

The Newsette



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see calendar insert for
dates and meetings

OCTOBER 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 - Jo Anne and Ross Dorneman
- 9 - Lori Blair
- 16 - Kim Brown and Sue Marion
- 23 - Lori Blair
- 30 - DeLois and Jim Evans

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 2 - Donna Wicker
- 9 - Penny Gradwell
- 16 - Jackie Twedell
- 23 - Dolores McCann
- 30 - Kevin Scholl

OCTOBER SERVANTS (cont.)

USHERS - all month

David Brown
Scot Hawthorne
Tyler Hawthorne

ELDERS

- 2 - Dolores McCann and Donna Wicker
- 9 - Brian and Penny Gradwell
- 16 - Bob and June Sears
- 23 - DeLois and Jim Evans
- 30 - Johnny and Linda Grubb

Communion to Home Bound

primary: Becky Murrell and Kevin Scholl
secondary: Brian and Penny Gradwell

DEACONS - all month

Captain: Cari Alton
Christopher Gangloff
Mark Kimmel
Rae Magnuson
substitute: Linda Walls

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"October, baptize me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!" ~ Rainbow Rowell

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 for October

- October 2 – "Bread for the World" for World Communion Sunday – Luke 13:18-20
- October 9 – "The Thankful Leper" – Psalm 66:1-12; Luke 17:11-19
- October 16 – "The Power of Persistence" – Psalm 121; Luke 18:1-8
- October 23 – "A Humble Prayer" – Psalm 65; Luke 18:9-14
- October 30 – "Short in Stature, Great in Repentance" – Psalm 32; Luke 19:1-10

This past week, I attended my final Bethany Ecumenical Fellows retreat in Kansas City. I have been a part of this wonderful group for three years, and every minute has been a blessing on my life and on my ministry.

Since 1999 Bethany Fellows has served congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by helping newly ordained, young pastors transition from seminary to sustained congregational ministry with a strong and healthy pastoral identity. In the Fall of 2014 they launched a Bethany Ecumenical group, which I have been a part of since then.

Through the collegial support of peers and mentor/leaders, Bethany Fellows has helped young ministers like myself navigate the beginnings of a vocation and young adult life transitions. While on retreat, we are engaged in spiritual practices as well as visits with dynamic congregations, fueling creativity and insights to share with our congregations, building confidence and strengthening our leadership. And most importantly, we spend time in worship, prayer, fellowship, and rest. After every retreat, I come home rested and rejuvenated.

I have loved being a part of Bethany Fellows. I have learned so much about myself, my calling, and my ministry. I am so grateful to have a group of amazing friends and mentors in ministry, and even though I won't see them at the retreats any more, I know that we will stay in touch and continue to be in prayer for each other.

In one of the testimonies on the Bethany Fellows website (www.bethanyfellows.org), one of the Bethany alums said that "second only to my seminary education, Bethany Fellows provided me the tools necessary to sustain spiritual and emotional health through the ups and downs of congregational life." I whole-heartedly agree. I know that I am a better minister because I have been a Bethany Fellow.

This retreat was in Kansas City (actually, we stayed in a retreat center in Leavenworth, just west of KC). Knowing this was my last retreat, made for an extra dynamic – I wanted to relish in every moment. My favorite happened on the last night. There is a tradition in Bethany Fellows to bless those of us who are graduating out. And for this retreat, I was the only one. So during our last worship on Thursday evening, my beloved mentors, Bob Hill and Nannette Banks, blessed me, and then the whole group gathered around me, laid their hands on me and prayed over me. It was a very emotional moment, one that I will hold on to forever.

I cannot even begin to say how grateful I am to have been a part of Bethany Fellows. I know that this wonderful group of people will continue to inspire me and my ministry.

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting to discuss the slate of officers and leaders submitted by our Nominating Committee and approved by the General Board will be **Sunday, October 9**, after Worship. This meeting will not interfere with our Flock Luncheon.

