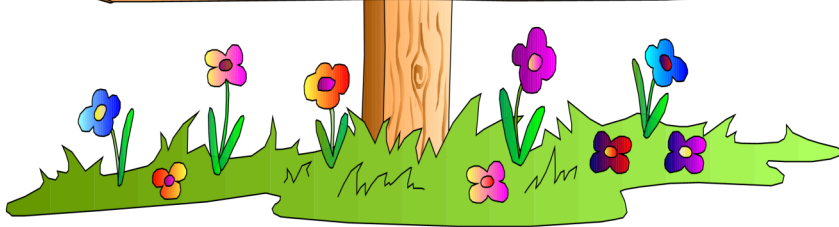


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This year, 10% of West Richmond's yard sale proceeds will be donated to



**Midwives For Haiti**

([www.midwivesforhaiti.org](http://www.midwivesforhaiti.org)) — an organization where midwife volunteers from North America and Europe, go to Haiti to train Haitian midwifery students so they can provide rural Haitian women with preventive care during pregnancy and skilled assistance in childbirth.

Unlike what we experience in the United States, in Haiti **76%** of women deliver their babies **without** a skilled attendant being present.

For the week of the sale the gathering room will be available for drop-offs Monday–Friday from 9 am to 6 pm (8:45 pm on Wednesday).

If you have larger items, we have access to a small truck, but, you **must** supply the muscle! Contact Betty Altic to make arrangements.

**Help is needed...**

May 2-6... to sort & price items daily from 9 am to 6 pm

May 7..... from 7-8 am to set up outside items, from 8-1 for the sale, and from 12:30-2 pm for clean-up.

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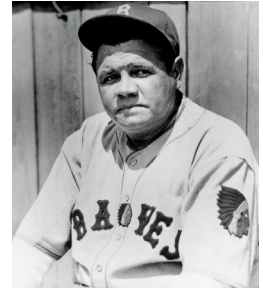
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The Youth will be selling food items during the yard sale as they work to raise money for 2011's National Youth Conference!



# SMALL ACTS OF LOVE

**I**famed baseball legend, Babe Ruth, was playing one of his last baseball games. This man had hit 714 home runs across a colorful career, but was growing old and had lost the agility he once had. He was now playing for the old Boston Braves in a game against the Cincinnati Reds. It was a nightmarish day. In one inning alone his errors led to five Cincinnati runs.



**W**hen the inning was mercifully over, Ruth trotted off the field to the jeering and boing of the crowd. Suddenly a small boy jumped over the railing to the diamond. With tears in his eyes, the boy ran to the Babe and threw his arms around the aging hero.

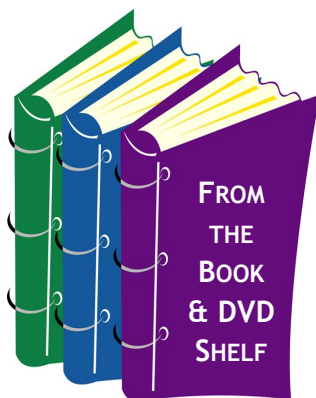
**R**uth stopped, picked up the young fellow, hugged him, set him back down, and affectionately patted him on the head. Almost on cue, the boing stopped and a reverent hush settled over the entire park. In those brief moments the crowd saw a different kind of hero, a man who still had a glory about him, a glory that went beyond athleticism, a glory shown in a gesture of love given to a small boy who intruded into his life.

**S**o it is in all our relationships, especially family relationships and church relationships. Sometimes we take mothers, fathers, children, family members, and fellow church participants for granted. They may lose some of their appeal or ability to do the things we have always expected. But when a gesture is made that expresses love, reverence and gratitude often quiet the furious activities of life. In this season of May flowers and Mother's Day celebrations, let us not neglect the small acts of love. For Jesus said, "If you love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:35)

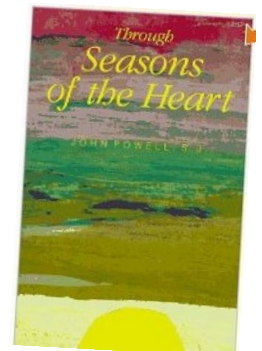


Peace and joy,

*David*



Years ago as a college student, I came across the writings of Jesuit priest John Powell. The expression of love in human relationships is the core theme of his books, which have sold over 15 million copies. The essence of his works can be found in a collection entitled *Through the Seasons of the Heart*. This book is comprised of daily readings for one year, readings that go through the seasons and convey the value of love's small acts. The latest 1996 edition is available through Thomas More Association.



