

# OUTREACH



April

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*From our Pastor . . .*

## **An Easter of Unending Joy**

The pageantry and excitement of Easter morning is only days away now. The reflective restraints of Lent are fading. Even as the natural world is awakening, so also our spirits are ready to rise up and joyfully proclaim, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

That we will greet Easter morning with unrestrained joy is not open to question. What IS open to question is how we will face the day AFTER Easter. Will the joy end with the setting sun of Easter Day, or as the hymn says, will we have an “Easter of unending joy”?

Easter joy is by definition UNENDING joy. Sure, the excitement will be over for another year. But the joy of Easter is LASTING joy – a joy which will carry us through all of life’s journeys, and strengthen us for our heaviest burdens. Easter joy is lasting joy because it is born in the facing of death head on – and in the discovery that the God who raised Jesus raises us also above the toils and turmoil of our daily lives.

So, as we enter Holy Week and reach for Easter Sunday, let our prayer be that God will...

*Abide with us, that so this life of suffering overpast,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

**Interfaith “Triologue” coming soon  
April 22 - April 29 - May 6  
Or Ami Synagogue – Islamic Center – BAPC**

Later this month BAPC will join with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors in a three part “trialogue” program series. Beginning Wednesday, April 22, at 7 PM these three congregations will meet together for information and conversation about our faith traditions. BAPC will host the first “trialogue” event on Wednesday, April 22, followed by evenings at the Islamic Center (April 29) and Or Ami Synagogue (May 6). All are welcome! Details will follow in the *Weekly News* (email newsletter) and the Sunday bulletins.

R. Charles Grant

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### *Highlights this month . . .*

*April 1      Confirmation Dinner & Service*  
*April 19     Blood Drive*  
*April 20     RISC*  
*April 26     SSSJ Concert (4th Sunday)*



## birthdays/ anniversaries

### APRIL

- 1 Zoe Nelson, Sandy Black,
- 2 Debra Turner, Wendy Honse,
- 5 Walter Jefferson  
*Frank & Ethel Barrett*
- 6 Bailey Holland, Alan & Kathy Sestak
- 7 Calvin Hancock, Laura Myers,  
Suzanne Huffine  
*Norm & Gail Negaard*
- 8 Russ Wilson, John Swecker
- 9 Francis Church, Barbara Nichols
- 10 Gay Lynn Van Vleck  
*Deborah & Harold Houghton*
- 11 Bubba Britton
- 12 Gail Negaard, Joe Turner, Jr.,  
Corinne Agnew
- 13 David Waltenbaugh, Peggy  
Sinclair-Morris
- 14 Ray McAllister, Paul Leatherman
- 15 Bob Manning
- 18 Jamie McAllister, Kathy Andes
- 19 Tom Hephner, Adam Olsen
- 20 Angela Josie, Laura Greer
- 21 Mary Beth Tombes, Ruthie Grant,  
Sven Olsen, *Dave & Carolyn Carper*
- 22 Flora Trulove,
- 23 Chris Olsen, Anne Pedin, Jeff Foster
- 24 Max Allen, Lindsey Turner  
*Carolyn & John Johnson*
- 25 Nina Hancock, Adam Beigbeder
- 26 Sidney Whitlock, Renée Comstock,  
Harvey Morris, III
- 27 Sandy Thornburg
- 28 Jeanne Yuk
- 29 George Comstock, Casey Foster,  
Andrew Carper
- 30 Liz Allums, Karen Eggleston  
*Russ & Halma Wilson*

## Letters . . .

Dear BAPC Friends,  
I started out trying to phone or write a note to all the people who sent me cards, made visits, offered prayers and brought food to Pat and I while I was recovering from my heart surgery but I found the task to be overwhelming. I would like to thank all the people at BAPC for their kindness, support and expressions of concern and care during my recovery. Thanks to all those who have had this surgery who visited or sent me letters sharing their recovery experiences. I feel very fortunate to be a member of this church and its community of caring.

God Bless,  
Harry Marxen

Dear Friends:

My family and I greatly appreciate the love and respect shown by members and friends of BAPC upon the loss of my wife, Sophie Lou. Cards, calls, the prayer shawl and so many memorial gifts were indeed a tribute from a deeply caring congregation. We especially thank Charles, Steve Henley, Stephanie Ault, Ben Houghton and the Chancel Choir for an unforgettable memorial tribute. We sincerely thank you.