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

The Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat will be held on **Saturday, October 29**, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.! Please volunteer to help with the game booths OR to bring your auto for decorating and/or giving out candy and toys to our neighborhood's and members' children. We would LOVE to see as many Bethany members as possible participate as this is an event that cannot happen without your help.

Donations of small toys and candy can be put in the box in the Narthex, but we are also asking for pillow cases (not new ones but the ones you have at home that don't match anything any longer and have been saved for "just in case"). We will use these pillow cases instead of treat bags for the children who come to the Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat. Thank you so very much for your help, support and prayers as the planning for this event progresses.

We have two nights scheduled – **Wednesday, October 26, and Thursday, October 27** – from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to put the game booths together upstairs in the Fellowship Hall with lights and decorations. Please come to help!

If you have questions while Penny is on her Woman-to-Woman trip, please contact Lori Blair or Becky Murrell. Also, we are asking “attendees” for donations of canned or boxed goods for the Bainbridge food bank

Thanksgiving Season – This year during the Thanksgiving season, we will be taking food to Police and Fire Stations that are first and second responders for Bethany Christian Church to show our appreciation for all they do for our community. More information will be coming at a later date as we are gathering information about this project.

Tables – Twelve lighter-weight eight-foot tables have been bought by the Evangelism Department for use in the Fellowship Hall. The money for these tables came from fund-raising efforts like yard, barbecue, and bake sales!

District VII

On **Sunday, October 2**, the District VII Assembly will be held at Bon Air Christian Church starting with registration at 4:00 p.m. Vanessa Law will be our featured speaker, talking of her trip to Israel and Palestine from her 2015 Women-to-Women journey. The youth who attended Craig Springs this summer will share testimonies, prayers and lead communion for us at the Assembly. The cost for the Assembly is: \$5 per person; max \$10 per family! The offering taken at the Assembly will go towards helping Penny Gradwell with her Woman-to-Woman trip to Ghana and South Africa and to the general fund of Craig Springs.

Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey – The W2WW Journey is fast approaching! Sorting, packing, and double-checking that everything has been covered is my agenda for the next couple of weeks. On October 12, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., my flight takes off to Atlanta, GA, for orientation, meet-and-greet with the other women going on the trip, and dinner. The flight to Ghana will leave Atlanta at 2:05 p.m. on October 13 and will arrive at 8:00 a.m., Friday, October 14 (yes, the next day as the flight itself is 13 and ½ hours).

Here is a link to the W2WW webpage if you wish to watch for updates:

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/disciples-women/woman-to-woman-worldwide/>

In this Newsette right after the calendar is a tentative schedule (subject to change for any number of reasons) if you want to see where I am on any given day. Thank you for your prayers for my journey and safe travel.

~ In His Service, Penny Gradwell

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Landscaping work has been completed in the yard next to the wheelchair ramp. The funds for this project came from memorial funds for Billie Crawford, Ed Ferguson, Elizabeth Hawthorne, and Bob Midkiff designated for landscaping.

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Stewardship report as of August 31, 2016 (66.7% of the year)

Budgeted offering income received year-to-date \$ 89,864.97 (71% of annual budget)

Total budgeted operating expenses year-to-date \$116,932.15 (62% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have also received \$7,343.52 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$9,862.15 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund. We have also been blessed to receive memorial funds.

Stewardship - Commitment Campaign

You should have received a letter with a “Personal Commitment Card” and a return envelope in mid-September. Please prayerfully consider what you will give to financially support God’s work here at Bethany Christian Church, and return your completed card by Sunday, October 9, if you haven’t already done so. Thank you for your generous support.

WORLD OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Reconciliation – Sunday, October 2, is our second Sunday to collect donations for the Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Offering. These gifts are one way to help move us towards wholeness through grants across the general Church, faith-based Disciples’ emphasis on being a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church and a movement for wholeness.

