

West Richmond Church of the Brethren

The Herald

2023



REMEMBER TO Change Your Clocks

Daylight Savings
Time ends Sunday,
November 5



FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

It's your last chance to have some fun in the Friendship Room (in the office building) for 2023. On **Saturday, November 4** at **6:30 p.m.** let's get together to play board games for about 90 minutes or so. Come with your favorite game and be ready to play! There are always games available to learn if you don't have a favorite. Talk to Barbara Beers for more information.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We've got something super special lined up just for you! Join us for our second amazing "Friendly Family Movie Night". It's all about good times, great movies, and a whole lot of family fun. Showing **Friday, November 10** at **6:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Not only that, but free popcorn and drinks to boot! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to settle in for the evening. Since it is a family event, child care is not provided.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

On **Sunday, November 19**, we will have our Fall Congregational Business Meeting after worship beginning around 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us as we look toward the coming year. There will be a reception in the Gathering Room after the meeting in celebration of the ways that God has been at work in and through us this year.

The reception will include a Thankful Table consisting of a carry-in for food (main dish will be provided) and desserts. We will also be giving away Blessing Bags for folks to fill with finger foods for distribution at overnight shelters for the winter.



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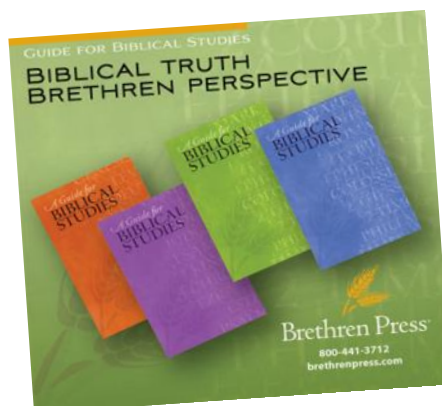
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Over the past year or two, our adult Sunday school class has studied books, been taught by Rev. Freda with curriculum from the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Virginia, and have used the Brethren's Guide for Biblical Studies. We will have completed our last book, *The World, The Flesh, and the Devil* by Richard Rohr. As a class, in November, we want to explore using the TV series, *The Chosen* as possible Sunday School curriculum later on.

Starting the first Sunday of December, we will pick up the Guide for Biblical Studies based on the International Sunday School Lessons Uniform Series (ISSI). The series we use is written from a Church of the Brethren perspective and contains daily NRSV scriptures, lessons, and questions for both individual preparation and small group use.

The ISSI is a 6-year plan for reading and studying the entire Bible. It is designed to take students into every part of Scripture, the Uniform Series pulls at least one lesson from nearly every book of the Bible over the 6-year cycle, following 8 specific themes.



The four themes of the 2023–2024 study are:

