



# The Epistle

## April 2010



The Brandermill Church Midlothian, VA



# No Longer Strangers . . .

Ephesians 2:19

In the delightful first volume of his autobiography, Frederick Buechner invites us to consider our own lives as “sacred journeys.” What makes the journey sacred is listening for the “incarnate language of God” in our lives.

As I reflect back on our journey of ministry together these past eight years, I find deep sacredness in the path we have traveled. So many have opened their hearts and often their hurts to me and I am humbled by the grace you have shared with me.

Thank you for allowing me to hear God’s language as it is given voice in your lives: in baptisms, and weddings, in worship and pre-school chapel, in grief and in sickness, in brokenness and in fearful times, in meetings, hospital visits and chance encounters at the grocery store or the soccer field and countless other moments and encounters. Each encounter, whether extraordinary or ordinary, has been an opportunity to find God’s holiness in our lives. I have been blessed by those moments. Thank you for sharing so much of yourselves with me. This has been a sacred journey.

I am also thankful for the tremendous staff we have here at Brandermill. I know your next pastor will be grateful for the expertise, professionalism and commitment of Sandra, Val, Rich, Jamie, Dawn, Debbie, Kim, Tonya, Marcie, Robin, Liz, Theresa, Ron, and Robert. It has been wonderful to work with them and I have been blessed by their ministries and all they have done for the church and for me.

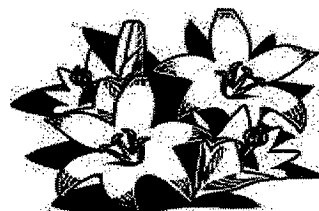
Finally I am excited for the future of The Brandermill Church because of the brothers and sisters in Christ who have been called to serve as leaders on council, and for those whom God is preparing to call even now, for the future. With their continued faithful leadership, I know that this good church will continue its sacred journey from strength to strength in the sight of the Lord.

So it that as Easter dawns, we can rejoice in what brought us together for this sacred journey, CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Shalom,

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### Sermon Topics for March:

- 4 - *Can I Get a Witness?*  
John 20:1-18  
Gordon Mapes
- 11 - *The Gift of Creation*  
Genesis 1  
Sandra Bottoms
- 18 - (8:30 & 11AM)  
*3 Simple Rules: #1*  
*Do No Harm*  
Romans 12:9-18  
Sandra Bottoms  
  
(9:45AM) – *Bible Quest*  
Children’s Choirs
- 25 - *3 Simple Rules: #2*  
*Do Good*  
Micah 6:6-8  
Sandra Bottoms

# COUNCIL CORNER

The March council meeting was celebrated by both the council and Gordon as his final Brandermill Church

council meeting. Shelia Mullen treated all to a fabulous pineapple upside down cake (purportedly Gordon's favorite - thanks Shelia!). At the end of the meeting, council presented Gordon with the gift of an e-reader - this should free up some space in the Mapes' household. The Council also:

- √ Received committee reports from each of the 13 committees - important date to note are the council presentations at the new member class on March 21.
- √ Discussed and approved a single service for Memorial Day weekend - one service at 10:00 a.m on May 30.
- √ Discussed and approved a two-service schedule for July and August - services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (no children's Sunday School).

The next council meeting is  
April 12 at 7:00 PM.

## It's as Simple as One, Two, Three...or is it?

*And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8b

So, just as Gordon is embarking upon the first sabbatical of his pastoral career, I am excited to be preparing to preach the first sermon series of my pastoral career. Having served as an associate now for the past eight years, preaching once per month doesn't really lend itself to preaching a sermon series. And for my first sermon series, it would seem appropriate that I would rely on John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, to guide me — I promise I will give the other John (Calvin) equal time later. Early in his ministry, Wesley realized that disciples needed guidance in their spiritual journeys, so he developed what he called the General Rules. These "rules" were not a daily to-do list that needed to be checked off each day, but rather a guide for living.

Beginning Sunday, April 18, we will explore these seemingly simple rules together, one rule each Sunday, as follows: (1) Do No Harm - April 18 (at 8:30 & 11AM); (2) Do Good - April 25; and, (3) Stay in Love with God - May 2. Wesley taught that if believers patterned their

lives around these guidelines, lives would be changed and God would be glorified. Come and learn how!

