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IT'S SUMMERTIME! FAMILY ACTIVITIES... FOR FREE!

It's summer. It's the weekend. What's there to do? How about Dogwood Dell theatre located at Byrd Park? Don't know what that is? Dogwood Dell is a 2,400 seat amphitheatre owned and operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities. Since 1956, it has been home to the Festival of Arts; a summer long celebration of the arts featuring art exhibits, concerts, dance and theatre. In addition to these events, the Festival of Arts also incorporates a children's series with performances at our Ha' Penny stage.

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to gather at Dogwood Dell on July 31 to see a great musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". Bring your family and friends, lawn chairs, blankets, and dinner. The play begins at 8:30 p.m. and it is suggested you start arriving around 7:00 p.m. to get a good set.

For more information about all Dell activities, call 804-646-1437 or call the Dell hotline at 804-646-DELL. Go to their website at:

www.richmondgov.com/parks/dogwood.aspx

to check out their entire summer schedule. And don't forget the Ha' Penny stage for the younger kids.

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REMEMBER:

Lunch Bunch on July 6th

Art Works on July 24th

Family Activities July 31st

VBS – July 20th thru 24th

"I have something for you!"

The purpose of this page is to put into your hands words from various sources to encourage your journey in loving God, in living with the church family, in serving your neighbor and in doing what seems to be right and good.

Psalms that get us through and how

The psalm for this issue is 143. When life events and/or people have somehow become "enemies," these words can be helpful by leading you in prayer. This is a psalm of David and though he was a warrior who fought with bows and spears, his words can help us in the so-called "enemies" we confront.

The psalm begins with requests for God to hear prayers prayed. It continues with a request to overlook sin. In verses 3-4, David describes how bad he feels. "*For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.*" In verse 5, he reflects in a helpful way. He remembers God's deeds in the past. It is helpful for us when we are being challenged to remember how God has sustained us: from baptism, from early days with church, with people who are teachers and examples in living faithfully, from recent times when we have been aware of God's kindness and grace.

Like many psalms, this one has the aside, "Selah," in the margin. I believe it suggests a pause to reflect briefly on all that is being shared. Then...the next six verses offer petitions for God's help. Notice the verbs: answer, do not hide, let me hear, teach me, save me, lead me, preserve my life. It concludes with one of the Old Testament's faithful words...*steadfast love* in verse 12.

I hold up this psalm as a prayer exercise that brings you before God when life threatens. I hope you can use this psalm. I believe it can get us through some tough times.

The Practice of Extravagant Generosity

"Churches embrace newcomers with a sustaining sense of belonging when they practice Christ's Radical Hospitality. Through Passionate Worship, God shapes hearts and minds, creating the desire to grow in Christ. Through the practice of Intentional Faith Development, people make themselves available to listen for God's Word and for the Spirit to mature their understanding of God's will. Inner spiritual growth finds outward expression in Risk-Taking Mission and Service as people respond to God's call to make a positive difference

in the lives of others. As people grow in relationship to Christ, they grow also in the practice of Extravagant Generosity, offering more of themselves for the purposes of Christ and providing the resources that strengthen ministry and that help the church touch the lives of more and more people in the same way their own lives have been transformed by God." 108, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Robert Schnase,

Wisdom from Fellow Travelers

The One True Thing

Believe in what you always knew.
It has not forgotten you.
Call it back to you; it will come out of hiding.
Coax it patiently.
Like a wild thing caught in a snare,
it will observe you guardedly---
examine you for the scent of guile.

Behold it---this sudden stranger
to your patterned thought,
this outcast waiting quietly at the fringe.
Do not measure it. Open your arms and
receive the weight of it in your narrow grasp.
Hold steady---it will grow feather light in time.
Let it tell you everything it knows.
Everything. Listen.

Live with it, perhaps uncomfortably,
until you are conformed,
until your face in the mirror crinkles
with a shaft of delight
and speaks back to you in a beautiful new tongue---
and you know at last who you are and why.

Now you are ready to brave the world.
Now you are ready to save it.

