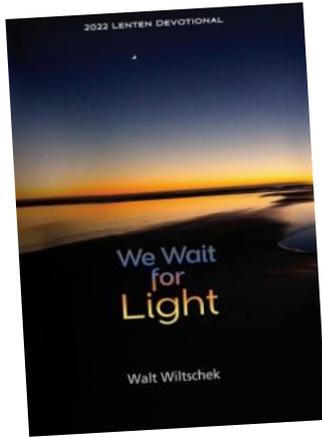


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ASH WEDNESDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We received 25 copies of this year's Lenten devotional "*We Wait for Light*" by Walt Wiltschek. You can find them in the communications center by the front doors.

Need large print? Want a downloadable copy? Call Brethren Press (Toll Free 800-441-3712) or go online to purchase one.

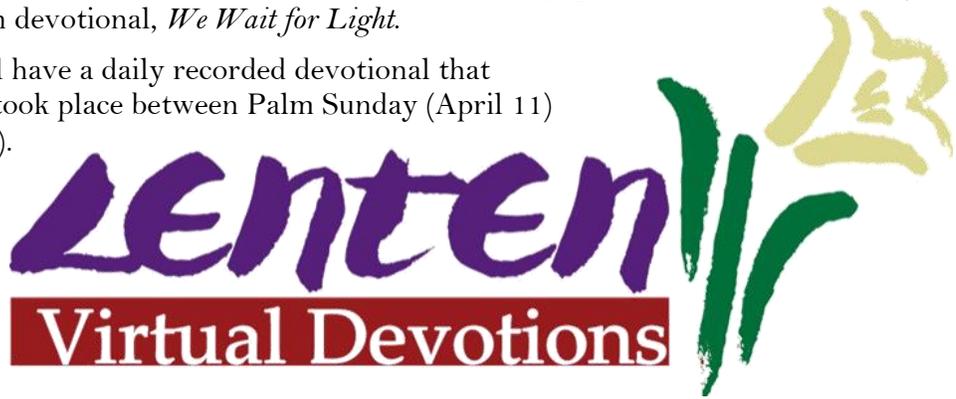
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THE SEASON OF LENT IS UPON US!

Our Music and Worship Committee met and made plans for this year's Season of Lent. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, and on each Wednesday through April 13, Pastor Dave will have an online devotion (available on our website www.wrcob.org, Facebook page, and YouTube channel) relating to the 2022 Lenten devotional, *We Wait for Light*.

During Holy Week, he will have a daily recorded devotional that focuses on the events that took place between Palm Sunday (April 11) and Good Friday (April 15).

Read about more of our plans for Holy Week on page 8. We hope you will participate in as many of these events as possible.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13!

It's Spring, so turn your battery clocks forward 1 hour before heading to bed that Saturday.

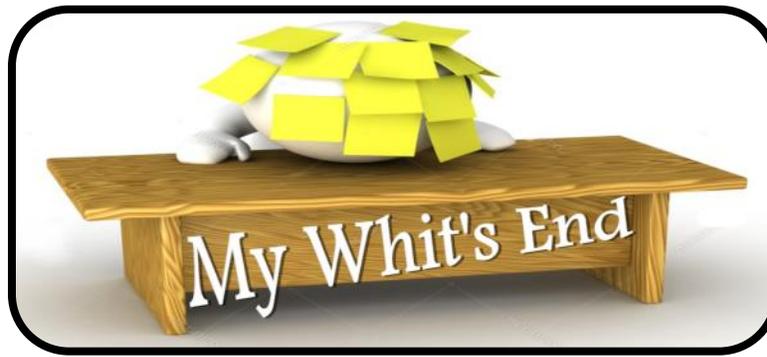
Metro Richmond at Prayer

WRCOB is again joining in a cooperative, covenanted effort of the churches of Metropolitan Richmond to pray together each Sunday for the common concerns of our Metropolitan Richmond community. Want to know more? Just go on their website www.metroprayva.org. Coordination of this effort is provided by Richmond Hill, 2209 East Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23223.



