

# The Newsette



**Bethany Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ)  
5400 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23225-2513

*"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."*  
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**Reverend Ben Moore**  
*Senior Minister*

**Donna Wicker**  
*Church Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**  
*Director of Music*

**Lia Ferrell**  
*Organist*

**William Lynch**  
*Custodian*

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**see calendar insert for  
dates and meetings**

## APRIL SERVANTS:

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

### PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER - all month

Ed McCann

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

2 - Lori Blair - Geoff Gangloff  
5 - Johnny and Linda Grubb  
12 - Bob and June Sears  
19 - Dolores and Ed McCann  
26 - Lori Blair

### WORSHIP LEADERS

5 - Kevin Scholl  
12 - Dolores McCann  
19 - Tyler Hawthorne  
26 - Donna Wicker

### USHERS - all month

Jim Evans  
John Massie  
Peggie Massie

## APRIL SERVANTS (cont.)

### ELDERS

2 - Day: Dolores McCann and  
Barbara Ozlin  
2 - Night: Ross Dorneman and  
Linda Spencer  
5 - Brian and Penny Gradwell  
12 - Ross Dorneman and  
Dolores McCann  
19 - Ray Crawford and Elizabeth Little  
26 - Becky Murrell and Donna Wicker

**Communion to Home Bound**  
primary: Becky Murrell and Kevin Scholl  
backup: Brian and Penny Gradwell

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: Sarah McLillard  
Jackie Fore  
Jean Fore  
Jimmy Wicker  
(substitute: Carol Molinares)

## THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, He Lives, Christ Arose, these are hymns that most of us know, whether we grew up at Bethany or at another church. They help us to remember and celebrate Christ's victory over death. They are part of our Christian heritage, taught to us from those who came before, sung together to celebrate today, handed down to future generations that they might know and celebrate Christ's resurrection.

There is much that we hold in common as Christians. In a world that is divided, and with forces that like nothing better than the Body of Christ divided against itself, our unity and love for one another is one of the things that sets us apart. In John 13 Jesus said that we would be known by our love, particularly for one another. That we are able to hold together in common our Lord, our work, our love, and our mission is supposed to be what makes us uncommon to the world. That we know we are found to be in common, even with diversity of thought, talent, backgrounds, and lives, makes us uncommon.

Let us live uncommonly in common, Pastor Ben

## **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.”

## **SERMON TITLES AND SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL**

April 5 - **“Life and Death”** – Isaiah 25:6-9; March 16:1-8

April 12 - **“Common: Unity”** – 1 John 1:1-2:2; Acts 4:32-35

April 19 - **“Common: Identity”** – Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7

April 26 - **“Common: Shepherd”** – 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

## **MODERATOR MESSAGE**

**More than a Children’s Moment---**

Just a short note to thank all those that bring so many meaningful children’s moments. But, in actuality, these are messages for us all. How many times have you found yourself thinking...”that’s right---that works for me, too!”....

~ Ross Dorneman

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT**

**2015 DIRECTORIES** – A huge “thank you” to Trish Carpenter who helped Donna assemble our 2015 Directories. Please pick one up in the Narthex.

HOWEVER, we already have some **updates** to the 2015 Directory:

- new email for Ken and Carol Roland: krolandatt@yahoo.com
- add Elizabeth Dickerson to Marianne and Matthew Dickerson’s entry. Elizabeth’s birthday is March 15.
- Janice Midkiff’s home phone number has transferred to her new home at the Towers

**“FLOCK LUNCHEON”** – The annual Flock Luncheon will be held **Sunday, April 19**, immediately following the Worship service. We are asking that everyone **bring a salad to share**. Your Congregational Life Department will provide beverages, ham rolls, and dessert for all.

Please let your Shepherd know by Sunday, April 12, how many from your family will attend. We will enjoy fellowship and good food together with our flocks!

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**L.I.F.E. CLASS** – Join us for our L.I.F.E. (**L**iving **I**n **F**aith **E**veryday) Sunday School class the first Sunday of each month. This is a bible study class for all ages and is for all members and guests. Come learn and discuss the word of God! Come get to know your church family with this unique opportunity. Ross Dorneman is teaching the class on **Sunday, April 4**. Make sure you bring your bibles!

## **EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** – Our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 4**, at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers should arrive at Bethany at 9:00 a.m. to set up for the craft activity and "hide" the eggs for our children!!!

**Yard, Breakfast and Bake, and Barbecue Sales and Car Wash** – This event will be happening **Saturday, April 25**, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be excepting donations for the church Sunday evening April 19th and every evening that week Please let Penny Gradwell (at (804) 402-7468) know if you will be bringing items, so if the church is not open, we can have someone there to open the church and find a spot for them in the former Fellowship Class room downstairs!!!

If you have purchased a table to sell your own items, you can come Friday, April 24, to put your things out on your assigned table(s).

★ For the Breakfast and Bake Sale: We need your delicious baked goodies! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for you to write your contribution. Pies, cakes, brownies, cookies and any of your favorite things to bake are welcomed. Someone will be at the church on Friday, April 24, until 6:00 p.m. to receive your items. Thank you for your participation. Come back on Saturday to shop and eat!

