



THE FISHNET



June
2026



Happy June!

As we transition into summer, I want to begin by sharing heartfelt congratulations to Pastor Kelsey and Rahum on the birth of their son, Herak. What a joyful blessing for their family and for our church family as we celebrate alongside them. We pray for the Lord's hand to hold him, strengthen him, and prepare Herak and his parents for a blessed life outside of the NICU. May this season be filled with love, rest (we know this is limited!), and countless precious memories.

I also want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Congregational President for the past two years. It has truly been an honor to serve the church where I grew up — a church that helped shape my faith, values, and sense of community. Serving alongside such dedicated members has been both humbling and rewarding, and I am deeply thankful for the support, encouragement, and fellowship shared throughout this time.

Our nominating committee has been working diligently to prepare a slate of leaders who will continue the important work of the church as several board members transition into new roles or complete their service on the board. We are grateful for those who have faithfully served and excited for those preparing to step forward in leadership. The strength of our church has always come from members who are willing to answer God's call to serve. We continue to be the Church that Love is Building...

Finally, thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledges. Your faithful giving allows us to thoughtfully plan our budget and continue the ministry and outreach efforts that make such a difference in our church and community. Your generosity allows us to continue being God's hands and feet — serving, supporting, and sharing Christ's love both within our congregation and throughout Virginia Beach.

Blessings,

Michala Sumnick

VBCC President



*'The righteous walk in
integrity—
happy are the children
who follow them!'*

Proverbs 20:7

Events this Month

June 1 - 10 - Office Manager will be out of town.

June 1 - Book Club, 1:00PM

June 9 - Board & Budget Meeting, 6:30PM

June 14 - Pastor Kelsey's first service back!

Following Sunday Service: Second Sunday Brunch/Potluck

June 15 - 18 Meals on Wheels VA Beach

June 19 - Juneteenth

June 20 - Benefit Recital, 7:00PM

June 21 - Happy Fathers Day

June 23 - Summer Christmas Party at Luther Manor, 2:00PM-4:00PM

June 24 - DWM Lunch Meeting, Simple Eats (Shore Drive) 11:30AM

June 28 - Congregational Meeting, 11:00AM

Weekly:

Tuesdays: Choir Practice, 7:00PM

Sunday: Spiritual Roundtable, 8:30AM via Zoom

Diaconate Schedule

Barb and Jim Iman, Kaye Griffin, Cindy Childress (Team 1)

Mary Ann Stubbs, Sydney Davis, Kathy Zurek (Team 2)

Susie Drew, Steve Eggleston, Traci Ellison (Team 3)

David and Pam McEwen, Gloria French (Team 4)

Jim Melvin, Bill Hayden, Phyllis Marshall (Team 5)

Diaconate Schedule

June 7 - Team 4

June 14 - Team 5

June 21 - Team 1

June 28 - Team 2

Elder Schedule

June 7 - Phyllis Marshall

June 14 - Ryan Ellison

June 21 - Martha Beacham

June 28 - Rev Dr Bill Austin

Sunday Worship:

June 7

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 21

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Happy Fathers Day

June 28

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Congregational Meeting

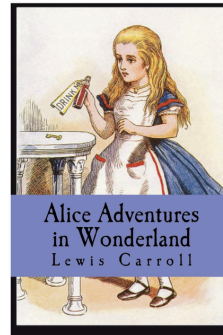


Upcoming Events

BOOK CLUB

The Monday Book Club meets monthly
(2nd Monday) at 1:00pm.

All are welcome to join in. This is a book club that actually discusses the books. Meetings are held mostly on Zoom, but all are welcome. At some point, the club will resume gathering under the pavilion or in the library.

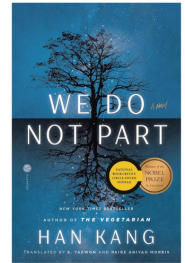


June 1st
Alice in Wonderland
by Lewis Carroll



Up Next:

July 13th
We Do Not Part
by Han Kang



Thursday Dinner Crew

5:00PM

TBD
TBD
TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

(Please RSVP by the Tuesday before the Dinner)

RSVP to Jim Anderson @

im.anderson1567@gmail.com

Cheers! See you there!