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¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

(James 5:13-17 NLT)

The Church of the Brethren observe three basic ordinances; Baptism, the Three-fold Communion (Feetwashing, Agape Meal, Bread and Cup Communion), and the ordinance of Anointing (often including the laying on of hands). Last month I introduced this series of articles on the Brethren ordinances with the ordinance of Baptism.

The denomination's webpage (www.brethren.org/practices) has a nice description on these ordinances. Here is what they write on the ordinance of Anointing.



At some time, almost every person—even the most devout—may become anxious, despairing, or ill.

Following instructions given in the New Testament, the Brethren practice an ordinance called anointing: the prayerful, loving application of oil to the forehead of someone in physical or spiritual need.

Most of the time, members take initiative to request anointing for themselves or for members of their family. Recently more and more people have discovered anointing as a powerful symbol for the full range of renewal and healing. People ask for anointing before surgery or during serious illness, and they also request it in times of grief, emotional turmoil, or brokenness in relationships.

The anointing service is usually conducted in a home or small-group setting, although some congregations use it in public worship. A time is provided for confession. Then the minister or other representative of the church applies oil three times to the forehead, symbolizing forgiveness of sin, strengthening of faith, and healing of body, mind, and spirit.

Finally the minister lays hands on the one to be anointed, sometimes inviting others present to do the same, and prays specifically for this person's expressed concern. The laying on of hands is a reminder that the whole congregation, whether present or not, joins in prayer and support.



Brethren believe in the power of prayer. We believe that God hears our prayers. The ordinance of Anointing is a powerful form of prayer recognizing the presence of God within the symbol of oil. I pray you might consider this important spiritual resource in your quest for healing, strengthening and restoring your emotional, spiritual and physical health.

Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation

Books! **BOOKS!! BOOKS!!**

(Ann Andrus)



We requested. You responded!

When the Witness Commission included the Henrico Ministers' Conference (HMC) in the budget for 2022 it was in support of the organization's work to improve lives. But beyond our financial contribution, we also wanted to find ways to assist the group's efforts to meet immediate community needs. Recently, the HMC sought to promote literacy and expand offerings in Henrico's elementary and middle school libraries through donations of books with African American and multicultural themes. Pastor Dave encouraged the Witness Commission's participation and we decided a book drive was something the congregation would enthusiastically support.

We invited the congregation to purchase and donate books from a recommended list provided by the HMC for distribution to some of the county's school libraries during Black History Month. We identified

those books available from Brethren Press, if donors wanted to support the denomination with their purchase. Books were also readily available from local bookstores as well as on-line outlets. The response to our request for books was gratifying. In addition to donations from the congregation, friends of WRCOB also contributed to the book drive. Rana Reslan Dean, who regularly places books in the little free library on the church grounds, purchased and donated many books.

On Sunday, January 30, over 70 beautiful new books were displayed at the front of the sanctuary. Pastor Dave expressed appreciation to the congregation and friends for their generosity. He offered a prayer of blessing that the books would inspire readers and teachers in significant ways.

Before being taken to HMC for delivery to local schools, a label was placed in each book identifying it as a gift from the West Richmond Church of the Brethren.



A gift from friends at West Richmond Church of the Brethren
7612 Wanyamala Road, Henrico, VA 23229

The Witness Commission thanks all who contributed to the book drive. With your substantial support, school libraries in Henrico will include a greater number of books presenting characters and stories that explore and celebrate the experiences of a broader range of the county's population.



Rev. Marcus Martin, Vice President * Rev. Linda C. Jenkins, Secretary * Rev. Denise Shipp, Corresponding Secretary * Rev. Allison Roldan, Treasurer * Rev. Clara Owens, Chaplain

"Remaining God Focused, Working Collaboratively Within, While Continuing to Reach Out"

February 16, 2022

Rev. David Whitten
Pastor, West Richmond Church of the Brethren
7612 Wanyamala Road
Richmond, VA 23229

Dear Rev. Whitten:

Thank you so much for your generous donation for HMC's Literacy Drive. We will be able to distribute 25-50 books per school in at least three districts. We believe children enjoy seeing themselves in print, learning about their past, and learning about other cultures.