# In Our Congregation



## CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

We will have a brief Congregational Business Meeting after worship on **Sunday, May 15**, to hear the Year-End Report from Hilltop Preschool and elect a new member to their Board.

Please stay in the sanctuary after worship for the meeting.

### ALSO AT THAT MEETING...

... the Church Board will bring before the congregation for a vote, the following proposal: Christian Education Commission will post a job opportunity for an age group minister at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, requesting a student to work 40-60 hours a month for \$7,000 - \$10,000 for a 9 month period. The money will be taken from the Set Aside Funds.

This idea came from the Christian Education Commission. It began thru discussions of how can we be of support to our Youth and Young Adults in the congregation. We thought it would be helpful to get someone who could devote time meeting with them and initiating activities. During the Church Board meeting, the discussion was to not limit this person to just those age groups, but be open to other age ministries such as children or older adults. We realize that anyone we hire would come with their own gifts and ideas so we want to be receptive to that. This person would be hired thru the Executive Committee and Pastor David would have interactions with them.

The Set Aside Funds are specific funds from previous donations and allocations, including in large part the Gibson donation. The total fund is \$60,788.57. These funds have been designated by the church to be used for church programs.

Questions regarding this proposal can be directed to Carol Goss, our Christian Education chairperson.

### Student Volunteers Raise Funds to Help Eliminate Cancer



On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Bridgewater College students held an on-campus activity called RELAY FOR LIFE that involved a large number of students and quite a few people who have had cancer but are still alive. The purpose of this event was to honor victims who have survived, remember the many who have not, and raise funds to fight cancer.

I was quite surprised when I learned that my granddaughter Hannah had involved me in this event by asking several friends to buy luminaries imprinted with the names of those to be honored, including mine. To walk through long rows of those luminaries, to the sound of a bagpipe player, while thinking of a friend who was, even as we walked, spending a third day in an Intensive Care Unit following cancer surgery, was a moment I will never forget.

Betty and I were privileged to spend some time watching Hannah, Tyler, and many of their friends enjoying each other's company while doing some good work for cancer victims. This whole event was quite moving and inspirational for all who were present, and these caring students raised \$25,000 for

the American Cancer Society. May the Lord be praised for them and all like them.



Frank Fuller

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Church office (M-F).....9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or if the line is busy, voice mail will answer —  
please leave a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted to the church office by **12 noon on Thursday**. Articles for the **June** edition of *The Herald* are due by **May 15, 2011**.

# Who's celebrating and Who's Doing What in...



## B i r t h d a y s & A n n i v e r s a r i e s

05/01 .... Faith Keithly (18 <sup>th</sup> )	05/13 .... Kathy Miller	05/25 .... Donald & Margaret Lum
05/03 .... Lewis Mullins (87 <sup>th</sup> )	05/14 .... Dave Reynolds	05/27 .... Gabriel Malcolm Carr
05/05 .... Terrie Glass	05/14 .... Siobhan Wampler	05/27 .... Chris Damour
05/06 .... Ben Alger	05/14 .... Joel & Dolly Guyer	05/27 .... Meredith & Tori Yoder
05/06 .... Emily Driver (18 <sup>th</sup> )	05/16 .... Faye Urban	05/28 .... Ken Heatwole
05/06 .... John & Jennifer Wampler Vassar	05/17 .... Chris Wampler (50 <sup>th</sup> )	05/28 .... Denise Mace
05/07 .... Tammara Breen	05/20 .... Laurel Holsinger	05/28 .... Steve Martin (65 <sup>th</sup> )
05/07 .... Chris Keithly (21 <sup>st</sup> )	05/21 .... Letha McKinnell (82 <sup>nd</sup> )	05/29 .... Bev Ziegler
05/07 .... Dave Miller	05/22 .... Brooke Lindgren (15 <sup>th</sup> )	05/30 .... Grady Fields (21 <sup>st</sup> )
05/10 .... Christopher Holsinger	05/24 .... Betty Ziegler (83 <sup>rd</sup> )	05/30 .... Eden Glenn
05/11 .... Kinsey Miller	05/24 .... Henry & Ansuya Solanky (55 <sup>th</sup> )	05/31 .... Michele Damour (20 <sup>th</sup> )
05/12 .... Mike & Susan Dowdy	05/25 .... Asha Solanky	05/31 .... Andrew Galen Johnson (5 <sup>th</sup> )