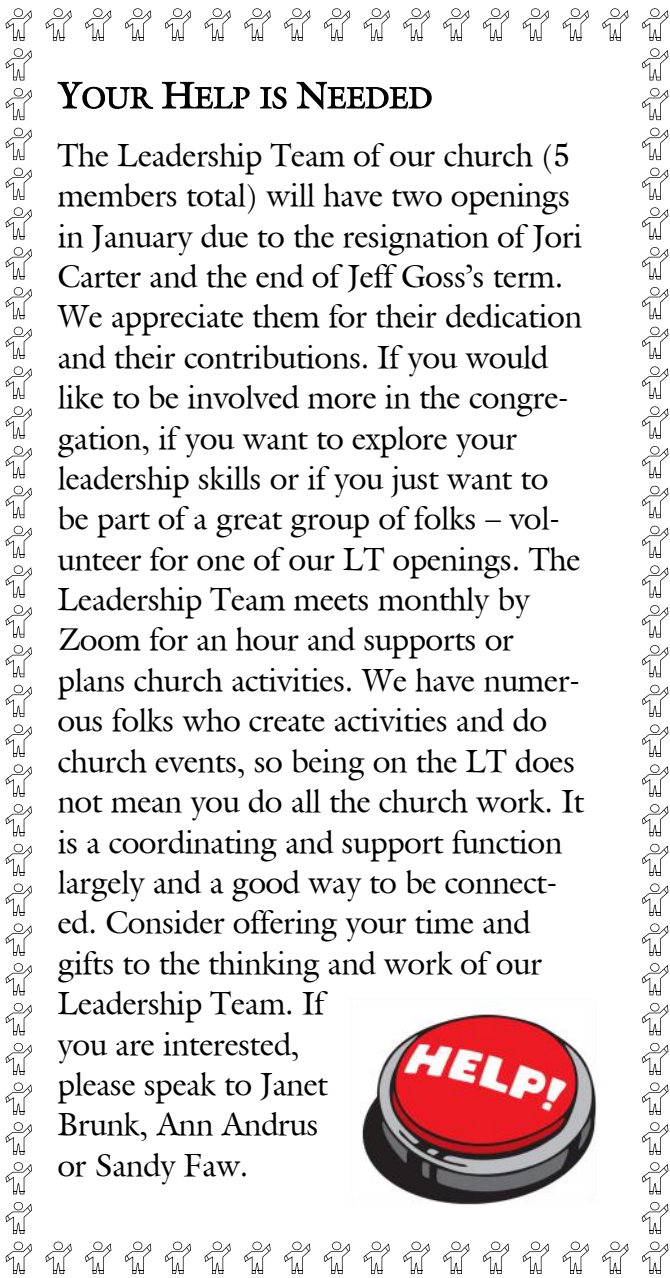
- ✦ **God's Law Is Love**—Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Colossians
- ✦ **Faith That Pleases God**—Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Isaiah, Daniel, Habakkuk, Matthew, Luke, Romans, Hebrews
- ✦ **Examining Our Faith**—Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts, Romans, 2 Corinthians, 1 Peter, Jude
- ✦ **Hope in the Lord**—Acts, Romans, 2 Corinthians, Colossians, Hebrews, 1 Thessalonians, Titus, 1 John

We will begin with the Winter Quarter, Faith That Pleases God. You can see the different books of the Bible that we will be reading in this quarter. It is a wide range of books covering both the Old and New Testament sections of the Bible. Student books are ordered and will be handed out when we receive them. Let me know if you want me to hold a book for you.

You do not have to be a scholar of the Bible to join Sunday school. You do, however, need to have a thirst for truth. The only requirement needed for the class is a personal Bible. We do have extra Bibles here at church if you wish to use one.

Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Leadership Team of our church (5 members total) will have two openings in January due to the resignation of Jori Carter and the end of Jeff Goss's term. We appreciate them for their dedication and their contributions. If you would like to be involved more in the congregation, if you want to explore your leadership skills or if you just want to be part of a great group of folks – volunteer for one of our LT openings. The Leadership Team meets monthly by Zoom for an hour and supports or plans church activities. We have numerous folks who create activities and do church events, so being on the LT does not mean you do all the church work. It is a coordinating and support function largely and a good way to be connected. Consider offering your time and gifts to the thinking and work of our Leadership Team. If you are interested, please speak to Janet Brunk, Ann Andrus or Sandy Faw.



The holidays are right around the corner. What something that makes holiday worship different than the rest of the year? Special Music! If you are interested in providing Special Music in the upcoming weeks, whether by yourself or in a group, please reach out to Vanessa Morton to make it happen.



