

# The Newsette



**Bethany Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ)  
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*"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."*  
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*Senior Pastor*

**Donna Wicker**  
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*Director of Music*

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*Pianist*

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see calendar insert for  
dates and meetings

## JULY SERVANTS:

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

**PROPERTY OPENER  
and CLOSER - all month**  
Christopher Gangloff

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

3 - Brian and Penny Gradwell  
10 - Brian and Penny Gradwell  
17 - Bob and June Sears  
24 - Dolores and Ed McCann  
31 - Barbara Ozlin and Sheila Thayer

## WORSHIP LEADERS

3 - Kevin Scholl  
10 - Ross Dorneman  
17 - Dolores McCann  
24 - Jackie Twedell  
31 - Barbara Ozlin

## JULY SERVANTS (cont.)

### USHERS - all month

Ray Crawford  
Mark Kimmel  
Jim Rountree

### ELDERS

3 - Ray Crawford and Kevin Scholl  
10 - Ross Dorneman and Donna Wicker  
17 - Dolores McCann and Linda Spencer  
24 - DeLois and Jim Evans  
31 - Bob and June Sears

### Communion to Home Bound

primary: DeLois and Jim Evans  
backup: Barbara Ozlin

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: Ollie Peebles  
Christopher Gangloff  
Frances Pully  
Christie Rolston  
substitute: Rae Magnuson

## THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

"We are each given a block of marble when we begin a lifetime, and the tools to shape it into sculpture. We can drag it behind us untouched, we can pound it into gravel, or we can shape it into glory."  
~ Richard Bach

"Never underestimate your importance at the bottom of the totem pole. Without the bottom, the top would fall over."  
~ PO2 John Millie

## 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 July:

- July 3: "Go On Your Way" – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
July 10: "Go and Do Likewise" – Luke 10:25-37 / Colossians 1:1-14  
July 17: "Entertaining Angels Unaware" – Genesis 18:1-10a / Hebrews 13:1-16  
July 24: "Teach Us to Pray" – Luke 11:1-13 / Psalm 85  
July 31: "What You Own OR Storing Up Treasures" – Luke 12:13-21 / Psalm 107:1-9, 43

A few weeks ago, I attended the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Virginia. It was a wonderful weekend at Lynchburg College, and I had a great time getting to know our region a little better. Thank you for supporting my attendance, and I want to say a special "Thank You" to Ross Dorneman for leading worship while I was away!

I learned a great deal at the Regional Assembly, and I want to share a little bit with you. This year the theme was "Crossing Barriers: Following Jesus Out of Our Comfort Zones," and the overarching tone of the weekend was one of hope for the future of the region and our churches.

During the first business session, we heard reports from all the regional ministries. Virginia Regional Minister Rev. Lee Parker announced his retirement, which will be on December 31, 2016. He has faithfully served the Christian Church in Virginia for 19 years! We are so grateful for his ministry! An announcement was also made that the Virginia Christian, the regional newsletter, has moved online. As a way for the region to be more fiscally responsible, the decision was made to no longer mail out the newsletter. Instead, it will be emailed out to all the Virginia churches, and it can also be found on the website ([www.ccinva.org](http://www.ccinva.org)). If you would like to receive the Virginia Christian directly, let me know and I can add you to their email list.

One of the most interesting things of the Assembly was the Saturday night worship service. It was worship service specifically celebrating 55 years of camping ministry at Craig Springs and 40 years of Nature Camp. Worship was lead by former campers and counselors, and we sang camp songs. The best part about it was that I got to hear stories of a very beloved camp! I am huge supporter of summer camp and have many fond memories of attending camp as a camper, counselor, and director!

The most important thing that happened at the Virginia Regional Assembly was voting to change the structure of the region. The region has gone through a long range planning task force, which presented a new vision and mission of the region, as well as a new structure, both of which were approved with a strong majority. I will write out the new Vision and Mission statement in full at the end of this article.

The new structure of the Regional Board will be made up of The Board of Directors and The Mission Council, both of which will take place within the Regional Community. The Board of Directors will have the fiduciary responsibility for the ministry of the Regional Church (they will take care of the business of the region). The Mission Council will coordinate and empower the ministries of the Regional Church (their main focus will be the mission of the region). Both of these groups will meet four times a year, allowing for quicker and more timely responses and actions. The hope is that this new structure will facilitate more connections within the whole Regional Community. I am pleased with this new mission/vision and structure of the region. It will take some living in to, but I think it will work really well. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about this new structure. More information can also be found in the most recent Virginia Christian, which can be found here (<http://www.ccinva.org/photos/virginia-christian/virginia-christian-2/>).