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Greeter</b> (Dolly Guyer)	Dolly Guyer	Sandi Davis	Larry McCann	Betty Altic	Barbara Tulli
<b>Acolyte</b> (Belinda Layman)	Chris Reynolds	Brandon Keithly	Alan Vallejo	Jon Reynolds	Zack Keithly
<b>Worship Leader</b> (Sarah Niswonger)	Yuoth Sunday	Ray Ryan	Pat Gangwer	Bob Gangwer	Sarah Niswonger
<b>Nursery Care</b> (Alyce Newman)	Joel & Dolly Guyer	Susan Robertson & Brooke Lindgren	Nancy Martin & Jessica Woodard	Sandi Davis & Elizabeth Glass	Gary Fields & Chris Reynolds
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b> (Alyce Newman)	Nancy Martin & Ellie Hemenway	Paula Bryant & Brian Crawford	Aaron & Deanna Harding	Carry-In Meal	Pater & Amparo Brunk
<b>Tellers</b> (Nancy Martin)	Sandi Davis & Lewis Mullins	Jeff Goss & Nancy Martin	Joel Guyer & Larry McCann	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Sandi Davis & Lewis Mullins
<b>Mowing Crew</b> (Larry McCann)	Earl Reber, Steve Martin & Larry McCann		Darryl Lynch, David McCloud,		Richmond Mennonite Fellowship
<b>Care Giving Coordinator</b> (Ginny Heatwole)	Ginny Heatwole				

If you want to be included in any of these activities, please contact its coordinator. If you cannot fulfill an assigned date, please swap with someone and then contact the coordinator.

# May, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<b>1</b> <b>LAMB's Basket</b> <b>12:30 am Set Up for Yard Sale</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café (away) <b>7:00 pm Church Board</b>  Donations accepted	<b>3</b> <b>9:45 am Craft Group</b> <b>6:30 pm Hull Street Ministry</b> 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café (away) 7:30 pm Boy Scouts <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>5</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café (away) <b>5:30-8:00 pm Hilltop's Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Church Yard Sale!</b> <b>8 am - 1 pm</b> 		
<b>8</b>  <b>8:00 am Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café <b>6:30 pm Youth (grades 6-12) Bible Study</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:45 am Craft Group</b> 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>11</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café (away) <b>6:50 pm Handbells</b> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts <b>7:30 pm Quilting</b> <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		
<b>15</b>  <b>12:15 pm (after worship) Congregational Business Meeting (Preschool report &amp; elections and WRCOB business item)</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>17</b> <b>9:45 am Craft Group</b> <b>1:30 pm WRCOB Volunteers &amp; Community Kitchen</b>  7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café <b>6:50 pm Handbells</b> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts <b>7:30 pm Quilting</b> <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>19</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café 10:00 am Hilltop's Closing Program	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>		
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Henrico County Schools Closed</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9:45 am Craft Group</b> 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	 <b>Re:Thinking Church</b> Young Adult Conference May 28-30 near Burbank, Ohio				 <b>Piece by Piece:</b> <b>finding our place within God's story</b>  <b>National Jr. High Conference</b> June 17-19 Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania	

# Witness



# NEWS...



“Well, look who it is! I haven’t seen you in a while.”

“I have been out of town. But, it’s good to be back to church. What is going on? It is Tuesday evening and there are cars in the parking lot.”

“Oh, the church is just doing its part to be the proverbial three-legged stool of service to those in need.”

“Once again, you caught me off guard. How is the church like the seat of a stool?”

“I suppose service is actually the seat. One of the legs to support it represents all of the things that we do locally. These are the cars of the people serving at the Hull Street shelter.”

“And through C.A.R.I.T.A.S., LAMB’s Basket, Friendship Café, and the Community Kitchen at the Central Virginia Food Bank. Right? So, what is the next leg?”

