

OUTREACH **July**

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From our Pastor . . .



PUPPY THEOLOGY and Christian Nurture

In seminary preaching classes students are advised to NOT brag on their families in their sermons. I am not sure that admonition applies also to the pastor's column in the monthly newsletter (it probably does, but actually I never took that preaching class – which no doubt shows).

Anyway, in mid June we “adopted” an eight week old puppy. It's been a long time since we had so young a puppy (or so young a child, for that matter) in the house. It is, shall we say, an *interesting* experience – and a reminder of why it is better to be young when you have children!

Puppies are naturally adorable and easy to love. They also can be demanding. They need love and nurture – and guidance – if the naturally adorable puppy is to grow up to be as an adult an equally enjoyable companion and welcome guest. Raising a child is a long term commitment. Raising a puppy into near-adulthood can be done in about nine months. Which is where puppies, theology, and Christian nurture come together.

At the baptism of an infant we take our vows as a congregation to help raise a child with Christian nurture and love. We join with the parents in promising to be part of that child's *whole life*. That's a big promise, of which the rewards of fulfilling are sometimes hard to see over the long term.

We have ways, however, of honoring our baptismal promises, in which we CAN see the rewards of fulfilling our promises: teaching in the children's and youth divisions of church school. Our children (like puppies) grow up so fast that in just ONE YEAR of investment in their lives, we can see the fruits of our labors. Think about it: with God's help, for *just one hour a week for nine months* you can have the satisfaction of helping to shape *the wholes lives* of a handful of children. Now that's some pretty serious theology!

When the Christian Education folks ask you to serve....

R. Charles Grant

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July 5 Annual Picnic
July 11-17 CARITAS



birthdays/ anniversaries

- 1 Charles Blades, Herb Chermiside, Ruth Comstock, *Mary & Randy Copeland*
- 2 Valerie Garrett, Rea Hickson, B.J. Nagel, *Bill and Leona Powell*
- 3 Harvey Morris, Jr., Elizabeth Britton
- 4 Jacob Nelson, Craig Fabian
- 6 Nancy Finch, Joan Jackson, Ann Shannon
- 7 Caitlin Jacocks
- 8 Carson Hamlett
- 9 Dave Berg, Cathy McCormack, *Ginger & Michael Banta*
- 11 *Harvey and Nikki Morris, David & Linda Huffine*
- 13 Nora Bollinger, Bill Van Vleck, *Jack & Dot Barnes*
- 14 Bettie Church, Linda Huffine, Louise Mallory, Jim Nolting
- 16 Debbie Billingsley, Ken Pankey, Sandy Sieben, *Barbara Gregory & David Barnes*
- 17 Frances Harris, *Darin & Jennifer Smouse*
- 18 Linda Johnston, Bruce Miller, June Pankey, *Bob & Kathy Andes, Kim & Jerry Oliver*
- 19 Thomas Ensley, Virgil Mercer
- 21 Anne Edwards
- 22 Amanda Morelli
- 23 Jonathan Houghton, Betty Myers, *June & Ken Pankey*
- 24 Lee Skimin, Ann Mullikin
- 25 Lora Harvell
- 26 Charlotte Allums, Joe Turner,
- 27 Barry Cleaton, *Kellie & Chris Olsen, Linda Pattee & Jerry Gilfoyle*
- 28 Connie Marcev, Jennifer Smouse
- 29 Bob Curley, Jack Barnes
- 30 Randy Copeland
- 31 Sandy Banks, Ann Niemeier, John Rupp



Letters . . .

Dear Friends at BAPC,
I want to thank all you who sent me cards, visits and prayers during my stay at the hospital and rehab center. It's nice to be a member of such a friendly and caring church. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Carson Hamlett



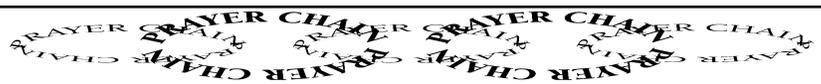
Reminders

Mini Message and **Coffee Half Hour** both go on break for the summer. Extended Session will still be available to 1st grade and under during the 11:00 worship service.

