

# The Herald

## “MAKE NEW FRIENDS, KEEP THE OLD...”

Our after worship Fellowship Time Reception on **Sunday, May 7**, will be a time to get to know some of our New Friends that have been worshipping with us since COVID. These friends include Susan Bingham, the Brandon Family, Nancy Heishman, Bobby & Shirley Ketterman, the Mbecha Family, Bob & Margaret Phillips, Gail Rhodes, Greg & Donna Secrist, and Madelyn Sherwood. We’ve had more friends, Neria Shelton, Kate Jacobsen, Debbie Morris, Marcia Forrest and Freda Wilkins, who were featured in the May and September, 2022 editions of *The Herald*.

# New Friends!

Stay – enjoy the food, fellowship, and friends.



**FAITH 2 FATE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6**  
**10 A.M.-NOON.**

In Pastor Dave’s article in the April edition of *The Herald*, he shared some information about this organization. The dates are coming soon. If you want to participate, please sign-up on the double doors in the Gathering Room or call the church office by Wednesday, May 3.

### Henrico Minister’s Conference’s Fourth Annual Community-Wide Call to Prayer for Clergy, Community, Youth, Leaders & Young Adults

On Saturday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. you are invited to gather at West Richmond Church of the Brethren with our brothers and sisters in faith in unity to pray for our community and the on-going aspects of our community that are impacting us on a daily basis as we, The Henrico Ministers’ Conference continue to *“work collaboratively within while continuing to serve the community.”*

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## SPRING

# CRM

Congregational Business Meeting

After worship on **Sunday, May 21**, we will hear the Year-End report from Hilltop Preschool Director, Jackie Allgood, and any changes to the preschool’s Board. A final agenda will be announced soon. We ask that you remain in the sanctuary after worship for the meeting.



**Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

(Romans 12:2 NLT)

I have been doing a lot of praying lately. Along with the usual joys and concerns I lift up in my daily prayers, I have included more prayers concerning you, the West Richmond congregation. I believe 2023 might be a pivotal year for us. We have made many new friends. We will recognize them on May 7<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship Time. We rejoice in receiving five new members in April. To be honest, I, personally, am feeling pumped and excited. It is encouraging to see interest grow in our congregation.

That is why I feel a need to pray more and more for our congregation. As in any church growth, there will be changes to the makeup of the congregation. Not only in having to scootch over to make room on the pew, but in shifting goals and vision. We are to be open to the gifts and ideas our new people bring in. Having changing dynamics may lead to uncertainty as to how and where the church is moving. My fear, is that we might start to pull in different directions. Hence, the need to seek God's will for the church.

I have a lot of questions for God. Where do we go from here, God? How do we accommodate and make room for new members and friends? How do we reach our local and extended communities? What ministries to we let go? What ministries to we pick up? As your pastor, I want to make sure we all are attuned to God's discerning Spirit as we move forward into 2023. After receiving the Leadership Team's blessings, I am setting aside the **third Saturday of each month, beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>**, to pray specifically for the church. Unless, everyone complains the time is too early, I would like to meet at **9:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room** and try to be done by 10:00-10:30 a.m. Let us seek God's guidance by setting aside time to come together to pray.

My earnest desire in setting aside this time of prayer is for the church to open up to the leading of God's Holy Spirit, discerning God's will and way for West Richmond. Amen.

May it be so.

*Pastor Dave*

*Be* **Transformed**

# In Our Congregation



We extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to **Cynthia Fyne** and her family following the death of her father, **J. Rogers Fike**, on Tuesday, April 18. Visitation and funeral took place at the Maple Spring COB in Eglon, WV, with interment at the Eglon Cemetery. For the obituary, follow this link: <https://www.csfredlockfh.com/obituaries/john-fike>



It's time to have some fun! Let's gather in the Friendship Room (in the office building) on **Saturday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.** to play board games for 90 minutes or so. If it's nice, we may even go outside to play! Come with your favorite game and be ready to play!

Talk to Barbara Beers for more details.



Please 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 in June.

