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Christian Church**  
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*"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."*

**Rev. Jaclyn Twedell**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Donna Wicker**  
*Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**  
*Director of Music*

**Carol Molinares**  
*Pianist*

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for the Newsette, you  
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**see separate calendar for  
dates and meetings**

## JUNE TEAM

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

### PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER

Geoff Gangloff

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

3 – Lori Blair & Barbara Ozlin  
10 – Kim Brown & Sue Marion  
17 – Mary Kline & Carole Morris  
24 – Brian & Penny Gradwell

### USHERS - all month

David Brown  
Scot Hawthorne  
Tyler Hawthorne

### WORSHIP LEADERS

3 – Barbara Ozlin  
10 – Dolores McCann  
17 – Ross Dorneman  
24 – Donna Wicker

## JUNE TEAM (continued)

### ELDERS

3 – Johnny Grubb &  
Barbara Ozlin  
10 – David Brown &  
Dolores McCann  
17 – Ross Dorneman &  
Kim Gangloff  
24 – Linda Grubb &  
Donna Wicker

### •Communion to Home Bound

Linda Grubb & Barbara Ozlin

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: Ollie Peebles  
Cadi Alton  
Cari Alton  
Sue Marion  
substitute: Kristin  
Hawthorne

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

3 – Duane Toole  
10 – Sue Marion  
17 – Pastor Jackie Twedell  
24 – Sue Marion

## **BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH 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."

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

"It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise."

~ Mark Twain



"It is the month of June, the month of leaves and roses, when pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses."

~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

I grew up in church – and I loved every minute of it. Church was my second home, and it was great. I loved everything about that church – the people, the building, the ministers, the way they worshiped, the pipe organ and the beautiful music. And when I went away to college, I had a hard time finding a church to worship at because I was constantly comparing whatever church I was visiting to my home church – and they never came close ... So I admit – I spent a few years only sporadically attending a local church.

But I did occasionally join some of my friends at their churches or campus worship events. One night in my sophomore year, I was with a few friends at the campus church worship service called The Well. It was a much more contemporary service than I was comfortable with, but I was participating as much as I could. When it came time to sing together, I noticed that I did not know a single song. I tried to sing along, but then just decided to listen to the words and the beautiful music. I let it wash over me, and it was really lovely. And then, as I was listening, I found myself overcome with the beauty of the music. I closed my eyes to take in the moment, and pictured myself in the sanctuary of my home church, standing behind the communion table, inviting my church to share in the Lord's Supper. And at that moment, I felt home, like that was exactly where I needed to be. Not necessarily at University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas ... but at a church, inviting everyone to gather around the table of God's love to share in the Lord's Supper. At that moment, I knew that God was calling me to be a minister. And it felt right. I knew that my life leading up to that moment was preparing me to very quickly and excitedly say, "Here I am, send me." And from that moment on, I pursued that call. It hasn't always been easy, but it has been incredibly rewarding.

We are all called by God – not just ministers who are leading churches or working as chaplains. Every one is. God calls every single person into a relationship with God ... God calls each of us to love and serve God and God's people ... God calls us to live a faithful life.

So I wonder if you have ever felt called in your life? I hope so. Maybe your profession is (or was) your calling. Or maybe it is something you do in your free time. There is no one way, no right way, to be called. But I strongly believe that God has a calling for each of us and that we are to prayerfully and thoughtfully discern what God envisions for us and how we can live out that call fully and faithfully.

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

"Here I Am, Send Me" – Throughout the Bible, God calls quite a cast of characters – some worthy, and some not. During the five weeks after Pentecost, we will be spending time with just a few of the people God calls and equips – Isaiah, Samuel, Esther, Paul, and the Disciples. In hearing their "call" stories, we will be reminded again and again, that God calls each of us. How will we respond?

May 27, 2018

Here I Am, Send Me – Isaiah

Sermon scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

First Scripture: Psalm 29

June 17, 2018

Here I Am, Send Me – Paul

Sermon Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

First Scripture: Psalm 30

June 3, 2018

Here I Am, Send Me – Samuel

Sermon Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

First Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

June 24, 2018

Here I Am, Send Me – Go

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

First Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7

June 10, 2018

Here I Am, Send Me – Esther

Sermon Scripture: Esther 4:13-17

First Scripture: Psalm 124

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

### Graduates

#### Chloe Eden Blair

daughter of Darrell and Lori Blair

granddaughter of Mark and Carol Kimmel

(niece of Sarah Oatman and great niece of Barb Koch and Linda Spencer)

- will graduate from James River High School and Chesterfield Technical Center for Veterinary Science and Child Development on June 8
- she will be attending John Tyler Community College and then transferring to a university to pursue a career in working with children

#### Madelyn Nicole Faulkner

- will graduate from James River High School on June 8

- she will be attending Longwood University to study early childhood education

#### Danielle Nichole Gangloff

daughter of Geoff and Kim Gangloff

- graduated from Radford University with a Masters of Education in early childhood special education
- she has accepted a job with Roanoke City as an early childhood special education teacher

#### Conner Brannen Grubb

grandson of Johnny and Linda Grubb

- will graduate from Carver Career Academy on June 4

#### Dustin Rae Magnuson

great-granddaughter of Erlyst Brandon

- will graduate on June 5 from her homeschooling program with a certificate from the State
- she will be attending John Tyler Community College to get a minor in photography and a major in emergency medical services to become an EMT

#### Olivia Rose Spencer

granddaughter of Linda Spencer

- will graduate from Ashland High School on June 1

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**L.I.F.E. Class** – There will be no L.I.F.E. class this **Sunday, June 3**. June Sears will be teaching the class on July 1. We are in need of teachers for the remaining months of this year. Please consider signing up.

