



# THE FISHNET



April  
2024



VBCC Family,

At the start of Holy Week, I received a care package from the Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury. It contained some food, a prayer, and some little encouragements. Most meaningful to me, inside the bag was a name tag which read **“Hello, my name is Child of God.”**

I am many things: Kelsey, Pastor, Daughter, Dancer, Singer, White, Twenty Seven, Able-Bodied, Dog-Owner, Partner, Preacher, and much much more, but none of these, not even my name, define me so perfectly, so thoroughly, as this: Child of God.

This Easter Season, I pray you walk in the power of this truth:

**You are, also, Child of God**, a person made in God’s image, born of God’s heart, someone so deeply precious that God sent Jesus to display how wholly loved you are.

May we all bask in these holy words as we celebrate this season, and may the miracle of Easter fill our hearts with joy, praise, love, and life.

Joyfully yours,

*Pastor Kelsey*

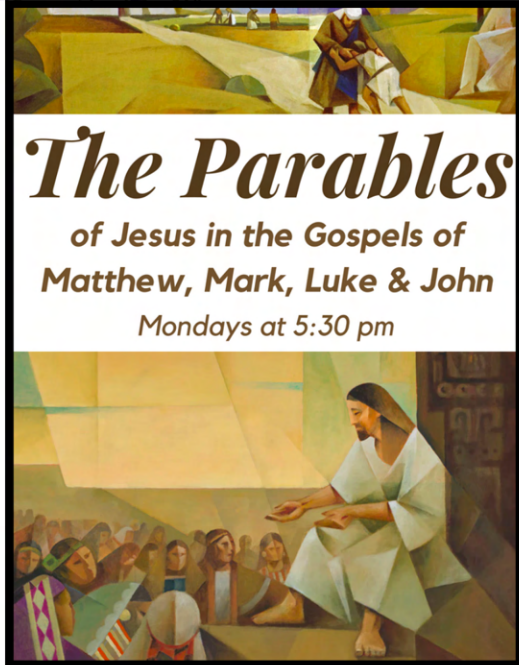
Pastor Kelsey

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**“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.”**


*John 1:12-13*

# Events this Month



**The Parables**  
of Jesus in the Gospels of  
Matthew, Mark, Luke & John  
Mondays at 5:30 pm

TUESDAYS  
9:30 AM



**THE SPIRIT AND  
THE FOLLOWERS  
OF THE WAY**

A Study on the Book of Acts



**"Jump Gospel"**  
with Dan Smith

Music of Faith, Praise,  
Joy, and Redemption  
and sing Along with some beloved Gospel Favorites

Sunday, April 7th  
Following Sunday's Service



Bring a dish to share  
and come sing for you lunch!  
Song Books are Provided.



**Diaconate  
Schedule**

April 7 - Team 1  
April 14 - Team 2  
April 21 - Team 3  
April 28 - Team 4

**Elder  
Schedule**

April 7 - Phyllis Marshall  
April 14 - Rhonda Skaggs  
April 21 - Rhonda Skaggs  
April 28 - Martha Beacham

**Sunday Worship:**  
April 7th

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
Psalm 78:18-29  
John 6:25-40

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April 14th

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Micah 6:6-8  
John 8:2-12

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April 21st

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Psalm 23  
John 10:1-21

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April 28th

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
2 Kings 4:18-20, 32-37  
John 11:17-27



# Upcoming Events:

Virginia Beach Christian Church

# MOVIE NIGHT

Date: April 5th  
Time: 6:00PM  
Movie: Wall-E

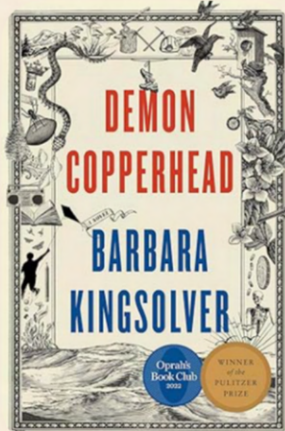


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# BOOK CLUB

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**April 8th**

Demon Copperhead (2022)  
by Barbara Kingsolver

**May 13th**

Trust (2023)  
by Hernan Diaz

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.





# Upcoming Events:

## Tuesday Tea

APRIL 9TH

3:00PM



We are happy to provide rides to this event if needed. Simply contact the Church Office by April 7th to let us know if you will need a ride.

## Pastor's Class

April 14th,  
11:00AM

Our youngest disciples are asking big questions and growing in their faith by leaps and bounds! This class, which will meet on the first Sunday of every month, is an opportunity for them to ask their questions in community as they develop into young theologians. All seekers with the heart of a child are welcome.