Beth, Todd and Curt Acker

Dear Friends,

We thank you again for all the cards, calls, visits, meals, snacks and flowers that you continue to rain on us. Your support is awesome and appreciated very, very much.

Many thanks.  
Liz and John Rupp

To our BAPC Family,

Our sincere thanks to all of you for your cards, phone calls and prayers during the recent loss of Leonard's mother. Your prayers sustained us during a difficult time. We are forever grateful.

Leonard & Joan Jackson

Dear Bon Air Friends,

We are so grateful for the outpouring of care shown to Sven and me during this difficult time for us. The visits, calls, meals, cards and plants mean so much. I am particularly blessed to have such a wonderful nurse in Sven. Being confined to this body brace would be impossible without his care. What a blessing to be a part of such a warm and caring community as we have in Bon Air Presbyterian.

Warmest Regards,  
Gay & Sven Olsen



**Prayer Ministry** To request prayer support from our church's prayer chain, or to join in this ministry, please call Deborah Houghton at 272-9495 (debho@comcast.net) or the church office at 272-7514 (office@bonairpc.org)

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## Discipleship Opportunities



**April 19  
8—Noon**

The next BAPC Blood Drive will be **Sunday, April 19** from 8 AM until Noon. Sign-ups are available through the church office or on the sheet in the foyer. You can check availability on-line at [www.bonairpc.org/service/bdrive.htm](http://www.bonairpc.org/service/bdrive.htm). In addition, if you have any questions please contact Kris Morelli at **804-310-1068** or by email [kmorelli@Comcast.net](mailto:kmorelli@Comcast.net). BAPC is very fortunate to have a number of regular donors who walk-in. We appreciate your donation, but it is much easier to schedule the right size blood mobile and appropriate staff if you sign-up in advance, so please consider doing so.

In order to donate blood you must be 18 years old, or 16-17 years old with a parents permission via the Parental Consent Form (<http://www.vablood.org/pdfs/DS%2037-11.pdf>) and:

- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in good health on the donation day

You can find the complete eligibility list at [http://www.vablood.org/blood\\_donation\\_eligibility.php](http://www.vablood.org/blood_donation_eligibility.php)

Thanks for considering a donation!



**RISC is on the move!  
Join the movement!**

**RISC** (Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities) is headed for this justice ministry's big, annual event, the **Nehemiah Action Meeting** and we need all of you to be on board. This year's **Action** will take place Monday, April 20 – 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1127 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The research committees have been hard at work developing plans of action in the areas of Education and Healthcare and lining up officials who will hear our concerns and commit to making changes.

RISC has had real success from one of last year's Actions, which has led to the development of a drug rehab center at the City Jail. That success was, in large part, due to the great turnout we had at last year's Action Meeting – it was hard for city officials to ignore the voices of over 800 members of the Richmond faith community who were present May 12, 2008, at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

This year we are committed to bringing together 1100 congregation members from all over the greater Richmond area in order to make justice happen. In Micah 6:8, we are asked; .....”and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” RISC is asking you to give three hours of your time, that's all, to be part of doing justice in God's world. Is that too much to ask? I don't think so. Members of the Bon Air RISC team will be asking you to join in representing our congregation on April 20. Please give this prayerful consideration and agree to be at the **Nehemiah Action**. Carpooling will be arranged - you won't be required to drive if you are not comfortable doing so.

For more information about RISC and the meeting, please contact one of the RISC Team Members: Louise Armstrong, Mark Fagerburg, Charles Grant, Calvin Hancock, Nina Hancock, Harold Houghton, John Rupp, Mark Siegel, Gina Turner or Martha Singdahlsen.

One Great Hour



of Sharing

### Easter Offering Received

**April 5  
April 12**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, please respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.



## Adult Education for Spring



### *Living the Questions 2.0*

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative study that allows the participants to seek answers to their faith through questioning. Within this class, participants will not only interact with one another in exploring some of today's best theological minds, but will strive together to understand Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Each session will include a 20 minute video segment with leading voices of faith that illustrate aspects of evolving faith and spiritual practices. Selected topics of discussion include: Social Justice and Realizing God's Vision, Evil and Suffering, Prayer, and Stories of Creation. This class will begin April 19 and be led by members of the Adult Education Committee. Join us each Sunday this spring in room 101-103 as we explore ways in which we are called into covenant with God and how we can reclaim the world that the Creator of us all has provided.

