

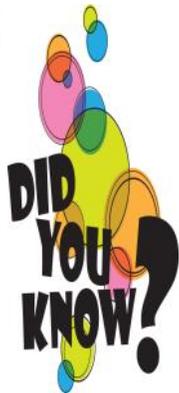
The Herald



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, we will hear the Year-End report from Hilltop Preschool Director, Jackie Allgood, and any changes to the preschool's Board. Our Leadership Team has some items coming up for discussion. A final agenda will be announced on Sunday, May 8, but in the mean time, read more on page 10 and in the "What's Happening" section of the weekly bulletin.

We ask that you remain in the sanctuary after worship for the meeting.



You can find the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters on our webpage?

If you want to listen to a past service or sermon, they are all on our webpage too.

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It's that time of year again!

Please call or email the church office with news on ALL of our upcoming West Richmond family 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 is higher education, their degree. We will recognize all of our graduates during worship in June.

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For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took a cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSV)

As do other Christians everywhere, we remember and renew our faith in God and one another in the service of Bread and Cup Communion. Traditionally, Brethren shared the Bread and Cup as part of their larger ordinance called Love Feast, a combination of the Feet Washing service, a commonly shared meal called the Agape Meal, and the Bread and Cup of Communion. But over the years with other traditions joining the Church of the Brethren, we have broken out the Bread and Cup Communion and offer it several times a year during the Sunday church worship service.

The Bread and Cup of Communion represents or symbolizes the body and blood of Jesus Christ. We share them to remember the great love and sacrifice Jesus gave as he willingly hung on the cross and died.

Brethren share the Bread and Cup in several ways. We do not have a strict method of giving Communion. Often, we pass trays of individual pieces of bread and small individual cups to a seated congregation. Sometimes we come forward to take bread and dip it in a cup (call Intinction). And sometimes we come forward to take individual pieces of bread and individual cups handed by a server.

In the taking of the Bread and Cup, believers remember Christ's supreme gift of life and renew their commitment to be filled with Christ and follow his example of sacrificial love to the rest of the world. The last Sunday of the month, May 29th, we will hold the Bread and Cup Communion during our scheduled Church's worship service.



Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

On Saturday, April 16th, West Richmond held its first Easter Egg-stravaganza! We have always had an Easter egg hunt on the morning of Easter. However, this year we tried inviting the *w-h-o-l-e* community a day before Easter. It was estimated that about 85 children were there and about 200 people in total, with some coming from as far away as Northern Ireland.

To start off the event, Pastor Dave Whitten and Bill Kinzie played a few songs to get some kids moving while the popcorn and cotton candy machines were warming up. Chips, cookies, fruit snacks and drinks were offered too.



We spent about 15 minutes greeting our neighbors, playing games, planting seeds, and making baskets before releasing for the main attraction — **THE EGG HUNT!**



Sarah originally asked for somewhere around 300 eggs to be donated for the hunt. After counting Saturday morning, we had just under 1,000 eggs! (*Maybe we'll try for even more next year!*)

We had a bubble machine going, but the wind mixed with the cotton candy and it made it much tastier trying to catch bubbles! A special shout out to Brad Smith who eagerly volunteered to serve cotton candy — he was definitely part of the attraction!



A huge **“thank you”** goes to everyone who not only donated time, money, and resources to the event, but also those who came to participate. None of this could have been possible without any of you.

Donated items:

- Cotton candy machine and supplies
- Popcorn machine
- Starter flower cups
- Eggs, candy, and coins

“If you build it, they will come.”



Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Bill Ellis & Karen Reynolds were married on April 7, on the beach in Key West.

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Sunday School9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.
 Church office (M-F)..... 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 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 newssheet **MUST** be submitted by **noon each Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **June** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **May 15, 2022**.

New Friends!

Neria Shelton has been visiting with us for about a year. She was looking for a church and her friend recommended us. "I felt right at home when I came." She has joined the Tuesday morning Ladies Circle and has participated in Ladies Nite Out.

Neria grew up in Indiana with four brothers and one sister. She was raised Catholic through her primary years but her high school years were spent in protestant churches. She came to Richmond in 1999. She has three daughters, Whitney (Charlotte, NC), Merritt (Richmond, VA), Olivia (Powhatan, VA) and 6 grown grandchildren (2 girls and 4 boys). In 2015, Neria retired from the Radiation/Oncology Department at VCU.

Her favorite food is Asian cuisine and her favorite color is blue. Her birthday is May 24.



Debbie Morris is a new old friend! She and Marcia began attending in January of this year. Debbie's name was on our membership roll back in 1972. Some older friends may remember her mom, Fannie Schmidt Campbell.