BAPC Endowment Fund

“Each of must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”

2 Corinthians 9:7



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



**CARITAS IS
ARRIVING
July 11-17**

BAPC will be hosting multiple families participating in the CARITAS program Saturday, July 11 through the evening of Friday, July 17th. Hosting the CARITAS program requires an enormous amount of people power and we need you. There are volunteer opportunities for “behind-the-scene’s” and working with our guests.

Some of the opportunities are:

- Setup and Break-Down
- Breakfast
- Lunches
- Dinner
- Overnight Hosts
- Evening Hosts
- Laundry

Sign-ups are available by calling or emailing the office or signing up on the bulletin board in BAPC’s foyer. You can also view our current sign-ups and needs by visiting -> <http://www.bonairpc.us/caritas.shtml>. If you have any questions please contact Kris Morelli at 804-310-1068, and thanks for your time.

Update.....

**Fairly Traded Coffee
&
Holy Joe’s Café**



The purchase of Equal Exchange (Fairly Traded) Coffee, Tea and Chocolate by the Bon Air congregation continues to be a wonderful success story. During the first six months of 2009 you have bought **\$1540.00** worth of Equal Exchange products. Fair Trade means that the coffee farmers get a fair price for their work, a chance to stay on their land and build a future for their families. We participate in this ministry through the Presbyterian Coffee Project.

At the beginning of 2009, the Peace Study Action Group decided to extend our Equal Exchange Ministry to support the **Holy Joe’s Café** program wherein we donate coffee to military chaplains for use in their counseling with the US Military Forces who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a result of your donations, we were able to send two cases of coffee in February and another two cases in June.

Thank you BAPC members for your support of these ministries and we hope you will **keep buying coffee!!!!**



**Annual Picnic
July 5—11:00**

P I C N I C The fellowship division will be having our annual 4th of July picnic after the 11:00 service on July 5th.

The congregation is invited and we ask that everyone bring a covered dish. Fellowship will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. The picnic will take place in the fellowship Hall. The cost for the meal will be \$3.00 per person.

Mark the Date!!

Islamic Center of Virginia

Is pleased to invite you to our

Open House & BBQ

Saturday, July 18, 2009

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet your Muslim neighbors

This is a free event!

1241 Buford Rd.,
Richmond, VA 23235
Phone: (804) 320-7333

Many Thanks!

2008-2009 Christian Education Volunteers

The congregation is truly blessed with individuals who are deeply committed to ministries of Christian Education. Without the help of countless teachers, coordinators, superintendants, shepherds, advisors, and committee members; educational ministry here would not take place.

The Christian Education Division and all of us are indebted to those of you who sacrifice your time and talents to ensure the teaching of classes, and overall hard work and effort to nurture our lives of faith. Take the time to thank the numerous individuals who are here week in and week out for your faith development. You make Christian Education possible at Bon Air. Deepest gratitude and thanks to all who make and continue to make our educational ministry a strong foundation for every journey of faith here at Bon Air Presbyterian Church.



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

Contact the church office for a registration form or go to www.bonairpc.org, click on the news section, and print out a copy from the music camp information section.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MICAH INITIATIVE?

BAPC has been asked to join the Micah Initiative, a partnership program between churches, synagogues, mosques and other communities of faith in metropolitan Richmond and the Richmond Public Schools. Its purpose is to support the education and the nurture of the children of Richmond.

The Micah Initiative started more than ten years ago when St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Woodville Elementary School on Church Hill partnered together so that church members could tutor and mentor individual students at the school. The biblical calling for this program was found in the well-known directive of Micah 6:8 – "And what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God."

Today, more than 90 faith groups in the Richmond Metropolitan area participate in the Micah Initiative in 24 of Richmond's elementary schools. Members of BAPC who choose to participate in this Initiative will be trained by specialists from VCU and will then work with the principal of the school to which they will be assigned – most likely on the south side of Richmond. The commitment generally will be for one hour a week (unless a participant is out of town or has a prior obligation). Micah coordinators will guide participants through the early stages of the relationship at the school and put them in touch with other faith communities with helpful experience. Different roles that volunteers can participate in include being a tutor, mentor, lunch buddy or class room assistant.

