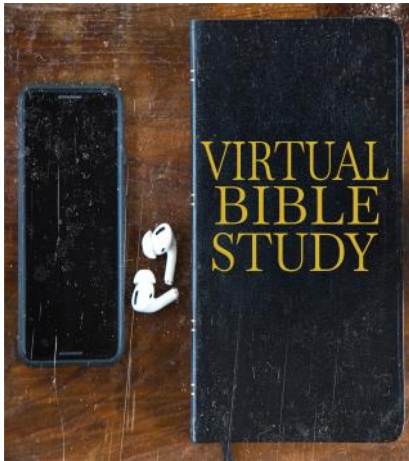
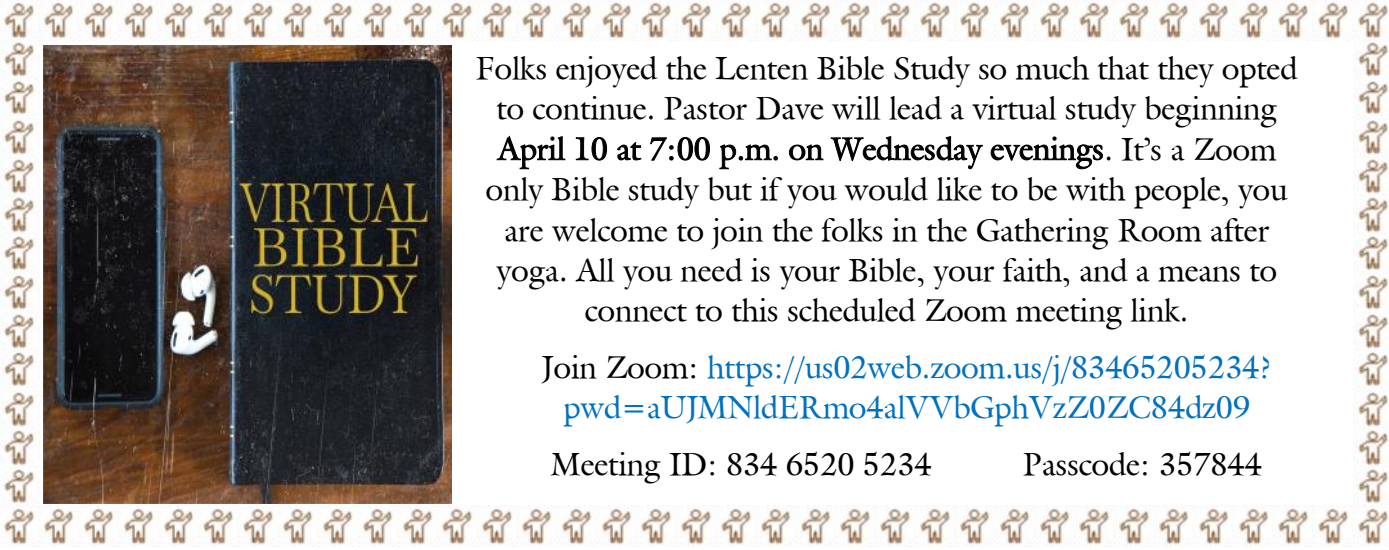


The Herald



Folks enjoyed the Lenten Bible Study so much that they opted to continue. Pastor Dave will lead a virtual study beginning **April 10 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings**. It's a Zoom only Bible study but if you would like to be with people, you are welcome to join the folks in the Gathering Room after yoga. All you need is your Bible, your faith, and a means to connect to this scheduled Zoom meeting link.

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83465205234?pwd=aUJMNldERmo4alVVbGphVzZ0ZC84dz09>

Meeting ID: 834 6520 5234 Passcode: 357844

Family Movie Night



We've got something super special lined up just for you! Won't you come out for our "Friendly Family Movie Night"? Last month we watched "Moana" and families from Hilltop Preschool were with us. What will we watch on **Friday, April 19 at 6:00 pm** in the Gathering Room? Can't tell you here but come on out. The price is right and it's all about good times, great movies, and a whole lot of family fun. Not only that, but free popcorn and drinks to boot! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to settle in for the evening.

Since this is a family event, child care is not provided.



**NATIONAL
volunteer
MONTH**

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INDEED THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE LAST WHO WILL BE FIRST,
AND FIRST WHO WILL BE LAST. (LUKE 13:30)

You ever wonder why, drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Or wonder why people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

You ever wonder why banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Or why we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Or we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight?

You ever wonder why we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering?

