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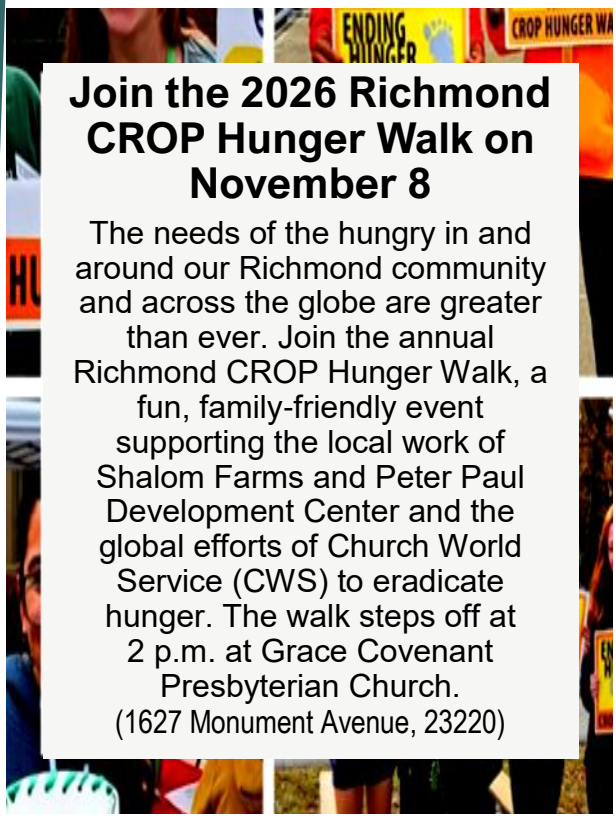
The Herald

CBM
Congregational Business Meeting

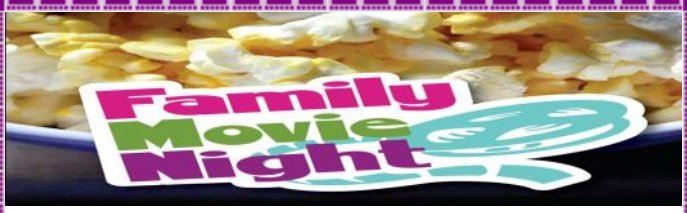
On **Sunday, November 15,** we will have our Fall Congregational Business Meeting after worship in the sanctuary. Please join us as we look toward to 2027.

Stay after the CBM on **November 15** for a special **Friendsgiving** carry-in meal as we gather in fellowship, share delicious food, and give thanks for the gift of friendship and community. Bring a favorite side dish, salad or sweet to share and come enjoy a time of gratitude, laughter, and togetherness. Please sign-up in the Gathering Room so we know if everyone is bringing dessert!



Join the 2026 Richmond CROP Hunger Walk on November 8

The needs of the hungry in and around our Richmond community and across the globe are greater than ever. Join the annual Richmond CROP Hunger Walk, a fun, family-friendly event supporting the local work of Shalom Farms and Peter Paul Development Center and the global efforts of Church World Service (CWS) to eradicate hunger. The walk steps off at 2 p.m. at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. (1627 Monument Avenue, 23220)



Ready to curl up in a blanket and watch a family friendly movie with friends? Join us Friday, November 20 at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Not only a free movie, but free popcorn and drinks to boot! Bring a blanket or chair you like to curl up in to watch the movie.

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On the Journey with you

If you have been in worship the last two weeks, you know that we have started a new series on Living a Life of Gratitude. With all that is going on in the world, it is easy to get caught up in grumbling and complaining, but God offers us a healthier and more joyful way to live — being aware of and grateful for the many ways that we are blessed. Please plan to join us as we move intentionally into this season of Thanksgiving. I am thankful for Kate Jacobsen who will fill the pulpit on November 8th. Jay and I will be in East Tennessee for a college reunion. I am also grateful to Kevin Beers and the Finance Team for a meaningful Stewardship Campaign, and to everyone who worked together to make World Communion Sunday and Love Feast a beautiful day of worship for West Richmond!

This Advent we have the honor and privilege of testing an intergenerational Advent curriculum produced by the United Methodist Publishing House. In exchange for feedback on their new curriculum, we will receive a wealth of Advent resources free of charge. Please begin to pray now for a meaningful Advent season for our church. I would love to hear your feedback on our curriculum.

I also encourage you to plan to be at the Congregational Business meeting after worship on November 15th. In addition to our usual fall tasks, we will hear a recap of the insights gained from the recent study of the book, Part-Time is Plenty. This presentation will be followed by recommendation from the Leadership Team related to our pastoral search. Your input is welcome and needed. We're having Friendsgiving after the meeting, so bring a dish and join us for a great time of food, fellowship, learning and discernment.

We have much to be grateful for this season, and I am honored and grateful to be on the journey with you,

Tracy

In Our Congregation

Welcome Little Ones!

