

# The Herald

## INSTALLATION SERVICE



Come, celebrate with us on Sunday, September 10, with the installation of our new Minister of Music, **Vanessa Morton!!**

We have been blessed this summer with four sets of talented hands on our piano. We're excited to say thank you to those folks and to welcome Vanessa to our church staff.

Following the worship service, there will be a reception held in the Gathering Room. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all attendees to come together, socialize, and connect with Vanessa. It's a chance to learn more about her, engage in meaningful conversations and practice the hospitality we've been learning about. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this enjoyable time together.

Mark your attendance in the Gathering Room and let us know if you're ready to bring a side dish! A reception isn't complete without unique creations to share.

# Dress Up Sunday!

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It's the end of summer and we've been casually dressed for a good spell. Why Not dust off our *"Sunday Best"* and dress up for worship on September 10.





Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV)

These verses in Deuteronomy are known as the Shema, a prayer recited by Jews morning and evening, each and every day. What concerns me is the verse, "Impress them on your children," I am deeply disturbed about the drift toward Bible illiteracy in our younger generations. I am concerned about it in our greater society, but troubled more by our own younger people in our community of faith. I'm worried our children will be raised without a solid foundation of Bible knowledge. I am concerned they won't know the stories of Jesus and our redemption through him. I know we have discussed Sunday School for the children. I know it is difficult to find teachers. I know it is difficult to get children here on a Sunday morning. That being said, I would like for us to consider two things.

It would be good if our congregation had one evening per week to provide some of the things we could be doing as a church. I believe everyone needs to be in some form of Bible Study. All of us need to know the over arching history of God's work with humanity. We don't get that knowledge by reading one verse in a morning's devotion. Secondly, an evening per

week could provide time and space for our younger generations to also learn the Bible as well as build some community among themselves. An evening per week would provide time and space for other groups to find time. It could be a time for a choir to meet. It would be nice to have a weekly time of food and fellowship. We can each pitch in a few bucks and have pizza, or subs, or BBQ. Let's think about this further.

Secondly, the passage addresses the parental responsibilities in religious education, "Impress them on your children, talk about it when you sit at home, or walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." These verses stress the need for parents to be responsible for their children's education. The church can help here as well. Let us know your needs for curriculum for the home and we'll try and provide them to you.

Could it be that this article will spawn some discussion? I hope so, our younger people deserve at least that!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*

# In Our Congregation



## MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Hello, fantastic grown-ups! We're thrilled to announce a truly extraordinary event tailored just for you! Come and be a part of our incredibly special "Movie on the Lawn" taking place on the lawn right outside our doors. It's an experience filled with memorable moments, fantastic films, and a whole heap of fun. As per our licensing agreement, we're unable to reveal the movie title in advance, but trust us, it's a title you're quite familiar with.

Mark your calendars for **8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15**. We've chosen the perfect spot – the great outdoors. And guess what? Complimentary popcorn and beverages will be served! Just bring along your lawn chairs or cozy blankets for a snug evening.

Can't wait to see you there for a memorable night under the open sky!

Pastor Dave invites you and your friends to come to participate in a time of prayer for the Church on **Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Gathering Room.

This is a monthly happening in the life of West Richmond on the third Saturday of the month.

## LADIES NITE OUT



In August the ladies went across the river for dinner—this month they are heading west of the church with reservations for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 at Kitchen 33 (13151 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, 23059).

Ladies of all ages are invited to come out for dinner that evening. Please contact Alyce Newman by Tuesday, September 26 if you plan to attend, that way we know we have room for everyone!

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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 **October** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Friday, September 15, 2023**.