# DWM (Disciples Womens Ministries) MEETING

APRIL 24TH, 1:30PM

IN THE LIBRARY

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







# Easter Flowers 2024

## In Honor



Name	For	Relation
Michala Cardwell	Brian Austin & Todd Austin	My Family
Mary Graham	Pastor Kelsey Creech	Pastor
Brenda Mallery	Corrie Lankford	Daughter
Pam & David McEwen	Maisle Aurora McEwen	Granddaughter
Bryan & Tonya Measel	Rick & Debbie Measel	Mom & Dad
Addison Measel	Becky Paris	Aunt/Best Friend
Deborah & Dick Senchak	Luke & Silas	Our Virginia Beach Grandchildren
Rhonda Skaggs	Mary & Clay Beasley "The Golden Girls"	"Adopted" Parents (99yrs old) Dear "forever" Friends
Mary Ann Stubbs	Kathryn Bagwell	Sister
Susan & Mick Sumnick	Michala, James, Jamie, Annika, Amanda, Carter & Ellis	Children, Granchildren & Great granchildren
Patti & Jim Watters	Children & Grandchildren	Children & Grandchildren
Nancy Watters	John A. Watters Jr.	Spouse
Frances Wiedeman	Chip Family	Son





# Easter Flowers 2024

## In Memory



Name	For	Relation
Frankie & Martha Beacham	Rev. William S. Jones & Virginia Jones Frank & Madge Beacham William Pendleton Jones	Martha's Parents Frankie & Murray Beacham's Parents Martha's Brother
Michala Cardwell	Pat Cardwell	Husband
Susie Drew	John & Mildred Clark Jane Clark Bass	Parents Sister
Don & Gloria French	Roy & Mike French Herman & Polly Crouss	Don's Father & Brother Gloria's Father & Mother
Mary Graham	Bruce & Mary R. Graham	My Parents
John Hlebinsky	Kurt Kunkel	Uncle
Wendy Hlebinsky	George Paris	Uncle
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Lodge	Diane Dennis & Em Davis	Friends
Brenda Mallery	Christine Whitaker & Evelyn Mallery	Mothers
Phyllis Marshall	Robert L. Marshall	Spouse
Pam & David McEwen	Karle and Jane Peterson	Parents
Tonya Measel	Kurt Kunkel	Uncle
Debbie Measel	Jim & Doreen Ashe	Parents
Melissa Mecca	Benjamin Levy, Nanna, & Sadie Mecca	Family
Jim Melvin	Carole Melvin	Wife
Rebecca Paris	George Paris	Husband
Olivia Rodriques	Olivia Gomes	Mother
Dot Ryan	Tom Ryan	Husband
Rhonda Skaggs	Agnes Clatterbaugh	Mother/ "My Angel on Earth"
Mary Ann Stubbs	Mary Kathryn & Mike Stubbs	Parents
Patti & Jim Watters	Our Parents	Our Parents
Nancy Watters	Mr. & Mrs. Alton Matheny, Donna Metcalf & Kelly Robinson	My Parents, Sister & Friend
Frances Wiedeman	My Mother, Father & Carson	My Parents & Husband
David Zurek	Shirley Zurek	Mother



# Department News:



Our JCOC team, after we prepared 100 dinners on March 2nd. Just wanted to add that Kit was also with us, but she volunteered to take the picture!

Many thanks to everyone (especially our youth) for your incredible help!

*Debbie Ivory*

## Worship

Worship would like to thank everyone who helped make Lent and Easter a meaningful and worshipful journey for our congregation. We send a special thank you to Pastor Kelsey and our choir for their time spent in preparation.

Please join us on Sunday, April 7, for a Potluck lunch and Dan Smith and his fun sing-along Cabaret immediately following the service. Bring a dish to share and come sing for your lunch!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen Indeed!

Joyfully,  
The Worship Committee

*Pam, Patti, and Phyllis*



# Department News:



## **What does it mean to be a part of the group we call Virginia Beach Christian Church (DoC)?**

### **It might mean you:**

- attend any or all services,
- sing in the choir,
- volunteer for our Outreach programs,
- attend irregularly but have good memories,
- attend a Bible Study.

### **It might also mean you(r):**

- still have questions about your faith and are seeking answers,
- believe you can interpret the Bible for yourself,
- have received support during an illness or death,
- were married here,
- children were christened here,
- enjoy the Fellowship events, or
- were baptized here.

**Whatever your role is at VBCC(DoC), we all have something in common: our love for the church that would not survive without our support of time and money. Each year, we ask for your support in providing for our staff, our programs and the physical needs of the church, through your pledges.**

Our budget for July 2023 thru June 2024 of about \$232,800.00.

We have a proposed budget for July 2024 thru June 2025 of about \$254,564.00





# Department News:



We are asking that you do several things regarding this budget and the life of the church in general:

**First**, prayerfully consider what you can give this year

**Second**, spend some time in prayer for our church.

**Third**, get involved, tell us your ideas for church programs, growth or spending and how you can be part of the future of the church

**Please email Jack Mallery at [jmallery1@verizon.net](mailto:jmallery1@verizon.net) or mail the attached Pledge Card to Virginia Beach Christian Church, 2225 Rose Hall Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.**

**THIS PLEDGE CAMPAIGN ENDS ON APRIL 16, 2024**

Thank you and God bless.