**Vacation Bible Camp** – We are now in the planning stages of Vacation Bible Camp for **Monday, July 9, thru Thursday, July 12**. Sign up sheets will be going up soon, so mark your calendars now. See Kim Gangloff and Margot Krantz for more details.

## EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

**Community Lemonade Party** here at the church on **Saturday, June 23**, at 11:00 a.m. See Sarah McLillard for more details.

## OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

**Bainbridge** – "Thank you" to Charles Stevens who took eleven bags of food to the Bainbridge Community Ministries Food Bank on May 9.

**Church World Service** – On May 23, a volunteer from Church World Service picked up the following items from our church: 327 Hygiene Kits, 129 School Kits, and 19 Emergency Cleanup Buckets. We have been a drop-off depot for these items for organizations in and around Virginia during March and April. We thank everyone for their generous contributions to help others in need, and thanks to David Brown who headed up the CWS effort and to Jimmy Rountree and Jim Evans who helped to load the truck.

## STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

"These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord's Sabbaths and in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord." Leviticus 23:38

### Stewardship report as of April 30, 2018 (33.33% of the year)

Offering income received year-to-date \$49,475.81 (41% of annual budget)  
pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;  
transient, Sunday School, and special offerings  
Total operating expenses year-to-date \$61,495.88 (34% of annual budget)

So far for 2018, we have received \$4,221.46 in other income (interest, dividends, facility donations) and a \$500.00 donation to our General Fund. We also recognized a \$5,764.40 loss in our Perpetual Endowment Fund investment.

### Information on our accounts as of April 30, 2018

Checking Acct	Balance at 3-31-2018	\$ 16,072.14
	deposits (all monies received during April)	15,510.80
	expenditures (during April)	(13,857.43)
	Balance at 4-30-2018	<u>\$ 17,725.51</u>
TD Ameritrade Cash Acct	Balance at 3-31-2018	\$ 9,942.34
	interest 4-30-2018	.32
	Balance at 4-30-2018	<u>\$ 9,942.66</u>
Perpetual Endowment*	Balance at 3-31-2018	\$ 326,689.41
	no activity (Income earned & value change rec'd qtrly)	-----
	Balance at 4-30-2018	<u>\$ 326,689.41</u>

\*restricted principal..... \$ 199,845.24  
\*dollars available as directed by designated gifts  
from members/friends..... 55,519.33  
\*income available for general church needs as  
directed by the General Board..... 71,324.84

No money has been taken from the Perpetual Endowment Fund account since 4-1-2015.

## WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Youth Sunday** – We want to thank Bethany's youth for a great Youth Sunday. Chloe Blair's message was so timely for our graduates and all of us because we still have places to go. We appreciate Sarah Oatman and Kim Gangloff for faithfully working with the youth.

**Chancel Choir** – **May 30** will be the last Wednesday night Chancel Choir rehearsal for the summer. Watch for news about summer music.

**Sunday Sanctuary Flowers** – Remember that the cost of our Sunday Sanctuary flowers for Worship has gone up from \$22 to \$26.

**Worship Speaker Needed** – We are in need of someone to give a Worship Service message on **Sunday, July 22**, when Pastor Jackie is at Craig Springs Camp. Please let Sue Marion or Linda Grubb know if you are interested or have suggestions for a speaker.

## SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to

- Ray and Mike Crawford and family on the death of their aunt, Vera "Toots" Buhalak, on April 25
- David and Linda Walls and family on the death of his father, Joseph Warren Walls, Sr., on May 21
- Bonnie Williamson on the death of her brother, William "Billy" E. Dalton, Jr., on May 27

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Names	Yrs
3	Bobby & Becky Reeves	29
5	Guner & Anne Sanders	15
7	Jesse & Amanda Colley	5
8	Robert & Ann Marable	44
20	Sara Mallory & Kelly Waldrop	8
23	Ingram Haley & Leanne Murphy	12
27	C. A. & Patti Hodges	26
28	Michael & Debbie Crawford	38



## THANK YOU

We want to thank the Bethany fellowship for all of the caring and support we received during Charley's hospitalization and subsequent death, and the peace lily you sent for Charley was beautiful. There could be no finer or nicer people than those in the Fellowship Class of which Charley was so fond, and one would be hard pressed to find a more caring and loving congregation and church than Bethany. Even though our careers as church musicians prevent our active involvement in the life of Bethany, we truly feel blessed by "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" during what has been and continues to be the most difficult and sad period of our lives.

