



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 - 2pm

Eric Seiler, Chairman of the Board
Marion Timbrook, Office Manager
Rob Peterman, Choir Director

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please bring in canned goods, and other non-perishable food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and place it in the basket at the top of the stairs. The food will be taken after church on December 1 to the Food Bank at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. St. Thomas counts on BPC every year to help replenish the food supply as the cold weather approaches. Thanks in advance for your support of this ministry.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

At a church I once served, every worship gathering began with these familiar words from the Psalmist. “This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it”.

I am rejoicing with gladness in these days, in transitions, and in our new ministry together. I am privileged and excited to serve as your new Senior Minister at Battery Park Christian Church. From my first conversations with the search committee to attending a summer dinner and talent show, I have seen that this is a place full of love and Good News.

I am also filled with joy to be back in Richmond. This will be my third season of life in the River City. As a child I attended Ginter Park Elementary School. Later I attended Union Presbyterian Seminary where I met my wife, Elizabeth, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister. After years in school and churches up north, it’s good to be back home. I also look forward to finding ways that BPCC can be a large and faithful presence in the city.

My first sermon at Battery Park will be November 24th at our usual 11 a.m. service. However, I will be in the office beginning on November 18th and would love to meet as many folks as I can. Feel free to stop by and tell me about your own vision for the church. Let’s grab a cup of coffee at Stir Crazy or an early morning breakfast at Dot’s Back Inn. In these days that the Lord has made, I look forward to hearing how you love this church and your hopes for next steps in our life together.

I count this ministry at Battery Park Christian Church as nothing less than a blessing. Thank you for inviting me to join you on your faith journey.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Jonah Smith-Bartlett

SPOT- LIGHT ON...

NOVEMBER

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!

11/3 Mr. Douglas Bobbio
1711 Bellevue Ave., D-717
Richmond, VA 23227

11/10 Mr. Bill Gotthardt
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

11/17 Mrs. Betty Land
7300 Forest Ave. #324-A
Henrico, VA 23226

11/24 Mr. Douglas 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.

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.



November Birthdays

November has two birthstones - **Topaz** and **Citrine**. Topaz is usually associated with brilliant shades of blue, however it comes in nearly a rainbow of colors from yellow to orange as well as shades of pink and purple. Citrine is a golden gemstone with shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish-orange.

Teeny Vaughan	4
Rob Wagner	4
Billy Kinsey	5
Seth Gayle	8
Eileen Sellers	11
Ellen Huth	13
Jerusha Moses	15
Harris Butler	17
Bonnie Garrett	21
Kelly Brooks	22
Gesla Nwankpa-Rockingham	23
Douglas Bobbio	26
Cathi Brooks	26
Jason Heckman	27
John Stoner	27
Xavier Carr	27
Drew Pollard	28
Sherry Saunders	28
Adena Patterson	29
Christian Heckman	30



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.

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It's that time of the year to be thinking about ordering Poinsettias for the upcoming Christmas season. Orders will be taken November 17th, November 24th, and December 1st.



Elder Communion Schedule

Loaf

Nov. 3 A.T. Scruggs
Nov. 10 Richard Garrett
Nov. 17 Eric Seiler
Nov. 24 George Nuckolls

Cup

Tim Williams
Patsy Stockdon
Melissa Seiler
A.T. Scruggs

Next Elders' meeting December 18 at 7:00 pm

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



The following memorials
have been received by
Battery Park Christian Church

In memory of Molly Echols
by
Tuckahoe Orthopaedic Associates
and Patsy Stockdon

In memory of Jean Carr
by
Jeanette Daniel, Daniel Rice,
Norita Guild, Patsy Stockdon,
Thomas and Linda McKittrick,
Nancy Phillips and Miriam Tucker

Church Profile

Miriam S. Blake

Miriam Blake is a native of Wilmington, Ohio. She had a brother (now deceased) and has a younger sister. She received a B.S.L. degree from Cincinnati Christian University in 1953, where she studied Church Music, a B. S. in Elementary Education from VCU in 1969, and a MEd in Early Childhood Education from VCU in 1976.

She retired in 1988, after 27 years of teaching grades 1-3 in public schools in Hanover and Chesterfield Counties. Since then, she has done substitute teaching in those grades in Richmond City Public Schools.

Miriam has studied piano from her earliest years, and has been accompanist for several groups, as well as for numerous individual soloists. She was organist and pianist for Westside Christian Church in Richmond, Va. for twenty-five years, organist and choirmaster at the Holly Ridge-Lakeside Christian Church (now Trinity Christian Church) in Mechanicsville, Va. 1999-2002, and pianist at Battery Park Christian Church in Richmond, Va. 2005-2007.

She originated the course, *Come, Let Us Sing*, for the Shepherd's Center of Richmond, and has taught it at the West End, Southside and Northside Centers over the 1999-2007. She has also performed *Come, Let Us Sing* programs for numerous groups in the Richmond area.

She is also a Master Gardener and has had her State Real Estate License.

Miriam is married to William E. Blake, Jr. They have three grown children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Miriam and Bill have lived at Westminster Canterbury Richmond since Aug., 2014.

