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From the Minister...

The chaplains at the Hampton VA recently hosted a workshop in VA S.A.V.E. and Building Spiritual Strength. Both of these programs are geared toward veterans who are living with PTSD (understood as both Stress Disorder and Spiritual Distress). Among the many take home moments for me was the conversation around spiritual/values distress. When we live in two (or more) systems that have differing values/moral codes that are at odds with each other we often feel the tension. This tension can lead to a crisis and even a break. A small way we might experience this in ourselves, or others, is the comment

about the church being full of hypocrites. There is an expected way of being in connection with a life of faith and there are the ways of being that are expected out of church. When the two pull on each other there is the possibility of soul distress.

Be kind and acknowledge where someone is at, don't reinforce the feelings or behaviors, but be present in the moment.

If you, or someone you know, are considering harming themselves, please call 1-800-273-8255. Those connected to the military, choose extension 1.

Peace,
Pastor David S. Kays

From the President...

Not that one...the president of the congregation:

We have a Congregational meeting on June 5th, following the morning service. We will be electing officers for the next year (I'm running unopposed but would welcome the competition!). And we will be discussing and voting on the budget for next year. At this writing, we are about \$20,000 "in the red" (anticipated operational expenses exceed our anticipated income). The departments have cut their expenses as far as they can, so our options are limited. You can help if you have not already pledged. Contact Mark Farley (304-319-1650) if you wish to pledge (or increase your pledge!). This will be an important opportunity for your voice to be heard and your ideas to be considered. Please plan on attending.

~ Bill Hayden



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Pastoral Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Thurs, 10:00AM—3:00PM

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Opportunities (in person):

Sunday -

Combination Worship Service

10:00AM -

Destination TBD every Sunday

Worship Opportunities (virtual):

Sunday -

Combination Worship Service

10:00AM - YouTube & Facebook Live

TO PONDER...

When researchers for the American Bible Society's annual *State of the Bible* report saw this year's survey statistics, they found it hard to believe the results. The data said roughly 26 million people had mostly or completely stopped reading the Bible in the last year... When people are not in church, they're not reminded of the blessings of Scripture and its importance for their lives. And they aren't encouraged by other Christians sharing about their own Bible reading.

Macinnis, Adam. '26 Million Americans Stopped Reading the Bible Regularly During COVID-19'. (Christianity Today, April 2022). [<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2022/april/state-of-bible-reading-decline-report-26-million.html>].

Cultural Protestantism could exist, even look similar to its radical form, just without the dialectic [discussing truth of opinions]. Protestantism as a civic religion could be tamed enough not to bite the immanent frame [things exist only as themselves, and not in relationship to others]. But to do the taming, Protestantism's dialectical teeth would need to be removed. . . . Without its dialectic, Protestantism is a particularly flat and vapid form of religion, absent even bells and smells. But to have its safe place in the immanent frame, Protestantism needed to forget (even dislike) the confession that life is found in death, grace in judgment, community in confession, justification in sinners, and that being lost is the only way to be found.

Root, Andrew. *Churches and the Crisis of Decline: A Hopeful, Practical Ecclesiology for a Secular Age*. (Baker Academic, 2022).

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CHURCH NEWS...

From the General Church (www.disciples.org)

The Center for Indigenous Ministries announce the creation of a Truth and Healing Council

Posted: May 3, 2022

The Center for Indigenous Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gathered online from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society on April 22 in honor of Earth Day to announce the creation of a Truth and Healing Council. The focus of the announcement was to call the church to reparative and restorative work within the structures of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Truth and Healing Council will hold listening sessions to hear from indigenous voices in all Regions of the Christian Church (DOC.) The listening sessions will inform the continued reparative and restorative work of the denomination.

From the Regional Church (www.ccinva.org)

Many thanks are offered for those who have been working hard at Craig Springs to get it ready for the summer and beyond. It is with special gratitude that we give thanks for Disciples from Iowa who gave a week to kick-start the refurbishment of Oak Lodge.

The Regional Assembly is June 3rd and 4th.

Camp registration is open for an exciting set of summer camps at Craig Springs. To register, contact your local pastor, or go to: <https://craigsprings.com/register>.

SOME SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH VBCC (DOC)...

