



THE FISHNET



September
2026

VBCC Family,

We are so grateful to have Herak home at last!

After making ourselves at home in the NICU for so many weeks, we have adjusted pretty quickly to having him steps away instead of miles.

When we finally brought Herak home, we were missing a few important (and obvious) things to make his home here. The day we finally left the hospital with him, we also bought diapers (the most important), spare bottles, and lots and lots of hand sanitizer. It was almost like we were too nervous to buy the last things he needed in case they changed their minds. But they didn't, and they let him come home on August 10, and we celebrated as the work of newborn parenting finally began.

Herak came home with an NG tube that helps us ensure he's getting all the calories he needs each day as he works on his coordination and endurance to eat all by himself. He also came home with about seven appointments on the books to make sure he adjusted to life at home well. After these past three weeks, Herak is thriving. He enjoys playing with his dangling toys in the nursery, holds his head up on his own, and loves to roll side to side, though not all the way onto his belly yet. He enjoys listening to books and looking at the pictures when he doesn't fall asleep, but his favorite activity by far is to snuggle on the couch after a bottle.

Herak's homecoming has been joyful, fun, and full of adjustments to our schedule and our free time as we welcome him into our family life.

We are enjoying our time as a family, feeding Herak when he's actually hungry instead of when the clock tells us to, changing every diaper, playing in the nursery, and spending sleepless nights with our wailing bundle of joy. It's made all the sweeter by how long we had to wait for it.

We are so excited for y'all to meet Herak and for him to be welcomed into the VBCC Family! I return to church on September 13, which also happens to be our Homecoming Sunday!

Like a parent, God welcomes us home, no matter how long we've been away, no matter what little quirks and gadgets we come with. God creates a space for us to find spiritual renewal and life abundant in His house, a space where all God's children can thrive. He welcomes us in with open arms, and - unlike some new parents - he's always ready for us to come back home.

I hope to see many of you on the 13th, both as we all come back to God's house after our summer vacations - adjusting our schedules to welcome Church back into our lives - and as we welcome Herak into our community of faith!

We love you all, and we know Herak will, too!

Joyfully yours,

Pastor Kelsey

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."
For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, "Peace be within you."
Because of the house of the Lord our God
I will seek your good.*

Psalms 122:1, 8-9

Events this Month

September 3 - VBCC Office Closed for in office Hours,
please call if you need anything

September 7 - Labor Day, VBCC Office Closed

September 8 - Hi Over Pie, 1:30PM

September 13 - Sunday School Kickoff

(Coffee & Donuts in the fellowship hall) 11:00AM

September 14 - 17 - Meals on Wheels VA Beach

September 14 - Book Club, 1:00PM

September 15 - Tuesday Dinner Crew. @Dockside 5:00PM

September 18 - 20 - VA DWM Retreat

September 23 - DWM Lunch Meeting, 11:30AM

September 26 - Annual Board Retreat & Meeting, 9:00AM-3:30PM

Weekly:

Tuesdays: Bible Study, 9:30AM (Starting the 15th)

Wednesdays: Bible Study, 3:30PM (Starting the 16th)

Thursdays: Choir Practice, 7:00PM (Starting on the 10th)

Sunday: Spiritual Roundtable, 8:30AM via Zoom

Diaconate Schedule

Cindy Childress, Wayne Russell, Anne Myers (Team 1)

Kathy Zurek, Patty Watters (Team 2)

Steve Eggleston Traci Ellison. Melissa Mecca (Team 3)

David and Pam McEwen (Team 4)

Jim Melvin, Bill Hayden (Team 5)

Diaconate Schedule

September 6 - Team 2

September 13 - Team 3

September 20 - Team 4

September 27 - Team 5

Elder Schedule

September 6 - Ryan Ellison

September 13 - Suzanne Genz

September 20 - John Steinmetz

September 27 - Mark Farley

Sunday Worship:

September 6

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

I John 2:7-11 (RSV)

Mark 10:46-52 (RSV)

September 13

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

TBD

September 20

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

TBD

September 27

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

TBD



Upcoming Events



Hi Over Pie

**September 8th
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!

Sunday School Kickoff

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Coffee & Donuts
in the fellowship hall!