### *"Mere Christianity" an approach of Christian Apologetics* - Taught by Rev. Smith

Christian apologetics is a field of Christian theology that aims to present a rational basis for the Christian faith, defend against objections, and expose perceived flaws of other world views. C.S. Lewis writes in this field in his book *Mere Christianity*. Lewis approaches the Christian Faith from the perspective of historical evidence, philosophical arguments, scientific investigation, and other disciplines. Taken from BBC broadcasts and 'Radio Talks' during WW II, Lewis compiled his Talks in this wonderful faith inspiring book. Lewis writes, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Join us Sunday Mornings beginning April 19 in room 104 as we explore "Mere Christianity" and allow this timeless book to illumine our lives.

## PALM SUNDAY



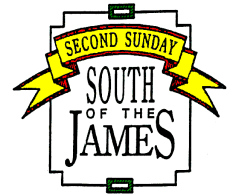
### The Book Group

*Tuesday, April 21—1:30 pm*

The book discussion group meets every third Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the church library. The book of the month is *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Leader: Bev Berry

## Music Corner

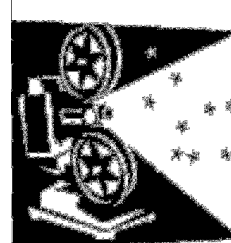
April 26  
4 pm



Dmitri Shteinberg, concert pianist and assistant professor of music at Virginia Commonwealth University, will perform Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at Bon Air Presbyterian Church as part of the Second Sunday South of the James Concert Series. Note the date change!

A native of Moscow, Shteinberg studied at the Gnessin Special School of Music and holds a doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. Shteinberg has performed in concert halls in North America, Europe and Israel.

Admission to the concert will be by donation. Information is available at 272-7514.



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**April 26**

### *Amazing Grace*

Based on a true story, this historical drama tells the story of William Wilberforce, an 18th-century English politician who fought for the abolition of slavery. Despite staunch opposition, Wilberforce waged an aggressive campaign using boycotts, petitions and slogans, and was inspired by John Newton, the sea captain who wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace." Food for the body, mind, and soul. All interested adults are invited to watch and discuss this month's film *Amazing Grace* from 5:00-7:30. Bring a bag supper to eat as we watch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy good company, a great film, and lively discussion to stimulate our faith. Friends are always welcome!



# THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, March 8, the Session:

- Heard a report from Commissioners, Calvin Hancock and Beth Unroe, to the February 21, Presbytery meeting.
- Approved to purchase a new personal computer for the church office for up to \$500 from the Memorial Fund.
- Heard that an evaluation of a new church software program is underway to replace the existing program used since year 2000.
- Heard a report on a second sign that will be used to announce special events at the church. Also, three offsite directional signs to the church are ready for installation.
- Approved a revised staff personnel policy to include better clarity and operational flexibility.
- Heard that the February 15, Blood Drive had 21 donors which exceeded the target of 20 donors.
- Heard that 19 people had indicated an interest in taking Yoga classes at the church. It is planned to have a morning and an evening class.
- Approved to purchase, with funds from the Memorial Fund, a new wireless mike for the Sanctuary which will replace a mike that was no longer working.



Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Liz Fairly** by Ruth Pollingue, Keith M. Fairly, Helen White, Brian White & Amy Waldrop, U.V. & Evelyn Henderson, Eve & Ken Thorson, Martha Singdahlsen, Judith Sutherland, Joyce Winstead, Claudia Johnson, C.T. & Lori Jeffery, Jr., Robert & Kathy Duley, Edith & Gary Smith, Frances A. Edmonson, Nancy & Jerry Finch, Nancy & Grayson Miller, Herbert Chermiside, Lorraine Pecsok, Calvin & Nina Hancock, Pamela & Mike Schwartz, and Clark Leonard & Peggy Harrelson.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Virginia Beck Tompkins** by Sara Jane Cooke.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of **Liz Fairly** by Marvin & Ann Bowling.

Gifts were given to the Benevolence Fund in memory of **Liz Fairly** by Sisters Circle.

Gifts were given to the Preschool Scholarship Fund in memory of **Liz Fairly** by Liz & John Rupp.