Debbie has three grown children, Mylissa, Mark, and Marcia; 4 grandchildren, her husband Bob (since 1991), a cat named Spooky, and a new family dog, Rufus. Debbie is a J.R. Tucker graduate (1968). She worked for A&P for 25 years till they closed and then Accountant/Financial Analyst Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, until her position went away. Then she earned her C.N.A. license and a pharmacy tech license.

Debbie's not a big meat eater, but does enjoy tacos and especially the lettuce wraps from Cheesecake Factory. Her favorite color is orange and her birthday is May 19.



Kate Jacobsen came to last year after taking a position at the University of Richmond teaching global health, epidemiology and research methods. She was previously at George Mason University. She is looking forward to learning more about her new hometown in the coming months, and welcomes recommendations about local hiking trails, historical sites, and cultural events.



During Kate's first visit here she mentioned that checking out churches in Richmond was going to be easy since there's only one Church of the Brethren in Richmond! A few months later, December to be exact, her membership had been transferred from the Oakton COB in Vienna, VA to us. We scheduled a date to officially receive new members into the congregation. Unfortunately, Kate was under the weather and couldn't be here. In the meantime Kate bought a house here in Richmond.

Kate's main hobbies involve spending time outside; she became a member of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden as soon as she moved here, she's looking forward to gardening this summer, and has been trying to find good places to go on long walks -- parks, trails, quiet roads, and the like. (Her other main hobby is trying to learn other languages, and enjoys participating in several online "language cafés" each week.) Kate doesn't have a favorite food or favorite color — too many to choose between!

Marcia Forrest is Debbie's youngest child. She is a 1993 graduate of J.R. Tucker High School and remembers attending Sunday School in the White Building.

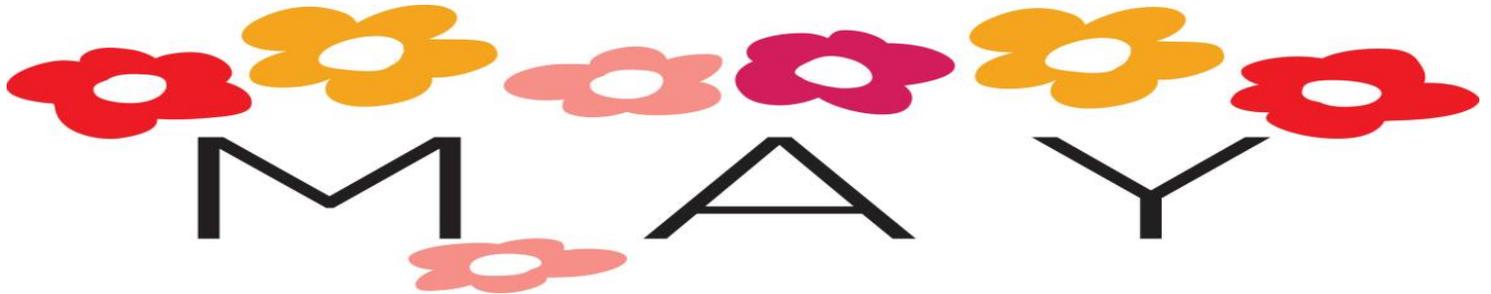
Marcia is a busy woman with a full schedule. She participates in Hope Church's Special Needs Group once a month, her Embrace Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, and is working at Full Pocket Farm on Fridays. She is one of the Next Moves Capable Portrait Models Exhibition for 2021 and her portrait was on exhibit at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.

Marcia loves to sing and dance and her favorite food is crab cakes (but mac & cheese is pretty high on the list as well!). Yellow is her favorite color and her birthday is August 29.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Online/On Site Worship	2 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	3 10:30 am Ladies Circle 5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street	4 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	5  National Day of Prayer	6 	7 10:00 am JanPro
8  9:30 am Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Online/On Site Worship with 	9 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	10 10:30 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting (Virtual) 	11 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	12	13	14 10:00 am JanPro 10 am - 1 pm Henrico County Shred & Recycle Event
15 9:30 am Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Online/On Site Worship 	16 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	17 9:30 am Hilltop's End of Year Program for 2's 10:30 am Ladies Circle 12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen	18 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	19 9:30 am Hilltop's End of Year Program for 3's	20  9:30 am Hilltop's End of Year Program & Graduation for Pre-Kindergarten	21 10:00 am JanPro
22 9:30 am Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Online/On Site Worship with  12:15 pm CBM Congregational Business Meeting	23 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	24 10:30 am Ladies Circle	25 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	26 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out 	27	28 10:00 am JanPro
 <p>Hilltop Preschool's End-of-the Year Staff Cleaning Days!</p>						
29 <i>Communion SUNDAY</i> 9:30 am Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Online/On Site Worship	30 Offices Closed Schools Closed  Memorial Day	31 10:30 am Ladies Circle LAMBs Basket Delivery 				

Look Who's Celebrating and Serving in...



