



# The Newsette

**Bethany Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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*Our Vision: Bethany Christian Church is committed to worshipping God, deepening our faith, spreading the gospel, and serving where Christ leads.*

**Rev. Jaclyn Twedell Woods**

*Senior Pastor*

**Donna Wicker**

*Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**

*Director of Music*

**Carol Molinares**

*Pianist*

To submit information for the Newsette, call (804) 233-1066 or send an email to

bethanychristiandoc@gmail.com

We are still broadcasting our Sunday service online on Facebook for those members and friends who choose to worship at home.

**NOTE 1:** The Into Action AA group will be meeting in our Youth Center: •Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. •Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE 2:** Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church meets in our main building: •Sundays at 1:00 p.m. •Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and other times as coordinated with us

**MARCH TEAMS**

If you are unable to serve on the date(s) assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

**PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER**

David Walls

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

2 – Barbara Ozlin & Sheila Thayer  
9 – Sue Marion  
16 – Geoff Gangloff  
23 – Jo Anne & Ross Dorneman  
30 – Brian & Penny Gradwell

**USHERS** - all month

Ray Crawford  
David Walls

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

2 – Donna Wicker  
9 – Linda Grubb  
16 – Barbara Ozlin  
23 – Kim Gangloff  
30 – Penny Gradwell

**DEACONS**

Frances Pully  
Linda Walls

**ELDERS**

2 – Donna Wicker  
9 – Linda Grubb  
16 – Barbara Ozlin  
23 – Kim Gangloff  
30 – Penny Gradwell

**ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND**

Barbara Koch & Donna Wicker

**OFFERING COMMITTEE**

Barbara Koch & Linda Walls

**THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes, and a laugh in her voice.  
~ Hal Borland

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have. ~ Thomas Jefferson

He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.  
~ Daniel 2:21



# Directory

## 2025 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

2025 Directories are available in the Narthex for \$1.00 each.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 9**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour ("spring forward") before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8. (We "lose" an hour.)



### DIRECTORY UPDATE

**DIRECTORY UPDATE** – Stephanie Lewis: 3340 Landria Drive, Richmond, VA 23225-1362

### STEWARSHIP INFORMATION

#### **Stewardship report as of January 31, 2025** (8.33% of the year)

Income received year-to-date ..... \$12,603.22 (8.13% of annual budget)

pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;  
transient, Sunday School, budgeted special offerings and  
receipts; budgeted facility donations; budgeted  
interest/dividend income

Total operating expenses year-to-date.....\$15,862.23 (7.41% of annual budget)

#### Information on our accounts as of January 31, 2025

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 74,637.86
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Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 626.17
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Truist CD (matures 5-3-2025)	\$ 25,465.30
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Christian Church Extension Fund CD for Loving & Caring Endowment (principal cannot be used - matures 11-14-2025)	\$ 10,000.00
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Christian Church Extension Fund CD (matures 3-22-2025)	\$ 50,000.00
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Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 380,663.50
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\*principal.....\$ 237,855.59

\*dollars available as directed by designated gifts  
from members/friends.....73,111.69

\*income available for general church needs as  
directed by the General Board.....69,696.22

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who has brought dinners for us during this time of illnesses in our family. We have appreciated the thoughts, food, prayers and visits from all who are so special to us. We also thank Barbara Ozlin for her dedication in arranging the dinners. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

~ Love, Dee and Jim Evans

## PRAYER CONCERNS – Please notify the church office when this information changes.



- Acute – examples are: a surgery and release, an accident, a procedure, a hospital stay and release, etc.

Catherine Parrish

- Ongoing – examples are: rehabilitation and recovery, new treatments, waiting on tests results

Mark Kimmel      Carolyn Moore      Eliana Oatman      Pat Rende

- Members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug" to include

Merrily Baber      Dee & Jim Evans      Ann Hasty      Hazel Heider      Jean McNeely

- Extended Church Family – family and friends of church members

Art ..... John Shell's brother-in-law

B. J. and Megan Barlow

Rev. Alice Clarke ..... Sarah McLillard's friend

Nicole Craig ..... Barbara Ozlin's niece

Marianne Dickerson ..... David & Linda Walls' daughter

Michael McNeely and April Gray

Eliana Oatman ..... Barbara Koch's great-niece

Karen Peregoy ..... Dee & Jim Evans' daughter

Doug Reeves ..... Carol Molinares' father

Geraldine Russell ..... Penny Gradwell's mother

Story ..... Dee & Jim Evans' great-granddaughter

Penny Walker ..... Pastor Jackie's grandmother



Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

## 2025 FLOWER CHART



The flower chart for 2025 still has many empty slots. Please sign up for your special day for flowers for the Sanctuary by writing on the board outside the kitchen if you're here on Sundays OR by calling Donna in the church office. The cost is currently \$26.00 to be paid to the church.