*Kitchen 33 is a non-profit 501 (C)(3) public charity, owned and operated by American River Restoration (A.R.R.) headquartered in Glen Allen, Virginia. ARR has been cleaning trash out of our local rivers since 2017. We have recovered over 300,000 pounds of plastic and trash including 542 vehicle tires, 2 automobiles, appliances, gas pumps and a 1950 Sears and Robuck roto tiller all removed within 20 miles of Kitchen33.*

# September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>BECOME A VOLUNTEER!</b></p> <p>Join us in supporting Adams Elementary School (600 S Laburnum Ave, Richmond, 23223) by donating your time as an in-person volunteer or by donating gently used clothing or gift cards for incentives. Read more on page 5.</p>					<b>1</b>  Henrico County Schools Closed 6:30 pm  In the Gathering Room	<b>2</b> 10:00 am JanPro
<b>3</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Invitation to Anointing and Nursery Care	<b>4</b> Church Offices Closed 	<b>5</b> Hilltop's First Day of School 8:00 am Demolition of Office restrooms begins 10:30 am Ladies Circle  5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street 	<b>6</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café on field trip	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am JanPro 6:00 pm Graceway in concert at Parham Road Baptist Church 
<b>10</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Dress Up Sunday Worship—Online/On Site with Installation Service and  12:05 pm Reception	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice  	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle  7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting (virtual) 	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Newsletter DEADLINE 8:00 pm 	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. PRAYERS for the Church  10:00 am JanPro
<b>17</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Nursery Care	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	<b>19</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle  12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen 	<b>20</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café on field trip	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	<b>23</b> 10:00 am JanPro 
<b>24</b>  9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with 	<b>25</b> Henrico County Public Schools Closed 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 	<b>27</b>  9:30 am Friendship Café on field trip to 	<b>28</b>  6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out at Kitchen 33 (13155 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059)	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 10:00 am JanPro

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

# September

9/1 ... Joanna Adams	9/16 ... Joel Guyer Chloe O'Sullivan	9/25....Becky Klein <i>Brandon &amp; Miranda Keithly</i> <i>Brandon &amp; Dani Saunders</i>
9/2... Abigail Altic	9/17 ...Ronnie & Jennifer (Altic) Harris	9/26....Jonathan Flory <i>Leslie Altic &amp; Tommy Ferguson</i>
9/3... Aaron & Deanna (Heckman) Harding	9/18 ...Fred Bryant Gary Fields Judy Lindgren Rachel McCann <i>Joel &amp; Allison Brunk</i>	9/27....Pamela McCloud <i>Bob &amp; Margaret Phillips</i>
9/4... Anna Welch <i>Phillip &amp; Deborah Brandon</i>	9/19 ...Kurt Reber	9/29....Jack Clark Bethel Etiendem Cate Yoder <i>Dustin &amp; Carrie Dedrick</i>
9/5... Donita Solanky	9/21 ...Travis & Anna (Beers) Williams	9/30....Jonathan & Jennifer McCloud
9/8... Dave & Peggy Reynolds	9/22 ...Cathy (Martin) Vanderhoff	
9/9... Ellen Flory Collins Harris	9/23 ...Charles Layman <i>Chris &amp; Colleen Wampler</i>	
9/13 . Paul Brockman Barbara (Walbridge) McCann	9/24 ...Shiloh McLaughlin Erin (Fyne) McLaughlin	
9/14 . Leslie Altic		
9/15 . Aubree Evenson Shirley Ketterman Joe Mattys		

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

	Greeter	Worship Leader	Nursery Care	Tellers
<b>9/3</b>	Carol Goss	Barbara Beers	Jori & Zherina	Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin
<b>9/10</b>	Neria Shelton	Susan Mbeboh	Children's Church	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
<b>9/17</b>	Dolly Guyer	Susan Robertson	Barbara B. & Thoko	Joel & Dolly Guyer
<b>9/24</b>	Ann Andrus	Carol Goss	Children's Church	Bob & Pat Gangwer



<b>Attendance</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 25</b>	
Worship (total)	42	48	45	45	
In-person & visitors	36	44	36	39	
Live stream	6	4	9	6	
On-line views by that Friday	30	13	31	29	
Offering per week	\$1,560.00	\$3,005.00	\$250.00	\$2,425.00	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 30</b>
Worship (total)	40	51	35	46	34
In-person & visitors	36	45	31	3333	34
Live stream	4	6	4	13	—
On-line views by that Friday	17	24	17	35	8
Offering per week	\$1,670.00	\$3,481.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,935.00	\$740.00



The Jacob L. Adams Elementary School Gator Family invites you to be a part of their school community. They had Pastor Dave and Susan Robertson join them during the month of May to assist with classroom activities and one to one student assistance. They have room for more helpers.