★ The prices for the pork and chicken are below (same as last year); you can pre-order with forms in the Narthex:

- one pound of pulled pork with sauce - \$8.00
- one 12-oz bottle of Brian Gradwell's famous barbecue sauce - \$7.00
- one whole smoked barbecued chicken - \$8.00
- 1/2 smoked barbecued chicken - \$5.00
- one lunch plate: pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, and cole slaw - \$5.00
- one party pack (four meals): one pound pulled pork, 4 buns, pint of cole slaw, pint of baked beans, 12-oz bottle of sauce - \$20.00

### **PROPERTY DEPARTMENT**

The Property Department is sponsoring a "clean-up day" for the inside of the church on **Saturday, April 11**, starting at 9:30 a.m. All are personally invited, and please bring your elbow grease! If you have any questions, contact me at (804) 275-2032. Thanks.

~ Jim Evans, Property Chairperson

### **STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT**

Contribution statements will be disseminated three times a year: after June 30, after October 31 (only to those people who may need a reminder of their pledge amounts), and after December 31. You can always call the church office if you need information at other times.

### **WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT**

**Week of Compassion** – The total collected in February and March for the Week of Compassion totaled \$615.60.

**Bainbridge** – Charles Stevens took **12 bags** of food to Bainbridge this month. Thank you! The food box in the hall across from the Chapel is always hungry for your non-perishable food donations (especially dried milk and jelly). Our special collection for Bainbridge Community Ministries totaled \$200.00.

**Easter** – We will continue collecting our Easter offerings on **Sunday, April 5**. Your Easter offerings support the general ministries of our national and regional bodies.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

We have a new home on the web. Visit **[bethanyccd.org](http://bethanyccd.org)** to check it out!

### **DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Blessing Boxes** – The Blessing Box was created in 1953 as an over-and-above way to help fund the wider mission of the church. Our total for Blessing Box collections this year was \$475.61. Half of this giving goes to support the mission of the whole church through the Disciples Mission Fund and the other half goes to the ministries carried out by the women of our church through the International Disciples Women's Ministries. Thank you.

**Mother-Daughter Luncheon** – The Mother-Daughter Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, May 16** (the Saturday after Mother’s Day) at noon. The theme of this year’s luncheon is “Reflections of a Lovely Lady”. Tickets will be available Sundays, May 3 and May 10, and the cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for young ladies under age 10. There will be information about our service project later.

### **YOUNG AT HEART GROUP**

The “Young at Hearts” will be going to the Peking Restaurant at 13132 Midlothian Turnpike on **Thursday, April 16**, at noon. Contact Bob Sears (804-794-5419) or Vernon King (804-744-2134) to be counted in for the reservations.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to:

- **Petrina Lyn Owens and Anthony Jerrell Miller** who were married March 14, 2015.
- Matthew “Buck” and Marianne Walls Dickerson on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Ann Dickerson**, on Sunday, March 15, 2015; David and Linda Walls are the proud grandparents.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We the following into our membership during March:

- March 8: **David A. Brown** – David lives at 6133 Merrifield Drive, Richmond, VA 23225-2612. His number is (804) 233-1398, and his email is davebrown09@verizon.net.
- March 29: **Anthony and Petrina Miller** – the Millers live at 27 W. Broad Street, Apt. 5H, Richmond, VA 23220-4294. Their phone numbers are (804) 376-2248 (Anthony’s cell) and (804) 837-6452 (Petrina’s cell); their emails are antmill84@yahoo.com and petrinaowens@yahoo.com.
- March 29: **Dalton Wayne Richardson** – Dalton lives at 4908 Embassy Drive, Richmond, VA 23230-1630. His phone number is (434) 329-2807.

### **SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian love and sympathy to the following:

- John Spencer and family on the death of his uncle, Reuben Burton, on Monday, March 23
- Dee McCann and family on the death of her cousin, Charlotte Herndon, on Friday, March 27
- the family of Billie Crawford on her death on Saturday, March 28 (her service will be Sat., April 18, at noon at church)
- the family of Michael Britton on his death on Tuesday, March 31

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

#### **Acute:**

Bobbie Corsaro; Dawn (Dalton Richardson’s aunt); Jean Fore; Tina Frank (John & Linda Spencer’s daughter); John and Mandy Fuhrman; Bob and Janice Midkiff; Bobby Nelson; Karen Pugh; Doug Reeves; Jessie Reynolds; John Spencer; Duane Toole; Frances Waters

#### **Ongoing:**

Stuart Adams	Phil Avery	Paul Banks
Michael Britton	Carol Browder	Kitty Case
Mac Case	Bobbie Corsaro	Diana and Mark Foster
Marty Givens	Russell Harris	Ann Hasty
Hugh Hawthorne	Hazel Heider	Misty Insley
Mark Kimmel	Sandy Lewis	Charley Lindsey
Sara Mallory	Jean McNeely	Hilda Murrell
Iris Parkhurst	Gay Purcell	Ken Roland
Gladys Rountree	Holly Scholl	John Spencer
Connie Stroupe	Frances Waters	Kelly Waldrop