## WORSHIP | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | COMMUNICATIONS (WSC) DEPARTMENT

Please plan to attend our Lenten Lunches starting on **Wednesday, March 5**, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The theme for the study is Meeting Jesus at the Table. This is a Lenten study book written by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr, and Pastor Jackie will be leading us in study each Wednesday through Lent (March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9). Bring your bag lunch – iced tea, coffee, and water will be provided. We look forward to seeing you on March 5.



## EVANGELISM | OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

**Bainbridge Community Ministry** box in the hallway near the Chapel is always open for your donations of non-perishable food (and there is a box for paper bags with handles). Tim Skeens, from Bon Air Christian Church, is always so kind to deliver our food donations.

- *things to think about when donating to the food bank: cans with pop tops (no can opener required); smaller portions not oversized boxes; items that don't require ingredients not in the box (i.e., some mac & cheese requires milk and butter); cooking oil, sugar, and spices are needed also*

We will be open as a Church World Service/Lutheran World Relief **drop-off depot** in March and April.

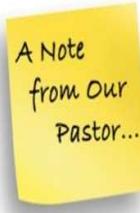


**Blessing Box Offerings** -- This collection is a special way to express our gratitude to God for His many blessings to us. The Blessing Box offering will be accepted on **Sunday, March 9, and Sunday, March 16**. Disciples Women started this offering in 1953, and now 50% of your donations go to support the mission of the whole church and the other 50% go to fund the ministries carried out by Disciples Women through the International Disciples Women's Ministries.

Please make your checks payable to "Bethany Christian Church" and write "*Blessing Box Offering*" in the memo section.

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We will start filling Easter eggs during the Sunday School hour throughout March, so we would love to get as many donations of candy or small treats (that fit in a plastic egg) as soon as possible – a box is in the Narthex. Please contact Sarah McLillard if you have any questions. We will be meeting with Crown and Joy to see about a good date for a joint Easter egg hunt (**possibly Saturday, April 19**)!



### FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS

March 5 marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is a somber day in the life of the church. It is the day where we remember our humanity and our mortality. It is a day where we claim together the fact that we will all die, as we proclaim, "Remember that we are dust, and to dust we will return." If you would like to begin your Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes, you are invited to join me in the Sanctuary on **Wednesday, March 5**, between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for a scripture, a prayer, and ashes on your forehead as we remember together that we are dust.

This somber start to the Lenten season reminds us that Jesus' journey to the cross was not an easy one. We, who journey with him, take these 40 days as a time for repentance, introspection, moderation, giving up of bad habits, or taking on new spiritual disciplines. Mostly, though, this year at Bethany Christian Church, we spend this season in prayer and reflection and will do so with Jesus at the table, and we will feast on His words.

This Lent, you are invited to join us as we gather around the Table with Jesus. During the six Sundays of Lent, we will take some time to feast on some of the beloved stories of Jesus at the table. Each week, as we take our place at Jesus' welcome table, we will be nourished...we will be fed...we will gather in his presence and drink deeply of his wisdom.

March 9	The Feeding of the Multitude (Mark 6:30-44)
March 16	The Welcome Table (Matthew 9:9-13)
March 23	Surprised by Grace (Luke 7:36-50)
March 30	Making Room at the Table (Luke 14:7-14)
April 6	Empty Chairs at the Table (Luke 14:15-24)
April 13	A Meal with Chosen Family (John 12:1-19)
April 20	Revived by the Breaking of Bread (Luke 24:13-35)

In addition to our Sunday worship during Lent, we will be continuing our Lenten Lunches, gathering at 11:30 a.m. **every Wednesday of Lent** (March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9) for a BYO-lunch/bag lunch meal. Each week we will eat and share in fellowship and reflect on the scriptures and theme of the week.

I hope you will join us as we gather together at Jesus' table. I hope that these table stories draw us all closer to Jesus and to one another as the body of Christ and that we will all be able to recognize Him in the breaking and sharing of bread.

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am rec ashes 12:30 - 2:30 pm C&J-upstairs 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>7</b>	8
<b>9</b> Daylight Saving begins Blessing Box Offg Sunday School 9:45 am stuff eggs in Focus class Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J-upstairs 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>14</b>	15
<b>16</b> Blessing Box Offg Sunday School 9:45 am stuff eggs in Focus class Worship 11:00 am Board mtg noon Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> DWF Circle #1 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>19</b> Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J-upstairs 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Theology on Tap at O'Toole's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	22
<b>23</b> Sunday School 9:45 am stuff eggs in Focus class Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm • Apr Newsette deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am C&J-upstairs 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>27</b> DWF Circle #4 7:00 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>28</b>	29 C&J-parlor 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
<b>30</b> Sunday School 9:45 am stuff eggs in Focus class Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b> <b>AA:</b> Alcoholics Anonymous <b>C&amp;J:</b> Crown & Joy Presbyterian <b>DWF:</b> Disciples Women's Fellowship <i>accept Church World Service donations Mon-Thurs 9-noon</i>				© 2019 Vertex42 LLC <a href="http://Calendar Template by Vertex42.com">Calendar Template by Vertex42.com</a>