Quinncy Lyra Skillen was born Monday, October 5, to Chelsea (Goss) & Brian Skillen. She weighed 3.16 kilos (6 lbs. 15 oz.) and measured 49 cm (19.21 inches). Jeff & Carol Goss are her grandparents.

Bailey Ridge Bosman was born Wednesday, October 7, to Clair (Lynch) & Wes Bosman. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 20 inches. Her big brother & sister are Graham & Sutton and Sandra Lynch is her grandma.

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Office Hours (M-F) .....9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Worship ..... 11:00 a.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 weekly bulletin's newssheet **MUST** be submitted to the church office by **noon on Thursday.** All items for the Winter (December/January) edition of *The Herald* are due in the church office by Sunday, November 15, 2026.

IT @ WRCOB!

September 15 was Information Technology Professionals Day, so on September 13, the Leadership Team took time to celebrate Kevin Beers, our Director of Media and Technology. They wanted him to know how much they appreciate all his hard work and everything he does to keep things running smoothly!

Discussion following the Adult Sunday school class completed their study of *Part-Time is Plenty* included some of these thoughts. . .

we may be small in numbers but MIGHTY in the servant work of Jesus; we are accomplishing it all with part-time pastoral leadership; part-time doesn't mean death—it can be new life; there's no need to wonder (or worry) that we might not be able to survive with a part-time pastor because we already are!

Hear more at the November 15 Congregational Business Meeting and how we might go forward in our pastoral search.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 2:00 am DST ends 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site	**2** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed	**3** 10:30 am Ladies Group 5:15 pm Liberation Veterans Shelter Ministry	**4** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café	**5** 5:30 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Choir	**6**	**7**
8 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site	**9** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed	**10** 10:30 am Ladies Group Virlina District Virtual Bible Study 6:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	**11** The SPAN Center's Senior Café Closed for Veteran's Day Remembrance Day	**12** 5:30 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Choir	**13** 9:00 am Continuing Education event 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship VIRLINA District Conference	**14** 7:00 am Breakfast 7:45 am Start of Registration 8:15 am Business Session begins 12:30 pm Lunch 1:15 pm Business Session begins
15 Newsletter DEADline 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site 12:00 pm Fall CBM 12:30 pm Friendsgiving	**16** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café 1:00 pm Hilltop's Board meets in the Friendship Room	**17** 10:30 am Ladies Group 12:30 pm Volunteer @ FeedMore Community Kitchen	**18** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café	**19** 5:30 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Choir	**20** 6:00 pm Inside! No Childcare provided.	**21**
22 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site	**23** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café has a Singalong with Vanessa	**24** 10:30 am Ladies Group	**25** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café	**26** HAPPY THANKSGIVING Henrico County Schools & Hilltop Preschool Closed Wednesday-Friday. WRCOB Offices are Closed Thursday and Friday.	**27**	**28**
29 1st Sunday of ADVENT 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship—Online/On Site LAMBs Basket Collection	**30** 9:30 am The SPAN Center's Senior Café	2026 State Fair News! This pic was found online — displaying Ava Hartman's entry in this year's Creative Arts (Youth 9-13) competition.				

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2.....Wyllys Vanderhoff
4.....Sean Solanky
9.....Orland Foster
David Layman
12....Zack Hurst
Annie Lipato (82nd)
14....Sue (Mullins) Aigner
15....Benson Etiendem
16....Denise Diamond
18....Betty Meyer (81st)

19 ... *Fred & Paula (Crawford) Bryant*
20 ... Bob Gangwer
Donnie Holsinger
22 ... *Kevin & Barbara Beers* (40th)
23 ... Jennifer McCloud
Patrick & Pamela McCloud
24 ... Tina (Lowe) Brockman
Comfort Frimpon
Chelsea (Goss) Skillen (40th)
Zherina Whitten

26 ... Carol (Walbridge) Goss
Benedick Mbecha
29 ... Janet Brunk (65th)
Lauren Gangwer (35th)
Colleen Wampler
30 ... Fern Damour
Donna Secrist (60th)

Did we miss your special day? Please, contact the church office to correct the oversite.

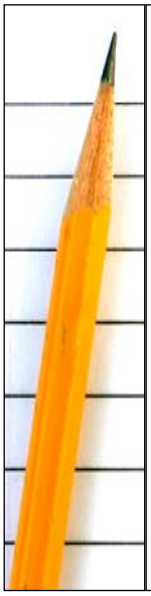
WAYS TO SERVE	Greeter	Acolyte	Worship Leader	Food for Fellowship	Tellers
11/01	Carol Goss	Savannah Lipato	Susan Robertson	Susan Robertson & Barbara Tulli	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
11/08	Faye Urban	Savannah Lipato	Sarah & Ava Hartman	?	Joel & Dolly Guyer
11/15	Dolly Guyer	Ava Hartman	?	Friendsgiving (CBM & Meal)	Bob & Pat Gangwer
11/22	Ann Andrus	Ava Hartman	?	?	Ann Andrus & Joel Guyer
11/29	Barbara Tulli	Ava Hartman	?	?	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman

Attendance	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
Worship *(total)*	**37**	**30**	**27**	**34**
In-person & visitors	31	27	23	30
Live stream	6	3	4	4
On-line views by that Friday	18	18	9	20
Offering per week	$2,053.25	$2,501.00	$0.00	$2,025.00

West Richmonders Have Generous Hearts!

