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Letter from our Pastor

Dear friends,

We are entering Lent. This is a time of waiting as, not too far down the road, Holy Week will be upon us. It will culminate in Easter, and we will sing joyful songs of a new season and a new life.

For many Christians, Lent is seen as a solemn time. That seriousness and solemnity is often lived out by “giving something up for Lent”, putting a usual, joyful treat or activity on hold until that Easter brass sounds. In the past, with varying degrees of success, during the season of Lent I have “given up” sugar, video games, television, caffeine, and social media. Occasionally a turning toward God or a deepening of faith fills these gaps. Also, occasionally, I sit with a frustrated sweet tooth and remember that I am paying for Netflix even if I’m not using it.

For those reasons, but certainly for much more meaningful reasons than that, I have followed the examples of fellow Christians and church leaders and “added something” for Lent. Personally, it is much more powerful to increase the faith-centered time rather than diminish the (often sustaining) treats of life.

What could this look like? Perhaps it is taking an extra thirty minutes every day to read scripture. Perhaps it is time spent in prayer every evening, lifting up the names of those we know and the issues of the world that we can’t even begin to comprehend. Maybe it is something similar to my Lenten practice this year, finding ways each week to reach out to the parts and the people of the community who most need the Good News of the Gospel.

Whether you give something up, take something on, or just live in expectation, I am grateful to walk this Lenten journey with you. Our eyes and our lives are firmly fixed on that horizon where the stone is rolled away and the tomb is conquered once again.

Peace and grace,

Jonah

save the date

Battery Park Christian Church and DOC Regional Minister the Reverend Bill Spangler-Dunning request your presence for the installation of Reverend Jonah Smith-Bartlett at Battery Park Christian Church on Sunday, July 26, 2020. Details and Invitation to follow



Welcome Lisa Beckwith!

Have you noticed a new face in the office, or a new voice on the phone? We welcome Lisa Beckwith to BPCCC this month! Lisa comes to us with over ten years of experience in ministry across Richmond. She is a graduate of VCU with a BA in Religion and has served across the state in Christian camp management and youth ministry. She works at BPCCC part time and for

Bethany Christian Services as the Safe Families for Children Church Engagement Coordinator.

Volunteers Needed!

Firehouse Theatre group is bringing a mobile production of Hansel and Gretel to BPCCC's backyard on May 2. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate welcoming the group and the community to our church the day of. Please email the office if you can help.



Battery Park Member Spotlight

Jeanette Daniel

Jeanette Daniel and her former husband (Ellis) met Jean and Earl Garthright in a square dance class around 1968 and, through them, began attending Battery Park Christian Church. Ellis and their 3 children (Chris, Jason, and Lauren) were all eventually baptized at BPCC. Jeanette transferred her membership from Victoria Methodist Church.

Jeanette graduated from Victoria High School, Victoria, Virginia in 1960 and from Johnston-Willis Hospital School of Nursing in 1963. During her years as a registered nurse, she worked several clinical supervisory positions before becoming involved in the field of infection prevention and control/epidemiology. In 1974, Jeanette attended a related training course at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prior to starting the first Infection Control Program at Retreat Hospital in Richmond, VA in January 1975; she completed an advanced practice course at the University of Virginia a year later followed by 38 years of practice and continuing education. In 1996 when Retreat became part of the HCA hospital system, Jeanette became manager of the infection control program at Henrico Doctors' Hospital-Forest Campus. She was a charter member of the Virginia chapter of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and, during her career, served in many elected and appointed positions both at the state and national level. She also served a 3-year term on the international Certification Board for Infection Control & Epidemiology (CBIC). After retirement from hospital work in 2008, she continued to practice as a consultant where she often said she got to focus on the fun parts of her previous work, in particular the education and training of new infection preventionists.



Work took her to more than half the states and many times to her favorite, Alaska. Along the way, Jeanette became a single parent as well as Grandmother. She continued as a longtime member of Battery Park Christian Church and served terms as Deaconess and Board Secretary. Following a second (and permanent) retirement in 2014, Jeanette moved to Westminster Canterbury where she now resides as do several other BPCC members. One of her favorite bible verses is Matthew Chapter 5, Verse 40 and she enjoys frequent opportunities at WCR to serve in this way.



Battery Park Christian Church Lenten Bible Study

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

6:00pm Dinner 6:30 - 8:00pm Bible Study

“Do you ever feel like Jesus couldn’t possibly know what you are going through? He’s the God of the universe after all! Does he really know your daily struggles? The good news is: he does.”

Rev. Jonah will be using the book, *Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado as a guide line to the study. You do not need to purchase the book to be active in the studies. Nor do you need to help prepare a meal. However, there will be a sign-up sheet each week for those who would like to help with food preparation.

BPCC In the Movies!



Battery Park had a little fling with fame last Thursday as we hosted the cast and crew of an upcoming television show! At least one segment is being filmed right around the corner on Seminary – in fact the house being featured once belonged to Rose and Tom Blue, former members. The week before, a production team member of the show called Swagger, stopped by the church to ask if we had a space they could rent for serving lunch to cast and crew. Bonnie Garrett was available to show them our facility. They said they would need to feed over 100 people, but they would be bringing their own caterers and would do the setup, etc. For this, the church would be paid. It was quickly agreed that we could accommodate them, so on the 27th, our Fellowship Hall area was hopping as people came and went.

Susie Bodenheimer said she walked around the block and saw many trucks, generators and people involved in the production.

Swagger! is an upcoming American drama web television series and produced for Apple TV+. The series is set to be written and directed by Rock Bythewood who will also executive produce alongside Kevin Durant, Brian Grazer, Francie Calfo, and Rich Kleiman.