Without your generous support, we would not have been able to meet our goals. We pray God's continuous blessings upon your church family, your family and you. Have a blessed and highly favored worship service.

With Heartfelt Appreciation,

Rev. Zynora D. Manson
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 Office (M-F).....9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If no one is in the office or the line is busy, voice mail will pick up so **PLEASE** leave us a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted to the church office by **noon Thursday**. All articles for the April edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>40 DAYS of Lent</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:30 am Ladies Circle</p> <p>5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street</p> 	<p>2 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:10 pm Choir</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am JanPro</p>	<p>6 First Sunday IN LENT</p> <p>9:30 am Online/On Site Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Online/On Site Worship</p>
<p>13 Second Sunday IN LENT</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>9:30 am Online/On Site Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Online/On Site Worship with</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Newsletter DEADLINE</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle</p> <p>12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:10 pm Choir</p> 	<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am JanPro</p>
<p>Pastor Dave is on vacation March 14-21. Our guest speaker March 20 is David Brunk.</p>						
<p>20 Third Sunday IN LENT</p> <p>9:30 am Online/On Site Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Online/On Site Worship with guest speaker</p>  <p>FIRST DAY of Spring</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:10 pm Choir</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am JanPro</p>
<p>27 Fourth Sunday IN LENT</p> <p>9:30 am Online/On Site Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Online/On Site Worship with</p>  <p>12:15 pm CCM (Congregational Conversation Meeting)</p>		<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle</p> <p>LAMBs Basket Distribution</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:10 pm Choir</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out</p> 	<p>MARCH 1 - MARCH 31</p> <p>SHOP & DONATE @ THRIFTY QUAKER FOR THE PEACE CENTER</p> <p><small>13567 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian VA 23113</small></p> 

Look Who's Celebrating and Serving in...



1.... *Jacob & Julia T.*
 2.... Brandon S.
 4.... Monica B.
 Meade T.
 5.... Brendan F.
 Barbara K.
 6.... Kaici K.
 7.... David B.

9.... Mary Jo F.
 11... Noah M.
 13... Benedict & Susan M.
 14.. Paula B.
 15.. Carrie D.
 Gabriella R.
 17... Joyce K.
 Sloan W.
 Chris R.

18... Chris H.
 Mike H.
 19... *Gary & Mary Jo F.*
 20.. Wendy C.
 Sandy F.
 Darryl L.
 24.. Reneé C.
 26.. Katie H.
 Wally K.

27.. Brianna M.
 28.. Helen G.
 Deanna H.
 30.. Kevin B.
 31... Lisa C.

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please, contact the church office to correct our oversight.

March.	Greeter	Worship Leader	Tellers
6	Carol G.	Susan R.	Joel & Dolly G.
13	Barbara B.	Jori C.	Bob & Pat G.
20	Dolly G.	Carol G.	Ann A. & Nancy M.
27	Ann A.	Dustin D.	Jeff G. & Alyce N.

Want to be included in these activities? *It's easy — just call the church office!*

Weekly Statistics	Attendance	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30
	Worship <i>(total)</i>	43	42	36	63	60
	In-person & visitors	27	28	25	43	40
	Live stream	16	16	11	20	12
	On-line views by Friday	30	28	33	32	13
Offering per week	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 1,645.00	

With Our Community

MARCH 1 - MARCH 31
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FOR THE PEACE CENTER

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SHOP AND DONATE!!

For many years West Richmond has been an affiliate of the Richmond Peace Education Center and shared many of their events with the congregation. This month the Richmond Peace Education Center and Quaker House were selected as grant recipients for March at the Thrifty Quaker. Please donate gently used items and shop at the Thrifty Quaker all month long.

