May 18.

And congratulations to the following young people on their graduations:

Randall Alan Case

son of Malcolm Case, III, and Joanie Case; stepson of Angela Case / grandson of Mac and Kitty Case

– will graduate from Manchester High School on June 10, 2016

– plans to attend Averett University to play football

Jacqueline Ann Fore

daughter of the late Tom and late Jean Fore, Jr.

- will graduate in the top ten of her class from Powhatan High School on June 11, 2016, as a member of the SCA, National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society
- plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall of 2016

Mikayla Marie Koch

daughter of Michael and Ashley Koch / granddaughter of Dick and Barb Koch

- will graduate with honors from James River High School on June 11, 2016, as a member of the Quill & Scroll Society and the Beta Society
- plans to attend Longwood University in the fall of 2016

Rachel Sears

daughter of Jeff and Suzanne Sears / granddaughter of Bob and June Sears

- graduated summa cum laude from Longwood University on May 14, 2016
- is working for Geico Insurance Company at its headquarters in Fredericksburg

Emily Kelly Wolfe

daughter of Bill Kelly and Carol Molinares; stepdaughter of Daniel Molinares / granddaughter of Jane Reeves

- graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Liberty University in May, 2016, as a member of Tau Sigma National Honor Society at Liberty University and of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at West Virginia University
- plans to begin her Masters of Arts in Teaching in the fall of 2016

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Emily Wolfe (while Wyatt is deployed): 2620 Pulaski Loop, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-2433

Sandy Lewis (effective June 1): Parc at Piedmont, 999 Hood Road NE, Suite 123, Marietta, GA 30068-2267

Jackie Fore: 13441 Stonegate Road, Midlothian, VA 23113-3961

PRAYER CONCERNS

Acute:

Kitty Case, Aminah Cowick (Dee & Jim Evans' great-granddaughter), Bill Dean (Ashley Koch's father); Linda Kimmel (Mark and Carol Kimmel's sister-in-law), William Lynch, Jr., Harold Reynolds, the Street family and the family of Helen Welch (Helen was Hilarie Street Koch's mother's nanny); Terry Thomas (friend of the Altons); Bonnie Williamson (member of the Fellowship Class)

Ongoing:

Ernie Agin	Sonny Browder	Dot Brown
Ann Hasty	Carol Kimmel	Mark Kimmel
Sandy Lewis	Earl Little	Ed McCann
Hilda Murrell	Iris Parkhurst	Juan Pletcher
Ken Roland	Gladys Rountree	Holly Scholl
Connie Stroupe	Dot Welch	

- members of our church family struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens

Extended Church Family:

- Miriam Adams (John Lancaster’s grandmother)
- Cari Alton’s Uncle Phil and Aunt Jean Amber (Cara Alton’s friend)
- Mercy Burks’ daughter (Alton family friend)
- Lisa Carlson (Carolyn Moore’s friend), her son, and her doctors
- Pamela Cochran
- Nicole Craig (Barbara Ozlin’s niece)
- Nick Elam (Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne’s friend)
- Kelly Garner and family (Alton family friends)
- Marita Jenkins (Carol Kimmel’s co-worker)
- Keith Kimmel (Mark Kimmel’s brother)
- Matt (the Gradwells’ friend)
- Paul (Christie and Gordon Rolston’s brother-in-law)
- Geraldine Russell (Penny Gradwell’s mother)
- Kathy Speer
- Duane Toole
- Claudine Wood (Carole Morris’ mother)

SYMPATHY

- We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:
- the family of Winifred “Winnie” G. Phillips who passed away on May 10
 - Linda Spencer and family on the death of her husband, John Henry Spencer, on May 16
 - Hazel Heider and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Jane Knibb

THANK YOU

Dear Bethany Christian Church, we would like to express our deep appreciation to you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness. The snacks you provided for staff appreciation week were delicious! What a treat! Thank you so much for thinking of us. We appreciate it so very much!

~ Sincerely, Eileen Atkinson, Principal, Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts

The family of Winnie Phillips deeply appreciates the kindnesses shown us at the time of her death. The cards, visits, food, prayers and monetary donations are such a help to us, as well as the support of Pastor Jackie in conducting the funeral service. Thank you so much.

~Michael Cash, Sr. and Michael Cash, Jr.

Dear Bethany Christian Church, thank you so much for the book donation. Our students were thrilled to see great books in wonderful condition and are so excited to get reading! We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thanks again!

~ Bethany Bushey, School Counselor, and all of E. D. Redd Elementary School

ANNIVERSARIES

June

Date		Years
3	Bobby & Becky Reeves	27
5	Guner & Anne Sanders	13
7	Jesse & Amanda Colley	3
8	Robert & Ann Marable	42
20	Sara Mallory & Kelly Waldrop	6
23	Ingram Haley & Leanne Murphy	10
27	C. A. & Patti Hodges	24
28	Michael & Debbie Crawford	36

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2016</h1>						
			1 serve CARITAS at Bon Air CC 7:00 pm ----- Choir 7:30 pm	2 AA-YC 7:00 pm	3 Pastor Jackie at Regional Assembly at Lynchburg College	4 Pastor Jackie at Regional Assembly
5 Random Acts of Kindness Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Pastor Jackie at Regional Assembly	6	7 AA-YC 7:00 pm	8 Choir 7:30 pm	9 DWF Circle #4 at TBA (dinner meeting) TBA ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Bainbridge Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	13	14 AA-YC 7:00 pm	15 Choir 7:30 pm (last one for summer)	16 AA-YC 7:00 pm	17	18
19 Bainbridge Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- baby shower for Petrina & Anthony Miller noon	20	21 AA-YC 7:00 pm	22	23 AA-YC 7:00 pm	24	25
26 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	27 DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTE	28 AA-YC 7:00 pm	29	30 AA-YC 7:00 pm		AA: Alcoholics Anon YC: Youth Center DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship TBA: to be announced