A.C.T.S. (Area Congregations Together in Service) – We collected \$225.00 to help support A.C.T.S. in their endeavors to help those in temporary crisis. Thank you.

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

Upper Room Devotionals – The cost of the Upper Room devotionals has increased to \$1.25 per copy. Please contribute accordingly.

Installation Service – Pastor Twedell’s installation service was very meaningful for the congregation and for Pastor Jackie. Many thanks to all who had a part in its planning and participation.

What are you thinking? – What suggestions, ideas, likes and dislikes would you like to share with the Worship Department? Please contact Sue Marion or Linda Grubb if you have any.

DISCIPLES WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP (DWF)

Circle #1 is collecting elementary school supplies for underprivileged children at several schools in Chesterfield County. By providing schools with needed supplies, we can help these children succeed! If you would like to contribute, please contact Dee Evans at (804) 275-2032 or put elementary school supplies in the designated box in the Narthex by **Sunday, October 16**. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Blanket Sundays – Our DWF is sponsoring Blanket Sundays on **October 16** and **October 23**. The cost of blankets remains at \$10 each (samples of the blankets will be in the Narthex). These donations are sent to Church World Service, and the workers there purchase blankets to help families in crisis and in need.

Harvest Luncheon – The DWF will be having a harvest soup and chili luncheon on **November 19** at noon. Penny Gradwell will share information from her Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey!

“SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS”

Our Shepherd/Flock Luncheon will be held **Sunday, October 9**, following Worship Service. We will sit together and fellowship as flock groups. We will have a short presentation after lunch from Cindy Harris and a friend with LifeNet Health. Cindy will be speaking (from personal experience) about organ donation and giving the gift of life – find out what happens when we “check the box” on our driver’s license and what that means for loved ones.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Stuart Adams, Jr.: home phone in his room 526-5635 and at the office 768-7380

Gay Purcell: Beth Sholom Gardens, 2001 Lauderdale Drive, Room 113, Henrico, VA 23238-3935 / home phone in her room 421-5113 and at the facility 754-0900.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Jackie Fore, Virginia Tech, Campbell Hall-East, Room 239, 320 Drillfield Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24061

Mikayla “Kayla” Koch, Longwood College, PO Box 396572, 201 High Street, Farmville, VA 23909

THANK YOU

Dear members of Bethany, thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and emotional support that you have given me. I seem to be getting my health back little by little, but I will have to be on dialysis three times a week.

~ Sandy Lewis

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Rachel Lee Sears and James Cameron Franks who were married on September 3, 2016. Rachel is the daughter of Jeff and Suzanne Sears and the granddaughter of Bob and June Sears
- to Jim Davis and Barbara Ozlin on the birth of their 14th grandchild, Rachel Jane Davis, on September 7, 2016

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to:

- the family of Ashley Renee Jernell Burke
- Linda Walls and family on the death of her brother, Morris “Marty” Brown Givens, Jr., on September 13, 2016. A memorial service for Marty will be held Saturday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Acute:

Helen Knighton, Betty Stargardt

Ongoing:

Merrily Baber	Florence Banks	Dee Evans
Ann Hasty	Hazel Heider	Carol Kimmel
Mark Kimmel	Sandy Lewis	Earl Little
Carolyn Moore	Bobby Nelson	Ken Roland
Gladys Rountree		

♥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)
Lisa Carlson (Carolyn Moore’s friend), her son, and her doctors
Jim Castle (Donna Yates’ cousin)
Pamela Cochran
Nicole Craig (Barbara Ozlin’s niece)
Bill Dean (Ashley’s Koch’s father)
Nick Elam (Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne’s friend)
Linda Harrah (Barbara Ozlin’s friend)
Gaynelle Haynes (Dee and Ed McCann’s friend)
“Jane” (Carolyn Moore’s friend)
Karen Peregoy (Dee and Jim Evans’ daughter)
Geraldine Russell (Penny Gradwell’s mother)
Nell Toole (Duane Toole’s mother)
Claudine Wood (Carole Morris’ mother)

