



March at a Glance

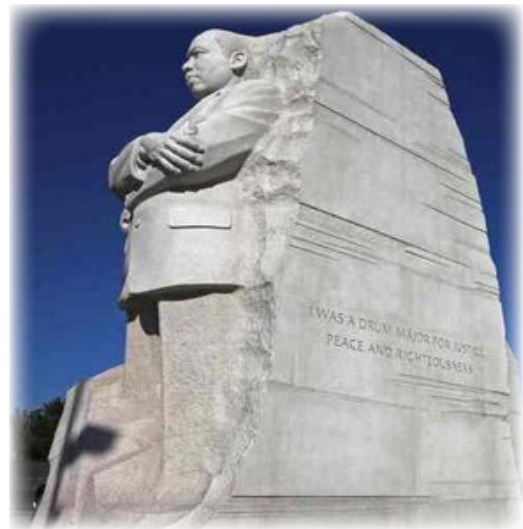
- March 1 MLK Memorial Commission
- March 2 Church Women United World Day of Prayer
- March 4 Inaugural Wandering through Worship
Baptism of Ian and Jillian Douglas
Liberation Veterans Services Lunch at LVS
- March 17 "Godspell" at First Presbyterian Church
Take Courage, My Soul concert at First Baptist
- March 18 Wandering through Worship
- March 4, 11, 18 & 25 Faith and Fermentation

Holy Week

- March 25 Palm Sunday
Stone Soup after Church
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30PM
- April 1 **Easter**
Sunrise Service at Brookland UMC - 7AM
Easter Breakfast - 9AM
Easter Egg Hunt - 10AM
Flowering the Cross - 10:15AM
Worship - 11AM

MLK Memorial Commission

Thursday, March 1, 6-8PM
Perkins Living and Learning Center
Virginia Union University
 The Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission invites the public to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King in a series of roundtables held in each of the Virginia communities that he visited. In 2018, fifty years after the death of Dr. King, we reflect on his vision of Beloved Community in Virginia today and we ask, "Where do we go from Here?"



CWU World Day of Prayer

Church Women United will host a World Day of Prayer worship service will be celebrated at Seventh Street Christian Church on **Friday, March 2** at **10:30 AM**. The theme is God's Creation is Very Good. Rev. Hollie E. Woodruff will be speaking.

Wandering Through Worship

Wandering through Worship will start this Sunday, March 4. Children (Ages 3-7) can begin worship in the sanctuary with their families or be dropped off in childcare between 10:30am and 11am and brought to worship with staff. An effort will be made to incorporate a child-friendly worship experience including more child-led components of worship, repetitive and simple hymn selections, a children's bulletin, etc.

Take Courage, My Soul Concert

Saturday, March 17th at 7:30 PM at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA.

Charles Albert Tindley's call to action, "Take courage my soul, and let us journey on..." sets the theme for OVC's Spirituals Concert! *Take Courage, My Soul - Spirituals of Strength* features the music of Moses Hogan, Rollo Dil-

worth, Barbara Baker, who at age 93 is still composing music of the American folksong and spiritual traditions. Whether it is accompanied or a cappella, slow or fast, OVC will certainly provide you with words of strength beside us as we sing the Beauty and Power of Diversity!

Concert passes are available from any Chorus Member, at First Baptist Church, or on-line at www.onevoicechorus.com (click "Donations") for a \$15 donation. Come an hour early at 6:30 PM for a guided pre-concert conversation.

Faith and Fermentation Lenten Series

As we enter Lent, a forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we will explore the unique parallels between fermentation and our faith. How do we sustain ourselves spiritually when new life isn't here yet? How do we create the conditions to sustain our faith? How do we prepare ourselves for the new life that is in front

of us? Each week we will explore the metaphor of food and spiritual fermentation by making or tasting a fermented food, observing a long-standing monastic practice and sharing what is fermenting within our own spirits during this season of deep reflection. We hope you will join us!

The Faith & Fermentation Series will meet in various locations over a potluck supper. The main time of the study will be from 5-7PM (unless otherwise indicated), but may start earlier depending on what we are making. Email revhollie@gmail.com for more information.

March 4, 5-7PM

Bread Making @ Seventh Street Christian Church

March 11, 4-7PM

Beer Bottling @ Rev Hollie's

March 18, 5-7PM

Chocolate @ Seventh Street Christian Church

March 25, 4:30-7PM

Pickles @ Seventh Street Christian Church

April 8, 5-7PM

Goat Cheese @ Rev Hollie's

Holy Week

March 25

Palm Sunday

Palm Weaving & Stone Soup after Church Service

Friends of all ages are invited to join in weaving palms following worship on Palm Sunday for a time of creativity and fellowship!

