

THE FISHNET



May
2024



Dear Church Family,

I began my journey as a music/choir director 52 years ago. I have served 3 churches in Virginia Beach. I walked into Virginia Beach Christian Church 35 years ago and it became my church home. We have been through many trials and tribulations over the years and have always remained a loving and caring family.

I have reached a point in my life when I want to have time to travel, visit family and pursue other adventures.

It has been a blessing to be a member of Virginia Beach Christian Church and its community of fellowship. As I retire I will cherish all the wonderful friends that have become family.

My last Sunday will be June 2nd,
but I promise you I will keep singing.

With a song in my heart,

Maggie Austin

VBCC Family,

After 35 years of ministry in Virginia Beach Christian Church, 52 years in total, Maggie has decided to retire.

This is big news for our church, a big change for our community. Maggie has been an important member of this community for decades. Her faith in God and her dedication to the choir during those 35 years have led our church through some of its most challenging days. I am tremendously grateful for the heart and voice Maggie has shared with each of us.

One thing I've learned about music is that the echoes of a beautiful song reverberate long after that song has ended. Maggie's ministry with us is ending, but the echoes of this beautiful song she has lived and loved with us will reverberate through our halls for decades. Her impact has been immeasurable, but we can all testify that her song has touched many.

We will be celebrating her 35 years of ministry and loving her into her retirement on June 2. And oh yes, we intend to send her out on a high note!

This day will include a special piece of worship to thank God for the ways she has loved and served God and God's people during her ministry and a retirement party (final details on that yet to come). I hope y'all will make a point of attending worship that day and giving Maggie a thorough, grateful sendoff as she enters full retirement. She has certainly earned it.

Joyfully yours,

Pastor Kelsey

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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Events this Month

*Last Day
May 6th*

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



Pastor's Class

May 5th, 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.

Diaconate Schedule

May 5 - Team 1

May 12 - Team 2

May 19 - Team 3

May 26 - Team 4

Elder Schedule

May 5 - Frances Wiedeman

May 12 - Frances Wiedeman

May 19 - Phyllis Marshall

May 26 - Phyllis Marshall

Sunday Worship:

May 5th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 80:7-19

John 15:1-8

May 12th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

John 10:1-21

May 19th

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-13

Ezekiel 37:1-10

May 26th

First Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

Upcoming Events:

Virginia Beach Christian Church

MOVIE NIGHT

Date: May 10th

Time: 6:00PM

Movie: Freaky Friday



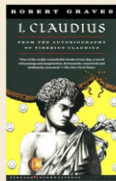
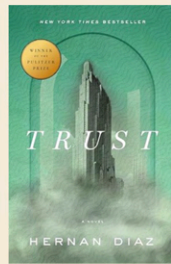
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BOOK CLUB



May 13th

Trust (2023)
by Hernan Diaz

June 10th

I, Claudius (1989)
by Robert Graves

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.

MAY 14TH 3:00PM

We are happy to provide rides to this event if needed. Simply contact the Church Office by May 12th to let us know if you will need a ride.



DWM (Disciples Womens Ministries) MEETING

MAY 29TH, 1:30PM IN THE LIBRARY

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



Dr. William E. Austin Scholarship

Virginia Beach Christian Church (DoC)
is now accepting applications for the
Dr. William E. Austin Scholarship!

If you are a VBCC member graduating high school this year,
and wishing to apply for the scholarship,
please contact the church office immediately
to obtain your application.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline noted on the application.

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Upcoming Holidays in May:



May 5th



HAPPY
Mother's Day 




May 12th

May 27th





Department News: Membership



We are FAMILY! Thanks for remembering to update your contact information w/our church office so that you receive important communications from the church; up-to-date home/email addresses and phone numbers are critical to success. We want to be sure that we share with the whole congregation concerns and blessings from our members.

