

# **EVANGEL**

(Disciples of Christ)

April 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 Juliette Canada, Office Manager Rob Peterman, Choir Director Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11:00am

# Join Us! Easter - April 21

Rejoice in the Resurrection!

Coffee Hour with pastries 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Worship Celebration 11:00 a.m.



### **Board News**

At this time of year we look forward to the newness of everything. Spring welcomes in new life. Easter brings us the resurrection. This is also a time to look forward to our future at Battery Park Christian Church.

Over the past sixteen months the Lifeboat Committee has worked to face the "elephant in the room" of BPCC. Dwindling membership and income, matched against increasing repair and maintenance costs had taken their toll over the last decade or more. The departure of a pastor, to many churches, may seem like a reason to close their doors.

At the March board meeting, the Lifeboat Committee made a recommendation to the board. The board of Battery Park Christian Church has decided to move forward with the Search Committee to secure a new pastor who will lead BPCC into the future. The new pastor will be tasked with growing our church and reigniting our membership. We will blossom again, like the flowers of the field and become a growing congregation.

If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts of what you would like to see in a new pastor, please speak with a member of the search committee: Tim Williams, Harold Englert, Eric Seiler, Richard Garrett, AT Scruggs, Patsy Stockdon.

Should you have any questions in this time of transition, please feel free to reach out to Eric Seiler, Board Chair, or Richard Garrett, Chair of the Elders.

# April Birthdays

April's birth stone is a **diamond**. Most diamond jewelry is "colorless" or clear, but they can also range from *pink* to *red*, *white* to *yellow*, or *green* to *blue*.

Ben Boykin	8	Mandy Williams	23
Alyssa Peaco	10	Phaedra Knowles-Jermeay	23
Judy Pollard	12	Chris LeBlanc	24
Jason Richardson	13	Jean Carr	25
Lois Cosby	16	Vivian Palmore	26
Audrey Heckman	19	Thomas Huth-Scruggs	28
Teri Butler	19		

The **diamond** is the traditional birthstone of **April** and holds significant meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

This gem reflects the glory of our Creator as do our April birth honorees. We thank God for you.

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



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!

- 4/7 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard 1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149 Richmond, VA 23227
- 4/14 Mr. Bill Gotthardt 7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125 Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 4/21 Mrs. Betty Land 7300 Forest Av., #324A Richmond, VA 23226
- 4/28 Mrs. Lilly Adams 7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 124 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.

If you have been unable to come to church and want to be added to our homebound list, please let the church office or 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>
April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28	Tim Williams Richard Garrett Patsy Stockdon George Nuckolls	Patsy Stockdon AT Scruggs Eric Seiler	Palm Sunday Easter Sunday
May 5	AT Scruggs	Richard Garrett	
May 12	Eric Seiler	Tim Williams	Mother's Day
May 19	George Nuckolls	Patsy Stockdon	Pentecost Offering
May 26	Tim Williams	Melissa Seiler	Pentecost Offering

Next Elder meeting April 17th at 7:00pm



# 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.

### **CRAIG SPRINGS 2019 CAMP SCHEDULE** If you register before May 15 Save \$40.00 plus get a free T-Shirt!

#### **Craig Springs Camp & Retreat**

Registration must be post marked no later than the deadline of May 15 to receive the early registration discount.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Camp</u>	Total by May 15	Total after May 15
May 24-26	Adult Work Weekend		FREE
June 24-28	Nature Camp	\$335	\$335
June 30-July 5	Special Camp	\$335	\$335
July 8-13	AMPDD Camp	\$347	\$387
July 14-19	First Triple	\$347	\$387
July 28-Aug 2	Second Triple	\$347	\$387
August 4-9	New Covenant	\$347	\$347
August 9-12	*Family Retreat	\$75 per adult, \$50 for unde	er 18, free for 5 years and under.

## **\$25 DISCOUNT**

1. For campers attending more than one week-long event. AND/OR

2. If you have more than one child attending a week-long camping event, each additional child receives a \$25 discount.

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