And what makes this opportunity even more exciting is the linkage that is happening between the sermon series and Sunday School. Beginning April 11 during the 9:45AM worship hour, Doug and Sue Brandenburg will be facilitating a short-term (6 week) Sunday School class based on these same three simple rules. The class is based on retired Bishop Rueben Job's revisiting of the rules, and his resulting publication and study.

While this linkage is duly noted, you may not know that similar linkages happen every Sunday. Our children's classes, youth class, and an adult class taught by Steve Begg are already studying regularly together the same Biblical texts each week, which correspond with the lectionary texts from which we typically choose our sermons each week.

The opportunities for spiritual formation abound here at the Brandermill Church. I hope you will take advantage of these chances to study regularly and worship weekly together! See you Sunday!

Grace and peace,

*Sandra*

## Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner before they end for the season!

April 7- *Spring Break - no WND*

April 14 - *Pot Luck Dinner-*

The Fellowship Committee will provide the main dish, A-M should bring a salad or vegetable dish and N-Z brings dessert.

April 21- *Mystery Dinner -*  
provided by the Youth

April 28 - *Chicken with Wild Rice*

*Be sure to let us know you're coming. Sign in on the attendance pads or call Marcie at 744-3661, ext. 101 no later than Monday. Hope to see you there!*



## Nurture News

4/4

**Acolytes:** Kiki Inman and Natalie Mullen  
**Greeter - 8:30:** Ginny and Steve Menninger  
**Grounds:** Scott Claus  
**Lay Leader - 8:30:** Nancy Rider  
**Lay Leader - 11:00:** Kathy Dixon  
**Ushers - 8:30:** Fred Carter  
**Ushers - 11:00:** Maggie Maust and Maggie Buchanan

4/11

**Acolytes:** Ellie Maust and Connor Marsh  
**Greeter - 8:30:** Karen and Bill Harp  
**Grounds:** Craig Edwards  
**Lay Leader - 8:30:** Tim Koon  
**Lay Leader - 11:00:** Irene Carlisle  
**Ushers - 8:30:** Jack Risendal and Horst Arfert  
**Ushers - 9:45:** Bob Weatherford & Brad and Ann Coble  
**Ushers - 11:00:** Elizabeth and Edward Eisenhower

4/18

**Acolytes:** Sarah Nelson and Carly Ritter  
**Greeter - 8:30:** Cori and Steve Begg  
**Grounds:** Bill Harp  
**Lay Leader - 8:30:** Dave Thompson  
**Lay Leader - 11:00:** Kathy Dixon  
**Ushers - 9:45:** Bruce Mason, Jim Allen, Ben D'Arrigo  
**Ushers - 11:00:** Bill Turner, Sonja Turner, Hugh Catlett, Victor Liu, Ken Braun

4/25

**Acolytes:** MaryGrace Mann and Cameron Mann  
**Greeter - 8:30:** Nichole and Chad Vanderslice  
**Grounds:** Jon Hartzler  
**Lay Leader - 8:30:** Bill Harp  
**Lay Leader - 11:00:** Marty Kump  
**Ushers - 8:30:** Cathy and Wayne Shotwell  
**Ushers - 9:45:** Woody Lawman, Chris Remme, Warren Ragsdale  
**Ushers - 11:00:** Reg Waggoner, Bud Gardner, Greg Gardner, Gayla Gardner

**Altar Guild for April:**  
*Team Member Needed!!*

**Building Stewards for April**  
 Jim Allen and Matt Williams

♥ There are so many ways to serve creatively. Join our team for the next **Nurture meeting on Sunday, May 23** at 12:15 in the Multipurpose Room. Learn all the ways we care for our congregation such as meals and card ministry and much more. Bring your ideas too! Lunch provided.

♥ The next **Congregational Care Team** meeting will be Sunday, May 16 at 1:30 in the library. Share and learn about the gift of visitation.

