

THE FISHNET



March
2023



Beloved of God,

Earlier this month, I had the distinct pleasure of visiting our very own Susan Harrell. She welcomed me into her home, and I marveled at all the coke memorabilia lining her walls and tucked away in cabinets as well as the beautiful plants sitting beside her immaculate Christmas Tree, which stays up all year round.

When we had spoken on the phone to coordinate our visit, Susan had shared with me how much she missed coming to church, and I was excited to visit her and bring a bit of our community's love with me.

We sat on her sun porch and visited for nearly three hours laughing and carrying on. She told me all kinds of stories about growing up, meeting her late husband, Bill, and welcoming Rev. Dr. Bill Austin as the first full-time pastor at Virginia Beach Christian Church.

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(Disciples of Christ)**

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Mon - Thurs, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Pastoral Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Opportunities

(in person and Virtual)

Worship Service In Person

10:00am

Sunday Worship Service Virtual

10:00am - Facebook Live

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At the end of our visit, thanks to your generous gift in honor of my installation, I pulled out the elements and dishes for communion, and she and I were able to have the Lord's Supper right there in her sunroom.

"I've never had communion at home before," Susan marveled as we laid out the oyster crackers on the plate and I poured grape juice into the chalice and one tiny cup.

"Well, I thought that since you couldn't come to church, I would bring church to you today."

This season of lent, we wander once more the long journey towards Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and eventually, Easter Morning. Our Community has wonderful opportunities for worship planned for each of these holy days and the whole season where we will gather in the brick and mortar building to be the Church, but Church happens all the time outside these walls, with neither rituals nor holy elements present.

In our wandering and in the business of life, let us not forsake those little moments of togetherness outside our building in which we live Church in our love for and attention to each other.

With love, peace, and living water for your journey,

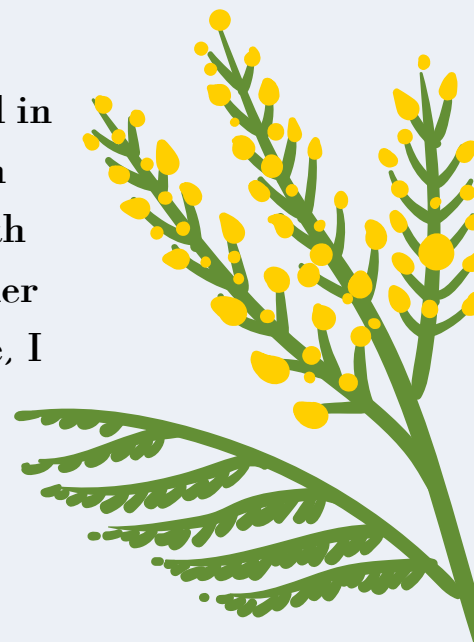
Pastor Kelsey

Pastor Kelsey Creech | (757)903-8549



"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

1 Matthew 18:18-20





Events this Month

"WHEN I THOUGHT,
"MY FOOT IS
SLIPPING," YOUR
STEADFAST LOVE, O
LORD, HELD ME UP.
WHEN THE CARES OF
MY HEART ARE MANY,
YOUR CONSOLATIONS
CHEER MY SOUL.."

PSALM 94:18-19



LENTEN *Soup Series*



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS WITH WORSHIP TO FOLLOW!

SOUP AT 6:15PM ~ WORSHIP AT 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7 - MARCH 14

MARCH 21 - MARCH 28

WE STILL NEED CHEFS TO PROVIDE SOUP. PLEASE CONTACT MARYANNE
(304.296.1614 OR MARYANNE23320@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU CAN DONATE.

lenten series

Wandering the Wilderness



Following our soup dinners, all are invited to join in contemplative worship through scripture, song, poetry, and sacred conversation.