March 29

Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30PM

April 1

Easter Sunday

Community Sunrise Service - 7AM
At Brookland UMC, 2501 Staples Mill Road

Easter Breakfast - 9AM

Easter Egg Hunt - 10AM

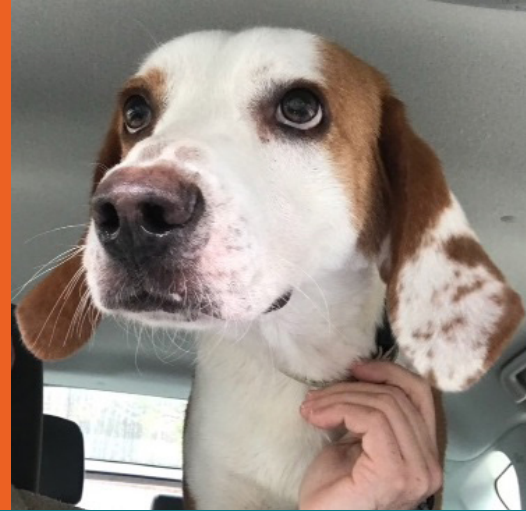
Families and Friends are invited to join us for an egg hunt before our Easter worship service

Flowering the Cross - 10:15AM

Worship - 11AM

Hi the Youth's project- **Change for Change** has done it again-the loose change collected recently really added up!

The money will be sent to help out a dog named Henry who was in an overcrowded rural shelter. They had to seize dogs from a breeder/hoarder and more dogs from a hunter- leaving them with no empty cages for the animals already there. Fortunately a couple decided to take him into their home and foster until a loving forever home can be found. Seventh Street will send the change totaling \$68.44 to Making of Miracle Stories (MOMS) in Richmond VA to help with his vetting costs.



HELP LOCAL DOGS IN NEED

Gracie's Guardians, the pit bull focused initiative of the Richmond Animal League (ral.org) is collecting yard sale donations to prepare for a **GIANT MAY 2018 YARD SALE.**

It's spring cleaning time! Clean out your closet, attic, basement, and garage. We are accepting clothes, shoes, hand bags, home decor, furniture, books, framed art/pictures frames, kitchen items, jewelry, holiday items, toys, appliances, DVDs, video games, sporting equipment, etc. And anything else!

All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit our Community Outreach Program which helps provide spay/neuter, dog houses, straw, toys, collars etc. for outdoor dogs in lower income communities around Richmond.

Seventh Street is accepting donations up until the May 19th sale date. The items will be stored in the West Basement, so feel free to leave anything under the portico for Whitney to bring in, and the week before we'll have volunteers sorting and pricing items. On the day of the sale we'll have adoptable dogs on the lawn and set up in the side parking lot. Come out and join us for another yard sale and contact Whitney Walters (whit2727@hotmail.com or 804-243-3279) with any questions.

New Picture Directory

Seventh Street Christian Church will be working on a NEW Picture Directory. LifeTouch will be at Seventh Street on April 13 & 14 to take pictures. Look for the opportunity to sign up for a time slot in the weeks ahead.

You are encouraged to take pictures with your family, groups of friends, or solo! Be yourself! Make it special by taking pictures with your pet! Share YOUR story!

Each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photo and directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Outreach

Soup Sales

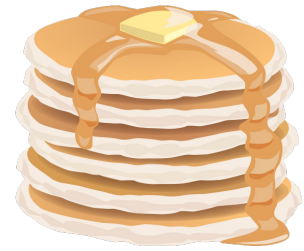


Soup Sales to benefit Richmond Fisher House McGuire Hospital collected \$200,00! Thank you to Olivette Cox for her leadership & to all who supported this ministry.

Stone Soup

Outreach will again prepare for Stone Soup, to be held on Palm Sunday, March 25th, immediately following our church service. This is a fun event, celebrating all the community contributing food to add to our soup pot! Please bring your vegetables, beans, pasta, etc. & place them in the Campbell's Soup can, located in the hallway, by Wednesday, March 21st. Thank you!

Pancake Supper



Thanks to our helpers & all who supported our Pancake Supper! We collected \$83.00 to benefit Meals on Wheels. We had fun & fellowship, followed by a beautiful Ash Wednesday service!

Meals On Wheels



Our dedicated MOW teams deliver food for FeedMore & meals on the 4th & 5th Mondays of every month! Thank you to Carole Chaffin, Pat Mays, Olivette Cox, & Nancy Garver for their service. Thanks also to Janet Morris & Tush Metcalf for subbing when needed.