There is no more important need in our community than the education and nurture of our children. The Richmond Public Schools serve the most distressed portion of our metropolitan city's school age population but they lack the resources to do it all by themselves. Anyone interested in helping with this effort and having BAPC become a member of the Micah Initiative should contact John Rupp (231-5034 or ruppar-ents@aol.com) or Charles Grant at the church office.





THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At its scheduled meeting on Sunday, June 7, the Session:

- Approved Brian and Jackie Foremen for membership by Letter of Transfer from Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, VA. Their sponsors are Anne and Preston Shannon.
- Approved the Baptism of long time member Bill Weddington. A review of church records confirmed that he had not received the sacrament.
- Elected Elders Calvin Hancock, Laura Greer, and Ray McAllister as Commissioners to the June 16, Presbytery of the James meeting at Union-PSCE.
- Heard that the May Treasurer's Report showed the pledge receipts were almost at budget at this time which is an improvement over the same time last year.
- Heard that five prayer shawls were presented.
- Heard that the Pentacost Offering was about \$1,200, and the 40% local portion will go to the Preschool scholarship fund.
- Heard that CARITAS will be hosted July 11 – 18, and will host women and children.
- Heard that the Presbyterian Women is planning a new circle for young women.
- Heard that the Bon Air Stitchers donated 114 items to local hospitals.
- Approved a youth request to donate \$400 from the Memorial Fund to Camp Hanover to sponsor a hole on the new Disc Golf Course. Aaron Houghton was a designer of the course and the gift is being made in his honor.
- Approved payment from the Operating Budget for a new heat pump installation for staff offices which was installed for about \$5,800.
- Heard that a new video projection and audio system was installed in the Beck Room.
- Approved appointments of Jerry Quigg and Joy Winstead to serve four year terms (September, 2009 to September, 2013) on the Endowment Fund Committee.
- Approved to set the next Session meeting for 9:30am on Sunday, July 5.

Financial Report

Year to Date—May 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference Budget
Receipts			
Pledges	\$207,945	\$208,333	
Other	\$ 7,769	8,334	
Total	\$215,714	\$216,667	(953)
Expenses	\$213,107	\$218,101	(4,994)
Net	\$ 2,607	\$ (1,434)	\$4,041

New addresses and phone numbers

New Members:

Brian & Jackie Foreman
7329 Longview Ct.
Richmond, VA 23225
249-1707



SALT SHAKERS

It will soon be time to sign up for the new year of Salt Shakers. We are taking a look at some possible changes and would like your feedback. If you have not already provided feedback but would like to, please contact Sandy Thornburg at 675-0529 or thornburg2005@verizon.net as soon as possi-



Many Thanks!!!

A special "thank you" goes to our present and past elders for their service to our home-bound church members. Their visits provided a sense of spiritual uplifting to those unable to participate in our regular church activities. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.



PYC



While our weekly PYC meetings have ended, there are still wonderful opportunities that our middle and high youth will be involved in this summer.

ACTS

BAPC hosts *A Call to Service* from June 23-26, and we have nine Middle School youth who have accepted the call: Julia Gallini, Bailey Holland, Rebecca Huffine, Rheanna Morris, Joseph Pankey, Tray Pankey, Coleman Paz, Rachel Paz, and Linden Pulley. Under the leadership of Peter Thompson, and Todd Davidson, these youth will have experienced fellowship, worship, and service, offering their time and energies to help others in our community.