UPCOMING

Guest Speakers

David Brunk (11/26)

Kate Jacobsen (12/31)



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Sunday School9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship11:00 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 newsheet **MUST** be submitted by **noon on Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **Winter** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Wednesday, November 15, 2023.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

2..... Wyllys Vanderhoff
 4..... Sean Solanky
 6..... Virginia Vassar
 7..... Cameron Sabel
 9..... David Layman
 11..... Zara Fields
 Karl & Jan Hoff
 12..... Zack Hurst
 Annie Lipato
 14..... Sue (Mullins) Aigner
 15..... Benson Etiendem
 Sophie Saunders

16..... Denise Diamond
 Donald Lum
 17..... Brett Mitchell
 18..... Betty Meyer
 19..... Campbell Mitchell
 Fred & Paula (Crawford) Bryant
 20..... Bob Gangwer
 Donnie Holsinger
 22..... Adam Clark
 Kevin & Barbara Beers
 23..... Matt Ludwick
 Jennifer McCloud
 Patrick & Pamela McCloud

24..... Tina (Lowe) Brockman
 Comfort Frimpon
 Chelsea (Goss) Skillen
 Zherina Whitten
 26..... Carol (Walbridge) Goss
 Ben Mbecha
 28..... Rebecca Wilson
 29..... Phillip Brandon
 Janet Brunk
 Lauren Gangwer
 Colleen Wampler
 30..... Fern Damour
 Donna Secrist

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



	Greeter	Worship Leader	Nursery Care	Tellers
11/5	Carol Goss	Shontell Giles	Ken & Ginny	Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin
11/12	Neria Shelton	Susan Robertson		Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
11/19	Dolly Guyer	Terrie Glass	June & Sandy	Joel & Dolly Guyer
11/26	Ann Andrus	Barbara Beers		Bob & Pat Gangwer







Attendance	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Worship (total)	44	69	47	36
In-person & visitors	40	55	37	30
Live stream	4	14	10	6
On-line views that Friday		46	15	23
Offering per week	\$3,330.00	\$1,427.00	\$2,378.05	\$1,105.00





November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>2023</p>  <p>REMEMBER TO Change Your Clocks Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00 pm Gathering Room in use 6:30 pm</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>2:00 am Daylight Savings Time ends 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Nursery Care</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Henrico County Schools & Church Office Closed Hilltop is Open!</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle 5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm Family Movie Night</p> <p>In the Gathering Room Childcare is not provided 6:45 pm VIRLINA District Conference</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>7:45 am—3:30 pm VIRLINA District Conference in Wirtz, VA</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Children's Church 2:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Church Office Closed (Handbell transportation) 10:30 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting (virtual)</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter DEADLINE</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Nursery Care 12:05 pm CBM followed by reception in Gathering Room</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Church Office Closed (Handbell transportation) 9:30 am Friendship Café</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle 12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 
<p>Pastor Dave is on vacation 11/20-27. The Church Office is closed 11/23-24.</p>						
<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site with Guest Speaker and Children's Church</p>  	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>10:30 am Ladies Circle</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking at you right now.</p> 	

Amid the Community

A way of supporting Pastor Dave and his commitment to the Henrico Ministers Conference is by participating in their “SHARING THE HOPE” drive. We will have a spot in the front of the sanctuary for your donations. Our last day to collect is Sunday, November 12.

Henrico Ministers' Conference & Vicinity

SHARING THE HOPE

WITH HENRICO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

OCTOBER 1- NOVEMBER 17

Collecting All- White Undergarments

SIZES: S; M; L; XL; X; 2X

- T-Shirts;
- Socks for male and female inmates

HMC will deliver Sharing the Hope items after November 17

For more information or drop off call:
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Rev. Zynora D. Manson, President
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RICHMOND'S 2023 CROP HUNGER WALK

A TASTY WAY TO DONATE TO THE CROP HUNGER WALK!

Natalie's Taste of Lebanon (2825 Hathaway Road, Richmond, 23225) is partnering with the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds for the Richmond Walk! There are two ways to partake in this fundraiser.



Eat at Natalie's on **Thursday, November 9th**. They are donating 15% of all proceeds from that day - lunch, dinner, and takeout!