Upcoming Events

BOOK CLUB

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.



September
14th

July's People
by Nadine
Gordimer

Up Next:

October 12th

The Remains
of the Day
by Kazuo Ishiguro



Tuesday Dinner Crew

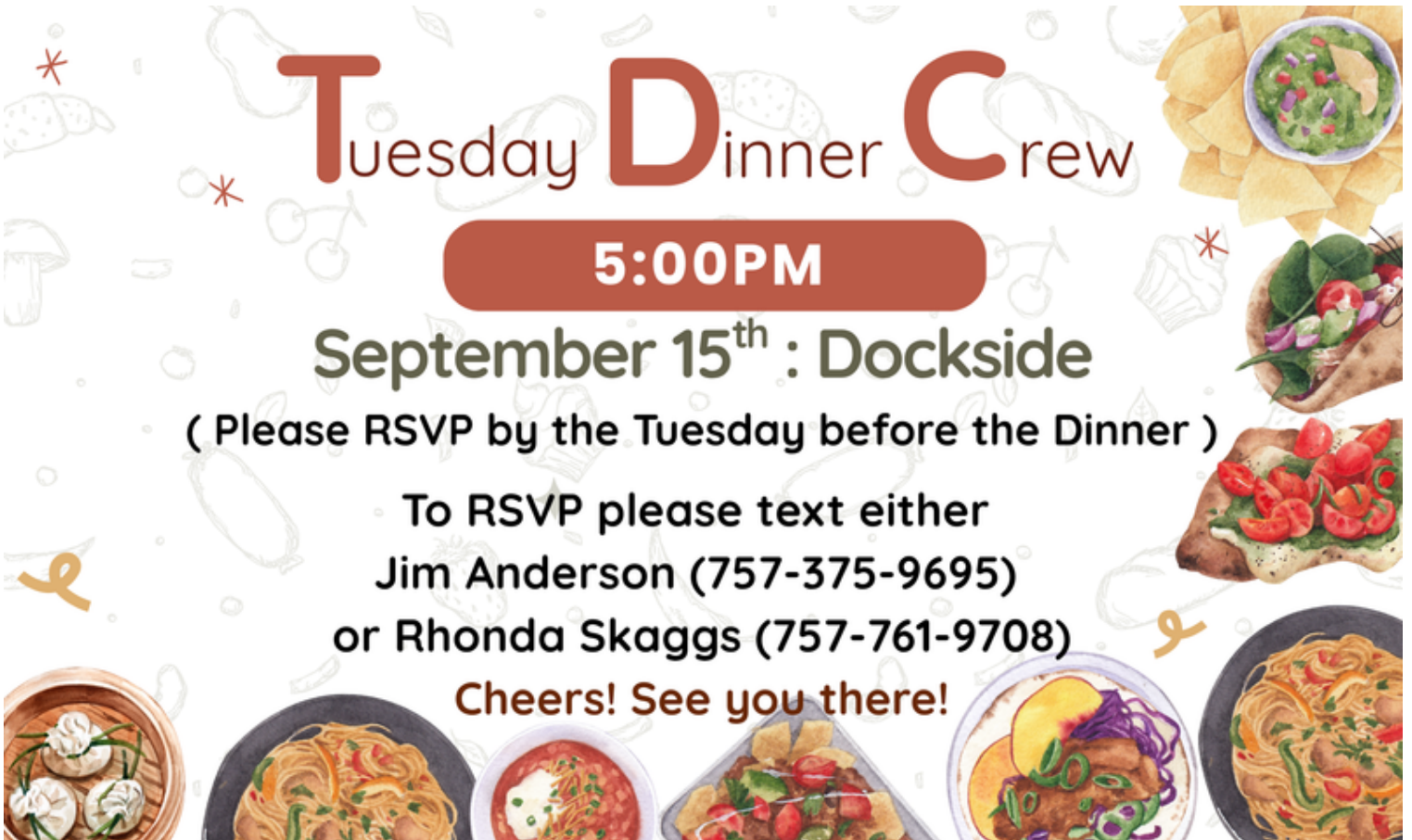
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September 15th : Dockside

(Please RSVP by the Tuesday before the Dinner)

To RSVP please text either
Jim Anderson (757-375-9695)
or Rhonda Skaggs (757-761-9708)

Cheers! See you there!