Due to extremely minimal attendance in May, and with the summer season kicking off, we have decided to halt our Thursday Dinner Crew (TDC) gatherings temporarily. Enjoy the summer season with family, travel, etc. and we'll look forward to restarting our dining fun in September!

- Rhonda Skaggs & Jim Anderson



Upcoming Events



Hi Over Pie

**June 9th
1:30PM**

**Village Inn
313 Independence Blvd,
Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

Come join us for a special time of fellowship and connection! This event is all about building relationships, sharing stories, and enjoying time together in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Bring your smile, your friends, and your desire to connect—we can't wait to see you there!



Second Sunday Brunch

JUNE 14TH

following Service in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share
Come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship!



Upcoming Events

Summer Christmas Party

The Disciples Women will be hosting a Summer Christmas Party at Luther Manor Apartments on

Tuesday, JUNE 23rd

2:00PM-4:00PM

Donations and volunteers are appreciated!

Questions and donations can be directed to Maryanne Farley (304-296-1614) or maryanne23320@gmail.com) Thank you in advance for your help in making this a blessed event.



DWM

(Disciples Womens Ministries)

LUNCH MEETING

JUNE 24TH 11:30AM

SIMPLE EATS (SHORE DR)

CONTACT MARYANNE FARLEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.





Upcoming Events

Thalia Lions Club and VBCC will co-sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive after the church service on August 16th. If you are eligible to donate blood, please make this a priority. The Red Cross is in desperate need. To register, please go to the website – redcrossblood.org. If you need assistance to register, please contact Ellen Turman at eturman53@gmail.com or call 757 646 7104.

POWER IN THE BLOOD



American
Red Cross



SUNDAY, August 16th - 11:00pm-2:00pm

Virginia Beach Christian Church

2225RoseHallDrive, VirginiaBeach

Co-Sponsored by Thalia Lions Club

It's so easy to save a life.....one hour of your time makes the difference!! Please go to redcrossblood.org and make your appointment!

**DONATION OF USED EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS
WILL BE ACCEPTED**

BROOMS and PEANUTS FOR SALE!!

For assistance in registering please contact
Ellen Turman - C: 757 646 7104 Email: eturman53@gmail.com



Department News:

DWM

SUMMER CHRISTMAS PARTY
at LUTHER MANOR
350 Malibu Drive, Virginia Beach
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join us at Luther Manor for a Christmas party this month. There will be Christmas carols, snacks and door prizes for the residents. Every few years VBCC offers this wonderful event which has been so rewarding for those receiving as well as those giving.

Luther Manor is a HUD subsidized apartment building for low income seniors and people with disabilities. They are mandated to purchase a once-daily-meal plan at an extra cost to them. For various reasons, they are unable to get out much, so new faces are ALWAYS welcome.

WHAT WE NEED MOST IS YOUR SMILE! Please plan on stopping by that day to visit and be part of the festivities. We especially would like the men of our church to participate.

If you wish to donate some door prizes, we will take anything but clothing. Items welcome include nice dishes and linens, seasonal decorations (not just Christmas), picture frames, interesting food items such as bottles of sparkling grape juice and boxes of snacks, purses and scarves, salt/pepper/spices, shawls/lap blankets, office supplies/greeting cards, boxes of cake mix/instant oatmeal, etc.

THANK YOU FOR ANY SUPPORT YOU MAY OFFER!

Questions? Contact Maryanne (304-296-1614 or
maryanne23320@gmail.com)



Maryanne Farley



Department News: Eldership

How fast time flies! It is hard to believe my tenure as Elder is ending. These years serving as Elder has been a great learning experience. Thanks for the support VBCC has given me. I am blessed to be a part of the church that Love is building.

Remember to continue to pray for Pastor Kelsey, Rahum and baby Herak. Also pray for Pastor Lydia Land as she is filling in for Pastor Kelsey Sherazi. Contact the church office if you need Lydia Lands assistance.

I hope VBCC will volunteer to serve and pray for current and new leaders. Let us remember our members who are unable to attend our church services

Martha Beacham

Head Elder

From your VP

For those who may not have heard, I am disappointed to share that our SportsTyme Summer Camp, planned for this summer, has been cancelled by the owner. The support of VBCC's Cabinet and Board were very appreciated as we worked diligently toward this outreach project, viewing it as a big "plus" for our church, for the community, and for the company. The owner shared that the necessary "benchmarks" for registrations, etc. had not been met, and it had been deemed "not financially viable" for the company. I do believe in the old adage, "nothing ventured, nothing gained", so we are not going to regret our pursuit. Beth and Joe Cursi, who were to be our Directors, were wonderful to work with, and were very enthusiastic about the venture. We have asked to continue to communicate, and will be hopeful that another opportunity make present itself in the future.