Or why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin? Or why 'abbreviated' is such a long word?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons? Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour? Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

You ever wonder, if con is the opposite of pro, why is Congress the opposite of progress?

Or why, if flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Or have you ever wondered why Jesus said, For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it? (Mark 8:35)

Me, too.

Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation



THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL IS SPRING BREAK FOR HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HILLTOP PRESCHOOL. THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 1-2. PASTOR DAVE WILL BE TAKING THAT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OFF.



HELPERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of Worship Leaders for many dates in May, June, and July. Why not check your calendars and sign-up in the hallway.

HELP NEEDED FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME!

We all love to stick around after worship to chat with our friends. Why not do it with a light snack? We could do that easily with folks taking a week here and there to provide something small to nibble on. There's a sign-up sheet on the easel in the hallway!



Hull Street Ministry — the 1st

Tuesday of each month, **April 2**, you can prepare meals or help serve; see Sandy Faw, Dolly Guyer or Susan Robertson.

The Community Kitchen — the

3rd Tuesday of each month, **April 16**, various tasks are completed; see Ann Andrus.

LAMB's Basket — the end of the

month, we empty the shopping cart by the front doors, all types of canned goods, personal care items, and non-perishables can be donated daily, as well as money to purchase fresh eggs; see Alyce Newman.



Do you ever feel like the world is moving at a different pace than you? If this sounds relatable, come take an hour for yourself from **in April and May** to practice yoga. No experience is necessary. Just bring a mat, your breath, and your body. Questions? Talk with Sarah Hartman.

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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 **May** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **Monday, April 15, 2024.**

APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2---- Don Ziegler
 5---- Taylor Holsinger
 6---- *Chris & Katie Heatwole*
 8---- Jennifer (Altic) Harris
 12--- Jack Martin
 13--- Susan Diamond (85th)
 14--- Alex Arthur
 Wes & Claire (Lynch) Bosman

15--- *John & Jennifer Fleming*
 16--- Renae Aigner
 18--- Dolly Guyer
 19--- Larry McCann
 Missie (Pendleton) Hurst
 20--- Konrad Wampler
 Brendan & Sloan (Lynch) Waters
 22--- Josslyne Harding

23--- Cameron McCloud (18th)
 Karen (Reynolds) Ellis
 26--- Sean Waters
 Mike & Ann Andrus
 27--- Sandra Lynch
 28--- Isaiah Lipato (10th)
 Sarah (Beers) Hartman
 30--- Gabriel Dedrick

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



April	Greeter	Worship Leader	Fellowship Hosts	Tellers
7	Carol Goss	Barbara Beers		Bob & Pat Gangwer
14	Neria Shelton	Susan Robertson		Ann Andrus & Joel Guyer
21	Dolly Guyer	Alyce Newman		Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
28	Ann Andrus	David Brunk	Children's Church	Joel & Dolly Guyer



What better way to enjoy God's creation than by being a part of it? We have volunteers that like to mow and we have volunteers that like to pick up sticks and debris. We have volunteers that care for the Peace Garden. What we don't have are volunteers who like to pull weeds or trim and edge the yard on a regular basis. Is that something you like to do? Drop a note to the church office if you're interested in making God's Creation just a little bit orderly!

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 NATIONAL <i>volunteer</i> MONTH	1  April Fool's Day 9:30 am Friendship Café	2 10:30 am Ladies Circle  5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street 	3 9:30 am Friendship Café	4	5	6
	Church Office closed.		Pastor Dave out of the office.		Henrico County Public Schools and Hilltop Preschool Closed	
7 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site 4:00 pm Raleigh Ringers in concert at Second Baptist Church (9614 River Road, 23059) 	8 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell Practice 	9 10:30 am Ladies Circle  7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting (virtual)  <div style="background-color: #f9e79f; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed</div>	10 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:00 pm Free Yoga  7:00 pm Virtual Bible Study 	11	12  9-12 Hilltop Preschool using the Gathering Room 	13 10 am to 1 pm "Shred It To Protect It" and Electronics Recycling at Western Henrico Government Complex (4301 E. Parham Road)
14 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with 	15  9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell Practice  <div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> TAX DAY APRIL 15 REPORT </div>	16 10:30 am Ladies Circle  12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen 	17 9:30 am Friendship Café (away) 6:00 pm Free Yoga  7:00 pm Virtual Bible Study 	18	19 9-12 Hilltop Preschool using the Gathering Room 6:00 pm Family Movie Night  <small>In the Gathering Room Childcare is not provided</small>	20
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28  9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with 	29 9:30 am Friendship Café 3:00 pm Handbell practice 	30  10:30 am Ladies Circle goes on the road to MORNINGSIDE IN THE WEST END (3000 Skipwith Rd, 23294)				

Amid the Community

In last month's edition of *The Herald*, you read the recipient of our Souper Bowl of Caring donations was Tabernacle of Praise Ministries International Church. Here's some information about their ministry, shared by Janet Brunk.

