

EVANGEL

(Disciples of Christ)

June 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 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

Eric Seiler, Chairman of the Board Rob Peterman, Choir Director Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11:00am

www.batteryparkchristianchurch.org bpcc.office@verizon.net



Summer at Battery Park

Our programming always slows down during the summer, but we love getting together and sharing food. So, mark your calendars for the 4th Wednesday of June and the second Wednesday of August to attend a fellowship event. Think of your favorite recipes to share at the Pot Luck dinners on those dates. I've heard that A.T. will entertain in June!

Also, please plan to attend Sunday worship services. Remember, most people are in town most Sundays! Let's keep our numbers up.

Featuring our Membership Department

This month *The Evangel* is featuring the Membership Department at Battery Park. They can always use your help with the many activities in which they are involved, so let Bonnie Garrett know if you'd like to volunteer.

Anything that involves food is on their list, including setup and cleanup. That means if we're having a reception, a potluck dinner, or a breakfast, they're the ones you see running back and forth to the kitchen making sure we're all happily fed. If it's a reception, Bonnie and her team organize the food donations and purchase whatever else is needed. They make sure the Fellowship Hall is decorated.

We will be having a potluck meal this month, so we can look forward to that. Our Battery Park cooks are the best!

When weddings and funerals are being held at the church, Membership opens the doors ahead of time, arranges flowers, cleans the sanctuary and other rooms that have been used, including the bathrooms. They greet attendees and help them find their way. If a church member has died, Membership sends flowers to the family. When we have a new baby born to a church family, they purchase the rose bud for the pulpit.

The homebound member in the Spotlight each week is sure to get at least one greeting card, sent by our Membership Department, with a handwritten note. Often, they send cards to others who are not able to be at church for various reasons, even if they aren't truly homebound. All homebound members receive holiday cards. Membership also helps the minister by addressing the birthday cards being sent to all our members.

We haven't had a new telephone directory for several years, so Membership is currently working to gather the data so a new one can be printed. This is a busy department working behind the scenes.

Staff Openings

We currently have two openings in our Battery Park staff. The first, and most noticeable to those who attend, is the **minister**. We have a committee working on finding a replacement for Rev. Woodall. Tim Williams is heading the effort and would be glad to hear your thoughts. We have an advertisement online in a site that puts prospective people together with churches in need of a minister. We are also working with our Regional Office to obtain the names of ministers who specifically would like to find a Disciples church to serve. While we are a church suffering from a lack of funding and low attendance, we also have a lot to offer. We are a loving church where visitors always feel welcome. We own our building free and clear, and it has a beautiful sanctuary. We have a core group of members who are always ready and willing to help the church and each other.

The second opening is that of **office manager**, also known as church secretary. Our former secretary, Juliette Canada, is healing nicely from her heart attack, but is unable to drive and has some memory loss. We continue to pray for her and wish her the best.

Criteria for this position is as follows:

Part-time – 20 to 25 hours per week.

Previous office experience preferred. Good communication skills a must.

Computer skills with MS Office, Quickbooks and social media.

Send resume and three references to bpcc.office@verizon.net.



One of the microwave ovens in our kitchen has died from old age and heavy use! If you have a spare at home, we would welcome the donation. Or, if you are looking for a nice gift for the church, you can buy new full-size microwaves for around \$140 and up at Ferguson. A basic model is what we need.



June

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!

- 6/2 Mrs. Lois Cosby 1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9210 Richmond, VA 23227
- 6/9 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard 1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149 Richmond, VA 23227
- 6/16 Mr. Bill Gotthardt 7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125 Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 6/23 Mrs. Betty Land 7300 Forest Av., #324A Richmond, VA 23226
- 6/30 Mrs. Lois Cosby

There are several of our members who aren't able to attend on a regular basis and who are not on this list, but are in our thoughts and prayers. A card or a phone call would mean so much.

If you have been unable to come to church and want to be added to our homebound list, please let the church office (804-266-3973) or the Elders know. We miss and pray for everyone who is unable to make it to church.





Congratulations 2019 Graduates

Son of Eric and Melissa Seiler, **Alex Seiler** graduated from Old Dominion University with a BS in Criminal Justice. He is a member of Phi Sigma Pi. He was sworn into the Army National Guard on December 20, 2018 and left May 22 for boot camp in Fort Jackson, SC.

Granddaughter of Fran Pleasants, **Allison Bohannon**, graduated from Radford University with a Degree in Interior Design.

Keep developing your unique dreams and talents that make you who you are by adding goodness and beauty to our world. We are so proud of your hard work and achievements.

"For I know the PLANS
I have for you"
declares the LORD
"plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."

If you had a high school or college graduate in your family this year, please let us know, by calling the church office or Chockie Roberts.



June 2 and 9 we will be accepting your donations for the Pentecost Offering. The money will go to The Disciples Mission Fund to support new church ministries both in our region as well as new faith communities across the U.S. and Canada. The next special offering will be for Reconciliation, and it will be collected at the end of September.

June Birthdays

June birthdays claim two birthstones; **Pearl** and **Alexandrite**. Pearls have been wildly popular in jewelry for centuries because of their natural beauty. **Alexandrite** gemstones are extremely rare and desirable since they change color based on the lighting.

Jenna Peaco	2	Margaret Izquierdo	12
Brooks Heckman	6	Beth McCray	12
Mildred Hill	8	Julia Leber	23
Kelsey Butler Fatsi	12	N. C. Bailey, IV	26

If anyone is inclined not to believe in God, all they need to do is to look at His creation. Even the stones of the earth and the pearls of the ocean are unique and beautiful, as are each of you. Thank you God.

If you find errors, please notify the church office. Thank you.



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 \$37. We 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.

Elder Communion Schedule

	<u>Loat</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Note</u>
June 2 June 9 June 16 June 23 June 30	Richard Garrett Patsy Stockdon Melissa Seiler A.T. Scruggs Eric Seiler	A.T. Scruggs Eric Seiler George Nuckolls Richard Garrett Patsy Stockdon	Pentecost Sunday Father's Day
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Next Elder meeting June 19 at 7:00pm

News from Westminster Canterbury

Ground has been broken for a new Spiritual Enrichment Center at nearby Westminster Canterbury, where several of our church members live. The Cary Montague Chapel, in the Tower Building is no longer large enough to support the services being held there, but the name will carry over to the chapel in the new facility. Also, there will be rooms for fellowship and education. Westminster Canterbury is putting their mission as a faith-based organization first by investing in the new Spiritual Enrichment Center as the next project in a multi-year plan.



Visit Cane Ridge – Birthplace of our Faith

As part of your summer travels, you might want to see the birthplace of the Disciples Church and the final resting place of Barton Stone, one of our founders.

Cane Ridge Meeting House
1655 Cane Ridge Rd. (Hwy. 537)

Paris, KY 40362

Open until Oct. 31, Mon. – Sat. 9 to 5, Sunday 1 - 5