♥ The **Dignity Robe Project** resumes cutting and assembling kits on Sunday, April 18 following the 11:00 service. Bring your lunch & scissors! For more information, please contact Carol Beth Buchanan at 307-7252 or [cbb@buchananteam.com](mailto:cbb@buchananteam.com)

♥ **College student care boxes & military members care boxes** will go out in April. Send updated addresses to Tonya Brogan at 601-6525 or [Rozyroo1@comcast.net](mailto:Rozyroo1@comcast.net)

♥ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 in the back of the sanctuary for fellowship and for help learning to knit. Blessings abound here. Contact Carol Allen for more information 744-1221 or [Cardinal14011@aol.com](mailto:Cardinal14011@aol.com)

♥ Upcoming surgery, unexpected fall, rehabilitation? If you have a need for **medical equipment** (wheelchair, walker, crutches, portable toilet, shower seat, etc.) contact Shelia Mullen or Marcie Murphy.

♥ **Note cards** adorned with Helen Sanders' painting of our church are available for purchase from Karen Catlett [kpcatlett@aol.com](mailto:kpcatlett@aol.com) or from Marcie in the church office.

♥ **Upper Room publications** are available in print in the entryway and also available online: [www.upperroom.org/devotional/](http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/)

♥ Be sure to check out the hallway **Nurture News board** for the latest news and prayer concerns.

For more information contact Shelia Mullen @ 590-3668 / [mullenoaks@msn.com](mailto:mullenoaks@msn.com).



During the week of March 6-13, Brandermill Church hosted from 32 to 40 men. It was a week that had mostly sunshine and mild temperatures. This year, the Coordinator's job

changed hands, Bob Beatty handed the reins over to me. To say it was an unbelievable experience, would be an understatement. It took seven months of planning and organizing for this week to happen. The committee started meeting in January to plan the meals, shifts, food items, lunches, dinners, laundry duty, phone calls and Packing the Pod details. We spent 3 Sundays in February for sign up's outside the Fellowship Hall. As the time drew closer, it was like waiting for Christmas to come. I felt a sense of excitement and apprehension, I wanted everything to fall into place and avoid any major problems. The overwhelming response of the Congregation to volunteer was a dream come true. You gave with overwhelming generosity and great enthusiasm. God must have heard my prayers, because of the time and commitment you offered.

On the day of arrival, there was a total of 22 people volunteering at the church, the total manpower hours spent on one day was 103.75 hours. I haven't completed the final tally of volunteer hours, but it is significant. For all of us who were at the church during this week, we heard numerous life stories. We observed physical and emotional handicaps and psychological conditions. We listened to so many gentlemen who gave us insight into their lives, situations and loss of jobs. Some had family close by and others were estranged by substance and alcohol abuse and mental illness. All these men were so appreciative of the dinners and kindness of The Brandermill Church. I know it made me pause and think about my life and what I take for granted on a daily basis. We offered several different opportunities this year: Prayer and Spiritual Ministry, Flu immunizations and haircuts. Bingo, games, cards, puzzles and movies also provided the men something enjoyable to do in the evenings. Showers were also offered with supervision. As the bus left on Saturday morning, it was difficult to say goodbye to the men, I had gotten to know. I felt very honored when they asked me to send them off with a prayer, before the bus headed downtown.

This opportunity has truly made me humbled and blessed beyond description. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the CARITAS committee for all their hard work, dedication and support for this year. I could not have done

it without each and everyone one of you. I would also like to thank everyone in the Congregation who volunteered in many capacities. You are all the reason why CARITAS is such a great success. My final thought from Matthew 25:40 "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Jolie Blankenship



~ to all who donated to our annual Blanket Drive. We received \$3468.75 in contributions. That's enough for 693 blankets!

~ the family of Frances Pickels (Angie and Jeff Branyon and her brother and sister) extend their thanks for the generous outpouring of love and meals that were given to us after the death of our mother. Your testament to faith and loving compassion spoke volumes to everyone who came into contact with you and comforted my heart as I read your letters and cards. Thanks again for being the visible hands and voice of God to us every day.