...not by bread alone

The Tabernacle of Praise Ministries International Church, located at 2668 Hull Street, in the city of Richmond has become a place of nourishment for many of our city's homeless and underserved. Pastors Joe Reeves and Samuel Frank tell me that their congregation has nearly tripled in the past several months.



Pastor Sam and Ramona Keys

The initial attraction to this old warehouse-turned-sanctuary is a hot cup of coffee and something to eat for folks who too often know the pangs of daily hunger. What keeps folks coming back day after day, according to these two leaders, are the warm smiles of the volunteers who pour that cup of coffee, the hug or the pat on the back offered by Ms. Ramona Keys or Ms. Nancy Williams who



work tirelessly coordinating food donations for the ministry and individual referrals to community services for job placement, housing, and healthcare, and always, a message from scripture that offers hope and encouragement and a reminder that none of them, none of us, are ever alone.

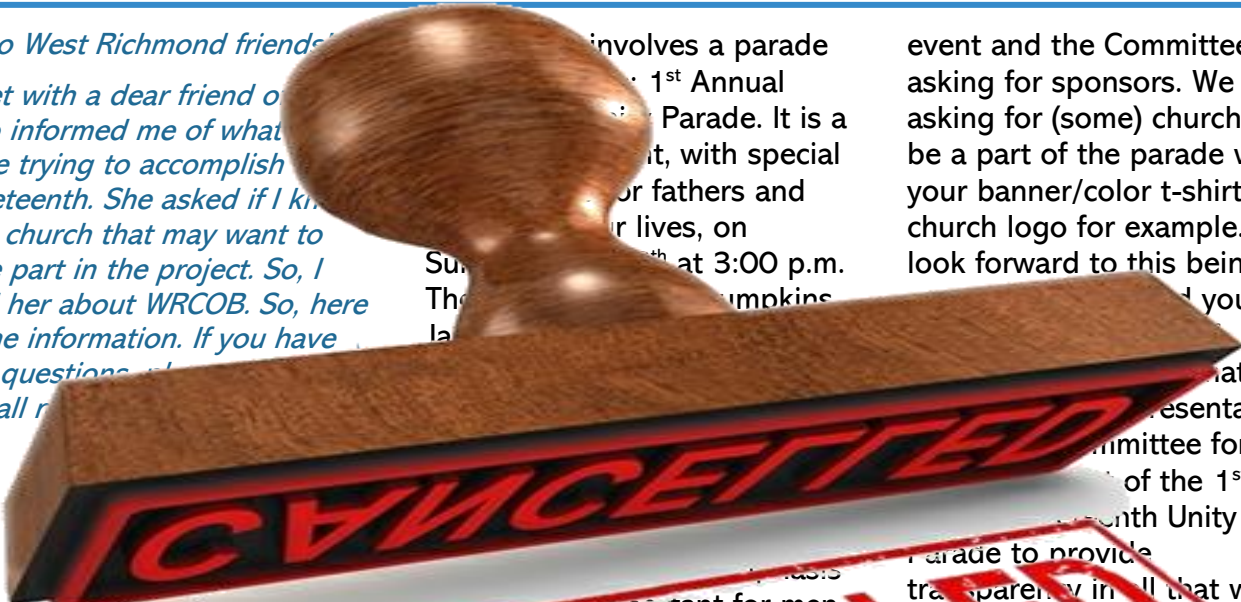
As of the writing of this article Pastor Joe tells me that five have made a public profession of faith and in a rented inflatable pool have been baptized.

Hello West Richmond friends

I met with a dear friend of mine who informed me of what you were trying to accomplish for Juneteenth. She asked if I knew of a church that may want to take part in the project. So, I told her about WRCOB. So, here is the information. If you have any questions, please call me at 804-781-1111.

...involves a parade on the 1st Annual Juneteenth Parade. It is a community event, with special recognition for fathers and mothers for their lives, on Sunday, June 17th at 3:00 p.m. The parade will be in the Wrentham area.

...event and the Committee is asking for sponsors. We are asking for (some) churches to be a part of the parade with your banner/color t-shirts with church logo for example. We look forward to this being an honor for you and your church.