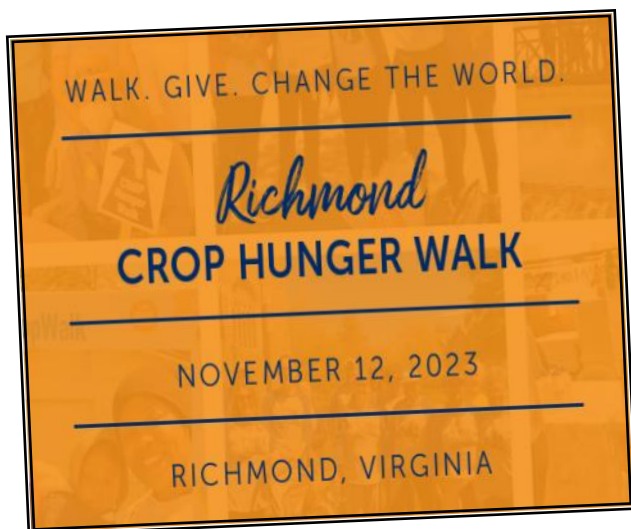
Purchase a gift card before **Thursday, November 9th** for use any time other than November 9th. They are donating 15% of all gift card sales between **NOW** and **November 9th!!** To purchase gift cards online, go to <https://www.nataliesrva.com/shop-1> and click on the CROP Walk icon.

This fundraiser not only allows you to enjoy delicious food, you get to support both the Richmond CROP Hunger Walk and Natalie's mission to provide employment and training for individuals with disabilities.

Walk. Give. Change the world.

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why we're participating in the 2023 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world.

Please donate to our team today! ~ Jori Carter



To register, enter the URL in your browser's address window:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/accept?challenger=jori-carter&team=west-richmond-church-of-the-brethren>

Check out Jori's page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/jori-carter>.

Walk Time and Location:
2:00 p.m. (Registration prior to start time)

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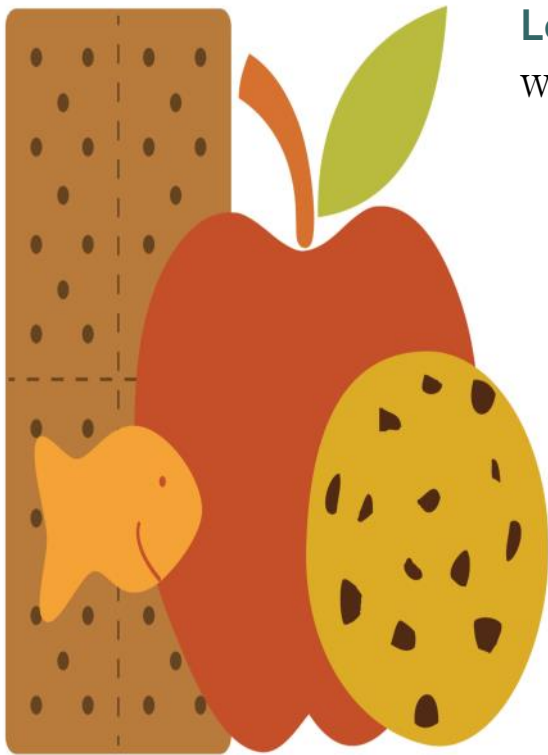
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Fellowship Time

Let's Revive Sunday Fellowship Time!

We will start on Sunday, November 5th. So this is how it goes...

There's a sign-up sheet posted on the double closet doors in the Gathering Room and it has Carol Goss' name next to November 5th. That Sunday, she will bring a fairly simple snack: some fruit, something salty and something sweet. Before worship, she will prepare a pitcher of cold water and one of lemonade (mix is in a cabinet). Hopefully a pot of coffee will be made or she will do that and make hot water for tea. Then after church, everyone is welcome to come over to enjoy the snacks and to fellowship with others.

Before she leaves, she will straighten up the kitchen, take the trash out (the small trash can bag should do it), wash and put away any dishes, wipe the tables and vacuum as needed. She will be sure to take any leftovers home.

The sign-up sheet will remain posted through the end of 2023 and we will continue with Fellowship Time after that if there is interest and people sign-up to be a host with its duties. Please talk with Carol Goss if you have questions.

Thank you, I'm always ready for a snack! — Carol