Don't forget to pick up new and updated Directory pages when they are distributed. This is another important element in maintaining effective communication. After initial distribution (in the sanctuary/nathex) the most recent pages are also available at the Membership bulletin board. You may contact Rhonda Skaggs at any time if you are missing a page and cannot find it! (rlskaggs10@gmail.com. (757-761-9708)

We also want to continue to deliver some "Sunshine" to members when their world is a little "cloudy". Thanks for notifications regarding illnesses, hospitalizations/surgeries, deaths, and other difficult times. We've delivered some "sunshine" to more than a dozen members of our "family" just since the beginning of 2024-25!

Rhonda Skaggs



VBCC Leadership 2024-25

"Knock and the door will open...seek and you will find..."

It's that time again! The Nominating Committee is beginning its work to formulate a Leadership slate for 2024-25. We will be meeting on May 5th to confirm specific needs/vacancies. As we begin our work to "seek and find," we may be "knocking on YOUR door." We will be looking for helping hands and willing hearts! Have you reflected recently upon your role as a VBCC member? Is there an area of service to which you feel called? How might your gifts/talents/experience align with identified needs? Thanks for taking time now to consider your potential involvement, and prior to us contacting you, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Kelsey or myself if there is a particular area in which you feel called to serve!

Rhonda Skaggs



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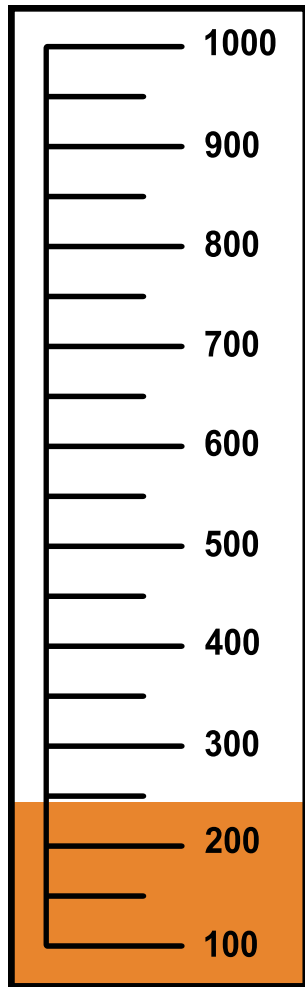
Invitation to all VBCC Women!

Our newly formed Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) department is inviting all interested women to join us for a special presentation at our next meeting. On May 22nd at 1:30 p.m., Shelly Averett, Development Director for Horizons of Hampton Roads, will be our guest presenter. We have already been very excited about our opportunity for involvement with Horizons, based upon our desire to reach out to children who need additional support in reading and other areas. Ms. Averett gave a presentation at a recent Thalia Lions Club meeting, and I instantly reached out to her for DWM! Horizons appears to be a perfect match for us!

The organization is a non-profit established to provide academic and social opportunities to school age children living in families with limited income. They seek to foster a love for learning, teach confidence, and to reach out beyond academics to the hearts of children. In Virginia Beach, the program is housed at Virginia Wesleyan University. There is a summer schedule, June 23-July 26, that will give us a wonderful opportunity for initial volunteer involvement. We are especially interested in assisting younger students, and an advertised "Tea Time" for K-1 classes sounds inviting! It is described as a time when students, families, and volunteers "come together" over books (with snacks!) So, if this sounds inviting to you, put the date on your calendar and PLEASE come and join us!

Rhonda Skaggs





Recycling Update

In April we recycled 61 pounds of plastic bringing our January-April total to 241 pounds recycled. We have until the end of December to collect the remaining 759 pounds to qualify for a bench. That is an average of 95 pounds a month!

One full large bag from the recycle box averages 10-12 pounds. Please make an effort to bring in your plastic and overflow that box! Each bag must be weighed and verified by a photo that I send to Trex.



With gratitude for all your help,

Patti Watters

April - 241 lbs.

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

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Tues - Sun, Anytime
Mondays are her Sabbath Days

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10:00am In Person & YouTube

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