Massanetta Middle School Conference

Inside Out July 9-12

Nine Middle School Youth will delve into how high and how wide, how deep and how long the love of God is for us. No person, place or thing can keep us hidden from God. No lunch room or science test can keep us from the love of God. No BFF, blues, best or worst day ever, are lost to God. In life and death, ***Inside Out***, we belong to our GREAT God. Alisha Gallini and Shawn Thomas Smith will take Julia Gallini, Bailey Holland, Rebecca Huffine, Rheanna Morris, Maddie Negaard, Coleman Paz, Rachel Paz, Linden Pulley, and Marshall Wright, and learn how God knows us ***Inside Out!***

Montreat Youth Conference

World on Fire July 26-August 1

Because of the condition of our world today, we need inspiration and challenge, and challenge to look at how we live in a global community. April and Shawn Thomas Smith will take seven High School Youth: Alise Anzelone, Andrew Carper, Billy Cleaton, Renee Comstock, Tray Garrett, Nick Richardson, and Braden Wright. With ***World On Fire***, the youth will share stories and illustrations that connect faith and life, and challenge one another to experience God. We will find our voices, and be heard in our local and global communities with youth from across the country.

PYC continued

Freedom House

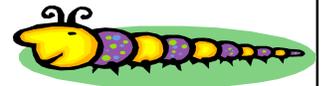
The Middle and High School youth will join together on July 18th to prepare the meal for Freedom House at the Bainbridge community Shelter. We will meet at the church at 4:30 and be back by 7:30. Please remember to bring \$7.00 for meal costs

Camp Hanover Summer Camps

The summer camping season is in session, and we need to keep the staff and campers in our prayers as they hear God's word and experience God's wondrous creation. We want to remember our own Allison Unroe, Jon Houghton, Aaron Houghton, Emily Tombes, Rial Tombes and Paul Ream as they provide leadership and staffing to the hundreds of campers ministered to at Camp Hanover this summer.

Kid's Kingdom in

WORM



The Christian Education Division is working to finalize the curriculum for 2009-2010, but we need you to be involved in Worm. Working with our young children is a wonderful opportunity to utilize the gifts that God has so graciously given each of us, and to build up the body of Christ with each one doing his or her part.

Be on the lookout for a new bulletin board and sign-ups for next year's rotations. Please prayerfully consider God's call to teach the faith to our children!

Sign-up to teach of rotation and see what Worm is all about! For more information contact Sally Schultz or Shawn Thomas Smith.



Be A PYC Advisor



PYC at Bon Air is about making Connections in the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) is a place where youth belong, but is only possible with dedicated individuals who are willing to walk alongside and ultimately connect with our youth. The role of an advisor is to nurture and maintain relationships with youth through weekly PYC activities, planning, and mission opportunities. We are in need of people who are willing to serve as High School and Middle School Youth Advisors. Search your heart and your calling here at Bon Air. *Are you called to be an advisor?* For more information please contact Shawn Thomas Smith and get involved in PYC where youth and adults partner in ministry together!



To all the volunteers at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, a **BIG** thanks for all that you do!



Jackie and Brian Foreman were received by the Session into membership in Bon Air Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Brian transferred from Mt. Pisgah church in Midlothian and Jackie transferred from Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, Va. Both were introduced to the congregation on June 14, 2009. Brian practices

law in Chesterfield County Jackie does freelance. They are expecting their first child shortly.

Jackie's interest include Volunteering with the Junior League of Richmond and daily walks on Riverside Dr. Brian enjoys the great outdoors. Their sponsors are Ann and Preston Shannon, old family friends.



Welcome, Tae Hee Kwak!!



Rev. Tae Hee Kwak will begin working and learning with us in July as a pastoral assistant. Tae Hee has just graduated from Union-PSCE and is an ordained minister in the Korean Presbyterian Church. Tae Hee desires a year to master his English and learn about the American Presbyterian Church before returning to Korea.

Thanks to Laura and Harold Greer who are offering to welcome Tae Hee into their home for several months. If you, too, would be willing to host Tae Hee for a month or more, or to rent him a room in your house for the school year, please contact Rev. Grant.





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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5 14th in Ordinary Time Holy Communion

“Liberty of Dissent” 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-4

Dr. Grant preaching

July 12 15th in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12 b -19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 “A living hope”

Dr. Grant preaching

July 19 16th in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 “No longer strangers”

Dr. Grant preaching

July 26 17th in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

Pastoral Assistant Cait Richardson Hoy preaching

August 2 18th in Ordinary Time Holy Communion

John 6:24-35 Ephesians 4:14-16 “One body, one bread”

Dr. Grant preaching