In September you gave $1,773 for blankets through Church World Service. Later the same month, you gave $2,910 to Midwives for Haiti through Ken Heatwole's Learn at Lunch.

So far this year, you have given 593 pounds of food to the LAMBS Basket. We have 2 more months to go yet this year and you've already given more than last year's donation of 517 pounds!



West Richmond Family, thank you so much for all of your expressions of love and care during Clergy Appreciation Month. I cherish them all - from the humorous to the heart felt. It is an honor to be a part of the WRCOB family again. With love and gratitude, Tracy

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign has come to a close, but the stories we shared remind us that God's work through West Richmond continues every single day.

Over the course of the campaign, we heard from West Richmond members who shared their experiences serving at the Veterans Shelter, rebuilding homes through Brethren Disaster Ministries, and welcoming families through our community outreach events. We also looked ahead to some new opportunities for ministry.

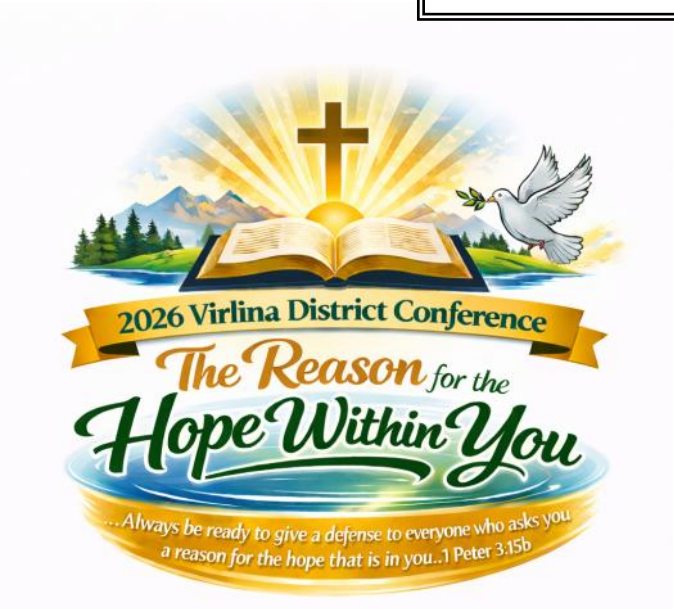
These weren't simply stories about what our church does. They were personal reflections on what serving others has meant to the people involved. Some moments were so moving that tears were shed as we watched the videos together.

Through it all, we were reminded that stewardship is about much more than financial giving. It's about offering our time, talents, compassion, prayers, and resources so God can work through us.

If you missed any of the videos, or would like to watch them again, the entire series is available on our church website at https://www.wrcob.org/opportunities-for-service.html.

Thank you to everyone who shared their stories and to everyone whose faithful service makes these ministries possible.

Because of you...
God's work continues.



Friday-Saturday, November 13-14

Have you wondered what's happening in the churches in the Roanoke area?

If so, a great way to find out is to go to District Conference. This year it's being held at Peters Creek Church of the Brethren (5333 Cove Rd., NW, Roanoke, 24019). There is no fee for non-delegate registration.

A Sing precedes the 7 pm worship on Friday evening. This year Conference Choir returns and Saturday breakfast at 7 am is sponsored by Grace Inside.

November 12-13, 2027
Virlina District Conference
Is at Camp Bethel

Together CAMP BETHEL

2027: CAMP BETHEL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

Visit Camp Bethel's website for a tentative calendar of 2027 events and information on ways to get involved. Below are ways to help us prepare for our 100th anniversary celebrations!

Share Your Story

What's your Camp Bethel story? In honor of the 100th Anniversary, we're collecting stories of summer camp and retreat experiences across the last 50 years of Camp Bethel's history. Your story could be used in the next publishing of our Camp Bethel History Book, The Memory Maker. Complete the form by January 1 (the sooner, the better!) at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdN8gsTwH_CP_tErgUqXEodHHB4b3XqSvQ5GyweQd1kiUMbhw/viewform

Help us identify and update alumni contact information

We hope to reengage Camp Bethel alumni as part of our 100-year celebrations. If you served on Camp Bethel summer staff and have not been contacted for this information, please email your years of service, address, email, phone number and birthday to campbetheloffice@gmail.com!

CWS Hygiene Kits and CWS Period Packs are needed. Please reach out to the district office for more information. Both Kits have a $2 per kit processing fee and can be dropped off at the district office.

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Some needs include . . . Leadership Delegates Worship Leader Food for Fellowship Greeter Choir/Handbells Display Case