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Yours for growing together in some new ways,

Fred Rose, Pastor

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



Alice Gilleece writes, "I have trouble finding the words to thank you for the many beautiful cards and flowers that I have received during this illness and especially at the time of my brother's death. The visits of Fred and Charlie have encouraged me so much and reminded me that you are keeping me in your prayers also. The beautiful flowers from church, given in memory of Eloise Rogers by the New Covenant Class, were appreciated so much and by so many on this floor as it is the floor she worked on for so long."

Lois Kissinger. "I want to thank all of you who have been so good to Guy and me during my illness and Guy's health problems. All of the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, and delicious food brought to us are so much appreciated. The visits of Fred Rose and Charlie Brown when I was in the hospital helped me so much. We have a wonderful church family."



We send our sympathy to **Doris Siceloff and her son Tom** upon the death of his wife, Delores Siceloff, on May 24. Tom's address is 3600 Hickory Rd., Richmond VA 23235.

We send our sympathy to **Marshall England and family** upon the death of his wife, Diana England, on May 26. Marshall's address is 206 Doverland Rd., Richmond VA 23229.

We send our sympathy to **Nancy Sanchez and family** upon the death of her father, Frank Minton, in Silver Spring, MD on May 21. Frank had been a member of Tuckahoe since 1964 but had lived in Maryland for many years. Nancy's address is 15036 Butterchurn Lane, Silver Spring MD 20905.

We send our sympathy to the **family of Jean Marston** upon her death on June 18, 2009. Jean had been a member of Tuckahoe since 1975. Addresses for her daughters are:

Dr. Felicia Marston
681 Greenwood Place
Greenwood, VA 22943

Dr. Pamela Caulkins,
3429 Ivy Link Place,
Lynchburg, VA 24503

We send our sympathy to the **family of Steve Byrne** upon his death on June 24, 2009. Steve had been a member of Tuckahoe since 1967. Address for his mother, Mary Louise Byrne, is 2300 Cedarfield Pkwy #264, Richmond VA 23233; for his wife, Pat Byrne: 4003 Bush Lake Way, Glen Allen VA 23060.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alexandre Kevin Hales Juan was born on May 27, 2009. He is the son of Heidi and Arnaud Juan of France and is the grandson of Jim and Donna Hales.

Graham David Good was born on June 21, 2009. He is the son of Jill and Steven Good.



PLEASE
NOTE

There will be no Health Ministry article during July and August since Mary Jane Michael is on leave. Her articles will resume in September. The blood pressure monitoring will continue with Jean Burnett. Thank you!

WITHIN THE CHURCH

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK



The Monday Lunch Bunch will once again meet for food and fellowship on July 6th at 12 o'clock noon. Since participants have often asked to "pay" for the lunch, we're giving in to popular demand and asking that each one brings as "payment" canned protein-based food, such as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc. The Food Bank is low in this area and all food collected will be donated to them. So mark your calendar for June 6th and join us for lunch.

VISIT 'ART WORKS'

**on July 24, 2009, 7 pm to 9 pm and view
the Works of Carolyn Gabb**

**"Finding Dimensionality in Clay:
Painting, Photography, Sculpture"**

**ART WORKS is located at
320 Hull Street
Richmond, VA
Telephone: 804-291-1400**

**Directions:
Cary Street to 14th Street
Turn right to Hull Street
Across bridge and RR tracks
Look for old Westvaco building on right
with "ART WORKS" on the side
Large parking lot on same side
of the street**

**If you need a ride, contact
Charlie Brown at 467-5656**

ISH

Interfaith Services of Henrico

Interfaith Services of Henrico is a faith based organization founded in 1983. It is supported by many faith communities, businesses, civic organizations as well as by individuals in Henrico County. ISH provides one time emergency financial assistance to county residents. 100% of all donations go directly to help Henrico citizens in need.

Barbara Maiden has for the past two years been a board member representing TPC. We would like to thank her for her hard work in coordinating ISH projects. As we take over from Barbara, we would like to thank all of you in advance for contributing to any projects sponsored by ISH.

**Meg Packard and Kay Keys
Representatives from TPC**

ISH PROJECT

Even though school is out, we are beginning to collect school supplies for those students in need. A box will be by the entrance to Duntreath Hall from July 19th – August 9th, for any contributions.