### **Extended Church Family:**

June Bailey (Duane Toole's friend)  
Donna Beaber (Joanne Jenkins' niece)  
Audrey Blake  
Mark Foster's father  
Tina Frank (John and Linda Spencer's daughter)  
John and Mandy Fuhrman  
Brenda Gradwell (Brian Gradwell's sister-in-law)  
Linda Haase (Barb Koch's co-worker's sister)  
Jen (Margot Krantz' friend)

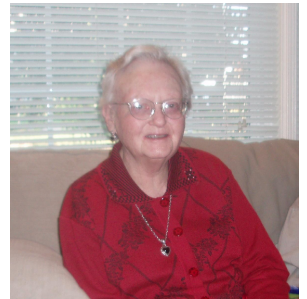
Jennifer (Cari Alton's friend)  
John Lancaster's grandmother  
John Lancaster's aunt's family  
Karen McClain's sister's family  
Zachary Pletcher (Anne Crumley and Juan Pletcher's grandson)  
Karen Pugh's sister-in-law  
Zach Street (Mary Kline's grandson)  
Duane Toole  
Rick Williamson (Sonny and Carol Browder's son-in-law)

### **THANK YOU**

I want first to apologize for not responding sooner. I just went thru my "one year cancer re-check" and everything came back CLEAR!!! My doctor is pleased with my recovery and is closely monitoring my "levels" to try and keep them balanced. The biggest difference we have found is now I LOVE NAPS – didn't really take them before, but sure do these days (may not all be the surgery, could be age). I cannot begin to THANK everyone at Bethany for their love, thoughts and prayers. I KNOW PRAYER WORKS AND GOD IS AMAZING!!!! God truly was with me and my family the whole time and helped us through. I am so grateful for my church family!!! ~ Yours in Christ, Christie Rolston

### **BETHANY CONNECTIONS**

Hazel Heider has been a member of Bethany multiple times in her life, joining most recently in 1993. Hazel has been a diligent behind-the-scenes worker for many years at Bethany. She helped to establish the Pastoral Relations Committee, worked with her husband Bill to keep the CareNotes available and organized for our use, helped with rewrites of the Constitution and Bylaws multiple times, played piano for the Jay Waters' Sunday School class, and served faithfully as a shepherd. Hazel's father and brother were both Disciples' ministers. Hazel enjoys having visitors and staying up to date with and praying for the needs of the church.



### **RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS**

We have an opportunity to attend a Faith Night on **Saturday, May 9**, at a discounted rate (if we get 20 people to sign up). We'll enjoy a pre-game faith-based band, praise dance ministry performances, and player testimonials before the game starts at 7:05. After the game, there are fireworks and the kids run the bases. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen or call the office.

### **OLD HYMNALS**

We still have boxes of our former hymnals in the basement, many of which were given to the church in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. If you are interested in adding one or more of these hymnals to your collection, please contact Sue Marion at (804) 740-5251, or look on the table near the Bainbridge food donations box in the hall.

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

"If all your prayers this week were answered, would others be helped or only you?"

~ heard on PER radio

"You're either running towards God, or running from God."

~ heard at the Newsboys concert

## ANNIVERSARIES

April

4	Alfred & Beverly Lacy, Jr.	45
7	John & Sandra Clarke	36
26	Robert & Nancy Street	29
29	Jimmy & Donna Wicker	9

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February, 2015

Pledge, Transient, Sunday School, and Special Offerings	\$ 9,455.38
Expenses	(14,145.86)
Other Activity	665.34
Net "Loss" for February	\$ ( 4,025.14)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2015</h1>						<b>AA:</b> Alcoholics Anon <b>DWF:</b> Disciples Women's Fellowship <b>YAH:</b> Young At Heart <b>YC:</b> Youth Center
			1 Bible study 1:15 pm  – NO Choir –	2 Maundy Thursday Services noon and 7:00 pm  ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	3 <b>Good Friday</b> Prayer Vigil begins 6:00 am	4 Prayer Vigil ends 6:00 am ----- Comm Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am ----- Create Worship to Jones & Jones fac noon ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm
5 <b>Easter offering</b> Sonrise Svc 7:00 Stone House at Forest Hill Park ----- Sun. School 9:45 Worship 11:00	6	7  AA-YC 7:00 pm	8  – NO Choir –	9 DWF Exec Comm Mtg 7:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	10	11 indoor clean-up day at church 9:30 am ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm
12 Sun. School 9:45 Worship 11:00	13	14  AA-YC 7:00 pm	15  Choir 7:30 pm	16 YAH group & friends - lunch at Peking Midlothian noon ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	17	18  AA-YC 7:00 pm
19 Sun. School 9:45 Worship 11:00 ----- Flock lunch noon	20	21 DWF Circle #1 at church 10:00 am	22  Choir 7:30 pm	23 DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	24	25 yard /bake / breakfast / barbecue sales etc! 7:00 am - 1:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm
26 Sun. School 9:45 Worship 11:00	27 <b>DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSETTE ARTICLES</b>	28  AA-YC 7:00 pm	29  Choir 7:30 pm	30  AA-YC 7:00 pm		