*Jack Mallery*

**ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND, WE WILL HOLD A**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE BUDGET.**



*Virginia Beach Christian Church*  
(Disciples of Christ)



## **Commitment (Pledge) Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My stewardship commitment for 2024-2025

I (we) wish to make a financial commitment to the Lord and His work at Virginia Beach Christian Church (DoC).

I (we) pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually  
as evidence of my commitment to Christ's mission

I (we) do/do not desire offering envelopes.

Regrettably, I am unable to commit financially at this time, but I will keep the Church and its mission in my prayers and hope to contribute whenever I can.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Department News:

## A note from your VBCC Secretary

As we approach the middle of the year, I want to ensure everyone is up-to-date with a couple of important announcements:



- 1. Birthdays on the Church Calendar:** Your birthday is a special occasion that we love celebrating together as a church family. If you haven't already added your birthday to our church calendar or if you notice any inaccuracies, please don't hesitate to let me know. We want to ensure that every milestone is properly acknowledged and celebrated.
- 2. 2023 Tax Statements Available for Pickup:** Your 2023 tax statements are now ready for collection from the church office. You can pick up your statements during office hours from Monday to Thursday, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Additionally, they will be available for collection on Sundays, before or after Sunday services.

Thank you for being an integral part of our church community. Your presence and contributions continue to enrich the fellowship.

*Jade Vitug*

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There will be pledge cards at the church building where Sunday Bulletins are located.





# Department News:



## Membership

Now that April is here, let's "SHOWER the people we love with love..."



Welcome HOME! We are thrilled to welcome back to VBCC, Richard and Debbie Measel, and Debbie's sister, Becky Paris. (Ashe family) Please pick up their new Directory pages, available in the Narthex, sanctuary, and at the Membership bulletin board. Additional members of the family have been worshipping with us recently; we look forward to sharing their contact information/pictures soon.

*Rhonda Skaggs*



## **OPERATION CODE RED**

Our Disciples Women's Ministries is undertaking a project for the month of April and we need your help. Designated **Operation Code Red**, we are joining forces with Church World Service to provide packages to girls who otherwise would be unable to afford personal hygiene products.

These bags are similar in nature to the Disaster Buckets the youth assembled a few years ago in that they require a specific list of items for each bag. Therefore, we are asking for monetary donations so that the proper items may be purchased and to avoid duplication/omission.

Please note on your check "Code Red" so that the funds can be deposited into the designated account. Also, they can be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the office.

Thank you for your generosity. No girl should stay home from school because they can't afford the proper hygiene products.

*Maryanne Farley*



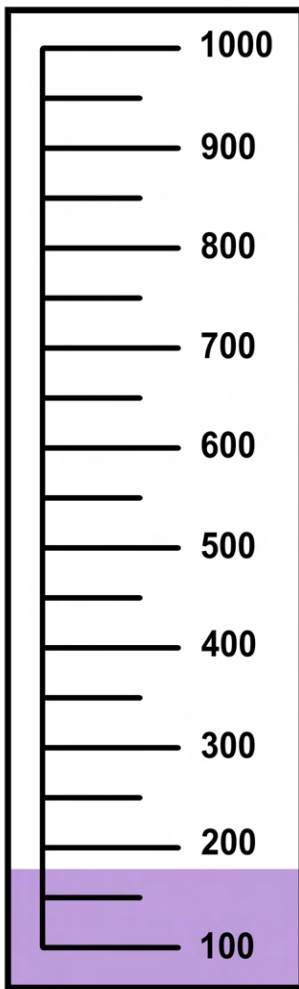
# Recycling Update

The rules for recycling are different this year and we need to collect more plastic each month to reach our goal. In the first 3 months of 2024, we have collected 179 pounds with 821 pounds to go in order to qualify for another park bench. In the next 9 months, we should average almost 100 pounds monthly to meet our goal. Please save your plastic bags and bring them regularly to church. I now have to submit a picture of our bag collection with the poundage. Please ask your neighbor for their plastic bags. I look forward to watching the big white box overflow!

Saving Mother Earth,

*Patti Watters*

March - 179 lbs.



*Pastor Kelsey:*

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**Office Hours:**

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

**Available By Phone:**

Tues - Sun, Anytime  
\*Mondays are her Sabbath Days\*

*Office Secretary:*

office@vbchristianchurch.com

**Secretary Office Hours:**

Mon - Thurs, 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Available By Phone:**

Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Sunday Worship Services**  
**10:00am In Person & YouTube**

**Website** [www.vbchristianchurch.com](http://www.vbchristianchurch.com)

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

**Facebook Private Group (for VBCC Families only)**

[www.facebook.com/groups/vbchristianchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/vbchristianchurch/)