February 28 - 6th Night

'Hope' is the Thing with Feathers

March 5 - 12th Night

Water from a Rock

March 12 - 18th Night

Thank You for Waiting

March 19 - 24th Night

The Cloud and the Bridge

March 25 - 30th Night

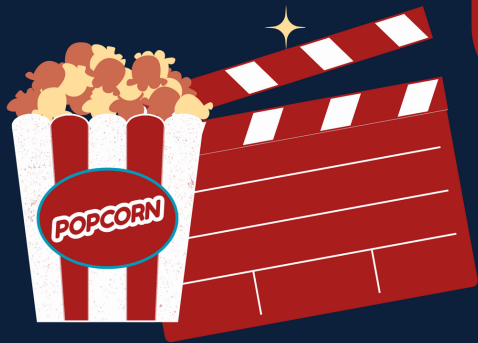
Salvation is at Hand



Events this Month



MOVIE NIGHT



LOCATION : VBCC

MOVIE: RATATOUILLE

15 MARCH | 06:00 PM

*"God protects
us from nothing,
but sustains us
in all things."*

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

April 1, 2023,
11 am - 1 pm

Join us as we welcome Peter Rabbit for an Egg Hunt, a Light Brunch and plenty of photo-ops.

Hosted by the Family of Pastor Kelsey at Virginia Beach Christian Church.



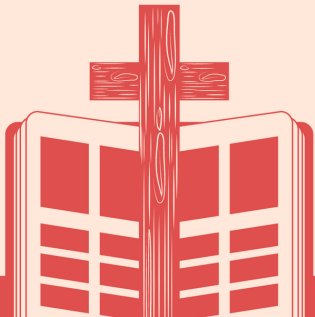
Events this Month

VBCC

Weekly Bible Study

With Rev Kelsey Creech

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM
TUESDAYS AT 9:30AM



Virginia Beach
Christian Church



Diaconate Schedule

March 5 - Team 1
March 12 - Team 2
March 19 - Team 3
March 26 - Team 4

Elder Schedule

March 5 - Rhonda Skaggs
March 12 - Aida Barnette
March 19 - Jennie Palacios
March 26 - Pat Molnar

Sunday Worship & Scripture Readings:

March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-5

Psalms 121

March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-12

Luke 12:13-21

March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ecclesiastes 9:7-11

Matthew 6:25-34

March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

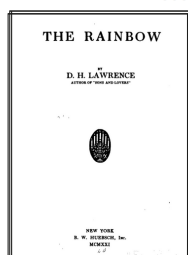
John 11:1-45



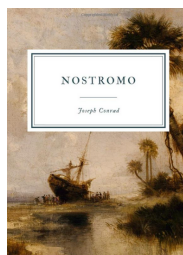
The Monday Book Club meets monthly (2nd Monday) at 1:00pm. All are welcome to join in. This is a book club that actually discusses the books. Meetings are held mostly on Zoom, but all are welcome. At some point, the club will resume gathering under the pavilion or in the library.

If you want to be included, please call Susie Sumnick, (757) 437-9846 to be put on our Zoom list.

With good weather we may be meeting at the gazebo, so if you are new to the group, be sure to check on whether the meeting will be Zoom or in person.



March 13
The Rainbow (1915)
by D.H. Lawrence
April 10
Nostromo (1904)
by Joseph Conrad



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 2022 – June 2023 was about \$208,105.00.

We have a proposed budget for July 2023 thru June 2024 of about \$232,800.00.

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 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, 2023


Thank you and God bless.

Jack

Jack Mallery

*ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, WE WILL HOLD A
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE BUDGET.*

	<p><i>Virginia Beach Christian Church</i> (Disciples of Christ)</p> <p>Commitment (Pledge) Card</p>	
Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Address:	<input type="text"/>	
<p>My stewardship commitment for 2023-2024.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I (we) wish to make a financial commitment to the Lord and His work at Virginia Beach Christian Church (DoC).</p> <p>I (we) pledge \$_____ annually as evidence of my commitment to Christ's mission.</p> <p>I (we) do/do not desire offering envelopes.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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.</p>	
Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>