Suggestions: (new items only)

Boxes of tissues	Colored pencils
Pens (black, blue, red & green)	Large pink school erasers
#2 pencils	2 pocket folders
Glue Sticks	Crayons
Notebook paper	White index cards

OUTREACH DIVISION

For those of you who will be asking, “Where is **Volunteer of the Month**”, we have decided to give it a rest for a while. Instead we will be highlighting an organization with a volunteer opportunity and how one can become involved in it. For the month of July, we have chosen:



Bright Beginnings

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Growing up, I remember laying out my new outfit I would wear the first day of school. I remember picking out the sparkly pencils and the coolest folders with Donny Osmond on the cover and when I was older, Charlie’s Angels. **Bright Beginnings** is a program sponsored by the Richmond YMCA which provides thousands of underprivileged children with the clothes and school supplies they need to start the school year so they can feel this same excitement and begin the school year with confidence.

Children in the Bright Beginnings program are brought to a local Target store where they meet their Shopping Buddy. Together they share a meal and shop for two outfits, underwear, socks, shoes and a coat – all paid for by donations collected by the YMCA. The child’s sizes are provided for you to make the shopping easier. Afterwards the children receive a backpack filled with school supplies.

How can I help? TPC is seeking volunteers to be a Shopping Buddy, so please sign up! This volunteer opportunity takes no more than a few

hours of your time and you will find it entirely rewarding to help a disadvantaged child do their back-to-school shopping. The impact of this program is amazing.

We have spaces available for six shopping trips: August 4th at 1:00 pm; August 6th at 6:00 pm; August 11th at 1:00 pm; August 13th at 1:00 pm; August 20th at 6:00 pm; and August 25th at 1:00 pm -- all at the Libbie Target store. (You will want to arrive approximately a half hour early to get your assignment). You may sign up with a friend, your own child, or individually, and be paired with another person. Please e-mail or call Amanda Carr at carr7700@msn.com or 673-0787 with the time you would like to help. If you have a partner with whom you would like to work, please include that name as well. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile cause!!

Pam Burch and Amanda Carr



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AND EDUCATION



IMPORTANT – LAST UPDATE!

**JULY UPDATE for....CAMP E.D.G.E.
Vacation Bible School 2009**

Now is the time to work on registering children.

Spread the word and give registration forms your family, friends, neighbors! If you need registration forms, Becky Loggins will be happy to mail them to you.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. the week of **July 20th – 24th**.
VBS is open to all children ages three years (born by 1/1/06) through rising fifth graders.
Nursery will be available for younger children of VBS volunteers.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS – We still need:

- Nursery help for any or all days
- People to bring food and drink for the break room **AND FOR THE CHILDREN'S snacks**
- Teacher Break Room Coordinators
- Decorating Team, adults and youth (Duntreath Hall and Hallways) – decorating will be done the week prior to VBS - -prep work begins now!
- Pre-week supply and Materials prep
- Sound and Video Operator, Daily Assemblies

PLEASE consider being a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and spread the word to others in our church family. We need many people to make this week a success!

TO VOLUNTEER: Please contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries, 201-0571 or bq18@comcast.net to volunteer, ask questions or request registration forms.

Do you have artificial Christmas trees (not pre-lit), other artificial plants, small tents, or other camping gear that you can loan for VBS decorating?

If so, contact decorating lead, Laura Brady, at ljb.fabrie@gmail.com or 359-9253.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (CONT'D)



What's Going on with Children's Ministries

As your schedules and activities change for the summer, please make time to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the lives, learning and Christian journeys of the children in our church family. Many people think that "we have it covered". **WE DON'T!** **Current Sunday School volunteers have "signed up" for 2009-2010 terms. We do NOT have all the help we need.** There will be 5 classes: 2-3 year olds, 4 year olds – Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grades, and 3rd-5th grades. We only have ONE teacher and ONE assistant signed up to help for the first term (Sept 13- Nov 1). That is only 8 Sundays! You will realize how easy but rewarding it is and will not regret helping.

Would you...

TEACH, ASSIST, or BUY/SERVE SNACKS for one or more of the following terms: Sept 13 - Nov 1; Nov 8 – Dec 20; Jan 3 – Feb 14; Feb 21 – Mar 28; Apr 4 – May 30?

The priority is to have the help we need for the first term (All Saints Term) to begin the year.