Juneteenth

...that you are a representative of the 1st Annual Juneteenth Unity Parade to provide transparency in all that we do and to provide insight in making this successful. It would be an honor. We look forward meeting with you.

...also the collective history of all with cultural representation of African American, African and Latino/Hispanic (cultures). There will be cultural dance and history to make this a (unifying) event.

This is a community wide



CALLING THE CALLED VII: HEARING THE HOLY SPIRIT: DISCERNING,

CONFRIMING — A TIME TO HEAR YOUR CALL Is there someone in your congregation, or that you know around the district that you have noticed gifts for ministry in? Tap that person on the shoulder and encourage them to come to Calling the Called, which will be held on **May 17-18** at Camp Bethel. Calling the Called provides participants with an intentional time to study scripture together, hear stories and reflections of how God called others and reflect upon the ways that God might be calling them. For more information, or to nominate someone, contact either Paul Stover, chairperson at stover80@msn.com, or Daniel Rudy, District Executive Virlina.dem@gmail.com.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Join us for fun stories, music, food, and springtime beauty, all to raise funds for Camp Bethel, at our Sounds of the Mountain Festival, **April 12-13, 2024**. Our excellent sponsors make this event possible, and your donations keep it alive. 2024 performers include Mokoto, Antonio Rocha, Bil Lepp and Kevin Kling. Lots of food options will be available throughout the weekend as well. Tickets and more information are at www.soundsofthemountains.org.

2024 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for 2024 summer camps at Camp Bethel is now open. Please visit <https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/camps.html> for more information about summer camp offerings or to register your child.

MINISTRY AND MISSION DAY

The Commission on Witness' annual Ministry and Mission Day and Annual Conference delegate briefing will be held on **Saturday, May 4**, at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The day begins with worship, then participants choose various informative workshops that will appeal to any and all church leadership, as well as provide CEU for pastors. Opening worship will feature our district conference Moderator Stacy Goff, who will remind us of the upcoming District Conference theme, "Who Knows?" from 1 Corinthians 2. The first half of the day, through lunch, requires registration and a \$20.00 fee. Annual Conference Moderator, Madalyn Metzger will join us for the day and after lunch, she and our Standing Committee members will walk us through what to expect at Annual Conference July 3-7, 2024. Congregational delegates who are unable to attend the whole day should plan to come to Cloverdale at 1:30 PM for the briefing. There is no fee to attend the Annual Conference briefing. There will be a catered lunch so this event requires an RSVP. Attendees will choose workshops upon registration. All delegates, church leaders, and pastors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Mary St. John at 540-362-1816 or email virlina.directordcnw@gmail.com.

2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference will be **November 8-9** at Faith Fellowship Community Church in Wirtz, VA. Registration information will go out to all congregations in summer. This year's theme is "Who Knows?", based on 1 Corinthians 2. Stay tuned for updates!



DID YOU KNOW? Camp Bethel has an Amazon wish list at: <https://a.co/5qG5JYq> (with lots of new updates!), Sam's gift cards to help offset food cost for upcoming events, Skid Steer, tracked or wheeled; Roadworthy pickup truck (2010 or newer); 15 passenger van (2015 or newer); Outdoor Storage Shed (used or new); Clothes washer and dryer; Refrigerator (full or mini); LED light bulbs; new first-aid supplies; 3'x8' plywood boards for bunks (any thickness or quality); or monetary donations at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate.

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Western Henrico Government Center
4301 East Parham Road



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Please enter the Center onto Prince Henry Drive. Follow the signs and do not leave your car.



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- Personal documents for shredding are accepted at no cost. Please place these items in paper grocery bags or boxes ONLY.
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Electronics that are accepted free of charge:



- Monitors
- Computers
- Printers
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- Audio/Stereo Equipment
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Video Cameras
- Phones
- Families
- Copy Machines
- Wireless Devices
- Video Game Consoles
- Kitchen Appliances

Costs for certain electronics:

- CRT TVs, 27 inches or less: **\$25**
- CRT TVs, 28 inches or more: **\$35**
- LCD TVs, 46 inches or less: **\$20**
- LCD TVs, 47 inches or more: **\$30**

Projection TVs: **\$30**

Items that are NOT accepted:

Compact fluorescent light bulbs, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, AC units, and other items such as clothing or batteries that are not considered an electronic.

NOTE: Do not place electronic items in the bags or boxes with your shredding items. This will jam the machines. Electronics recycling is separate from the document shredding.