Liberation Veteran Services



We deliver lunch & household needs for LVS on the 1st Sunday of every month. Thank you to Janet Morris for her continuing service to this wonderful ministry!

Special Thanks to all our Volunteers!

Liberation Veteran Services:
Olivette Cox (donated hygiene kits)
Janet Morris

FeedMore/Meals on Wheels:
Carole Chaffin, Pat Mays, Olivette Cox, Nancy Garver
Janet Morris and Tush Metcalf (subs)

Kimote Foundation:
Sarah Anderson

Giving Tree Mission Project:
Stewart Shotwell

Thanks to you all at Seventh Street for your amazing support!

Want to donate your time to one of our many Outreach Ministries? Contact Liz Hulette (794- 9219)

Rememberances

Long-time members, Jodell and Raymond Wonks, wanted to share about the passing of Jodell's Mother, Eudora Wiley. Jodell and Raymond, who moved to the beach after retiring, can be contacted at: 205 Wilkins St. Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Message from Rev. Hollie



It's been a tough winter. While the last couple weeks have been relatively decent, my mind strongly remembers the bitter cold we experienced the first month of 2018. On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, a near-scientific indication we will experience 6 more weeks of winter. Further, we've only experienced 16 days of sun in the last 60 days! Without a doubt the weather has helped set the scene for our Lenten wilderness experience. I've been in the wilderness of my house - too wet to go outside, too cold to move, experiencing the antithesis of the wilderness but with all the experiences: stuck with the aloneness of my thoughts.

It is easy to get caught up in the negative, getting bogged down with what we don't have or isn't happening. Then every once in a while something stirs us along the journey to hope. The other day while walking into the church, I experienced that stirring. I saw daffodils blooming! I squealed with excitement! A hint of Spring! A hint of warmth! A hint of color against the gray sky. As I looked around I realized there were lots of signs of hope - tiny blooms on plants and pink buds on the trees!

There are signs of life all around us. We just have to tune our eyes into seeing them!

Rev. Hollie E. Woodruff

Jayme Babczak - Children and Youth Coordinator



As I was reading the prayer of confession during our Ash Wednesday service, I overheard a young voice speak in the congregation. "Mommy, what is mercy?" The child's question has stuck with me for several weeks at this point and has caused me to think about asking questions in our faith journey. Growing up in the church, I was invited to ask questions and seek answers in community with those around me. Inquiring and doubting were parts of faith that were encouraged, and I'm grateful that my questions were not met with hard and fast answers. Those around me encouraged my curiosities and supported me in my journey.

Curiosity is a gift to be nurtured. Kids will ask the question "Why?" a million times in a row, and it's our responsibility as nurturers of the faith not provide a hard and fast answer, but to join them in the journey. We, as members of the body of Christ, are also invited to continue to ask questions and seek answers. For our faith grows as we engage curiosities and explore the new and wondrous ways that God is moving and speaking to us. What sparks your curiosity?

Peace,
Jayme Babczak

Laity Schedule

Prayers of the People

March 4 - Rev Hollie
March 11 - Steve Cheney
March 18 -
March 25 -

Communion Stewards

March 4 - Nancy Garver
March 11 - Whitney Walter
March 18 - Melissa Taylor
March 25 -

Worship Leader

March 4 - Mildred Bruce
March 11 - Andrew Walters
March 18 - Sharon Young
March 25 - Sarah Anderson

Greeters

March 4 - Sharon Young
March 11 - Joyce Clarke
March 18 - Aletta & Hunter Cockrell
March 25 - Terry & Mary Rose Ragsdale

Elders

March 4 - Pat Mays & Terry Cheney
March 11 - Paul Menetti & Linda Mottesheard
March 18 - Mildred Bruce & Terry Ragsdale
March 25 - Pat Mays & Judy Lindsey

Counters

March 5 - Frank Bedell & Bill Buckner
March 12 - Olivette Cox & Nancy Garver
March 19 - Judy Gunn & Pat Mays
March 26 - Joyce Clarke & Mary Rose Ragsdale

Stewarship Chair: Barbara Dickinson

Anyone who would like to serve in one of these laity roles in the future, please contact Whitney Walters and let her know of your interest.

Birthdays

Steve Cheney - March 8th

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Outreach

www.seventhstreetchristianchurch.org/ministries/outreach

Sermon Refreshers

Youtube: "Seventh Street Christian Church"

Event Details

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Calendar

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