

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

**Donna Wicker**  
*Church Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**  
*Director of Music*

**Carol Molinares**  
*Pianist*

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*Custodian*

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## AUGUST SERVANTS:

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

### PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER - all month

David Brown

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

7 - Jo Anne and Ross Dorneman  
14 - DeLois and Jim Evans  
21 - Barbara Ozlin and Sheila Thayer  
28 - Dolores and Ed McCann

### WORSHIP LEADERS

7 - Donna Wicker  
14 - Dolores McCann  
21 - Ross Dorneman  
28 - Kevin Scholl

## AUGUST SERVANTS (cont.)

### USHERS - all month

Jim Evans  
John Massie  
Peggie Massie

### ELDERS

7 - Linda Spencer and Donna Wicker  
14 - Ray Crawford and Barbara Ozlin  
21 - Ross Dorneman and Becky Murrell  
28 - Elizabeth Little and Linda Spencer

### Communion to Home Bound

primary: Bob and June Sears

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: Chris Hawthorne  
David Brown  
Geoff Gangloff  
Kristin Hawthorne  
substitute: Sue Marion

see calendar insert for  
dates and meetings

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

“If you make the right kind of decisions, you will make the right kind of life.”

~ Gene Paniccia

“Our students have no problem climbing the ladder to success if they trust the person who is holding the ladder for them.”

~ Craig Scott

“Upside down is all a matter of perspective.”

~ Dave Marony

## **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**

### Things They Don't Teach You In Seminary 101 – What to Do When the Pastor's Office Floods

There is a long-running joke between my minister friends and me. We like to laugh about it whenever we are together. We all learned a great deal in Seminary, and most of it is incredibly useful in our day-to-day ministries – like how to write a sermon and how to plan worship, tips for pastoral care visits, history and theology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the list could go on and on.

But we also each have a running list of “things we didn't learn in Seminary.” This week, I have another story to add to my list.

Tuesday afternoon, during the big thunderstorm that blew through Richmond, I was in my office getting ready for Vacation Bible Camp. I am leading the children's Bible story time throughout VBC, so I was finalizing my plan for the evening. I knew it was raining and storming outside, but it didn't concern me – yet.

But then I noticed that the table by the big picture window, where I had all my resources for the evening's activities, was a little wet. A few minutes later, after I had quickly cleared the table, it, and the wall, and the new blinds, were completely soaked! My ceiling seemed to be leaking!

I stood there for a second, not knowing what to do. Then I ran to the kitchen, where the wonderful VBC kitchen crew was preparing dinner, and said, “My ceiling is leaking – there is water everywhere!” And they all came with buckets and rags, and together we started sopping up as much water as we could. Everyone pitched in and did what they could to help. We went through just about every bucket and dry towel in the church, but eventually, we got it as dry and cleaned up as possible. It was an adventure that none of us expected to have that night!

The leaking ceiling adventure was a perfect example, though, of church at its best – people coming together to do what needs to be done. How wonderful it is to be a part of a church community that finds joy in taking care of one another! Bethany Christian Church is such a loving and caring and kind community of faith. I knew that way before water started cascading down the walls in my office – but it made for a nice reminder as we were all working together. I am so grateful to be a part of this family of faith! So maybe I didn't technically need to learn what to do when the church office floods when I was in Seminary, but I pray that, now that I do know, I never have to use that knowledge again.

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

## **INVITATION**

Please mark your calendars to join us on **Sunday, September 11**, during the 11 a.m. Worship service as we officially install Rev. Jackie Twedell as Bethany Christian Church's Senior Minister! Pastor Jackie has been with us since March 7, 2016, and we look forward to this special Installation Service. Lee Parker, Virginia's Regional Minister (who is retiring December 31, 2016), will take part in the service as will Nathan C. Brown, Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where Pastor Jackie served before she came here. More details to come later, but please make every effort to attend this very important event in our church life.

## **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Pastoral Relations Committee has been selected. The members are Chloe Blair, Penny Gradwell, Barbara Ozlin, Linda Spencer, and Sue Marion, chairperson. We have met with Pastor Twedell and will continue meeting on a regular basis. If you have any questions, concerns, or joys pertaining to our minister please contact one of the committee members.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS**

Thank you to all who helped with and participated in Vacation Bible Camp!