Questions? Contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries: *phone 201-0571 and email bg18@comcast.net* -Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries



Wish List for VBS and Children's Sunday School

- + **Camping items** for Vacation Bible School (lend) :
Any size artificial Christmas trees or plants, camping gear/small tents for decorating
- + **FOOD OR DRINK FOR VBS TEACHER BREAK ROOM AND FOR CHILDREN'S VBS SNACKS**
- + **Crayola Brand Washable Markers, Classic Colors both regular and thin**
- + **Children's Scissors - both round tip and pointed tip**
- + **15 PUMP BOTTLES OF PURELL HAND SANITIZER**
- + **CLOROX CLEANING / DISINFECTING WIPES - 10 CONTAINERS**
- + **PRE-MOISTENED TOWELETES - 10 CANISTER CONTAINERS**
- + **If you have camping items to lend for decorating, contact Laura Brady at 359-9253**
- + **or email lpb.fabrie@gmail.com**
- + **Bring items to the church office; label them as "VBS" or "Children's Sunday School".**

General questions about the wish list or Vacation Bible School? Contact Becky Loggins at 201-0571 or email bg18@comcast.net



OUR GRADUATING SENIORS
AND WHERE THEY WILL BE THIS FALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>WILL BE ATTENDING</u>
Becca Bice	Freeman	U. of Mary Washington
Challoner Crawford	Freeman	Auburn University
Lauren Hughett	Freeman	James Madison Univ.
Gabe Kelley	Deep Run High School	Maryland Institute College of Art
Rachel Kewer	Freeman	East Carolina University
Chris Lee	Godwin	VA Tech
Meagan McGee	Trinity Episcopal	VA Tech
Chip Gerstenmaier	Freeman	Ohio State University
Keith Murphy	Steward School	University of Kentucky
Sarah Poole	Freeman	Lynchburg College
Shelby Robertson	Godwin	Longwood University
Missy Scott	Freeman	University of S.C.
William Shimer	Maggie Walker	William & Mary
Ben Spence	Godwin	VCU
Rowan Sprague	Trinity Episcopal	University of VA
Amy Watlington	Powhatan High	VCU
Sarah Paige Werner	Home School	J. Sargeant Reynolds
Palmer Willis	Midlothian	Applied to Montreat



We also want to remember and congratulate our youth
who graduated from college this year

Matt Hoge graduated from the University of Arizona with a master's degree in special education. He will enter the PhD program at the University of Arizona.

Mary Sprague graduated from University of Virginia and will attend graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis.

William Poole graduated from James Madison University. He is living in Charlottesville this summer and will be applying to law school.

Sarah Beane graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BS degree in Peace, War, and Defense and International Studies, with a minor in Russian. She is looking for work in government.

Bryce Stallings graduated from Wake Forest in December 2008. In September of this year he will enter Drexel's Hahnemann Physician Assistant Master's Program in Philadelphia.

MORE MEMBERS OF DISCIPLE CLASS SPEAK OUT

Betti Prentice:

I have to confess that I had never really read the Bible. Then I heard about the Disciple classes that were starting. I'm not sure why I decided to sign up—it could have been part curiosity, part guilt, thinking it was something I should at least try before “it was too late.” Or maybe it was how some people seemed to be actually enjoying reading the scriptures during the Sunday service and maybe I was missing something?

The Disciple Class was so rewarding for me—spiritually, intellectually and socially. I had always believed that there was a God but it was a “far-off,” mystical-type of feeling. I have begun to learn from studying the scriptures to have a real and more personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ and how to better apply the teachings to my daily living.

The Disciple classes have given me the foundation to strengthen my faith. I am in church just about every Sunday now—not because it is something in my mind that I think I should do, but because it is something in my heart that I want to do. James 4:6 best describes my journey in the Disciple class: “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.”

Sandy Richardson:

Disciple is defined in the dictionary as a person who follows and learns from someone else; in Biblical times, a follower of Christ.



I never thought of myself being a disciple; however, I now think differently. My faith and belief in a powerful God has been reaffirmed through study in Disciple Class. Jesus' life was sacrificed for me—yes me! I thought I knew something about his life through my years of faith experience, worship service and Sunday school, but the scriptures contain much more than I ever imagined. I've never read the Bible this thoroughly. During the last nine months I have studied and discussed Jesus' words of truth, meaning, hope, love, direction and even words provoking fear, all going beyond my previous thoughts and feelings. I have learned with (and from) my classmates as we shared our thoughts. Class time has been filled with personal expressions, reading, questions, reasoning, laughter and prayer. There is required preparation necessary for each class, but well worth the study hours. I do, and will, treasure this Disciple Class study although I feel there is much more for me to explore.