Virginia Beach Christian Church
(DoC)

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour
(fellowship, conversation, and catching up)

9:00AM - 9:45AM

June 19, 2022

July 17, 2022

August 24, 2022

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Open Air Chapel: 1st Tuesdays of each month @ 6:00PM. (June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd)

2nd Sunday Gatherings: after worship (June 12th, July 10th, August 14th)

World Café: June 12th after worship. Hosted by Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning.

3rd Sunday Coffee: and Friendship before worship @ 9:00AM
(June 19th, July 17th, August 21st)

Regional Camps: through Craig Springs, Camp Caroline (NC), and Bethany Beach Conference Center (DE). Contact Pastor Kays for details.

Vacation Bible School: Knights of North Castle w/Lynnhaven Colony Congregational UCC @ Wycliffe PCUSA. (July 18-21):

<https://thegreatvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

Chime Ringing Workshop(s): TBD

VBCC HAPPENINGS

Please watch your email,
Facebook and VBCC's Website
for Scheduling Announcements!

JUNE 5, 10:00AM	Sunday Service
JUNE 5, 11:00AM	Congregational Meeting
JUNE 6, 6:45PM	Bible Study (IN PERSON)
JUNE 7, 1:00PM	Bible Study (ZOOM)
JUNE 7, 6:00PM	Open Air Chapel
JUNE 8, 9:30AM	FCHS Day-of-Service
JUNE 8, 7:00PM	Board Meeting
JUNE 12, 9:00AM	2 nd Sunday Summer Brunch
JUNE 12, 10:00AM	Sunday Service
JUNE 12, 11:00AM	World Cafe /Bill Spangler-Dunning
JUNE 13, 6:45PM	Bible Study (IN PERSON)
JUNE 14, 1:00PM	Bible Study (ZOOM)
JUNE 19	Father's Day
JUNE 19, 9:00AM	Sunday School
JUNE 19, 9:00AM	Sunday Morning Coffee Hour
JUNE 19, 10:00AM	Sunday Service
JUNE 20	Juneteenth / VBCC Office Closed
JUNE 20, 10:00AM - 3:30PM	Pastoral Office Hours
JUNE 26, 10:00AM	Sunday Service
JULY 3, 10:00AM	Sunday Service
JULY 3, 11:00AM	Elder's Meeting
JULY 4	Independence Day / VBCC Office Closed
JULY 4, 10:00AM - 3:30PM	Pastoral Office Hours
JULY 5, 6:00PM	Open Air Chapel
THURSDAYS, 7:00PM	Choir Practice



Bible Study

Mondays @ 6:45PM
(IN PERSON)
&
Tuesdays @ 1:00PM
(ZOOM TO FACEBOOK)

[SAME MATERIAL,
PARALLEL CLASSES]

The Tuesday class
will have a
Zoom Room option
(PLEASE CONTACT
PASTOR KAYS
FOR THE LINK).

We will be studying
the book of James.



Serving Elders for

June 2022

June 5	Mark Farley
June 12	Jennie Palacios
June 19	Phyllis Marshall
June 26	Aida Barnette
July 3	Jim Iman

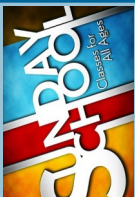
Sunday Worship Scripture Readings:

"Pentecost" and more
June 5 - June 26

June 5	Acts 2:1-4
	1 Corinthians 12:4-11 & Galatians 5:22-23
June 12	Proverbs 8:1-4
	Proverbs 8:22-31
June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9
	Luke 8:26-39
(GUEST SPEAKER - JACK MALLERY) June 26	Jeremiah 29: 11
	Hebrew 11: 1
July 3	Luke 14:12-15
	Luke 14:16-24

Spiritual Roundtable

The Spiritual Roundtable meets every Sunday at 10:00AM via Zoom. Meeting this way has led to some very interesting discussions and some class members who no longer live in Virginia Beach have been able to join the group. Visitors are always welcome. In order to get the login information please email Connie Hooker at ckhooker@gmail.com.



Sunday school will resume in the Fall

If you should want the YouTube links for the sermons, please contact Pastor Kays for a copy of the Word document.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



Michala Sumnick-Cardwell
Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP

Make sure you stop by the new Membership Bulletin Board and pick up the latest updates to your Membership Directory.

Should you need to update your contact information in the directory, simply contact the church office, and we will be happy to assist you.

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~ Michala



Nancy Nelson
Patti Watters
Co-Chairpersons

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee was excited to thank all the mother figures in our church family on Sunday, May 8, with the donation of a Butterfly House to mark the entrance of our Pollinator Garden. Thank you Anne, Kelly, Mercedes, Kay and others for all they do to make church a fun and meaningful experience for all our Young Disciples.