The Thrifty Quaker accepts any items that you would sell at a yard sale, such as furniture, household items, clothing, books, electronics, and appliances. This would be a great time to go through closets for some early spring cleaning! Supporters have found that by donating items to the store, they get a tax deduction that is often comparable to profits at a yard sale.

The Thrifty Quaker is located at 13567 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23113. They are open Monday-Friday 9:30am-7:00pm and Saturdays 9:30am-6:00pm and closed on Sundays.

Around Our District

Camp Bethel 2022 Summer Camps

	Family Fun Programs all ages	Young Elementary ages 5-8	Older Elementary ages 8-12	Middle School Resident & Day ages 12-15	Middle School Adventures ages 12-15	Trips/Skills Camps ages 12-18	High School Resident & Adv ages 15-18	
Week 1 June 12-17		Mini Camp 1 A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 1 B (Wed-Fri)	Elem Resident 1 Elem Resident + Tube 1 Elem 3-Day 1 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 1 MS Resident + Tube 1	MS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 1 MS Adventure + Tube 1	James River Canoe Adv 1	CIT Training 1 (Tue-Fri)	Week 1
Week 2 June 19-24	Wed Family Canoe	Knee-High Day Camp 2	Elem Resident 2 Elem Resident + Eques 2 Elem Adventure 2	MS Resident 2 Digital Arts 2	MS Adv WWRaft Tube 2	New River Canoe Trip 2 Digital Arts 2	HS Resident 2 HS Resident + Tube 2 HS Adv WWRaft Tube 2	Week 2
Week 3 June 26-July 1			Elem Resident 3 Elem Resident + Tube 3 Elem Day Camp 3 Camp Too Sweet 3	MS Resident 3 Camp Too Sweet 3	MS Adv Bike Canoe Climb 3	Kayaking Adv 3	Kayaking Adv 3 Camp Too Sweet 3	Week 3
Week 4 July 3-8	Wed Family Canoe	Mini Camp 4 A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 4 B (Wed-Fri)	Elem Resident 4 Elem Resident + Eques 4 Elem 3-Day 4 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 4 MS Res + Eques 4	MS Adventure Explorers 4 MS Adv Canoe Tube 4	Paddlesports Adv 4 Mtns-Beach-Bay Trip 4	Paddlesports Adv 4 Mtns-Beach-Bay 4	Week 4
Week 5 July 10-15	Wed Family Canoe	Knee-High Day Camp 5	Elem Resident 5 Elem Resident + Tube 5 Elem Adventure + Tube 5	MS Resident 5 MS Resident + Tube 5	MS Adv Cave Climb Tube 5 MS Adventure Bike Tube 5	Paddleboard Adv 5 Backpacking Trip 5	Paddleboard Adv 5 Backpacking Trip 5	Week 5
Week 6 July 17-22	Wed Family Canoe	Mini Camp 6 A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 6 B (Wed-Fri)	Elem Resident 6 Elem Resident + Tube 6 Elem Resident + Eques 6 Elem Adventure + Tube 6 Elem 3-Day 6 (Sun-Tue)	MS Resident 6 MS Res + Eques 6	MS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6 MS Adventure Tube 6		HS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6	Week 6
Week 7 July 24-29	Wed Family Canoe			See MS Adventures & Trips/Skills Camps	MS Moonrise Adv 7 MS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 MS Adv Canoe Climb 7	Backpacking Trip 7	HS Moonrise Adv 7 HS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 HS Adv Canoe Climb 7 Backpacking Trip 7	Week 7
Week 8 July 31-Aug 5				See Trips/Skills	See Trips/Skills Camps	United Mountain Adventure Trip 8	United Mountain Adventure Trip 8	Week 8

BRETHREN AND THE POLARIZING PANDEMIC: WHAT NEXT?

On **March 10-11**, Bridgewater College and the Forum for Brethren Studies will present a symposium on “Brethren and the Polarizing Pandemic: What Next?” The event is open to the public.

