



THE FISHNET



May

2026



VBCC Family,

I have especially enjoyed the Moments for Stewardship these last weeks – words I never thought I would say! I have loved hearing people share their reasons for coming to VBCC and more importantly, their reasons for staying to worship with this community. One common thread was a member had invited them, often many times over many months, and encouraged them to be a part of our fellowship.

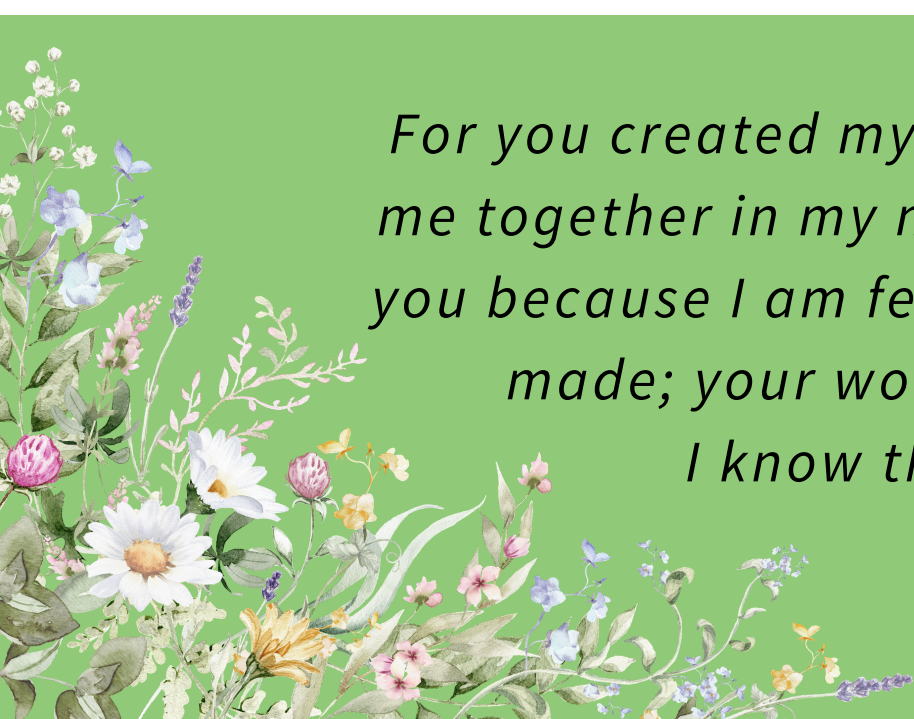
John Steinmetz said one sentence that particularly grabbed my attention. He said that if he needed help, he knew this congregation would be there to help him. Now as a member here for over forty years, I have always believed that this is one amazing characteristic of our church. We do care about each other and try to help in times of need. Sometimes we fall short, but by and large, we are available to listen, to give a ride, to cheer up, and just to love each other. What thrilled me about John saying this was John has been at VBCC a relatively short time but already felt that truly important fact. It is easy to be good friends when all is going right, but when our world falls apart and we need someone to pick us up, whom do we rely on?

How often have you sent a card or a text, made a meal, brought flowers, phoned, prayed for, visited, run an errand for, or checked up on someone in the church? We all do these things as just part of our daily lives. I never realized the real impact of these acts of kindness until I was the recipient when my husband died in October of 2024. In my new fog of widowhood when I had to make so many difficult decisions, I was bombarded with cards and texts and offers of help from so many of you. Pastor Kelsey was such a support and spiritual help and kindness. Walking into the reception after Jim's Celebration of Life service and just having it magically happen was a miracle unto itself. My church family was present, and I still feel this support through our Bible Study group and Sunday services.

As John (Gospel John, not Steinmetz) tells us, "Let us love one another for love is of God." Actually, I suspect John Steinmetz says it, too. Let's continue to gather around each other and be the church that love is building. You never know how much your act of kindness might have been just the best part of someone else's day.

Blessings,

Patti Watters



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

Events this Month

- May 7 - Thursday Dinner Crew, 5:00PM Dockside
May 10 - Mother Day
May 11 - Book Club, 1:00PM
May 12 - Hi Over Pie, 1:30PM
May 13 - Board Meeting, 7:00PM (6:15 Dinner)
May 17 - Pentecost Sunday Service
May 18 - 21 - Meals on Wheels VA Beach
May 21 - Thursday Dinner Crew, 5:00PM Plaza Azteca (Great Neck)
May 22 - Coffee Concert, 10:30AM (Sandler Center)
May 24 - Memorial Sunday Service
May 25 - Memorial Day
May 25 - 29 - Great Neck Preschool Closed
May 27 - DWM Meeting, 11:30AM
May 31 - Chorale Small Ensemble Concert, 2:00PM (VBCC)

Weekly:

Tuesdays: Choir Practice, 7:00PM

Sunday: Spiritual Roundtable, 8:30AM via Zoom

Nominating Committee will be meeting weekly on Sundays
in May, 11:00AM-1:00PM

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

- May 3 - Team 4
May 10 - Team 5
May 17 - Team 1
May 24 - Team 2
May 31 - Team 3

Elder Schedule

- May 3 - Martha Beacham
May 10 - Ryan Ellison
May 17 - Rev Dr Bill Austin
May 24 - Suzanne Genz
May 31 - Mark Farley

