



December, 2018 & January 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

- ❖ Bridging – Our church family with our neighbors
- ❖ Building – Ministries to serve
- ❖ Becoming – Disciples for Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

- ❖ We strive to be a church where people are spiritually healed, joy reigns, and the love of God is shared.

IDENTITY STATEMENT of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9am - 3pm
Rev. Rachel Scott Woodall, Senior Minister
Juliette Canada, Office Manager
Rob Peterman, Choir Director
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am



Celebrating Christmas

December 2, Advent 1- Sunday 11am

Hope - Hanging of the Greens

Prepare the Sanctuary as our expectations for Christmas begin!

December 9, Advent 2 – Sunday 11am

Peace - Share in the anticipation of the birth of the Christ child.

December 13, Thursday 6:15-8:00pm

Welcome the Adult Group Home residents. Bring canned drinks and Christmas joy.

December 15, Saturday 9-11

Welcome Santa and the children! Free pancakes, pictures and crafts..

December 16, Advent 3 – Sunday 11 am

Find **Joy** in the promises of God!

December 23, Advent 4 - Sunday 11 am

Arise to the dawning of God’s **Love** for you

December 24, Monday 7:00 pm

Receive the Present!

Candlelight and Communion Service.

December 30 First Sunday of Christmas 11am

Dedicate the New Year to God

January 6 Epiphany Sunday 9:30

Pancake Breakfast –

Christ

Welcomes all people to God.

Living the Good News

Sunday was a beautiful day. We joined in worship, remembering the glory of our risen Savior, as King of Kings, Ruler of all, not through his suppression of those against him, but because of his love for them, for each one of us. In our competitive world, it was good to remember that our God cares for the losers, the vulnerable, the needy, the sinners, and each one of us. Our victory is through Christ, not through our own mastery over others. Thanks be to God!

After worship, I grabbed a peanut butter sandwich and launched into full preparation for the beginning of a new year, church-wise. Out came the lights – old ones discarded, functioning ones on the house. Then came the tree, with lights and ornaments reminding me of the love of family, friends, and church events. On top of that, I've been getting to plan worship, singing Christmas carols in my head, reading scriptures relating to the promises of God and God loving care! While November was a bit of a blur, I am now in December mode and eagerly anticipating Christmas!

While the Church calls the 4 weeks before Christmas Day “Advent” as a time to look forward to Christ and to prepare ourselves for his birth unto us, I'm perfectly comfortable calling the whole season Christmas, especially when we gather in and outside of church, sharing the love that we have been given, living in the incarnational mode, remembering that God came to live with us!

Am I ready for Christmas in the sense of having all the sermons written, cards prepared, decorations up, gifts bought and sent? No, not at all. Am I ready for Christmas as the wonderful reminder that there is so much beyond what we can see, that there is always hope because God is always working to bring life and goodness to birth, that God loves us and we are reminded to live out that love in our lives? Oh, yes!

Please join me and invite your friends in welcoming this Advent/Christmas season. Mark your calendars to take part in our weekly times of worship, the Group Home Christmas Party, the Santa Breakfast, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship, daily prayers and meditations, and those cherished traditions that nurture your faith.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rachel

Devotionals
www.adventword.org

Some people like to use a word a day throughout their advent journey. They may journal, draw, take pictures, or find other creative ways to pray and deepen their faith with words. You can find the words at the web link above or look for them in each week's bulletin. Our worship team has also provided us with
Devotional booklets to use during Advent.

God bless you this season!

Thank You

Note of Appreciation:

Kimberly Golden wishes to thank the choir, Rob Peterman, A.T. Scruggs, Harold Englert, the guest soloist, Jean Hartley, the Worship Committee and congregation, Rachel Woodall, and Juliette Canada for their contributions to last week's beautiful Veteran's Day service and reception. She appreciates everyone's enthusiastic involvement, along with the heartfelt well wishes she received as she moves forward in completing her academic studies at Johns Hopkins.

I hope that you have a blessed Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you and my BPCC "family" on future occasions.

All the best,
Kimberly

During these days following Thanksgiving let's pause and think of all the people who make church and our many ministries possible. Even when unseen by others, God is blessing you and all of us through you. Thank you!



Will be received
December 16 and 23

Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other**
- Foster faith development**
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies**
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors**
- Assist churches in calling new ministers**
- Interpret the global mission of the Church**
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings**
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit**
- Lead the Church to address racism**
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create**
- Witness to the power of God to make things new**

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

Please give generously to this year's Christmas Offering.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

December birthdays have claim to three gemstones; **Zircon**, **Tanzanite** and **Turquoise**

Amy Huth	1
E. T. Crowe, Jr.	2
Jessica Blaisus	7
Diana Shaw	10
Rachel Woodall	10
Ronnie Walker	12
Lily Adams	14
Shannon Brooks	14
Emily Huth	16
Peggy Broaddus	23
Breanne Williams	22
Grace Daniele	23
Jean Garthright	24
Bob Ramos	25
Jesus	25
Patti Jeffries	28
Buddy Lucord, Jr.	31

Each of these gemstones carries a unique blue tone making it a perfect birthstone for Minnesota's frigid December winters. **Zircon** can be found in a variety of colors, but blue is the overwhelming favorite

These gems reflect the glory of our Creator as do our December birth honorees. We thank God for you.



December

Each week during the year, we "spotlight" a homebound member. During the week, remember to send that member a card, write a note, or make a phone call. Let them know how much they are missed!

- 12/2 Ms. Lilly Adams
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 124
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 12/9 Ms. Lois Cosby
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC9210
Richmond, VA 23227
- 12/16 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149
Richmond, VA 23227
- 12/23 Mr. Bill Gottardt
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 12/30 Mrs. Helen Jeanne Keeling
7600 Autumn Parkway, #806
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

If you have been unable to come to church and want to be added to our homebound list, please let the church office and the Elders know. We miss and pray for everyone who is unable to make it to church.





January

Garnet, the birthstone of January, is mined in a rainbow of colors. From the fiery orange of Mandarin **Garnet** to the rich green of Tsavorite

Lucy Baughan	1
Adele LeBlanc	1
Lee Blue	4
"G T" Nuckolls	5
Danny Broaddus	5
Sharon Ramos	6
Dorothy Dillard	6
Carrie Pavlica	7
Nancy Gayle	9
Abby Patterson	9
Piper Carr	11
Barbara Lucord	11
Bill Blake	13
Logan Heckman	13
Patsy Stockdon	14
Linda Hunley	15
David Wagner	15
Troy Williams	15
Jacob Marsh	16
Chris Daniel	17
Meaghan Ramos	18
Chris Snowden	18
Cassandra Balbosia	19
Nancy Phillips	22
Diana Heller	23
George Nuckolls, Jr.	24
Winnie Bobbio	25
Laura Sutorka Isley	25
Angie Peaco	26
Susie Bodenheimer	29
Whitney Duke	29
Richard Garrett, Jr.	31

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SPOT-LIGHT ON...

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- 1/6 Mrs. Betty Land
7300 Forest Avenue, #324A
Richmond, VA 23226
- 1/13 Mrs. Lois Cosby
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC9210
Richmond, VA 23227
- 1/20 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149
Richmond, VA 23227
- 1/27 Mr. Bill Gotthardt
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

There are several of our members who aren't able to attend on a regular basis who are not on this list, but are in our thoughts and prayers. Let them know as well that we are thinking of them.

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Elder Communion Schedule

	<u>Loaf</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Note</u>
December 2	Ronnie Walker	Patsy Stockdon	Hope Sunday
December 09	Susie Bodenheimer	Vivian Palmore	Peace Sunday
December 16	George Nuckolls	AT Scruggs	Joy Sunday
December 23	Richard Garrett	Ronnie Walker	Love Sunday
December 30	AT Scruggs	Richard Garrett	

Diaconate Schedule

December 2	Preparers: Chockie Roberts and Gesla Nwankpa-Rockingham Servers: Margaret Izquierdo and Sherry Saunders
December 09	Preparers: Margaret Izquierdo and Frances Lucas Servers: Robin Marsh and Buddy Lucord
December 16	Preparers: Robin Marsh and Sherry Saunders Servers: Gesla Nwankpa-Rockingham and Chockie Roberts
December 23	Preparers: Gesla Nwankpa-Rockingham and Buddy Lucord Servers: Frances Lucas and Margaret Izquierdo
December 30	Preparers: Frances Lucas and Chockie Roberts Servers: Sherry Saunders and Robin Marsh



PRAYING AHEAD. . UPCOMING SCRIPTURES

December 2	Luke 1:5-25
December 9	Luke 1:26-38
December 16	Luke 1:39-43 (46-56)
December 23	Luke 1: 57-79
December 24	Luke 2:1-20
December 30	Luke 2:21-40
January 6	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13	Luke 2:41-52
January 20	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 27	Luke 4:14-21

Average Attendances:

2018

January – 53	February-54
March - 52	April-40
May - 48	June-40
July – 38	August – 39
September-40	October
November -	December



Vivian Palmore

I first heard about Battery Park when I started dating Doug Palmore in high school. We attended youth actives. Later in 1960 Doug and I were married at Battery Park. It was hard to leave my church and for a few years we went back and forth between our churches.

After our children came along I joined Battery Park in 1970. We were both active in the church. I sang in the choir off and on for most of my time as a member.

When Doug and I headed up the Worship Department we started the tradition of the Chrismon Tree in 1980. It took 3 years to get the money, materials and workers to get this done. They have survived for 38 years.

Doug passed away in 1999 but I have continued to be active at Battery Park and feel like it's my second family.

Church in Society News

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We took many bags of canned goods to the food pantry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church where they will be distributed to families and individuals in our community. Please continue to bring food throughout the year!

Adult Home Party:

Battery Park will again be the site of Concerned Northside Church's Adult Home Party on Thursday, December 13 from 6:15 – 7:45pm. Once again, we will be providing can sodas, as well as kitchen help for this wonderful event serving residents of the Adult Homes on Chamberlayne Avenue. Please bring in your donations of canned sodas (both diet and regular) and put them in the hall refrigerator. Please tell Laura Wagner, 288-1712 or wagner5@mindspring.com if you can help in the kitchen or provide assistance to our guests as they disembark from the vans and make their way to the fellowship hall.

CARITAS, January 19- January 26, 2019

We will be hosting CARITAS from Saturday, January 19, 2019 – Friday, January 26, 2019. Our guests this year will be 32 women, for whom we will provide dinner, breakfast and bag lunches. Please bring in toiletry items, women's clothing, books, magazines, cards, tote bags, and backpacks for our guests beginning in January. Monetary donations to offset the costs of the lunches, breakfast, and paper products can be given to Laura Wagner or Barbara Lucord. We also need volunteers to help prepare dinner on Saturday, January 19, 2019, help prepare lunches during the day, and to spend the night in the parlor while our guests are here. Please contact Laura Wagner, 288-1712, wagner5@mindspring.com, if you can help with this important ministry of our church.

Thank you for your gifts of love.

Church in Society will be collecting gifts for 8 children from Ginter Park Elementary School. Please bring gifts and/or monetary donation in by December 10 to Laura. Here is the list below and is posted in the hall on the bulletin board by **the office.**



Christmas Families

This year we are very excited to be providing Christmas gifts for 8 children at Ginter Park Elementary School. Please bring the gifts to church and place them on the table outside the kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 16. Monetary donations are always welcome, and can be given to Laura Wagner. We are asking each family to provide gifts for two children this year. Thanks in advance for helping to make this a special Christmas for these eight children.

If your last name begins with **A-E**, please bring gifts for Shamiyah and Icic.

If your last name begins with **F-M**, please bring gifts for Malaysia and Zaire.

If your last name begins with **N-S**, please bring gifts for Ayanna and Aniyah.

If your last name begins with **T-Z**, please bring gifts for Kaniya and Christian.



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Wish Lists:

(A-E) **Shamiyah**, 6 year old girl, size 8, learning games, coloring books/paint, Slime kit, doll babies, Bike (16-18”), tablet.

(A-E) **Iciss**, 10 year old girl, size 12, Barbie dolls, Barbie doll clothes, Books for 4th grade reading level, arts/crafts kits, board games and puzzles, Barbie car.

(F-M) **Malaysia**, 11 year old girl, size 14, Barbie deluxe styling head, nail set, Bike (26”), helmet, easy bake refills, Arts/craft kits, board games.

(F-M) **Zaire**, 11 year old male, size 16, Bike (26”), helmet, superhero Legos, roller skates (men’s size 9.5), knee and shoulder pads, tablet, football, basketball, soccer ball, skateboard.

(N-S) **Ayanna**, 7 year old girl, size 8/10, sand glass maker, little live pets (dog), Bike (18”), helmet, needles sewing machine, scrap book and crafts kit, JoJo Siwa doll.

(N-S) **Aniyah**, 6 year old female, size 8, little live pets (dog), walkie talkies with batteries, bike (20”), helmet, lite brite, build a bear, barbie dolls, JoJo Siwa doll.

(T-Z) **Kaniya**, 7 year old girl, size XL (women’s), LOL surprise, table, Poopsie surprise slime, Bike (24”), helmet, girlie headphones, barbie dolls.

(T-Z) **Christian**, 6 year old male, size 7/8, tablet, paw patrol trouble game, Batman and superheroes, action figures, legos set.

Poinsettia orders are due Tuesday, December 5. Please give your orders to Vivian Palmore, AT Scruggs, or call the church office.



Thank you!

Bring your Christmas cards to share with your BPCC family to church and donate the cost of postage to further our church ministry! There are Christmas boxes in the hallway . Please pick up your cards as well. If we have to mail them, it defeats the purpose. Tidings of peace and joy!



Free Pancake Breakfast and Photos with Santa!



Saturday, December 15, 2018
Breakfast and photos – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Battery Park Christian Church

Fellowship Hall

No need to wait in long lines at the mall for a picture with Santa! Battery Park Christian Church is hosting a free community event featuring a fun family breakfast and pictures with Santa! You'll enjoy:

- Free piping hot pancake breakfast
- Free photo with Santa
- Holiday activities for children

All ages are invited to join us and celebrate the holidays!

4201 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227
(Corner of Brook Road and Bellevue Avenue)

Questions? Call the church office **266-3973**
www.batteryparkchristianchurch.org

*Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service
December 24. 7:00 p.m.*

**All are
welcome!
Come join
the fun!**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

*And
HAPPY NEW YEAR*

*From
Your church minister and staff
Rachel*

Juliette

Vickie

Robert



Holiday Closings

The church office will be closed:

*December 25, and 26 for Christmas
and
December 31 and January 1, 2019 for the New Year*



WORSHIP FLOWERS

Every Sunday our worship area is graced by fresh flowers reminding us of our new life in Christ. These are underwritten by members and friends of the church each week, the cost is \$33. We now have a chart for 2019 where anyone wanting to donate the flowers for a certain week can sign up to do so. The chart is in the hallway outside the church office. You may also call or email the office to sign up. We are grateful for these gifts and for the givers.



Evangel Deadline

Articles for the February 2019 Evangel must be in the office by **Wednesday, January 16,** Please turn in articles or call church office (266-3973) by that date. Articles can also be e-mailed to office at bpcc.office@verizon.net.