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|--|--|--|--|
| 1..... Faith Keithley | 13..... Kathy Miller | 17..... Chris Wampler | 26..... Stephanie Felder |
| 5..... Terrie Glass | 14..... Fletcher Brunk | 18..... Dave Whittom | 27..... Gabriel Carr |
| 6..... Emily (Driver) Grady
<i>John & Jennifer Vasser</i> | Alex Martin | 19..... Debbie (Forrest) Morris | Chris Damour |
| 7..... Ben Alger | Dave Reynolds | 20..... Laurel Holsinger | <i>Meredith & Tori Yoder</i> |
| Chris Keithly | Siobhan Wampler | Susan Mbeboh | 28..... Carolyn Gallagher |
| Dave Miller | <i>Joel & Dolly Guyer</i> | 22..... Brooke Lindgren | Ken Heatwole |
| 10 Jori Carter | <i>Marshall Pugh &</i> | 24 ... Neria Shelton | Steve Martin |
| Christopher Holsinger | <i>Rachel McCann</i> | Betty Ziegler (94 th) | 29..... <i>Ben & Michelle Gangwer (1st)</i> |
| 11 Kinsey Miller | 15..... <i>Chris & Kaici Keithly</i> | 25..... Asha Solanky | 30..... Grady Fields |
| 12 Madison Keithly | 16..... Maya Altic | Owen Williams | 31..... Michele Damour |
| | Faye Urban | <i>Donald & Margaret Lum (20th)</i> | Andrew Johnson |

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

May	Greeter	Worship Leader	Tellers
1	Carol G.	Alyce N.	Joel & Dolly G.
8	Barbara B.		Bob & Pat G.
15	Dolly G.		Ann A. & Nancy M.
22	Ann A.	Susan R.	Jeff G. & Alyce N.
29			Joel & Dolly G.



Attendance	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
Worship (total)	62	54	43	57
In-person & visitors	50	39	38	37
Live stream	22	15	5	20
On-line views by that Friday	24	22	18	20
Offering per week	\$3,362.07	\$1,241.00	\$1,882.06	\$1,428.00





Sharing the Word of God



Sharing books



Little ones to him belong...



Sharing Bible stories



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No more sleeping on the floor!



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Thank you to all who donated

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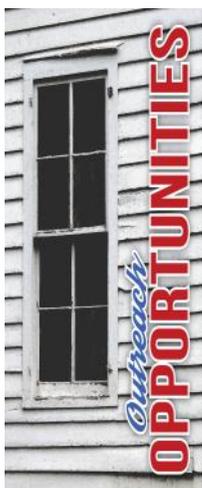
3 paper grocery bags full⁴⁰

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Hull Street Ministry — the 1st Tuesday of each month, **May 3**, you can prepare meals or help serve; see Sandy Faw, Dolly Guyer or Susan Robertson.

The Community Kitchen — the 3rd Tuesday of each month, **May 17**, various tasks are completed; see Ann Andrus.

LAMB's Basket — the end of the month, **May 29**, we empty the shopping cart by the front doors, all types of canned goods and non-perishables can be donated daily, as well as money to purchase fresh eggs; see Alyce Newman.



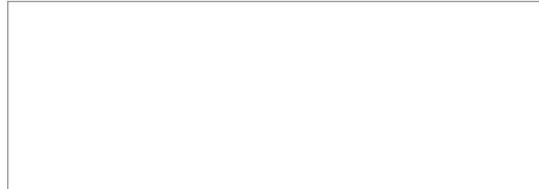
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PARSONAGE UPDATE (from the Leadership Team)

As of April 1, 2022 the parsonage is unoccupied and available for new adventures. The preschool has seen a growing need for more space. They have turned away many potential students due to the lack of space. It was suggested that the parsonage could be used for our Administrative office spaces, which would allow the current office spaces to become additional preschool class rooms.



The Congregational Business Meeting (CBM) on Sunday May 22, 2022 will provide time for discussions and sharing of thoughts about this use of space which will ultimately provide direction on the details of how to address the parsonage's future use and necessary cleaning and renovation projects.

So, mark your calendars and then bring your wishes and concerns as we figure this out together.