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Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Church office (M-F).....9:30 a.m. - 2:30 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 on Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **June** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

# Look Who's Celebrating and Serving in...



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| 1 .... Faith Keithly   | 14... Fletcher Brunk                             | 22... Brooke Lindgren   |
| 5 .... Susan Bingham<br>Terrie Glass                                     | Alex Martin                                      | 24... Neria Shelton<br><b>Betty Ziegler (95<sup>th</sup>)</b>                     |
| 6 .... Emily (Driver) Grady<br><i>John &amp; Jennifer Wampler Vassar</i> | Dave Reynolds                                    | 25... Asha Solanky<br>Owen Williams<br><i>Donald &amp; Margaret (Wampler) Lum</i> |
| 7 .... Chris Keithly<br>Dave Miller                                      | Siobhan Wampler<br><i>Joel &amp; Dolly Guyer</i> | 26... Stephanie Felder  |
| 10... Jori Carter<br>Christopher Holsinger                               | <i>Marshall Pugh &amp; Rachel McCann</i>         | 27... Chris Damour<br><i>Meredith &amp; Tori Yoder</i>                            |
| 11 ... Kinsey Miller   | 15... <i>Chris &amp; Kaici Keithly</i>           | 28... Ken Heatwole<br>Steve Martin  |
| 12... Madison Keithly  | 16... Maya Altic<br>Faye Urban                   | 29... <i>Ben &amp; Michelle Gangwer</i>   |
| 13 Kathy Miller  | 17... Chris Wampler                              | 31... Michele Damour<br>Andrew Johnson  |
|  | 18... Dave Whitten                               |   |
|  | 19... Debbie (Forrest) Morris                    |   |
|  | 20... Laurel Holsinger<br>Susan Mbeboh           |   |

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

May	Greeter	Worship Leader	Nursery	Tellers
7	Carol Goss	Jori Carter	Carol & Barbara M.	Bob & Pat Gangwer
14	Barbara Beers	Joel Guyer		Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin
21	Dolly Guyer	Susan Robertson	Ken & Ginny	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
28	Ann Andrus	Barbara Beers		Joel & Dolly Guyer



Attendance	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
<b>Worship (total)</b>	55	62	56	54
In-person & visitors	49	56	48	46
Live stream	6	6	8	8
On-line views by that Friday	23	14	44	27
<b>Offering per week</b>	\$3,705.00	\$1,180.00	\$2,726.88	\$15,127.05



# May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbells 	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle  5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street 	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>4</b>  National Day of Prayer	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Virlina Ministry & Mission Day @ Peters Creek COB 10:00 am Faith 2 Fate 10:00 am JanPro
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Nursery Care 12:00 pm Fellowship Time with <b>New Friends!</b> 4:00 pm Meet the District Executive Minister @ New Covenant COB	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbells	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle  7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting (Virtual) 	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  6:00 pm Richmond Habitat for Humanity's Comedy Show benefiting the Women's Build (at SB's Main Street Loveshack in the Fan) Tickets are \$25	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Faith 2 Fate 10:00 am JanPro
<b>14</b> <i>Mother's DAY</i> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbells 	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle  12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen 	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   Last Day of School for Hilltop Preschool and End-of-Year Programs	<b>20</b> 10:00 am JanPro 10:00 am Prayer Vigil w/ Henrico Ministers' Conference @ WRCOB
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Nursery Care 12:15 pm CBM—Congregational Business Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 1:00 pm Hilltop Board meets 3:00 pm Handbells	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Faith 2 Fate 10:00 am JanPro 6:30 pm Family Fun Night in the Friendship Room 
<b>28</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with	<b>29</b>  Memorial Day Church Offices Closed	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café field trip to	 May is Older Americans Month		

# COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Originally, we asked for somewhere around 1,000 eggs to be donated for the hunt. After counting two days before the hunt, we had just under 2,800 eggs! Which was good because we had over 500 kids show up for fun.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, and resources to get ready for the event, as well as those who came out and participated that day. None of this could have been possible without any of you.



## OUR DAY-OF HEROS

- Alyce Newman
- Amanda Martin
- Ann and Mike Andrus
- Barbara and Kevin Beers
- Carol Goss
- Debbie Morris
- Faye Urban
- Ginny and Ken Heatwole
- Jon Hartman
- Marcia Forrest
- Mike Carpenter
- MyLyssa Thompson
- Ronnie Schneider
- Sandy Faw
- Shaun Finchum
- Susan Robertson  
and friend Charlotte



And the Lavender family for loaning us their concession machines once again.

# Easter Sunday Happenings!



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| 3. Sign into your online account, or create an account  |
| 4. Find and select Hilltop Preschool and click "Save"   |

-The kids thank you! 😊