** Special note: There will NOT be a Cabinet Meeting on June 10th since a special Board/Bludget Meeting has been scheduled for June 9th.

Rhonda Skaggs

VBCC Vice President



Department News:

Membership

I am continuing to gather birthday information to include in the Instant Directory from those whose "special dates" were missing. Remember that we also need these dates in order for birthdays of members to be included on the church's monthly calendars. Did you realize that in your Instant Directory, beyond the "Families" section where you view individual family pages, there is another section entitled "Birthdays"? Check it out...there you can see ALL birthdays listed by mon/th! We are "family" so it is important to be able to recognize these special days!

The addition of an " In Memoriam" section to the Directory, is still in the process of being formulated. You are welcome to submit to me, at any time now, the picture you'd like to use, along w/ birth/death dates of your loved one. You may text or email them, and as soon as the section is up and running, your data will be added!

Thank you for being on the lookout for new visitors on Sunday mornings, and for taking the opportunity to "meet and greet"! We've had several new folks join us recently. We want to be sure we are acting upon our "All are welcome" signage, and that visitors feel that we are indeed the church "that LOVE is building."

Rhonda Skaggs

VBCC Membership

Men's Ministry

Attention Men of the Church!

New Light Christian Church (DOC) in Norfolk has invited us (the men...sorry ladies) to celebrate their "Men's Day Prayer Breakfast" on Saturday, June 27th at 9AM. The theme is "Empowered for Purpose" (Ephesians 2:10). If you're interested, contact Bill Hayden (757-343-3598). Please RSVP by June 10th, so we can make plans and give New Light a headcount.

Bill Hayden



Department News:

Love Offering for our Pastor and Family

At VBCC, we are FAMILY! As a family, when a member is experiencing a difficult time in life, whether due to a health issue, financial stress, or loss of a family member, we are always there to provide support, and show our love. We have all been praying for Pastor Kelsey, Rahum, and baby Herak, and we all know the power of prayer. Those prayers will continue, but at this time we'd like to wrap our arms around them in an additional way, by providing some financial support. We are launching a "Love Offering" financial drive to allow all members of the congregation to take part in supporting our beloved Pastor and family. We do not know what the day-to-day needs may be, or what the long-term financial impact of Herak's NICU specialized care may be, but we'd like to collect funds and then allow the family to determine how those funds will best be used.

SO, please consider today the "kick off" of our Love Offering collection for the Sherazi family! VBCC Board members and our financial team are aware of, and supportive of this effort. Our collection of funds will begin now, and run through the end of June. At that time, a check will be presented to Pastor Kelsey as a financial "gift" from her VBCC family. In order for funds to be properly collected and deposited, please follow these directions when making your donation. Please make checks payable to Virginia Beach Christian Church, and then, on the memo line, indicate "Sherazi Love Offering." Checks may be placed in the collection plate on Sundays, or dropped into the depository on the office door at church. Donate as you desire, but let's have a goal of 100% participation of our "family" members!

May the prayers continue daily; may God lead your giving heart; and may this be a wonderful, congregational support of our beloved Pastor and her family!



Rhonda Skaggs
VP/Membership

VBCC Office

Updates



***The Office Manager will
be out of Town.***

June 1st - 10th

If you have any questions or need assistance during
this time, please contact
Bill Hayden. (757) 343-3598
Thank you!



Pastor Kelsey:

RevKelsey@vbchristianchurch.com

Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs, 10:00am - 2:00pm
(or by Appointment)

Available By Phone:

Tues - Sun, Anytime
Mondays are her Sabbath Days

Office Manager:

office@vbchristianchurch.com

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Available By Phone:

Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 4:00pm



Sunday Worship Services

10:00am In Person & YouTube

Website www.vbchristianchurch.com

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VBChristianChurch>

Facebook Private Group (for VBCC Families only)

www.facebook.com/groups/vbchristianchurch/