Sunday Worship:

May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Sunday

May 24

Pentecost

May 31

First Sunday After Pentecost

Upcoming Events

Thursday Dinner Crew

5:00PM

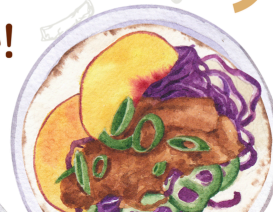
May 7 : Dockside

May 21 : Plaza Azteca (Great Neck)

(Please RSVP by the Tuesday before the Dinner)

RSVP to Jim Anderson @
jim.anderson567@gmail.com

Cheers! See you there!



Hi Over Pie

May 12th
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!



Upcoming Events



SANDLER CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS



COFFEE CONCERT

Friday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m.

The Miller Studio at Sandler Center
For The Performing Arts, Virginia Beach



General Seating

The **ENTIRE** congregation is invited
and they are encouraged to bring a friend.

Tickets are \$34

Patti Watters will coordinate ticket money
and will get all the tickets the week before.

Lunch reservations will be made at Bravo's following the concert.

Questions to be directed to Maryanne Farley
304.296.1614/maryanne23320@gmail.com



Virginia Disciples Women Regional Retreat

September 18-20, 2026



W.E. Skelton 4-H Center
Smith Mountain Lake, VA



SAVE THE DATE!

MORE INFO TO COME!

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THEN YOU ARE A DISCIPLES WOMAN!



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Our entire VBCC family can help make this a wonderful first year for both Sportstyme and our church. Check out the program; consider enrolling a child (ages 5-12) for a week or more; spread the word to neighbors and friends; and reach out to invite Sportstyme families to Sunday worship!

A successful first summer with Sportstyme Summer Camps could potentially help grow our church, and also lead to an annual summer contact with them.

It's a "win-win"! ✨

Rhonda Skaggs



Department News:

Eldership

May is an exciting time of year. Many of our youth are graduating from high school or college. Families are planning for summer vacations. This is a time for VBCC families and friends to participate in our church activities.

Please remember to pray for Pastor Kelsey, Rahum and their baby boy. She is so positive and looks healthy. They enjoy hearing from our church members.

This is the time of the year when our nominating committee is deciding on Elders, Deacons and other important position in our church. Pray for them that they may find church members who are willing to accept these jobs.

Our Elders are thankful for VBCC support and help in continuing to make our place of worship the Church that Love built.

Martha Beacham

Worship

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

What a glorious Easter Sunday we experienced at VBCC! Our church was filled with inspiring words from Pastor Kelsey, beautiful choir music, the majesty of the brass instruments, Easter lilies and geraniums promising spring was on its way, and our people with happy smiles and warm greetings for each other. Thank you to all who made this Lenten journey so meaningful. From the Lenten Soup and Sharing of Jesus' miracle healings, the waving of Palm Branches to celebrate Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem, the Men's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny as the special guest, the powerful retelling through the scripture of Good Friday, to Sunrise Service and the climax of Easter Sunday, it was a journey we traveled through and emerged to let our light shine through the darkness. The choir had us rocking with "This Little Light of Mine"! May we continue to shine and spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection and teachings.

With grateful hearts,

Pam, Suzanne, and Patti

The Worship Committee



Department News:

Membership

As we continue to try to keep our Instant Church Directory updated and as reflective as possible of our church families' current status, I'm asking for your assistance in these ways:

We've discovered recently that there are members for whom we do not have BIRTHDAYS registered. Therefore, birthdays do not show on our monthly calendars, and we miss the opportunity to "Celebrate" them. Please check your family page, and see if birthdays are listed there (including children). If not, please email or text me the name (first and last) and the birthdate (month/day). No need for any formal communication or even full sentences! Just submit the info, and I'll make one master list for Jade....all Directories will be instantly updated w/this info! Happy Birthday everyone!

As we continue to honor and "Remember" the special family members that we've lost, it is difficult to open the Directory and see a page w/a picture and contact information, when that contact can no longer be made. When prayer and memories are what connect us, I'd like to act on that idea for our Directory. Rather than just omitting a page, I'd like to add a new section entitled "In Memoriam." We will post a picture to this section, and list the member's birth/death date. Any time we're "Remembering" that church member, they will still be with us! IF you've lost a family member who was part of our VBCC family, and you'd like to participate in this, please text or email a picture and the two dates to me. It will take a while to get all info entered but we will get the section "up and running" and add entries as they are submitted. Our memory rock garden is a beautiful tribute; now I'd like to add a pictorial tribute by doing so "In Memoriam" in our Directory!

Rhonda Skaggs

Building Request Form

Request to use the VBCC Church
Building



Please remember to fill out a building request form if you plan/schedule ANY events at the building. With the building being used more, we have an up to date calendar with all the events and happenings at VBCC and we would like to keep it accurate to avoid any double bookings. If you have any issues with the form please feel free to email the office for help.

Jade V.



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 Secretary:



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/