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia Identity Statement

### **Our Vision**

We, the Christian Church in Virginia, come together to model, enable, and assist local congregations to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world.

## Our Mission

Who we are: We are the congregations of the Christian Church in Virginia, united to share in vision and mission, for the purpose of equipping, empowering, and building spiritual relationships.

What we do: We support and assist congregations, clergy, children, youth, women and men, all in the service of God.

Why we do it: Prayerfully seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we encourage and empower our family of congregations to boldly and faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and transform lives and communities in the name of God.

How we do it: Working together and actively engaging with each other, we embrace accountable leadership, open communication, and transparent methods to provide opportunities for education, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

~ Pastor Jackie

## MODERATOR MESSAGE

### Bethany Christian Church [BCC] – More Than a Building...

In the midst of global turmoil and tragedy, let's not lose sight of what is really important. Christ remains our rock – and the unmerited Grace he offers is the only real assurance we need. Bill & Gloria Gaither's song is true – *Because He Lives* we can face tomorrow.

But tomorrow does seem daunting. It's only human to ask why so many awful things keep happening. We turn to the Savior. And we turn to each other.

And we rely on a caring, professional staff...

**Pastor Jackie Twedell** is approaching her four-month anniversary with us – and has led us well. Her sermons are especially meaningful – as are her pastoral prayers and messages at the Table.

Our other staff members are similarly gifted – and we give thanks for their contributions.

**Donna Wicker** goes above and beyond the work of any church secretary I know; **Duane Toole** is a talented singer and musician and fills in with teaching and preaching; **Carol Molinares** is doing a great job in her pianist and accompanist role and **William Lynch** works hard to keep our church presentable. **Marie Peebles** and **Emily Harman** are doing wonderful work with our nursery and **Kim Gangloff** keeps the youth motivated.

At this point, I started to list all the people in our church who contribute so much – in so many different ways. **After 3 paragraphs, I found myself listing every single BCC member and friend.**

So - here's the point: Bethany Christian Church is not just a building – it is the people **in** the building. And by any account – we have a caring, talented, nurturing group of Christians. Thanks for all that you do. ~ Ross Dorneman

## COMMUNICATION / WORSHIP

Did you know? Pastor Jackie's sermons are online!

We love to see you every week, but if there is a Sunday that you are not able to worship with us in person, you can watch Pastor Jackie's sermon LIVE on the Bethany Christian Church Facebook page at (<https://www.facebook.com/bethanyccdoc/>). Every Sunday around 11:35, you can tune in and watch, or you can go back and watch it any time during the week! Videos of the sermons are also posted each week on the Bethany Christian Church website (<http://www.bethanyccdoc.org>).

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)** will be **Monday, July 18, through Thursday, July 21**, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The theme is “Survivor: Pray First!!” – a bible camp for the mind, body, and spirit based on Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.” Dinner will be served every night, and we will have Bible lessons, music, surprise survival activities, and a food craft. On the last night, plan to get wet!

The topics for Bible camp will be:

Monday, 7-18	Breath of Life
Tuesday, 7-19	Fire [spoiler: think “fire that burns yet does not consume”]
Wednesday, 7-20	Strength
Thursday, 7-21	Water

There will also be adult Vacation Bible Camp classes, and the topics and leaders will be:

Monday, 7-18	Keeping Faith	Sue Marion
Tuesday, 7-19	Preparing for the Future	Ross Dorneman
Wednesday, 7-20	Promoting Health	Barbara Ozlin
Thursday, 7-21	Reducing Stress	Jim Davis

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, but you can call the church to get your name on the list!

There will be meetings on **Sunday, July 3**, and **Sunday, July 10**, after Worship for those interested in helping with VBC.

## PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** – Sometimes visitors (and members) need special assistance using our wheelchair ramp. Please be on the lookout for these times and help if you are able or find someone that can help.

## STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Stewardship report as of May 31, 2016** (41.67% of the year)

Budgeted offering income received year-to-date	\$64,093.48 (50% of annual budget)
Total budgeted operating expenses year-to-date	\$73,263.74 (39% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have also received \$3,835.11 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$4,678.14 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund.

Your 2016 Contribution Statements through June 30, 2016, are in your church mailboxes or were mailed to you. This statement will help you see if you’re “on track” for your pledge.

## WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

**C.A.R.I.T.A.S.** – Thank you to all who contributed money, time, cooking, and serving talents to help Bon Air Christian Church serve their C.A.R.I.T.A.S. guests for two nights. We are truly blessed to be able to help.

**BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY MINISTRY** – We collected \$335.00 from our special offering for Bainbridge, and Charles Stevens took 13 bags of food down to their location on Perry Street.

## CHOIR

**AUGUST** Brings Back the "EVERYONE CAN SING" Choir!

We will meet at 10:35 each Sunday morning and sing a familiar hymn arranged in simple parts so that ANYONE can sing with us. Come and see! (This choir will be open to anyone from age 7 to age 107!)

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dear Bethany Christian Church Family, I would like to tell you about a trip that I have the great pleasure of being selected to attend. The Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey (W2WW) is an opportunity to build relationships with sister congregation and regions. This trip is sponsored annually by the International Disciples Women's Ministries and administered by the staff of Disciples Women in conjunction with Global Ministries.

**The 2016 journey will be to the countries of South Africa and Ghana.**

While the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey isn't a 'hands-on' mission, it does offer a way to respond to the call for church women to experience solidarity with one another, to affirm the unity of the church in Jesus Christ, and to join the common struggle for justice and peace in the world today by educating and advocating for those needs. These international, ecumenical, and personal experiences encourage faithful women to see the world through new eyes and bring that perspective back to their congregation and community. *An integral part of the post-journey experience is giving presentations about your experiences and sharing what you've learned with others.*

This experience will include visits to our in-country partners' programs and projects that focus on helping to improve the standard of living for marginalized impoverished women and children which in turn will raise the standard of living for their village or town. Upon my return home, I will make a difference by sharing what I have learned with you, my church, and other churches in the Virginia region. By raising funds and awareness and respect for differing cultures, we can help to improve the lives of the people in Ghana and South Africa that I have met.

The tentative dates for this year's trip are October 12th to 27th with the cost being \$5,000 - the Regional Disciples Women Cabinet W2WW Fund has supported my trip with a \$2,000 payment. The good people of Bethany Christian Church have a few fundraisers started to help offset the cost as well: there is "Pennies for Penny" on the table in the Narthex, bake sales sponsored by the Youth, and other projects in the works. Please let me know if you would like any additional information.  
~ In HIS Service to you and others, Penny P Gradwell

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sonny and Carol Browder on the birth of their great granddaughter, Marlee Zane Babin, on April 24, 2016. The mother is Melissa Williamson Babin and the grandparents are Diane and Rick Williamson.

Also congratulations to Andrew Robert Gregor on his graduation from LaSalle College High School in Philadelphia on June 4. He will attend William & Mary in the fall. Andrew is the son of Anne Marie Ozlin Gregor and grandson of Barbara Ozlin and Jim Davis.

## SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to:

- the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Stephen Waters who passed away on Sunday, June 12  
addresses for his family members:
  - brother: Craig (and Anita) Waters, 2810 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060-2121
  - brother: Gregg (and Dawn) Waters, 204 New Street, Ashland, VA 23005-2066
  - sister: Mary (and Tim) McDermott, 10831 Egret Court, Chesterfield, VA 23838-8950
- Duane and Kathy Toole on the death of Kathy's mother who passed away on Monday, June 20  
Duane and Kathy's address: 13237 Dawnwood Court, Midlothian, VA 23114-4463

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Acute:**

Merrily Baber, Louise Farmer (Helen Knighton's sister), "Jane" (Carolyn Moore's friend), Sandy Lewis, and Virginia Saints softball team

### **Ongoing:**

Ernie Agin	Carol Browder	Sonny Browder
Dot Brown	Kitty Case	Ann Hasty
Carol Kimmel	Mark Kimmel	Sandy Lewis
Earl Little	Hilda Murrell	Iris Parkhurst
Ken Roland	Gladys Rountree	Dot Welch

– members of our church family struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or those that just need a "prayer hug"

### **Extended Church Family:**

Miriam Adams (John Lancaster's grandmother)  
Phil and Jean Anderson (Merrily Baber's sister and brother-in-law)  
Aminah Cowick (Dee and Jim Evans' great-granddaughter)  
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)  
Bill Dean (Ashley's Koch's father)  
Nick Elam (Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friend)  
Kelly Garner and family (Alton family friends)  
Gaynelle Haynes (Dee and Ed McCann's friend)  
Linda Kimmel (Mark Kimmel's sister-in-law)  
Maxine Leonard (Brenda Musik's mother – Brenda is a friend of several of our members)  
Geraldine Russell (Penny Gradwell's mother)  
Terry Thomas (Alton family friend)  
Duane Toole  
Claudine Wood (Carole Morris' mother)  
Virginia Saints softball team