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Department News:

Membership



As the month of March begins, we are continuing to “march” through the VBCC Directory update process! Thanks to all for cooperating w/ phone calls being placed to update your information! The goal is to have the most complete, accurate directory possible, so that it becomes a valuable resource for all. Please remember that besides updating your data, your picture can be updated, too...unless you want to choose to be “forever young”!! Pictures can be texted/emailed, or hard copies may be provided; a new pic could be snapped at church on your cell phone! Brenda Mallery, JoAnn Bishop, and I have set a goal for the completion/distribution of the packets of updated pages...EASTER SUNDAY! With the expectation that we will see large numbers of members that day, we'll have a table set up and be ready to distribute beginning at breakfast. Remember, it is one set per family; we'll take names as we distribute; and we'll deliver or mail those not claimed by April 16th. Get ready to “come and get ‘em”!!



Eldership

As our Shepherds and Flocks journey together through this Lenten season, let us make the journey one of love and hope; of grace and gratitude; of penitence and preparation; of introspection and prayer. Open our eyes to sacrifice and service. May each of us experience increased understanding and strengthened devotion. Your Elders look forward to sharing this journey with you; we are here for YOU. Please remember that your Elders depend upon you to notify us of prayer requests, needs, updates, and celebrations which you want to share with us or with the congregation; we are here for YOU. Reach out during this journey; we will reach out to you. (Below are the current Shepherd/Flock designations, but please know that as we try to assist our Pastor, ANY of us are available to you at ANYTIME.)



SHEPHERD/FLOCK DESIGNATIONS

Shepherd (Elder)	Email	Phone	Flocks (Last name)
Barnette, Aida	aida.barnette@gmail.com	757-435-9678	A-C
Iman, Jim	jb2305@netscape.com	757-353-1698	D-F
Molnar, Pat	managingcommunications@cox.net	757-474-2111	G-L
(*this is Susan Molnar's email)			
Palacios, Jennie	jenniepalcios226@gmail.com	757-892-4977	M-R
Skaggs, Rhonda	rlskaggs10@gmail.com	757-761-9708	S-Z

Make a note of YOUR Shepherd/Elder's information, and keep it always available!



Recipe Corner

Easy Traditional Irish Champ

By Elaine Lemm

PREP TIME: 10 mins
COOK TIME: 20 mins
TOTAL TIME: 30 mins
SERVINGS: 6



Directions:

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil and lightly salt the water. Simmer the potatoes until cooked through (when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife, the potato should be soft in the middle). This will take about 20 minutes, depending on the size of the potatoes.
3. Finely chop the white parts of the green onions and roughly chop the green parts. Set aside.
4. Drain the cooked potatoes in a colander. Add the milk and butter to the empty pot and heat gently until melted.
5. Add the potatoes back to the pot and mash until smooth and creamy. Be careful of over-mashing as the potatoes can end up gluey.
6. Add the finely chopped white part of the onion and mix well. Season well with salt and pepper to taste.
7. Serve warm topped with the sliced green parts of the onions.

Ingredients:

- 22 ounces/675 grams floury potatoes like russets, peeled and quartered
- Sea salt, to taste
- 1 cup green onions
- 2 to 3 ounces/50 to 75 milliliters milk
- 2 ounces/55 grams salted butter
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

VBCC Office Secretary Hours

Monday - Thursday (Available in office)

10:00am - 12:30pm

Monday - Friday (Available by Phone and Email)

10:00am - 4:00pm

Friday (By Appointment)

10:00am - 12:00pm

VBCC Pastoral Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

10:00am - 2:00pm

VBCC's (in person) Worship Opportunities

Sunday - Worship Service Every Sunday 10:00am

VBCC's (virtual) Worship Opportunities

Sunday - Worship Service / VBCC Facebook Live 10:00am

Website www.vbchristianchurch.com

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

Facebook Private Group (for VBCC Families only)

www.facebook.com/groups/vbchristianchurch/