~ thank you to all the kind, thoughtful and loving people at Brandermill [Church]. Your concern and interest in my recovery has been gratefully appreciated. I felt you were ready to help whenever I needed anything. May God bless you all.

Love, Doris Binhammer



## WOMEN'S CIRCLES

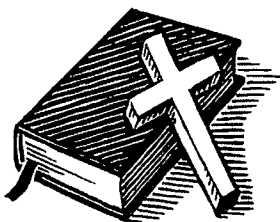
**Lena Bartges Circle** meets Thursday, April 15 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Semi-Circle** meets at the home of Brenda Lee on Monday, April 19 at 7:00 PM. We will make prayer bead bracelets for the church prayer ministry. Please join us! For information contact Susan Clement (748-5917 or [ssclem@yahoo.com](mailto:ssclem@yahoo.com)).

## New Adult Sunday School Class!

A new adult Sunday school class, *"Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living"* by Bishop Reuben Job, begins April 11, taught by Sue and Doug Brandenburg. This class will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room, from 9:45 – 10:45.

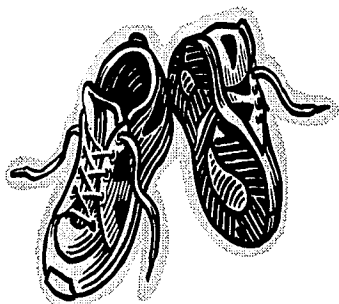
This study is a book and DVD study and lasts for 6 weeks and will compliment the sermon series that Sandra will be preaching during the same time frame. Books are \$5.00 each and currently available from Val. Come and join in the study!



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## Great Strides - Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

Sunday, May 16  
1:30PM  
Chester Library

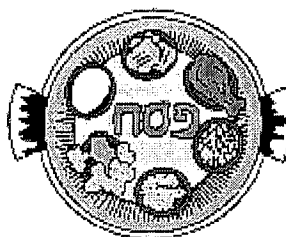


This is a leisurely 30 minute walk. and Catherine and David Hopkins are sponsoring a team for their infant son Philip, who has cystic fibrosis. Anyone interested in walking on their team, *Footsteps for Philip*, can sign up on the website listed below. The more the merrier! They only ask that you try to raise some funds.

You may also make donations via the website with a credit card. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is very efficient - 95% of the funds go towards finding a cure, and they are SO close. They have developed a pill that basically corrects the defect in the gene. One of the pills is set for release in 2011. The pill for Philip is currently in stage 2 with very promising results. They have different pills for different mutations- luckily both of Philip's genes are the most common.

To join the team or make a donation, go to [http://www.cff.org/great\\_strides/](http://www.cff.org/great_strides/). Go to the "find a walker/team" link on the left hand edge and type in *Footsteps for Philip*. That will take right to Philip's page.

There is also a Family Night scheduled for April 1 at Friendly's on Hull Street, from 5-9pm. 10% of all purchases will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Just



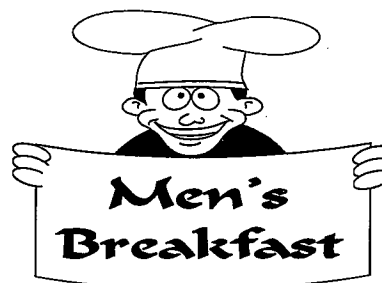
## Seder Supper – Thursday, April 1

The Jewish tradition of Seder began on the eve of the Exodus from Egypt more than three thousand years ago. By

gathering all generations for a traditional meal, repeating rituals from the first Seder and telling and re-telling the story, the faithful honor and share the flight from slavery to freedom to worship their God.

Our meal begins at **6:00 PM** and will feature the foods of Thanksgiving. Gordon will lead us through the story and rituals of this defining event in uniting the faithful.

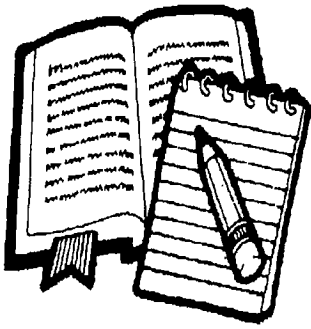
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Cost: Adults, \$6; children, \$2.50; families of 4 or more, \$12. Make your reservations by indicating "SD" and the number of adults ("A"), children ("C") on the red attendance pad or call the church office *no later than* Monday, March 29 (744-3661, ext. 110).