We now know firsthand how fortunate Bethany is to have Rev. Twedell. Her visits to Charley and then her visits with us in planning his funeral showed what a true pastor she is in every sense of the word; she could not have been more caring, thorough, accommodating, or sensitive. She conducted a service and delivered a homily that celebrated the life of our beloved husband and father in the most fitting and reverent way we desired. From DeLois to Dee to everyone involved with the reception, we cannot thank you enough. We received endless compliments on the reception and the memorial service. We also want to thank Donna for her excellent job with the bulletin and in making the necessary arrangements involving the church.

Charley loved his church and loved his Sunday School class. We know that he is now part of the Church Eternal, and we know Charley appreciates how much you all have comforted us in our grief until in God's good time we join him in glory.

~ Sincerely, Bettie & Rusty Lindsey

Thank you to all who assisted with the Mother-Daughter luncheon, especially to Mark and Carol Kimmel for their cooking and baking expertise and making us all enjoy some traditional Cajun food for our Mardi Gras theme. Thanks to Mike and Matt Koch and Alyssa Oatman for their help as well. The ladies of Bethany thank you all.

~ Linda Spencer, Disciples Women's Fellowship President



Thank you to the young people for giving out roses on Mother's Day (Youth Sunday) to all women of the church. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness!

A heartfelt "Thank You" for all the kind words, visits, cards and expressions of sympathy during my father's bereavement. I am grateful to be blessed with a truly wonderful church family, and your thoughts, prayers and actions were not only a comfort but also a source of strength for my family and me in this difficult time.

~ David Walls and family

## PRAYER CONCERNS – Please notify the church office when this information changes.



Acute:  
Audrey Blake  
Kevin Scholl

**Ongoing:**

Florence & Paul Banks  
Ann Hasty  
Dick Koch  
Hilda Murrell  
Ken & Carol Roland

Eddie & Phyllis Basl  
Hazel Heider  
Sandy Lewis  
Juan Pletcher  
Connie Stroupe

Dee & Jim Evans  
Helen Knighton  
Earl & Elizabeth Little  
Gay Purcell  
Charlotte West

members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug"

**Extended Church Family:**

Miriam Adams ..... John Lancaster's grandmother  
Roy Clark and his grandson ..... Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friends  
Bonnie and Gary Enderle ..... Dee and Jim Evans and Bobby Nelson's friends  
David Etheridge ..... Donna Wicker's friend  
Wallick Harding ..... Juan Pletcher's nephew  
Margot Krantz' friend  
Al Miller ..... Jo Anne Dorneman's stepbrother  
Naomi Painter ..... frequent visitor  
Geraldine Russell ..... Penny Gradwell's mother

Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Rae Magnuson has a new address at 1813 Blair Street, Richmond, VA 23220-6301; her email is raemagnuson1999@gmail.com.

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) IN VIRGINIA**

Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in Virginia  
**Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 3**  
Lynchburg College

Pastor Jackie will be attending the Regional Assembly Friday and Saturday. Speakers will be Rev. Theresa Hord Owens, our new General Minister and President, and Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, the Associate Director of Week of Compassion. Important business of the region will also be conducted.

**DAYS AWAY IN JUNE**

Pastor Jackie Twedell will be out of the office at the Regional Assembly in Lynchburg **Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2** (leaving Richmond in early afternoon on Thursday). If you have a pastoral need, please contact Barbara Ozlin (Elder Chairperson) or Jim Davis (Moderator).

Duane Toole will be attending a music conference in Montreat, NC, from **Friday, June 15, through Saturday, June 23**, and will then be on vacation until **Saturday, June 30**.

**DID YOU KNOW ...?**

The Young at Heart Group for ages 55 and older had their first meeting September 19, 1991 AND when they started, they were called the "Yahoos"!

**A SHORT COURSE IN EMPLOYEE (also SOCIAL) RELATIONS** Thank you, Ross Dorneman, for the information!

The **six** most important words: I admit I made a mistake.  
The **five** most important words: You did a good job.  
The **four** most important words: What is your opinion?  
The **three** most important words: If you please.  
The **two** most important words: Thank you.  
The **one** most important word: We.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2018</h1>						<b>AA:</b> Alcoholics Anon <b>YC:</b> Youth Center <b>DWF:</b> Disciples Women's Fellowship <b>ELIM:</b> Elim Church <b>FH:</b> Fellowship Hall
					<b>1</b> Jackie at Regional Assembly  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Jackie at Regional Assembly  ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
<b>3</b> Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am  Crafters 4:00 pm  ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>8</b>  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>  ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
<b>10</b> Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am  ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> DWF Circle #4 at Yen Ching 6:00 pm 6601 Midlothian Tnpk  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>  ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
<b>17 Father's Day</b> Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am  ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> "Theology on Tap" at O'Toole's 6:30 pm (nursery at church 6:15 pm)  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	<b>23</b> Community lemonade party here 11:00 am  ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
<b>24</b> Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am  ELIM-FH 4:00 pm  Jul Newsette deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>29</b>  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>  ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice