



February 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
Kimberly Fox, Guest Accompanist
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am



Souper Bowl of Caring

Let’s tackle Hunger

February 3rd

Bring money to donate to FeedMore –

Let’s fill the Soup Pots!

Invite your friends!

Week of Compassion Offering

February 17 & 24

Through our sharing, we get a taste of the generosity of God, who does “immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.”

Special offering will be received
February 17th & 24th



The Season of Lent begins with Ash
Wednesday, which falls on
March 6 this year.

Living the Good News

It's February! While this may mean cold weather conditions on the outside, it means sharing the warmth of God's love on the inside of the church. The first Sunday begins with our opportunity to help tackle hunger locally, as we donate to the Souper Bowl offering which we will send to FeedMore. To make it fun, wear your favorite team's colors, or if you were a Boy Scout or Scout leader, you can wear that uniform as it is also Boy Scout Sunday. Maybe you can find a way to combine the two!

We begin with sharing God's love locally on Souper Bowl Sunday and we wrap the month up with our observance of Week of Compassion where we know our love offerings are shared all around the world. With the changing weather patterns of recent years, the need continues to grow. I am so proud of the legacy Battery Park Christian Church has with Week of Compassion. Traditionally, we have given well to this offering and to the ongoing fund we have set up with Week of Compassion. I hope everyone will continue this generous sharing this year. The theme is based on Ephesians 3:20, "More Than We Can Imagine." We offer what we have and have faith that God can and will do far more than we can ask or imagine!

When I was a child, I loved the church posters reading: "February – Fun, Food, Fellowship." Some churches auctioned Valentine desserts as fundraisers. Some, like ours, had "women-less weddings" for fun and funds. One that I know, had February Follies, a talent show and dinner, put on by the youth in high style in order to raise money to go to Work Camp and serve others. I am certain that these fun events touched people in lasting and meaningful ways. God has been doing more than we could imagine.

Thinking about February reminded me that the Star Word I was given this year is "Foundation." Our Foundation is our Faith in Christ. This February, I am learning to trust God, to increase my faith, as I prepare for changes in my life. I am calling on BPCC to also seek Christ and to follow where God is calling you in faith. Over the years, God has touched so many people through your sharing of God's love, and I believe that God is still bringing life, forgiveness, hope, and love through you – beyond what we can even imagine!

It's February! Let's give thanks to God!

Grace and peace in Christ, *Rachel*



Boy Scout Sunday, February 3rd We recognize those who have been in the boy scouts and are grateful for those who have been leaders in the scouts.



Young Adult Sunday, February 10th Invite young adults you know and invite them to share their vision of worship and following Christ.

PRAYING AHEAD. . UPCOMING SCRIPTURES

February 3	John 2:1-10	
February 10	Luke 5:1-11	
February 17	Luke 6:17-26	Week of Compassion
February 24	Luke 6:27-38	Week of Compassion

December 2018

12/3 - 36
 12/09 - snow
 12/16 - 45
 12/23 - 43
 12/31 - 38
 Avg. :41

Attendance

January 2019

1/6 - 35
 1/13- Snow
 1/20 - 33
 1/27- 42
 avg.:37

Harold's count!

Save the Date

Christian Women Fellowship

Our CWF will meet Monday
 February 11th at 10:30 a.m..
 Please join us for fellowship, fun,
 service and study.
 Bring your bag lunch and we'll
 eat together.
 Everyone is welcome!

Thank you!

My heart is so full of love and gratitude for all of you! Thank you for the blessings and gifts at Christmas - I still am planning to get out personal thank you notes! I also want to thank you for sharing in ministry with me these last six and nearly a half years, for your prayers for the church and for my family. Next month, I will have more to share, but for now, I offer my thanksgiving for each of you. I hope you treasure the gift of BPCC that God has given to us!

Rachel Woodall



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

Amethyst, the birthstone of February, is a variety of Quartz that carries a spectacular purple color that ranges from a blend of deep violet and red to a lighter lilac hue.

Fran Pleasants	01
Vickie Ogozaly	05
Elizabeth Kinsey	10
Dabney Broaddus Prieto	10
Andy Stone	12
Molly Echols	18
Walt Garthright	20
Patricia Payne	25
Andrew Roberts	27
Chockie Roberts	28

The gift of Amethyst is symbolic of protection and the power to overcome difficulty. It is said to strengthen the bond in a love relationship, so it is an ideal anniversary or engagement gem.

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



February

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!

2/4	Mrs. Lois Cosby 1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC9210 Richmond, VA 23227
2/11	Mrs. Dorothy Dillard 1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149 Richmond, VA 23227
2/18	Mr. Bill Gotthardt 7880 Brook Farm Road, Room 125 Mechanicsville, VA 23116
2/25	Mrs. Betty Land 7300 Forest Av., #324A Richmond, VA 23226

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.



Elder Communion Schedule

	<u>Loaf</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Note</u>
February 3	Eric Seiler	Patsy Stockdon	Souper Bowl
February 10	A T Scruggs	Melissa Seiler	
February 17	George Nuckolls	Eric Seiler	Week of Compassion
February 24	Richard Garrett	A T Scruggs	Week of Compassion
March 3	Melissa Seiler	George Nuckolls	
March 10	Patsy Stockdon	AT Scruggs	Daylight Saving Time
March 17	Eric Seiler	Tim Williams	
March 24	A T Scruggs	Richard Garrett	
March 31	George Nuckolls	Melissa Seiler	

Next Elder's meeting February 13th at 7:00pm



PRAYER VIGIL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
CHAIN OF PRAYER
MONDAY, March 18, 2019

TIME	NAME	TIME	NAME
Midnight	_____	NOON	_____
12:30 AM	_____	12:30 PM	_____
1:00 AM	_____	1:00 PM	_____
1:30 AM	_____	1:30 PM	_____
2:00 AM	_____	2:00 PM	_____
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11:30 AM	_____	11:30 PM	_____



March 10th DayLight Saving Time Begins



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.

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Evangel Deadline



Articles for the March 2019 Evangel must be in the office by **Monday, February 12th** 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.



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DHM Updates

DHM at General Assembly Des Moines, IA ~ July 20-24, 2019

The Ministries of Disciples Home Missions and Disciples Women will be offering valuable resources during the General Assembly Education Sessions. General Assembly always presents wonderful and engaging opportunities for education, sharing ideas with others, and participating in meaningful and resource-building discussion. The link to the complete educational offerings can be found at <https://ga.disciples.org/education/>



DHM Workshops

Women in Vocational Ministry ~ Sunday Session 1: 1:30-2:50 PM

Developing networks, peer support groups, and paths for advocacy. Disciples Home Missions (DHM) has a long history of support for women in ministry.

This workshop seeks to:

- *Offer time and space for women in ministry to tell their stories and share current issues of need, concern, hope and strength in vocational life that are unique to, and/or present in, the lives of female clergy.*
- *Evaluate possibility for re-activating the currently dormant Disciples for Women in Ministry Steering Committee, beginning the initial process of discerning new goals and objectives of such, and soliciting leadership for these efforts.*
- *Create a supportive environment in which women clergy can speak to the wider church in a way that empowers and affirms the vitality of women in ministry.*

Presenters: Administrators of "Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Female clergy and friends" Facebook Group

Workshop for Military Chaplains ~ Sunday, July 21 3:00-4:30 PM

A discussion of current Issues and information provided by experienced Disciples Military Chaplains. Plan to attend if you are currently serving or are interested in learning about opportunities for chaplain ministry in the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Presenters will discuss challenges and blessings of serving in Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard components. Hosted by the Disciples Chaplain Association

Workshop for Institutional Chaplains (hospital, hospice, other healthcare settings, prison and law enforcement, pastoral counseling, workplace and other specialized settings)

Presentations and discussion of issues and information related to ministry as a chaplain in a wide variety of community settings. Plan to attend if you are already serving as a chaplain or if you are interested in learning about opportunities for service and the requirements for endorsement for chaplaincy ministry. Hosted by the Disciples Chaplain Association

Tuesday, July 23rd from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

*Join Disciples Chaplains for fellowship and refreshments at Bubba's Southern Comfort! **Please be sure to RSVP here.***

Mission as Gifted Relationship ~ Sunday July 21st, Session 1: 1:30-2:50 PM

Disciples Volunteering operates from an understanding of mission as being sent by God to be in relationship with others, giving priority to their voice and gifts. Our time will begin as friends we have made on recent missions share stories from our journeys together. Then, conversation will turn to how your congregation can participate in on-going missions and apply the lessons of these experiences to spark new ones. Presenter: Josh Baird - Disciples Volunteering



Disciples Women

Woman to Woman Worldwide 2019 - click image for more info!



**Woman-To-Woman Worldwide
Morocco 2019**
Applications are now being accepted!

We are now accepting applications for the 2019 Woman-to-Woman Worldwide Journey to Morocco!

To fill out an application and to find out more about the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey, please visit our web site at www.discipleswomen.org



The Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey is an opportunity to build relationships with sister congregations and regions.



The Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journey (W2WW) is sponsored by the International Disciples Women's Ministries and administered by the staff of Disciples Women in conjunction with Global Ministries.

Applications must be received by February 15, 2019!

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3000 finger labyrinths for GA - click image for more info!



Disciples Peace Fellowship

Do you know someone that loves peace & justice?



Do you know someone that loves camp?

Maybe you should encourage them (yourself?!) to apply to be a 2019 DPF Peace Intern!

Disciples Peace Fellowship is now accepting applications for our 2019 Peace Interns! Information about this extraordinary summer internship, the application process and all online application materials can be found at [DisciplesPeace.org/apply](https://disciplespeace.org/apply).

All applications and references for this paid summer internship must be completed and submitted by February 10, 2019.

If you have any questions about the internship or the application process, please do not hesitate to be in touch with our DPF Mission Director, Brian Frederick-Gray, at DPFintern@gmail.com.

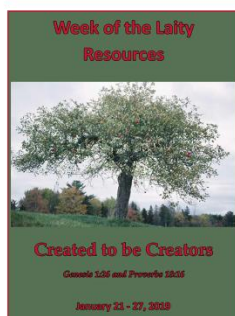


Disciples Volunteering

DHM Summer Intern Program is recruiting young adults for a summer of service in disaster or mission settings. Not sure what you want to do with your life? Sure, but not sure how it jibes with a life of faith? This could be a redefining time for you! Application materials are online [here](#).



Faith Formation/Christian Education



Week of the Laity Resources

"Created to be Creators" by Lashaundra McCarty is the theme of the 2019 Week of the Laity. This resource is now available to download.

"Created to be Creators"

Gifts to the Disciples Home Missions Annual Fund

are directed to our most valuable asset - **congregations** and their leaders!

Be sure to look for the latest issue of the Disciples Advocate online. Also, check out the Disciples Home Missions Web site for more congregational resources.



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W2WW Cuba Projects

In October 2018, a group of Disciples women participated in a Woman-to-Woman Worldwide pilgrimage to Cuba, coordinated by Global Ministries and the Office of Disciples Women. The 11 women were moved by a number of ministries offered by partner churches and programs. Subsequent to each W2WW trip, upon the return to their home contexts, the participants share their experiences and promote special giving opportunities to support the life-giving ministries for women offered by partner churches. This year, the group of participants is highlighting giving opportunities for the Matanzas Seminary with a priority to support the Gender Studies program, and the Trauma Recovery and Income-Generation Project for Women of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center. In 2019 and years to follow, these ministries are promoted as giving opportunities while the delegates visit Disciples women around the United States and Canada to interpret their experiences during a special period of study, prayer, reflection, and advocacy.

Gender Studies program of Matanzas Seminary



The [Matanzas Seminary](#) provides academically challenging and innovative theological education and pastoral training for church leaders from 14 denominations and five countries. Graduates, lay leaders and those who are ordained for ministry, are helping to share the Good News of God's abundant life with all people. Nearly all faculty members and administrative staff of Matanzas Seminary also pastor churches in addition to teaching courses. Additionally, depending on the pastoral needs of the denominations, students pastor a church or serve as an associate pastor in congregations across the country during their studies.

Students taking courses with the Gender Studies program of the seminary study the coming together of issues of gender and church and ministry. One graduate of the program shared that the program led her to discover the ways she has internalized machismo in her own life. After the program, she feels more prepared to address this in her own life and in her community.

Trauma Recovery and Income-Generation Project for Women of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center

The [Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center \(CMMLK\)](#) is an organization of Christian inspiration in which Cuban people and their churches contribute prophetically to the solidarity of their country and communities. The Center contributes to society with a liberating and contextual theology and practice. They give hope by organizing social participation, ministering with the Cuban people, actively striving for social justice.



The Trauma Recovery and Income-Generation Project for Women of the Center is a network of emotional support, skills training, and income-generation projects for women from difficult circumstances. Using the model of popular grassroots education, many women find healing from domestic violence situations in the group, and find a network of support from women in the community. Each woman in the project learns an artistic skill and means of self-expression such as doll-making, making clothes, cooking, and more. Women in the group then use these skills to generate an income and to contribute back to the project for other women to join.

Disciples Woman-to-Woman Worldwide and Global Ministries welcome gifts to support the Gender Studies program of Matanzas Seminary and the Trauma Recovery and Income-Generation Project for Women of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center, both in Cuba.

The 2019 Women-to-Woman Worldwide trip is to Morocco. Applications are now being accepted for the trip. The **deadline to apply is February 15, 2019.**

To apply go to the Disciples Women's website: www.discipleswomen.org next go to the right of the page and click Woman-to-Women Worldwide, there you will find all the information that is available. You can download the application or apply online.

The approximate cost for the trip is \$5, 000 dollars. not including personal airfare to/from city of departure. The trip is in October of 2019, but (Exact date TBD).

Thank you.

Blessings~~

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