## **THANK YOU**

My dear friends at Bethany, thank you for your prayers, cards and personal visits when I lost John. He fought the good fight and now rests in God's hands. He will be missed by many as I witnessed at his memorial service. My family and I appreciate you all. Special thanks to Pastor Jackie for her support throughout this difficult time. ~ Linda Spencer

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and food donation to help with John Spencer's Memorial Reception. Once again, our church family has shown our love and care for one another. ~ Dee Evans

Thank you to everyone who lifted up prayers for us during Jimmy's double carpal tunnel surgery and recovery. Your prayers, cards, calls, and heartfelt concern mean so much to us. We so appreciate Pastor Jackie having prayer with us and Dee McCann waiting with Donna during the surgery. ~ Donna and Jimmy Wicker

I want to thank everyone who sent me cards or visited or made telephone calls while I was in the hospital and at home recovering from my surgery. Special thanks to Jim and Dee Evans and Rev. Jackie for their care and concern. ~ Harold Reynolds

My last trip to the hospital involved two surgeries that went very well for which I am thankful. I didn't wake up until the next day, and Pastor Jackie was there. I was very glad for her visit and prayer; we also kept in touch by phone. I had some setbacks due to my heart medicine and my kidneys. I felt that the many prayers from family, Bethany, and friends were heard and made a great difference. In addition to the prayers, I truly appreciate the visits, calls, communion, and cards. Thank you so much.  
~ Love, Betty Stargardt

"Thank you" to everyone who helped with and attended the baby shower for Petrina and Anthony Miller. Your support was greatly appreciated.  
~ Dee McCann and Donna Wicker

#### Top Ten Things to Be Thankful For:

- (10) Oxygen – oh, how we take it for granted
- (9) Toilet paper – consider the unpleasant alternative
- (8) Animals that taste good – ignore this if you're a vegetarian
- (7) Plants that taste good – ignore this if you're not a vegetarian
- (6) Really tight jeans – but only on really cute butts
- (5) TV remote controls – can you believe we ever lived without them?
- (4) Cats – they're always there for you ... well, they're usually in the same room with you!
- (3) Home video – that pause button is great for not missing anything
- (2) One word: Chocolate! – in all its many delicious forms

And, the Number One thing to be thankful for is ...

People like you – if it wasn't for kind, thoughtful, generous people like you, there'd be no need for thank-you cards like this.  
~ Love Y'all, William Lynch [our custodian who is back after his surgery]

Kathy and I would like to thank Bethany for all the cards, words of comfort and support, and your presence with us through the death of Kath's mother, Grey Ritchie. You have helped to make a very difficult time also a time of comfort and hope.  
~ Duane Toole

The Waters family would like to thank the members of Bethany Christian Church for all the support, love, cards, and prayers. It made Ronnie's passing easier. We will always be indebted to Bethany. ~ Love, Gregg, Craig, and Mary Frances

### **INTERESTING INFORMATION**

If you have decided to be an organ donor, a representative of LifeNet Health will probably call your next of kin when you pass. Here are a few questions that will be asked:

Was the deceased EVER a U.S. military member, a civilian military employee, or a dependent of either?

If "yes",

Did the deceased ever live or work on a U. S. Military base outside the United States?

If "yes",

- in which country or countries?

- when?

If this service occurred between 1980 and 1997 in Europe, how long was the deceased there?

Your answers, or lack of them, may make LifeNet not be able to take your loved ones' organs. Please plan ahead.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Sandy Lewis: home phone (770) 726-2177

## LOST AND FOUND

Don't forget to check the Lost and Found box in the hallway towards the Fellowship Hall. Also, there are some sweaters, etc. still hanging outside the Chapel that may be yours.

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### July

Date		Years
1	Richard & Susan Fox	49
16	Daniel & Carol Molinares	2
18	Tim & Jenna Gradwell	7
26	Ken & Carol Roland	35
28	Ray & JoAnn Crawford	31
31	Bruce & Sue Marion	44



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2016</h1>					1	2
3 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- VBC Mtg noon	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5  AA-YC 7:00 pm	6	7  AA-YC 7:00 pm	8	9
10 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- VBC Mtg noon	11	12  AA-YC 7:00 pm	13	14  AA-YC 7:00 pm	15	16
17 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- Board Mtg noon	18 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm	19 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	20 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm	21 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	25 <b>DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSETTE INFO</b>	26  AA-YC 7:00 pm	27	28  AA-YC 7:00 pm	29	30
31 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am						<b>AA:</b> Alcoholics Anon <b>YC:</b> Youth Center <b>VBC:</b> Vacation Bible Camp