Saturday,  
April 10  
8:00 AM

Horst, Earl and Mark will prepare a great hot breakfast to begin the morning. Our speaker will be one of our own, Dr. Hank Nebel, Lab Director and Instructor in the Physics Department at the University of Richmond. Hank will provide us with a presentation on astronomy, so come on out for a trip to the stars. Good food, an educational program, and Christian fellowship; there's no better way to begin the weekend.

You can sign up on the attendance pads in the sanctuary or by contacting Marcie in the church office - 744-3661, ext. 101. All first-timers and visitors welcome!



### *From the Educator's Cubby,*

What time is it? Silly question! It's April of course! We find ourselves well into daylight savings time, and the season of spring. We give thanks for sunshiny, warmer days and for the rebirth of the earth as plants

and flowers burst forth with their blossoms. We pack away our dark colored winter clothes and bring out our brighter, lighter finery. And this spring in particular we give thanks that winter is no longer with us! These are all ways that we humans mark the passing of time.

In the life of the Christian faith and the church the question "What time is it?" is answered differently. With the coming of glorious Easter morn, we enter into the season of Eastertide or in more modern language, Easter Season. Eastertide is a period of 50 days beginning with the evening of Easter Day and continuing on through the day of Pentecost. Because of the number of days, this time is also known as the 'Great Fifty Days'. It is the most joyous of all our Christian seasons as we give thanks and praise for Jesus' resurrection, breaking the bonds of sin and death. We hear Jesus' last teachings with the disciples and witness His ascension. With the coming of the Easter Season, God's earthly creation gives thanks and praise for a new day as it bursts forth in its entire splendor. What joy there is! We shout 'Hosannas' and sing Hallelujahs!!

All this joyous activity and celebration causes me to stop and ask myself the same question, "What time is it?" As a Christian do I feel the immense power of the season? As I witness the rebirth of the earth, do I offer God purposeful and deliberate praise and thanksgiving? As I ponder on the inexplicable sacrifice that Jesus made for me on the cross, do I humbly examine myself and ask for forgiveness? As I hear Jesus teach the disciples for one last time, do I take His words to be directed to me as well? Am I being re-born right along with all of creation? Eastertide welcomes us all with joyous open arms!

Let us enter in!

*Blessings,  
Val*

P.S. Many thanks to all of you for 'praying me through' my ordination interviews on March 2. I'm thrilled to be able to say I made it! This means I will be commissioned a provi-

sional deacon at Annual Conference in June. In the Methodist tradition, deacons are a separate ordained order, ordained to the ministries of Word and Service. A quick synopsis is to say that a deacon's calling is to help the parishioner in the pew become a disciple in the world. We do this in many different ways; my particular calling is to the ministries of healing, prayer, teaching and pastoral care. At this point I embark on a 3 year long journey to eventual full ordination. Please continue to pray for me as I move forward in responding to God's calling on my life.

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### **Looking Ahead... 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Retreat!**

Mark your calendars now for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's Retreat! Reservations have already been made at Richmond Hill (by popular demand!) for the first weekend in October, October 1-2.

Our theme this year is "*A Lineage of Grace*", from the book by the same name by Christian author Francine Rivers. We will explore the lives of the five women who are named in the lineage of Jesus Christ as recorded in the first chapter of the gospel of Matthew: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. We will encounter these women in their own stories and learn what they have to teach us for our own lives today. As this book is longer than last year's, I want to give everyone plenty of time to purchase a copy and start reading! You may find the book at Lifeway, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Don't miss out on this retreat! Last year's retreat was a wonderful fun experience with fabulous food! We have room for 39 women to attend. This year's cost increased by only \$5.00 – for a cost of \$55.00 each. Registration forms will be available in the file on Val's office door. Sign up early and reserve your spot!