## Financial Picture

Year to Date—February 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Receipts			
Pledges	\$80,524	\$83,334	
Other	\$ 5,050	\$ 3,334	
Total	\$85,574	\$86,668	(1,094)
Expenses	\$87,340	\$87,245	95
Net	\$(1,766)	\$( 577)	(1,189)

## Confirmation Dinner and Service

On Wednesday, April 1, we will all celebrate with the Confirmation Class of 2009 as they make their public professions of faith. Class members Bruce Ensley, Julia Gallini, Rebecca Huffine, Rheanna Morris, Joseph Pankey, and Jake Wilkes, will be the guests of honor at our Wednesday night dinner at 6:15 pm. The confirmation service will take place after dinner at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. During the service, the Confirmands will share their own personal faith statements, and we will all have the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper. Confirmation is one of the important events in the life long journey of faith. Join us this evening as we celebrate as a congregation with young people who are products of the fruitful ministries here at Bon Air.





# PYC



## Middle School

Apr 5	3:00-5:00	Assist with Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 5	5:00-6:00	Game Night Bring \$3 for Meal
Apr 5	6:00-6:45	Evening Worship: <b>Triumphant Entry</b>
Apr 12		No Youth meetings
Apr 19	5:00-7:00	Who Are You? Bring \$3 for Meal
April 25-26		Middle School Retreat at Camp Hanover
Apr 26		No Youth

## High School

Apr 5	5:00-6:00	The Gathering Bring \$3 for Meal
Apr 5	6:00-6:45	Evening Worship: <b>Triumphant Entry</b>
Apr 12		No Youth meetings
Apr 19	5:00-7:00	Who Are You? Bring \$3 for Meal
Apr 26	5:00-7:30	Movie Night!

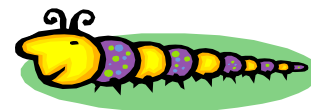
## Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7-8 pm

### Old and New Testaments Characters

We will take a closer look at individuals of the Bible and learn more about their stories.

- \* April 1 Confirmation Service
- \* April 15 The Prophets
- \* April 22 The Disciples
- \* April 29 Paul and his letters

## Kid's Kingdom in WORM



The Worm rotation for the month of April is the Resurrection. The memory verse is Mark 16:6, "*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.*"

The story of the empty tomb is how we learn about Jesus' resurrection. The Gospels do not give us an actual account of the events of the resurrection but we hear in all of them the stories of those who visited the tomb and found it empty. By looking at the story from two different Gospel accounts we learn that our one story of Easter actually comes from many different sources. There are a few things that are similar about both accounts, but it is the differences that add depth and breadth to the resurrection story.

This rotation focuses on the gospel accounts of Mark and John, and teaching the two accounts in one rotation, focusing on the similarities: the emotions, the miraculous nature, and of course the empty tomb while also celebrating the differences in the accounts. This serves as a way of teaching how to critically read the Bible – not just to accept the story as it has been told or as one may remember learning it. Join us for all of our exciting rotations:

- Cooking – children will prepare crescent rolls with marshmallows, when they are baked the marshmallow "disappears"
- Storytelling – a dramatic retelling of the story from the perspective of Mary Magdalene
- Puppetry – 2 groups tell the story from the two gospel texts – discuss after the presentations the differences in the accounts
- AV/Media – show prepared video of church members telling their version of the empty tomb story; compare/contrast that with the two Gospel accounts – see how the one story we know comes from lots of different sources

We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday mornings, as we learn how the empty tomb was a miraculous, world-shattering event which showed God's power and God's redemptive work for all people through the resurrection of Jesus.

If you are interested in serving as a Worm Rotation Leader or for the Gatherings, please contact Beth Unroe or Shawn Thomas Smith for more information. You never know what you mean to the life of a young person until you make the effort, so get involved!



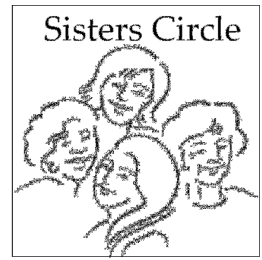
Mature Moderns

**Researching Family History  
April 17—10 am**

Mature Moderns can learn how to tap the Library of Virginia's rich resources to research family history on Friday, April 17, from Minor T. Weisiger, Coordinator, Archives Research Services & Virginia Heritage Resource Center.