Meg Packard:

Taking the Disciple Class has been a giant step in my personal faith journey.

When we started last September, each class member was asked to write down why they were participating in

the study. I wrote: “To grow spiritually.” To increase my knowledge and understanding of God's word. To be encouraged and instructed on how to be a good disciple.” Thirty-four sessions later, I feel all of these goals have been accomplished. With God's grace, Fred's guidance and the support of each member of the group, I have indeed grown spiritually, studied the Bible in depth, and learned what it means to be an effective disciple of Christ.

I feel blessed that the class was offered shortly after my retirement last summer. This enabled me to devote the necessary time to the assignments. While there is much reading to be done each week, I would recommend the Disciple Class to anyone who wants to grow spiritually and is willing and able to spend some time on it. The rewards are well worth the efforts.

Pam Dickerson:

I was searching for a Bible study class that would challenge me and therefore, do some growing.

When Disciple was discussed last August I thought, “Here it is, what I need.” So I signed up and it took about three weeks to me to have an “Oh my gosh, what have I done” moment. I did not have time to devote to the study that was required so I Opted Out in my mind, just never told anyone else.

The first Thursday night of Disciple I received a phone call from Bill Vogel and John Flournoy asking if I was going to participate in the class. I gave my list of reasons why I could not and Bill said, “Oh come on, Pam, we need one more person to fill the class.” Divine intervention. I came the next week and before I realized it I was hooked. Yes, the study time is hard some weeks, and it takes commitment to be part of the class, but the rewards are so overwhelming. I became part of a group of seekers who through study came to understand what being a Disciple of God truly means. It has helped me grow spiritually and enriched my understanding of the Bible. The discussions in class were challenging and you had to really figure out “Whose” you are and how we have arrived where we are in Christianity today.

The impact on me personally is so great I want to be part of the program next year and I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider a time commitment to this wonderful study. Come on and join us this fall for the best thirty-two weeks learning about God and his many blessings to all of us.

Fate of the Revolutionaries



We call them heroes. The British called them traitors. Many of them turned out to be martyrs. Here is what happened to some of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence:

- Five were captured and tortured as traitors.
- Nine joined the revolutionary army, fought and died.
- Eight men had property looted by the British army or by vandals.
- One signer's home was taken over by a British general. The owner, Thomas Nelson Jr., asked General Washington to burn the home down. The general did.
- The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed and his wife put in jail. She died shortly thereafter.
- Three men had their fields and mills destroyed.

In one way or another, all of the men paid a dear price as a result of their rebellion. Still they were faithful to the pledge they made on July 4, 1776:

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

CHURCH CALENDAR



2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 <p>July 20 thru July 24</p>			1 Endowment Committee will not meet in July or August	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm AA	3	4
5 Centsability Offering 10:00am Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:15pm B/P Check	6 Lunch Bunch 4:00pm Swing Band	7 8:00am Leadership Council 4:00pm Swing Band 6:15pm - Softball	8 No Membership/ Worship Division Meeting in July 7:30pm Property	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm AA	10  10:45 a.m.	11
12 10:00am Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Session Receives New Members	13 4:00pm Swing Band 7:30pm Education Div Outreach Division will not meet in July	14 5:45pm Emergency Shelter Meal 7:00 Adm/Personnel Meeting 7:00 Stewardship Div. 8:00 pm – Pops Band	15 Diaconate will not meet in July	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm AA	17	18 TORCH DEADLINE
19 10:00am Worship 11:00 Fellowship	20 4:00pm Swing Band 8:00pm Virginia Kennel Club VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	21 8:00pm Pops Band	22 No Session meeting in July 	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm AA 	24 "ART WORKS" 	25
26 10:00am Worship 11:00 Fellowship	26 4:00pm Swing Band	28 3:30pm Hilliard House 8:00pm Pops Band	29	30 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm AA	31 8:30 pm – Dogwood Dell	