Richmond Public Schools McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program Donation Items Needed

BPCC will be collecting items for the homeless students at John Marshall High School from during Lent. Please place items on table outside of the kitchen.

Food Items Needed

- Pop-Top Soups/Cup of Noodles
- Pop-Top spaghetti/ravioli/chili
- Canned meats
- Boxes of Cereal (small/regular)
- Instant oatmeal /Grits
- Fruit Snacks
- Mixed Nuts/Dried Fruit Mixes
- Individual boxes of Raisins
- Fruit Cups/Applesauce cups
- Packets of Precooked Brown Rice
- Granola Bars
- Protein/Meal Bars (i.e. Clif Bars, Luna Bars)
- Peanut Butter (Individual containers/regular containers)
- Jelly
- Boxes and individual packs of crackers, goldfish, fig bars, animal crackers, teddy grahams
- Microwavable Popcorn packets (low-butter/sodium)
- Healthy Choice type instant pasta/rice meals/Mac & Cheese
- Bags of Beans and Brown Rice
- Juice boxes/sports drinks/bottled water/tea bags/hot chocolate

- Evaporated Milk/Soy Milk (refrigerate after opening)

Hygiene Items Needed

- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Floss
- Tampons/pads
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Combs/brushes
- Socks
- Winter gloves/hats
- Bath Towels

Household Items

- Paper plates, cups, silverware
- Paper Towels
- Zip lock bags
- Trash bags
- Dish Soap
- Handsoap

*Nonperishable canned goods, pastas and rice will also be accepted.

Also needed are gently used backpacks and belts.

*We send items home with students in paper grocery bags or those reusable bags so if you want to donate those too we would love to have them!

Contact Laura Wagner, wagner5@mindspring.com for more information.



Notice the Improvements?

Have you noticed changes around the building? We have a bunch of members to thank for their efforts – too many to risk leaving someone out – they know who they are. We always have other fun projects that need to be done as well. Call the office if you want to help!

Completed

- Painted main hallway
- Replacement of light bulbs to LED
- Maintenance and painting benches outside the Fellowship Hall
- Cleaned-out and purged of items in the worship room
- Reorganized the library
- Repaired kitchen drawers
- Replaced emergency exit lights
- Fixed plumbing disaster (o.k. this was - Richard Garrett who got drenched)!

In the works

- A park bench at the bus stop for neighbors to rest while waiting (GRTC is looking into it for us)
- Repair of several chairs (volunteers need to schedule a date)
- An entrance sign outside the Bellevue door (design has been drawn, but pricing and board approval incomplete).

On the wish list – Please let the office know if you are able to donate your time or resources to these projects.

- Spring/summer lawn maintenance such as pruning and weed pulling.
- Weeding gravel areas with a spray.
- Monitor the building during outside group activities as needed.
- Painting rooms, doors, trim work, as assigned by our Property Department
- Cleaning spaces not included in our weekly professional cleaning
- Sponsoring a bathroom or classroom doing whatever is necessary to bring it up to date,
- Repairing and/or upholstering furnishings in the parlor.
- Breaking down 2 old picnic tables and hauling them away
- Using Old English on the sanctuary pews and wainscot.

It's time to order your 2020 Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter flowers will be taken on **March 1, 8 and 15**. The Worship Department would like to make lilies, hydrangea, and geranium available this year. **You must have your orders in by Wednesday, March 18.**

Please make checks payable to Battery Park Christian Church. To ensure that orders do not

go astray, the order form and your payment should be given to Vivian Palmore. Flowers should be picked up after Easter Service.

Lilies - White	6.5" pot	\$11.50
Hydrangeas	6.5" pot	\$20.00
Geraniums	6.5" pot	\$9.00



Craig Springs Work Weekend May 22-24

Every year Craig Springs hosts two weekends to open and close the camp for the summer season. These weekends are opportunities to meet other camp supporters and work on the camp that we love so much. Work Weekends are open to persons of every age and skill level. Free food and lodging are given in exchange for labor. Typical projects range from painting, cleaning, and organizing, to working in flower beds, repairing plumbing, carpentry, electrical, and landscape maintenance. If anyone from Battery Park Christian Church would like to attend the May weekend please contact Patsy Stockdon.

Save the Date Disciples Women SPA Day 2020 April 18, 2020

Timberlake Christian Church
20261 Lynchburg Highway
Lynchburg, Va 24502



In the Community

One goal of the city Office on Aging and Persons with Disabilities is to promote lifelong learning through adult educational programs for seniors (over 55).

Ballot Battle: Richmond’s Social Struggle for Women’s Suffrage

Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Register by calling 804-646-1082. All classes are held at the Huguenot Community Center



Thank you to the congregation for donating \$686 to Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

End of Year Giving Statements

To receive your end of year giving statements please text Nancy Phillips at 804-543-5405



Carolyn Garthright	3/02
Joshua Ice	3/02
Laura Wagner	3/04
Jefferey Bobbio	3/08
Bill Nuckolls	3/10
Trinity Carr	3/16
Lisa Nuckolls	3/18
Melissa Siler	3/22
Anne N. Colgin	3/25
Cheryl Williams	3/27
Tim Williams	3/29

Blessings to you, and may you have many more happy birthdays!

Our finances

Income and Expenses, Feb 1 - Feb 29, 2020

Income	
Offering	13,442
Building use	3,400
Other	1,207
Total Income	18,049
Expenses	
Personnel	12,388
Utilities and Maintenance	10,864
Unexpected Major Expenses	2,495
Other	3,338
Total expenses	29,085
Net loss (taken from reserves)	(11,036)