Bring a friend for coffee/refreshments at 10 a.m.; program begins at 10:30.

**Sisters Circle**



Our circle has an early seating lunch reservation at St. Paul's Lenten Luncheon on Wed., April 8th. We will meet at church to carpool at 10:30 AM. The lunch begins at 11:45 AM, with service to follow. Kay Richardson will need to call in a final count by Tues., **April 7**. If you need to cancel, please let her know.

Our April meeting will be at the home of Joan Jackson at 10:30 AM. Bring a sandwich. Meet at church at 9:45 AM on Tues., **April 14** if you wish to carpool. Please telephone Joan if you cannot attend.

All kits are due to Jean Hamlett in April. These can be placed in the box in the foyer or given to Jean at the April meeting.

**ACTS**



Calling ALL Middle School Youth (graduated 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and Parents! It is time for ACTS Richmond:

A local mission opportunity for interested middle school youth from various churches in the Presbytery of the James. *ACTS Richmond exists to bring awareness of local mission and service opportunities in the City of Richmond and its surrounding area. It also works to provide a fellowship opportunity for middle school youth to form bonds with other churches and other youth their age.* ACTS has just recently moved under the care of the Presbytery of the James; therefore, more churches and more youth know about ACTS this year. The date for ACTS 2009 is **Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26** and the cost will be \$125 per participant.

Put these dates on your calendar now and reserve your spot as soon as possible, **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!** Applications and Registration forms can be found online at [www.presbyteryofthejames.org/youth1.htm](http://www.presbyteryofthejames.org/youth1.htm) or you may receive them from The Rev. Shawn Thomas Smith. Brochures with all the general information are also available on the youth bulletin board just outside the wormhole. Parents and others wishing to volunteer as **DRIVERS, WE NEED YOU!** ACTS will need many willing volunteer drivers to safely transport all the youth to various service sites around Richmond. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please contact Peter Thompson, Mission and Service Director, @ 704-604-3269 or [peter.thompson@union-psce.edu](mailto:peter.thompson@union-psce.edu).



Bon Air Stitches

(Please note date change)

Our April meeting will be on Monday, April 6 at 1 PM in the church library. In February we donated an assortment of baby blankets, hats, slippers, scarves for both children and adults to Massey Cancer Institute and MCV for a total of 202 pieces. My sincerest thanks to all who have knitted and crocheted all the lovely items. If you have questions about the Stitches please call Rita Kugler at 327-2342. We welcome anyone interested at any time.



Women in the Church

Prime Time Circle will meet on Monday, April 6, at 7:00 pm in the Parlor to hear Louise Armstrong's African Adventures. Hostesses: Nellie Knight & Marjorie Hephner.

Sisters Circle - see separate article.

Bible Study Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:15 in the Beck Room.

# Bread for the World



Bread for the World urges us to contact our legislators urging them to make \$20 billion available for needed changes in this year's reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act. Last year, child nutrition program provided 30 million low-income children with school lunch and breakfast, WIC food packages and summer meals. You might remind your legislators that even brief periods of hunger can permanently affect children's development. Your Senator's zip code is 20510 and your Representative's zip code is 20515



## Youth Retreat



## Attention!!

The 2009 Middle School Retreat "Can Anything GOOD come Out of Nazareth" will be April 25-26 at Camp Hanover. The cost is \$50 and registration forms are due at the church office by Wednesday, April 8. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board outside of Shawn Thomas' office. All Middle School youth are encouraged to attend a weekend together at Camp Hanover to experience God's creation and live in Christian Community.



## 2009 SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

**August 17 thru August 21**

Monday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00  
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Bring your lunch)  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Bring your lunch)  
Friday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00

**Friday closing Program**  
**6:00 p.m. Supper**  
**6:45 p.m. Closing Program**

**Music Camp is for children rising kindergarten to rising sixth grade**  
**Registration fee of \$40.00 per child**

**Send payments with form to:**  
**BAPC—"Music Camp"**  
**9201 W. Huguenot Road**  
**Richmond, VA 23235**

## 2009 SUMMER MUSIC CAMP APPLICATION

### Bon Air Presbyterian Church

**August 17 thru August 21 (schedule above)**

For children rising kindergarten to rising sixth grade. (Make check payable to BAPC- memo line Music Camp)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_