## 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>).

## STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Stewardship report as of June 30, 2016** (50% of the year)

Budgeted offering income received year-to-date	\$71,721.12	(56% of annual budget)
Total budgeted operating expenses year-to-date	\$85,235.11	(45% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have also received \$6,593.18 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$9,862.15 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund.

## 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

Circles #1 and #4 are not meeting in July or August, but we will continue to keep in touch with our homebound members with cards, phone calls, and visits. Meeting will resume in September.

We are, along with all of Bethany, supporting Penny Gradwell for her trip to Africa October 12 to 27. She will be visiting South Africa and Ghana on the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide (W2WW) journey sponsored by the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Disciples of Christ churches. She must furnish \$3,000 of her own funds toward the \$5,000 cost of the trip (the Regional Disciples Women Cabinet W2WW Fund helped her with \$2,000 towards the trip).

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. Upon returning home, Penny will share what she has learned with us and other churches in the Virginia region.

There will be opportunities to further efforts to raise funds – see the "Pennies for Penny" piggy bank in the Narthex, and watch for bake sales put on by our Youth.

Penny also received information that one of the girls' schools that the group will be visiting is in need of these supplies:

- Crochet and knitting needles and wool
- Art and craft supplies
- Teenage reading books

If you wish to donate, a box is under the table in the Narthex.

## **YOUTH**

Along with fundraisers for supporting Penny Gradwell for her Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey to South Africa and Ghana, the youth are collecting items to take to the Jones & Jones (aka Kenmore) Adult Care Home. These are examples of the small gifts they wish to donate from our congregation to the residents:

- hard candy (like peppermints)
- little bags of chips
- little bags of cookies, ho hos
- Little Debbie cakes
- small diet sodas

A box with a bright orange sign is in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Also, I know it's hard to fathom, but cooler days are coming! Please see Kim Gangloff if you are interested in purchasing shirts or jackets with our church logo on them.

## **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Mark and Carol Kimmel: 1756 Old Powhatan Estates, Powhatan, VA 23139-7622

Sarah, Joey, Alyssa, and Eliana Oatman: 1756 Old Powhatan Estates, Powhatan, VA 23139-7622

Marie Peebles: Atlantic at Charter Colony, 550 Coalfield Road, Apt. 118, Midlothian, VA 23114-4666

## **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 on the coat rack outside the Chapel that may be yours.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Anthony and Petrina Miller on the birth of their daughter, Mia Grace Miller, on July 3, 2016.

## **SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian love and sympathy to Helen Knighton on the death of her sister, Louise Farmer, on July 1, 2016.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Acute:**

Dee Evans, "Jane" (Carolyn Moore's friend), Mary Kline, Sue Marion, Carolyn Moore, Darren Moxin (Kevin Scholl's friend)

### **Ongoing:**

Ernie Agin

Merrily Baber

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)  
Jim Albney (Margot and Danny Krantz' neighbor)  
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)  
Jay and Kathy Hass (Matt and Hilarie Koch's friends)  
Gaynelle Haynes (Dee and Ed McCann's friend)  
Keith and Linda Kimmel (Mark Kimmel's brother and 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  
George Vlasidis (Brian Gradwell's friend)  
Claudine Wood (Carole Morris' mother)  
Virginia Saints softball team

**FOSTER PARENT OPPORTUNITY/ORIENTATION**

Have you considered becoming a foster parent? HopeTree Family Services' Foster Care program provides the training and support that enables you to be the foster parent kids throughout Virginia need right now. To hear more about this opportunity, please come to our next Orientation Session which will be held at:

The Virginia Baptist Resource Center, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294  
Monday, August 8, 2016, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Call (804) 201-9006 or email ShannonU@HopeTreeFS.org for more information.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**August**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Years</b>
2	Michael & Shelly Hall	-
2	Joseph & Sarah Oatman	8
6	Robert & Julie Batt	16
6	Mac & Kitty Case	63
9	Danny & Margot Krantz, II	2
9	Ed & Dolores McCann	47
11	David & Linda Walls	37
15	Charles & JoAnne Reynolds	52
17	Rod Grundy & Becky Murrell	9
18	Chris & Pam Grubb	4
18	Jay & Nicole Stargardt	15
22	Scot & Chris Hawthorne	24
24	Chris & Karen Pugh	20
26	David & Margaret Dickerson	43
26	Rick & Diane Williamson	38
31	Gordon & Christie Rolston	19

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