



## 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](http://www.batteryparkchristianchurch.org)  
[bpcc.office@verizon.net](mailto:bpcc.office@verizon.net)



## Thank you note.

Thank you for the beautiful plant that you sent in memory of my mother, Lily Adams. We have it at home and are enjoying it daily. My mother loved Battery Park. I know that she missed coming every Sunday once she was no longer able to. Thank you for all of the visits and cards and weekly bulletins you would send her. I will never forget the thoughtfulness and kindness you showed my mother.

Jimmy Adams, May 22, 2019

# ***A Lively Church***

**Author Unknown**

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A lively church has parking problems; a dead church doesn't.

A lively church has lots of "noisy" children and young people; a dead church is fairly quiet.

A lively church often changes the way things are done; a dead church doesn't.

A lively church often asks for more program and mission money; a dead church tries to keep plenty of money in the treasury.

A lively church asks people to open up and risk involvement; a dead church plays it safe and never risks.

A lively church seeks challenges and opportunities; a dead church never makes mistakes.

A lively church uses its tradition and facilities to serve people; a dead church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions.

A lively church believes in God's future and "lets go" with faith; a dead church believes in the past and "holds on".

A lively church is filled with committed givers; a dead church is filled with tippers.

A lively church dares to dream great dreams for God's kingdom; a dead church has nightmares.

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## Update on Staff Openings

Good news, especially for those who have been volunteering in our church office. **We have hired a new secretary.** Marion Timbrook will begin on July 15. She seems highly qualified, having served as a church secretary in the past. Bonnie Garrett and June Taylor will be training her. Special thanks go to June Taylor, our beloved former secretary, who has been coming in once a week to help in the office during this transition time. Bonnie Garrett is looking forward to getting back to being “retired” since she has been at church several days each week (Richard, too). Susie Bodenheimer and Patsy Stockdon have also volunteered.

The Ministerial Search Committee has been meeting and corresponding regularly. One possibility, which will be voted on at the July board meeting, is to hire a temporary **Intentional Interim Minister** who will help us through the process of discovering our needs and wants and reviewing resumes. He would also preach on most Sundays. Board members should make every effort to be at that meeting, July 17 at 7 p.m.

## July Board Meeting

July 17 at 7 p.m. is the next Official Board meeting. It's important that all deacons, elders and department directors attend. You may send a report to the church office with a request to have these printed if you wish. Remember that we will be voting on whether to hire an intentional interim minister.

## Theatrical Opportunity

The youth in the Musical Ministry at Reveille United Methodist Church will be performing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* July 11 – 13. Tickets are free. Reserve seats by contacting Rachel Sanders at [bit.ly/joseph-tickets.com](http://bit.ly/joseph-tickets.com). If you have questions, phone the church at 804-359-6041. It sounds like a fun event for a group of friends.

## 2019 General Assembly This Month

Our annual Disciples General Assembly begins July 20 in Des Moines. BPCC would normally send our minister, but in his or her absence, if anyone wants to attend at your own cost, you can certainly register and participate as a voting member of the assembly. We are entitled to 2 voting members.

Information about registration, business items to be discussed, costs, and events can be found at [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org).



## *July*

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! Notice that two members have been added to the list since the previous Evangel.

- 7/7 Jean Carr  
7080 Brooks Farm Road, #210  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
  
- 7/14 Mrs. Lois Cosby  
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9210  
Richmond, VA 23227
  
- 7/21 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard  
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149  
Richmond, VA 23227
  
- 7/28 Mr. Bill Gotthardt  
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
  
- 8/4 Mrs. Betty Land  
7300 Forest Av., #324A  
Richmond, VA 23226
  
- 8/11 Rev. Doug Bobbio  
1711 Bellevue Ave., D-717  
Richmond, VA 23227

**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.**

# ***July Birthdays***

The July Birthstone is **Ruby**. The official birthstone for July is the ravishing red Ruby which is associated with devotion, integrity, courage and happiness.

Cynthia Butler	4	Frank Carr	18
Meesha Joshua	5	Harold Englert	20
David Ramos	9	Betty Huth	28
Scot Patterson	11	Billy Garthright, Jr.	30
Seth Williams	11	Mary Kellison	30
Tom Carr	17	Laura Stone	31

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 with 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 only \$37 and you may carry them home or ask that they be delivered to someone who has been ill or is homebound. 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>Loaf</u>	<u>Cup</u>
July 7	Patsy Stockdon	Richard Garrett
July 14	George Nuckolls	Melissa Seiler
July 21	Tim Williams	Patsy Stockdon
July 28	Patsy Stockdon	Richard Garrett

**Next Elders' meeting August 21 at 7:00 pm**

**In the absence of a minister, the elders will be making visits to homebound members.**

## **Richmond Hill Retreat**

*Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and intentional residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Our Mission is to seek God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development. (mission statement)*

Scheduled retreats for the summer are listed below. Phone 804-783-7903 or visit their website at [retreats@richmondhillva.org](mailto:retreats@richmondhillva.org) for more information.

**Individual Retreats** – for persons who desire rest and time to seek God. May be taken in 24 hr. increments between Tuesday 4 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Spiritual guidance is available. Recommended donations \$80 to \$100.

**First Friday Retreats** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a day for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal. Suggested donation \$20, includes lunch. Mimi Weaver, spiritual director and life coach will facilitate.

**Listening to the Silence** – Second Tuesday of each month 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrive at 8:45. Lunch and chapel are included. Bring your Bible but not your cell phones. Suggested donation is \$20. Spiritual director, Rita Ricks will facilitate these sessions.