Upcoming Events

DWM

(Disciples Womens Ministries)

LUNCH MEETING



SEPTEMBER 23RD 11:30AM

LOCATION: TBD

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



SEPTEMBER 26TH 2026

Board Retreat

VIRGINIA BEACH
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

9:00AM - 3:30PM

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Photo Updates





Department News:

Outreach

Still hoping for volunteers to feed homeless kids at the beach. I have one volunteer but need two more to make a team. We serve on the fourth Mondays. Please pick my brain for more info

The Outreach bookcase in the hall has been sorely neglected. We will start removing books that appear to be unloved. Continue to slowly add new book donations. You may also add items that may be used by someone else. Items will be curated regularly. Please: no junk.

Susie Sumnick



TDC

(from THURSDAY Dinner Crew
to TUESDAY Dinner Crew)

It's time! Time to kick off our dinner gatherings! With summer, vacations, and travels mostly behind us, we need to plan to hit some of our favorite restaurants, relax, and just enjoy each other's company.

We are still TDC, but that now means "Tuesday Dinner Crew" vs Thursday. There are NO regularly scheduled Tuesday evening church events, so ALL are invited to share a casual, fun, social time w/church family on those scheduled evenings!

Our first TDC will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at Dockside. We kicked off last year at Dockside; it's one of our long-time favorites, and with tourists gone, it becomes OURS again!

Instead of RSVP-ing through formal email, this year please just text either Jim Anderson (757-375-9695) or Rhonda Skaggs (757-761-9708) by Sunday night so we'll save a seat for you! C U on September 15th!

Rhonda Skaggs



Department News:

Note of Correction

The article in the August newsletter about the JCOC dinner was included under Disciples Women. This was incorrect. It was not a DWM project.

Debbie and Bill Ivory have been in charge of providing meals for the homeless through the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on behalf of our church for many, many years. They previously assisted LP and Pat Godwin; then upon LP's death, quietly took the project on themselves in memory and honor of LP. They attend the annual dinner/meeting and schedule VBCC to provide two evening meals during the next calendar year. They plan the menu and facilitate preparation, and deliver or serve the dinners with the help of volunteers from our church. Prior to COVID, all dinners were prepared and served on-site. During the pandemic, meals were packed in takeout containers, bagged at the church, and delivered to JCOC for distribution. With the completion of the new facility in July, on-site dinners have resumed.

We acknowledge the dedication and hard work lovingly donated by the Ivories and Godwins for so many years.





Department News:

Thoughts From Your President...

We are a **faithful** community! We have a Leadership Team that is committed and ready to tackle the challenges of this new year. With the support of our entire congregation, hopefully we will celebrate many successes. Our challenges range from finances to building renovation issues; from outreach in the community, to growing our church family. Are we ready to step up our support? Are we ready to put our **FAITH** to work? We worship faithfully, and we are prayer warriors, but we also need some “down-to-earth-feet-on-the-ground-tough-stuff” if we are to be successful with accomplishing our objectives. Our Leadership Team will be participating in our annual retreat on September 26th, where we will be studying, sharing, praying, and prioritizing for this year, especially our church finances, and how they will be managed/applied. Please have our Leadership Team in prayer, and let’s be ready to put our **FAITH** to **WORK**!

FIND - our callings. Where can we step up and support w/our time, talent, finances?

ACT- We must “walk the talk” if we are to succeed!

INITIALTE - If we see a problem/concern, we speak up! All voices are respected.

TRY - “Nothing ventured, nothing gained”; we can sometimes be more than we realize!

HELP - There is no such thing as “too small a task”! We can ALL help in some way!

I look forward to working together to address our challenges,
and to celebrating our successes!

With **Faith**, Hope, and love,

Rhonda Skaggs



VBCC Office

VBCC Building Request Form



Here is the QR Code
for the building
request form. If you
would like a physical
copy to fill out please
stop by during the
office hours.



Thank you!

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

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10:00am In Person & YouTube

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Facebook Private Group (for VBCC Families only)

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