**April 1**  
Confirmation Dinner

**Maundy Thursday (Note Day Change)**  
**April 9**  
Pear Half with Cranberry Sauce  
Hot Chicken Salad  
Green Beans  
Bread  
Banana Pudding

**April 15**  
BBQ Sandwiches (BBQ from Paradise Diner)  
Carolyn's Special Recipe Coleslaw  
Baked or Green Beans  
Wavy Lay's Chips  
Bettie's Famous Desserts

**April 22**  
Taco Salad  
Dessert

**April 29**  
Sidney Whitlock's team

## Follow-Up on Substance Abuse Series



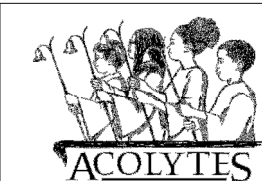
Thanks to Tom Ogburn, DVDs of the Mission Month series, "Drugs and Alcohol: Are We Making Any Progress?" are available. After an inmate at Riverside Jail read about the series in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and asked the jail's substance abuse counselor if tapes could be obtained, Tom agreed to tape the sessions. Others in substance abuse counseling have also requested the tapes.

Three of the four sessions were taped and edited by Tom. Available on DVD are "What Is the Real Cost of Substance Abuse?" featuring Nick Broughton, former head of the Drug Enforcement Administration for the Richmond area, and Mark Holmberg, WTVR reporter and award-winning reporter for his RTD drug stories; "Are Drug Users and Alcoholics Criminals?" Tara Kunkel and staff of Chesterfield County's Drug Courts; "Proposals to Lower the Drinking Age, the Amethyst Initiative" Linda Hancock, director of the Wellness Resource Center at VCU, and Denise Miller, Parents Council of Richmond.

The Church and Society Division thanks Tom for his time and work on this project. To obtain copies contact Tom at 320-4514 or Nancy Finch at 272-6188.

### Do you have a graduate in your family?

Please let us know so we can celebrate with you! Contact the church office, 272-7514 or [office@bonairpc.org](mailto:office@bonairpc.org) with you graduate's name, school, and degree.



### Acolyte Program

Thanks so much to the acolytes serving in March. Nicole Gallini, Becky Ogburn, Skyler Pokomy and Sawyer Hegaard. Julia Gallini Carried the Professional Cross. The adult helper was Pete Gallini.

The acolytes scheduled for April are: Michael Barrett, Thomas Jackson, Maddie Negaard, and Katie Copeland. Alex Barrett and Suzanne Huffine will carry the Processional Cross. The adult helper will be Janet Barrett .



## UKROPS GOLDEN GIFT CERTIFICATES

Ukrops is once again conducting their Golden Gift program for local charities. As you shop at Ukrops, the Bon Air Preschool hopes you will remember them, and consider them as the recipient of your certificate. Your gift certificate will arrive in the Ukrops May Newsletter. A collection box will be on the table in front of the church office.

All proceeds will go towards the maintenance and improvement of the playgrounds. The Preschool thanks you for your support

# Camp Hanover Open House



Sunday, **April 26**, 2009 2:00-6:00 p.m. Rain or Shine! Don't wait until summer to register your children for camp!

Summer camp applications are available in the foyer. The theme for 2009 is "Break Through." The brochure describes a variety of wonderful camping opportunities available for rising 2nd graders through High School.

# Easter Egg Hunt



The Christian Education Division, with the help from the Middle School Youth, is sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for BAPC children. **Join us Sunday, April 5 from 3:00-5:00** for activities and egg hunting for pre-school and elementary age children.

You will want to bring a basket and a camera to capture all of the fun and festivities. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to gather together and celebrate

# Evening Worship April 5

*"Triumphant Entry"*

Join us for Evening Worship as we take a closer look at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The people of Jesus day had many expectations as they waved their palm branches in the air. Would Jesus overthrow those in power? What would happen after he came? Who is this King of the Jews? We will explore what Jesus' entry into Jerusalem meant to the people then, and how this impacts our lives of faith today. Join us as we take a closer look at the Palm Sunday texts and understand how truly triumphant Jesus is!



## Evening Worship in May

*"Proclaim Your Belief!"*

It is one thing to have faith, but a completely different matter to discuss this with other people. Many of us shy away from the word Evangelism, and think this is only for other denominations. After all, Presbyterians are the "Frozen Chosen" right? Join us in May as we explore ways in which we do proclaim the gospel that are exciting and innovative.