### WHAT'S NEEDED

**In-person volunteers for:** Classroom Assistance (grades K-5); Reading with students (morning hours); Assistance with teacher led activities; Lunch Buddy

**VOLUNTEER DAYS/TIMES:** Monday-Friday — 8:00 A.M.-1:00 PM

\* The hopes are the day/time would be consistent to allow for teacher planning and preparation. 60-minute weekly visits are suggested, but visits may be more frequent/extended as you are willing/able. Anytime you can spare and share is appreciated! It is important to know that Henrico Public Schools requires all volunteers to complete a volunteer application (<https://henricoschools.us/volunteers/>). Once the application is complete, the prospective volunteer will receive an email of receipt, and another once approved. From there, visits will be based on the schedule developed per volunteer availability.

**CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON:** If you are not able to provide in-person support, no worries.

**Adams has opportunities to assist in other ways** — Donations of gently used clothing for their clinic and families in crisis; Gift card of \$5 or \$10 denominations for student attendance incentives (attendance is linked to school accreditation). Places in close proximity and frequently visited by their students - Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Marco's Pizza, Five Below, Little Caesar's, Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target.

If you have more questions, please reach out to Dawn Tyler, Jacob L. Adams Family Advocate—  
[dtyler@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:dtyler@henrico.k12.va.us) (804) 226-8745, opt 3

From CT Daily Briefing,  
 "The pastor of one of the victims of a racist shooting in Florida said that he 'wept in church today like a baby because my heart is tired.'"

Also, on the next page is a letter from President Rev. Reuben Boyd, president of Clergy and Citizens Against Racism, of which I am a member. It too, addresses, the pain we all feel when racism occurs in such blatant fashion. I continue to ask myself, "what do we do?" We speak to it when we see it. We stand alongside those who experience it. We advocate for change in policy that is bias against people of color. But, perhaps, most importantly, we pray. We pray for God's intervention in the hearts and minds of people. We pray that all people would come to see that every person, no matter the color of their skin or ethnicity is made in the image of God. And we pray for God's kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.



## CLERGY & CITIZENS AGAINST RACISM PROTESTS THE RACIALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The members of Clergy & Citizens Against Racism (CCAR) are sickened by the recent hate-motivated murders that took place in Jacksonville, Florida, on August 26, 2023. Once again, families have been left to mourn the loss of loved ones who were murdered by a white supremacist filled with hate.

Three African Americans were murdered at a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, Florida. Jacksonville's sheriff, T.K. Waters, said the racially motivated murders were the result of "a disgusting ideology of hate." The same ideology of hate that was responsible for the killing of 11 Jews at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 23 people of mostly Latino descent at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas; 10 African Americans at a Tops Friendly Markets supermarket in Buffalo, New York; and a young Black gay man in Brooklyn, New York.

If the above list provokes an emotional catharsis within you, it should—for it represent lives lost simply because of race, faith, sexual orientation, or gender identification. These hate-motivated murders are becoming all-too-common occurrences that leave our country numb—to the horrors of the events themselves and to the reality that the evils motivated by hate will likely manifest again.

Contrary to white supremacist calls to "Make America Great Again," America is already a great nation that is too diverse to continue tolerating the hatred that is being perpetrated against its communities that are home to people of color, Jews, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Unfortunately, the notion of confronting this hatred has not yet breached the ranks of the Republican candidates for president. Immediately after the Jacksonville murders, former Vice President Mike Pence and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis quickly offered prayers for the families of the three individuals who were murdered, yet neither man had the courage to address the subject of white supremacy or access to guns, which were most certainly at the root of this most recent tragedy and other racially motivated murders.

Even more insulting to the victims of the Jacksonville attack, Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy moved with expedience to connect the white gunman's violent attack with the crisis of mental illness in this country. Mental illness has increasingly become the escape route politicians use to sidestep having frank discussions about white supremacy and the proliferation of guns in America.

And so the question will continue to be asked: "What can we do to stem the tide of hate-motivated murders and terrorism?" We may not have all of the answers, but there is one thing CCAR cannot afford to do, and that is to sit by and do absolutely nothing!

God bless America and the families that have been torn apart by these cruel, senseless, and hate-motivated murders.

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