“Obviously, most churches participate in local outreach ministries. But, we also follow the lead of the denomination with national service.”

“I know there have been projects to Chalmette, Louisiana and Hammond, Indiana.”

“Right, and there is another disaster response trip being planned. We also have people involved in children’s disaster response teams, and we often support financially when the Church calls emergently.”

“And the third leg must be global service?”

“You catch on quick. Again, the denomination has long been involved in many places throughout the world. More recently, there has been renewed interest in helping our sisters and brothers in Haiti. There are building projects and, now, over fifteen preaching points across the country.”

“I have also heard of new discussions about a healthcare initiative that will allow medical teams more opportunities.”

“That’s news to me. Anyway, this church is certainly developing its own identity with multiple medical projects in Haiti. Over many years, orthopedic teams have cared for hundreds of children with a wide range of debilities, and medical teams have been running mobile clinics in rural villages and the ghetto of Cite Soleil.”

“That is where Thaina lives. I have enjoyed our ongoing support of her. Supporting her as she grows may add another positive drop into Haiti.”

“This same idea is why we are also discussing another way to be a part of Midwives For Haiti.”

“Now there is an example of global service that is truly having a positive impact! How could the church help more?”

“Just like Thaina, we are exploring sponsoring an MFH student. First, It takes just one dollar and forty cents a day to sustain her through the training.”

“Her family can live on that?!”

“Amazing, isn’t it. And then we consider continuing support of her vocation as she devotes her life to a service of midwifery in a country in desperate need.”

“What a great idea! I look forward to hearing more about maintaining that project. So, now we are a stool of service?”

“I guess all proverbs have their limits. But I believe we are. This church has always had a great desire to follow the example of the Master Servant. Serving our world through local, national, and global options gives everyone the opportunity to participate at a level that is important to them as individuals and also foster our identity as a Servant Church to the world.”

## MINISTRY AND MISSION IN VIRLINA

The annual Ministry and Mission in Virlina event will be held on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, at Summerdean Church of the Brethren, 6604 Plantation Road, Roanoke, Virginia. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The day begins with hymn sing and worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by workshops presented by the commissions and committees of the District Board: Ministry Commission, Nurture Commission, Stewards Commission, Witness Commission, Church Extension Committee, Outdoor Ministries Committee and Historical Committee. There will be lunch with good food and fellowship, and after lunch the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place. The event will conclude by 3:30 p.m. The Witness Commission sponsors this event and the theme will be "Rejoice in the Vastness of God."



## CREATING PEACEMAKING CONGREGATIONS

Please place on your calendar the upcoming New Church Development retreat sponsored by the Church Extension Committee, "Creating Peacemaking Congregations". It will be held **May 13-14, 2011** at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. Leadership will be provided by Jack Eades, who is currently employed with the West Virginia Baptist convention as Director of Peace Be Still ministries and Outreach. Jack has a passion for peacemaking. His coaching/mediation experience includes family, marriage, workplace, and church intervention. Everyone is invited to come and participate.



## MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT

Global Women's Project invites all churches in the district to participate in this year's Mother's Day Gratitude Project. Honor your mother or another important woman in your life by making a donation which will improve the lives of women around the world. For more information and a printer ready bulletin insert visit <[www.globalwomensproject.org](http://www.globalwomensproject.org)>. You may also send a donation in honor/memory of that special woman to Global Women's Project c/o Nan Erbaugh, 47 S. Main Street, West Alexandria, OH 45381-1243.



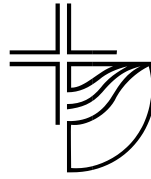
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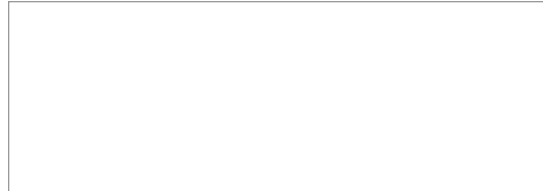
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## GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

*It's that time of year again!*

Please call or email the church office with news on ALL of your graduates – preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle, high school, and higher education. Please supply what school they're graduating from, where they're going in the fall, and if it higher education, their degree.



In June we will recognize our graduates.