## RESERVE YOUR EASTER LILY



To order a lily for **Easter Sunday, April 12**, please complete and return this form to the church office with a check for **\$10.00 for each lily by Sunday, April 5.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ lilies.

I will take my lily after the 11:00 service.

## Endowment Fund Faces Ever Growing Needs in 2009



In the latter half of 2008, grant requests were submitted totaling over \$9,700. This amount far exceeds the capability of the Endowment Fund's \$3,654 for grants in 2009. The Endowment Fund makes available an annual grant amount based upon 5% of the average Fund value over the past four years. As congregational gifts grow the Endowment Fund so will the annual grant amounts. Since 2006, when the first grant was made, over \$11,900 has been distributed. Although recent economic realities saw some endowment funds curtail their distributions, the BAPC Endowment Fund was blessed to be able to continue without reducing its distribution policy. Four projects approved by the Session to receive Endowment Fund grants in 2009 are:

BAPC Website Redesign Project granted \$500. Under Stewardship Division oversight the website redesign goal is to create a secure and informative website that is updated regularly and is easily accessible by the congregation, staff, and visitors. It is planned to provide information and communications on BAPC mission, outreach activities, sign-ups, meeting schedules, sermons, news, and many other capabilities that will enhance the experience of life and faith at BAPC.

Massanetta Springs Conference Center's "Living Waters Campaign" is granted a gift of \$1,000. The conference center near Harrisonburg, VA serves PC(USA) congregations with a variety of spiritual enrichment retreats and conferences. BAPC middle schoolers have been renewed by the Middle School Conference for generations. One such attendee, Suzanne Huffine, commented that "I love everything about the Middle School Conference, and feel called to be a part of it". The Living Waters Campaign is a \$6 million, multi year project to refurbish the nearly 100 year old facility for future generations. Website information about the Campaign is available at: <http://www.massanettasprings.org/>

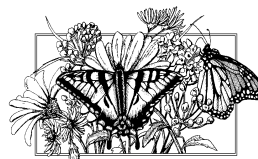
Preschool Tables and Chairs Replacement Project is granted \$1,600. The Bon Air Presbyterian Preschool for the past 50 years has been an outreach program of the church. The preschool facilities are also used by the Church Preschool Sunday School classes. The normal wear and tear over decades of constant classroom use on the tables and chairs is very evident to those viewing the classrooms. The appearance of safe furnishings for the children and improved overall image and cleanliness of the Preschool and Church Preschool Sunday School classrooms could improve the attractiveness to parents who may be considering enrolling their children.

Sanctuary Programmable Digital Thermostat Replacement Project is granted \$554. The original thermostat in the front of the Sanctuary was battery operated, and required battery replacement on a frequent basis. The batteries sometimes failed when it was very hot outside and the Sanctuary needed cooling the most. The new thermostat will be wired electrically and allow proper operation of the cooling equipment. The project is completed.

## Great News for Yoga

Due to the tremendous survey response, the Fellowship Division is pleased to announce that Yoga classes will be offered here at BAPC! Classes will be taught by Andrea Bleck-Smith, a Certified Yoga Teacher since 2001, with special certification by the Arthritis Foundation in 2002. Andrea has taught over 1700 hours of yoga classes and attended 380 hours of specialty teacher training. **All classes will be held on Thursday, and will begin Thursday, April 23.** The Morning class will be from 10:00-11:00am, and the Evening class will be held from 6:00-7:00pm. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel to the class. The class will be a six week course for a total cost of \$54. If you are interested in the class attend on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and get registered. For more information contact the church office.

## Easter Sunday Breakfast & Butterfly Release



**April 12 - 9:30 am**

The Christian Education division is hosting our annual Easter breakfast (muffins and coffee/tea/juice) and butterfly release for children, youth, and adults in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Don't forget to bring flowers from your garden for the Easter flowering of the cross.

Please join us for muffins and coffee/tea/juice as we share a joyful celebration of the good news of Easter!

## ***We're Walking For MS***



Each year a small number of us walk in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk which will take place this year on Saturday, April 18. We call our team, BAPC Cares and we walk on behalf of members of this congregation who are living with MS, Jane Wall and Andrea Loth and others of whom we may not be aware but whose lives and the lives of their families are certainly impacted by this dreadful disease. We also walk in loving memory of Bill Cavin and Don Singdahlsen.