Our outdoor Tuesday evening worship will continue beginning the first Tuesday in June and continuing each first Tuesday evening this summer. Thank you David for coordinating this service.

Our Regional Minister, Bill Spangler-Dunning will be our guest speaker on June 12, followed by a World Cafe which he will lead. Details to follow later.

David will be traveling on June 26, and Jack Mallery has graciously accepted our offer to be our guest speaker that day.

~ Nancy and Patti



Hand-chime Choir:

Chime rehearsals are on Mondays at 2:30PM.
New ringers are more than welcome.

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Elder

Phyllis Marshall
Rhonda Skaggs
Head Elders

ELDERSHIP

Thanks for the Memories of Love

This month Elders would like to honor Fathers who have touched our VBCC lives. On June 17th we wish a "Happy Father's Day" to all men who lead, love, support, teach, and serve as positive role models. Our Heavenly Father gave us His most precious gift, his son, Jesus Christ. This was a true testament of love and of sacrifice. Thanks to the fathers, and "father figures" in OUR lives who have shared/are sharing their unconditional love. Whether you are Father, Dad, Daddy, Grandpa, Papa, Uncle, Stepfather, Godfather, "friend who loves like a Father"; for those who are still giving and for our Fathers in heaven, *"thanks for the memories of love!"*

Additional *"thanks for the memories of love"* are being sent out to two of our Elders who are concluding their three-year terms of service this month. **Phyllis Marshall** and **Mark Farley** we thank you for your love, support and dedicated service to our VBCC congregation!

Next Elder Meeting: July 3

(FOR CURRENT 2021-22 ROSTER,
AND NEWLY APPOINTED 2022-23 ELDERS)

~ Rhonda

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DEPARTMENT NEWS



Maryanne Farley
Mark Farley
Co-Chairpersons



Susie Sumnick
Chairperson

HOSPITALITY

The church will once again be hosting a BOUTIQUE SALE on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9th, from 9:00AM until 1:00PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Items for sale will include antiques, crystal, silver, linens, prints, jewelry, cocktail dresses, and other fine collectibles. If you would like to rent a table or help with this event, please contact Maryanne Farley (maryanne23320@gmail.com or text 304-296-1614).

~ Your Hospitality Team

OUTREACH

A car load of food, as well as toiletries, paper bags and calendars, was delivered to the Thalia Methodist food pantry. Egg cartons were provided to the Beach Babies project.

Meals on Wheels continues to run smoothly thanks to our responsible volunteers.

Another delivery of Bibles for the JCOC, via YNot Italian Restaurant, will be sent within the week.

~ Susie

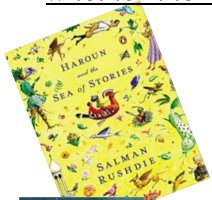
BOOK CLUB

The Monday Book Club meets monthly (2nd Monday) at 1:00PM. As you can see, the Book Club has continued to read throughout the pandemic.

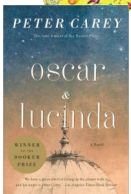
All are welcome to join in. This is a book club that actually discusses the books. Meetings are held mostly on Zoom, but all are welcome. At some point, the club will resume gathering under the pavilion or in the library.

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.



June 13
Haroun and the
Sea of Stories (1990)
by Salman Rushdie



July 11
Oscar And Lucinda (1988)
by Peter Carey

Judeo - Christian JCOC Outreach Center

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The JCOC Dinner was held on May 11th.

VBCC sponsored a dinner for the
Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
on Wednesday, May 11th.

We served Hardison's Barbeque, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, chicken salad (for those who did not eat pork) and water. As was requested, we prepared 80 meals and placed them in to-go containers and put everything in a plastic bag. Some wanted to pick up a meal and leave, the remainder stayed and ate in the dining room. All 80 meals were distributed.

Bill and I wish to thank our special VBCC-JCOC team including: Phyllis Marshall, Bill and Kit Hayden, Maryanne Farley, Susie Sumnick, Terry Deglandon and Rev. David Kays.

I'd also like to thank Harris Teeter for donating the shopping bags used for distributing the meals.

~ Debbie Ivory

Virginia Beach Christian Church

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BACK BY
POPULAR DEMAND

Indoor Boutique

just the good stuff!