ANNIVERSARIES

October

Date		Years
2	Sonny & Carol Browder	63
9	Robert & Joanna Jenkins	17
11	Duane & Kathy Toole	36
14	Doug & Nancy Hartzell	37
15	Jim & Dee Evans	22
16	Matthew & Marianne Dickerson	6
16	Dean & Diane Krehmeyer	17
16	Kevin & Holly Scholl	12
20	B. J. & Melissa Gradwell	4
24	Mark & Diana Case Foster	24

BRAIN TEASER

ANSWERS

The TEN parts of the body that are made up of only three letters:

ARM	EAR
EYE	GUM
HIP	JAW
LEG	LIP
RIB	TOE

How did you do?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2016</h1>					October is Ministerial Appreciation Month ☺	1 AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
2 Stewardship Sunday Reconciliation Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am - World Communion Sun	3	4 AA-YC 7:00 pm	5 Choir 7:30 pm	6 AA-YC 7:00 pm	7	8 AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
9 Stewardship Sunday Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ☑ Membership mtg ----- Flock Luncheon noon	10 Seminar at Colonial Place Christian Church 6 to 8 pm	11 AA-YC 7:00 pm	12 Choir 7:30 pm	13 AA-YC 7:00 pm	14	15 AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
16 Blanket Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	17	18 DWF Circle #1 at church 10:00 am ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	19 Choir 7:30 pm	20 AA-YC 7:00 pm	21	22 AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
23 Blanket Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	24 DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTE	25 AA-YC 7:00 pm	26 set up game booths 5 to 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	27 set up game booths 5 to 7 pm ----- DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	28	29 Fall Festival and "Trunk or Treat" 6 to 8 pm ☑ accepting canned / boxed goods donations ----- AA-YC 7 to 8:30 pm
30	31					AA: Alcoholics Anon YC: Youth Center DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship

Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey Tentative Schedule
Journey to Ghana and South Africa
October 13 to October 27, 2016

October 14, 2016

Arrive in Accra at 8am
Visit Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park
Afternoon with the Christian Council of
Ghana (CCG)
<http://www.christiancouncilgh.org/>

October 15, 2016

Travel to Ho, Ghana
Afternoon participating in activities planned
by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church,
Ghana
<https://www.epc.org/>

October 16, 2016

Worship in local Evangelical Presbyterian
Churches in and around Ho, Ghana

October 17, 2016

Travel to Accra, Ghana
Afternoon with Good News Seminary
Visit CCG projects
<http://www.gntcs.org/>

October 18, 2016

Day trip to Cape Coast

October 19, 2016

Travel to Durban, South Africa
Depart Accra at 9:15am
Arrive in Durban at 8:05pm

October 20, 2016

Visit United Congregational Church of
Southern Africa (UCCSA) House of
Formation
Participate in activities planned by the
UCCSA, South Africa Synod
<http://www.sasynod.org.za/>

October 21, 2016

Day with Inanda Seminary staff and students
<http://inanda.org/>

October 22, 2016

Participate in Inanda Seminary's "At Home"
Festivities
<http://inanda.org/calendar/events/at-home.html>

October 23, 2016

Worship in UCCSA churches
Activities with UCCSA after church
<http://www.uccsa.co.za/#>

October 24, 2016

Travel to Johannesburg
Depart Durban at 8:40am
Arrive in Johannesburg at 9:45am
Morning with Theological Education by
Extension
Afternoon with UCCSA's Women
Department

October 25, 2016

Visit UCCSA Central Office
Visit South African Council of Churches
Afternoon with UCCSA

October 26, 2016

Visit Apartheid Museum
Tour of historic Soweto
Shopping
Rest and preparation for evening flight
Travel to the USA
Depart at 7:50pm