The ongoing research into causes and cures for MS is making great strides forward but there is so much work yet to be done. One day it is our hope that there will be no need for an MS Walk but, for now, we need your support. BAPC Cares has raised an amazing amount of money each year and we hope that we can count on your financial support once again. The economy has certainly effected each of us but the devastating effects of MS go on so please give what you can.

You can make your donation on line by going to [www.nmss-centralva.org](http://www.nmss-centralva.org), go to the link "National MS Society: Central VA" and then to "Fundraising Events" in the list on the left side. Click on "MS Walk - Richmond" and you will find BAPC Cares in the listing on the right side under "Places of Worship". If that doesn't work for you, anyone of our team members will gladly accept your check made our to NMSS, or you may leave it in the church office.

We thank you for your prayers and your donations.  
Diane Berg, Judi Foster, Barb Nehls & Martha Singdahlsen



**ROMEOS  
Lunch**

## **ROMEOS meet April 14 Noon**

ROMEOS\* will meet at Angelo's  
at noon on Tuesday, April 14.

\*ROMEIO stands for "Retired Old Men Eating Out", but men of any age and condition are welcome.

## **WORLD HUNGER**

**By Bruce Ensley, Jr.**



Did you know that everyday 25,000 people die from hunger and related problems? That's right, and in the time it took you open this Outreach, one child in the world died of hunger. World hunger is a major problem that everyone needs to be aware of, as well as to help solve. According to the UN, over 936,000,000 people around the globe suffer from hunger; that is more than the populations of the US, Canada, and the European Union combined. Most of these suffering are concentrated in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. This problem is not getting any smaller; since the late 1990s, the number affected has increased by about 4,000,000 each year. It is not a matter of there not being enough food in the world; there is plenty! It is the fact that the people starving do not have the resources to get the food that they so desperately need. Ending world hunger requires everyone to pitch in and do their part ..... EVEN YOU!

There are many ways you can help to solve world hunger. First of all, you can simply sit down at your computer and visit [freerice.com](http://freerice.com), a website whose goal is to provide free rice to famished people. On [freerice.com](http://freerice.com), you answer vocabulary questions and ultimately donate 10 grains of rice for each correct answer. The sponsors of Free Rice supply the money for the purchasing of the rice. You can also donate food to local food drives. Finally, you can research and donate to legitimate charities who strive to halt world hunger in its tracks. These are just a few of the ways that we can all work together to save lives.



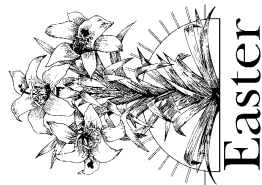
## ***Coffee Half Hour***

Come join us for  
coffee and fellowship  
at 10:30am on  
the first Sunday of each month  
in the Fellowship Hall.

The whole congregation is invited!

This month's coffee is sponsored by:

***Caring for Creation***

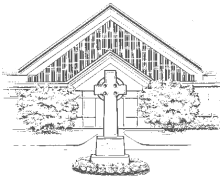


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## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- April 1** (Wed) **Confirmation Service with Holy Communion at 7 PM**
- April 5** **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday. Holy Communion.** **Dr. Grant preaching**  
“How and why JESUS DIED”. Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 15:25-39  
**Evening Worship at 6 PM led by Rev. Smith. “Triumphant Entry”.**
- April 9** (Thurs) **Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 PM. Dinner at 6:15.**  
The Passion According to Mark
- April 12** **Easter Sunday. Holy Communion.** **Dr. Grant preaching**  
“How and why CHRIST is RISEN”. Acts 10:34-43. Mark 16:1-8  
*Continental breakfast between the services and butterfly release*
- April 19** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter.** Acts 4:32-35 I John 1:1-2:2 Psalm 133 John 20:19-31  
**Student interns Sara Anne Burger (8:30) and Chad McCain (11) preaching.**
- April 26** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter.** **Rev. Smith preaching**  
“Who Are You?” Acts 3:12-19 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48
- May 3** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Communion.** **Dr. Grant preaching**  
Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18  
**Evening Worship at 6 PM led by Rev. Smith. “Proclaim Your Belief”.**