The symposium will contemplate the Church of the Brethren as it emerges from the global pandemic, assessing pre-COVID trends and determining their likely post-COVID trajectory. Topics include the likelihood of further division, social and economic inequality, and the influence of external authority, as illustrated by the 1919 and 2021 pandemics. Presenters are Robert Johansen (Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University), Stephen Longenecker (Professor of History Emeritus, Bridgewater College), and Samuel Funkhouser (Director, Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center). Bethany Seminary President Jeffrey Carter and Shenandoah District Executive John Jantzi will present current perspectives from their constituencies, and Carl Bowman, (Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia) will

chair a panel of Brethren leaders (Donita Keister, Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey & Larry Dentler) offering personal reflections on the meaning of Brethren membership.

Emma Green, staff writer for *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*, will begin the symposium on Thursday evening, March 10, (Cole Hall) with an Endowed Lecture: *A Sickness in the Body Politic and the Body Faithful: How COVID Has Shaped U.S. Religious Communities*. Green has written extensively on culture, politics and religion, and her lecture will bring reflections on religion in post-COVID America. She will also open the symposium on Friday morning, March 11, with Q and A. The lecture is free; the Friday session, (President’s Suite, Nininger Hall) has a registration fee of \$20, mostly to cover lunch.

The sponsor of the event is the Forum for Brethren Studies. Advance registration is greatly appreciated, but walk-ups are welcome. For information, to register, and to receive parking information, contact Carol Scheppard, cscheppa@bridgewater.edu.



Youth NEWS...

Young Adult — [Young Adult Conference](#) (YAC) offers people ages 18-35 the chance to worship and fellowship over Memorial Day weekend (May 27-30, 2022) in North Carolina.



Multi-Age — [FaithX](#) trips (formerly workcamps) are a way to express your faith through action from June 12-19 in 5 locations with limited openings (Roanoke, VA; Harrisburg, PA; Milford, IN; Lincoln, NE; and Winston-Salem, NC)

Sr. High — [National Youth Conference](#) (NYC) gathers high school aged youth and advisors from across the country for a week long worship and fellowship extravaganza Brethren style from July 23-28, 2022 in Ft. Collins, Colorado!

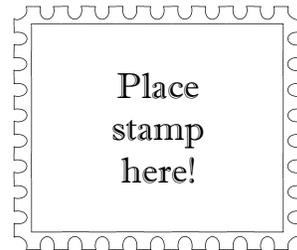
Jr. High — [National Junior High Conference](#) (NJHC) brings together junior high youth and advisors for a faith formation experience. Summer 2023!



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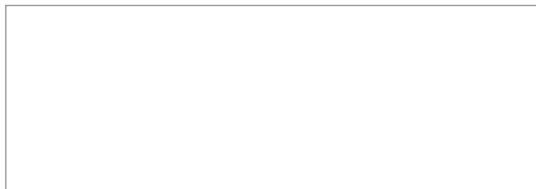
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THE SEASON OF LENT CONCLUDES WITH HOLY WEEK!

Looking into April, these are our plans, in addition to the Holy Week virtual devotions, as we continue the Season of Lent. I hope you will participate in as many of these events as possible.

- ◆ **Palm Sunday, April 10**, the children will begin the worship service with a palm frond processional. *I hope your children will be able to participate.*
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 14**, at 6:30 p.m., we will have in-person Love Feast, including foot washing (using sanitized wipes), an Agape meal, and Bread and Cup Communion (with gluten-free option). *There will be child care.*
- ◆ **Saturday, April 16**, our Director of Children's Ministry is preparing an Easter Egg Hunt extravaganza. *More about this event later.*
- ◆ **Sunday morning, April 17**, our Easter Celebration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast while we "Flower the Cross", followed by our Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., which includes our "resurrected" choir.



Let us celebrate the Season of Lent and the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday by participating in as many of these events as we can. West Richmond is hard at work to prepare a meaningful and celebratory season for all of us to enjoy.

Pastor Dave