\$20.00
CHURCH MEMBERS
\$40
NON-CHURCH MEMBERS

July
8th & 9th

Set-up on the afternoon of the 7th

9:00AM - 1:00PM
each day.

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Leslie S. Kelly
Office Manager



VBCC OFFICE MANAGER

As my time at Virginia Beach Christian Church comes to an end, I struggle with what to say. I'll start with, "Thank You".

Since October, 2015, you all have welcomed me and embraced every aspect of my life. Along the way, we've laughed, cried, celebrated, honored, prayed, and prayed harder. (Yes - I pray!) You've treated and accepted my children as if they were yours and for that, I will forever be thankful! You've let me have fun with my graphics, cartoons and animations in all my publications. You've allowed me to learn so much more about my field, than anything I could have learned in school. My experiences here will follow me for the rest of my life. You've allowed me to organize you, re-brand you, computerize

you, give you a social media presence, automate you, video you and secure you. You've tolerated my music, my OCD, my ADD and my sense of humor. You've educated me in having more faith in humanity. I cherish the moments, many of you granted me as you came into my office to just sit and talk about life. I've learned so much through those experiences, and if you know you were one of those individuals - I thank you from the bottom of my heart and for trusting me with your thoughts. If I could stay forever, I would - but the time has come for me to move on. I will move on with a heavy, heavy heart, wishing I could take some of you with me.

Your leadership has worked diligently to bring in a new secretary. I ask for patience as she and I work side-by-side so that I can bring her up to speed on the inner workings of your church home office.



Jade Vitug
Office Secretary

VBCC OFFICE SECRETARY

Greeting! My name is Jade Vitug, I was born in San Diego California and grew up in a Navy household. I have lived in the Hampton Roads area since middle school, and attended classes at Old Dominion University for Psychology and Graphic Design. I have a professional background in banking, legal and culinary, and enjoyed the skills that I have been able to gain from each field.

I am married to my wonderful husband, Aaron, of five years and we have two little ones Liana (three and a half) and Ada (nine months). They are the light of my life and I love them so. When not taking care of my little ones I enjoy being in the outdoors and honing my photography and design skills.

I feel so grateful for this opportunity to serve and work for this fellowship and look forward to meeting everyone I can.



~ Jade Vitug



Recipe Corner

Send me your recipe (office@vbchristianchurch.com) and I'll feature it in one of the upcoming newsletters, but definitely in the newest version of a VBCC Cookbook!

Breakfast, Brunch, Holiday

Creme Brulée French Toast Casserole

Leslie Kelly

- an easy make-ahead breakfast



Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 40 minutes

Servings: 10

- 1 whole french bread loaf, cut in 2-inch squares
- 8 large egg, whole
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier, optional
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons butter

Combine eggs, milk, 1 cup sugar, salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon, vanilla, Grand Marnier, orange juice, and 2 tbsp. melted butter in a large bowl. Whisk together until well incorporated.

Use remaining butter to heavily butter a 9x13 baking pan.

Slice bread into 1" thick slices and then cut slices into cubes. Combine remaining cinnamon and 1 tbsp. sugar. Add bread cubes to pan and toss with cinnamon sugar mixture. Pour custard mixture over bread cubes, pressing cubes down with a spoon to thoroughly soak bread. Cover with foil and refrigerate at least one hour or overnight.

Preheat oven to 325° F. Bake approximately 40-50 minutes until golden brown and set.

Remove from the oven and sprinkle remaining 3-4 tbsp. of sugar over the top of the casserole.

Set broiler on high and return to oven or use a kitchen torch to caramelize the sugar. The sugar will turn brown and liquefy and then harden as it cools. Serve warm with maple syrup if desired.

This is the perfect make-ahead baked French toast casserole. Overnight French toast is perfect for a weekend bunch or a busy holiday morning. Wake up and throw it in the oven — breakfast is done!

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 362 Calories; 11g Fat (27.1% calories from fat); 11g Protein; 54g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 189mg Cholesterol; 442mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 1/2 Grain(Starch); 1/2 Lean Meat; 0 Fruit; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 1 1/2 Fat; 1 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

VBCC's Hours

Monday - Thursday	9:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday	9:00AM - 12:00PM

VBCC's Pastoral Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (appointment recommended)	10:00AM - 3:00PM
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VBCC's (*in person*) Worship Opportunities

Sunday - Combination Worship Service / Destination TBD Every Sunday	10:00AM
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