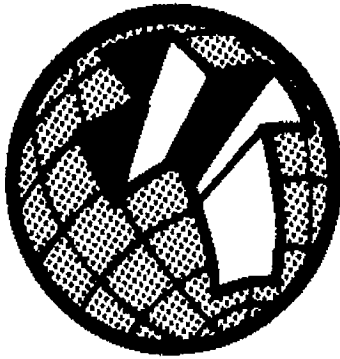
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### ***BCA Green Market***

The Brandermill Community Association's Green Market will be up and running starting Thursday, April 29 from 3-6pm at the Sunday Park Overflow Lot. They'll have fresh produce, organic meats, eggs, bake goods, organic pet food and treats. Plan to take home some handmade pasta, sauce wine and plants too.



*A real Farmer's Market right in Brandermill!!* The Market will run the second and fourth Thursday of every month thru October.



## Outreach Adult Mission Activity

The Brandermill Church has a reputation for sponsoring Mission Teams which have performed valuable and life-changing service. Past adult teams have travelled to the Gulf Coast, Guatemala, Haiti, and Nicaragua. In this year of tightened budgets and expanded need, the Outreach Committee has faced some difficult decisions. We need your help to move forward more effectively. ***Please indicate your area(s) of interest, skills and abilities by completing the form on the reverse and returning it to the Outreach mailbox at the church.***

**GUATEMALA:** We have a planned mission tentatively scheduled for July 31 through August 8. Hal Raddin has graciously agreed to lead this mission. We'll build 10 to 15 stoves to improve efficiency of heating and cooking while minimizing a serious cause of breathing problems. *An organizational meeting has been set for Monday, April 5 @ 7PM.*

**HAITI:** Our partner organization, Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM), has reformatted how it approaches mission in Haiti in light of the earthquake and with hope for the future. The Outreach committee is working to discern how we may best respond with people to HOM's new direction. We affirm their work and find it a positive and most hopeful approach toward making effective, long-term change in Haiti. The need is there, without a doubt, but the devastating quake has expanded the nature of aid that is required. The need for repairing or rebuilding is equally as strong as the ongoing medical requirements that were critical before the earthquake. The membership of our church has already sent significant monetary support in response to the earthquake.

HOM has suggested that we identify the skill set and number of people interested in going there to help, then get back to them ASAP to jointly establish a schedule. In addition, we have contacts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**LOCAL / COMMUNITY MISSIONS:** The planned additional CARITAS week in the Fall and expanding other local/community mission efforts (Habitat, Embrace, Stop Hunger Now) are relief efforts that the Outreach Committee is working to promote.

### Outreach Mission Interest / Preference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

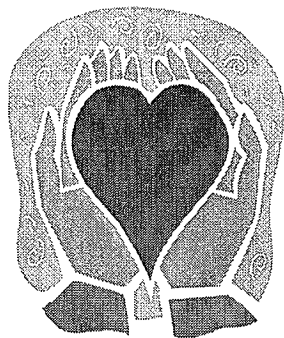
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

	HAITI	GUATEMALA	LOCAL
I'd definitely like to participate in a mission activity	_____	_____	_____
I'd like to attend an informational meeting	_____	_____	_____
Skills I have to offer			

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments or Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your response in the Outreach mailbox  
in the church office or email your information to  
Jim Allen: [jhallen10@verizon.net](mailto:jhallen10@verizon.net)



## HELPING HANDS CHILDREN'S MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The Children's Ministry Committee is exploring an overnight (one night) Summer Mission opportunity for Brandermill Church children (rising 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders) in the Waynesboro, VA area, July 8-9. If your child would be interested in such an opportunity, please contact Cori Begg at 639-4577 or [southernbeggs@verizon.net](mailto:southernbeggs@verizon.net). Stay tuned to upcoming church bulletins for further information about this possibility.



Construction on the 2010 Apostle Build has now started, and *The Brandermill Church is assigned to work April 28 through May 1.*

Each volunteer should go to the Richmond Habitat website at [richmondhabitat.org](http://richmondhabitat.org) and register, even if you have volunteered with them before. Once you have registered, go to the Volunteer Calendar and select a date to participate. The dates on the calendar are color coded to show you dates that are full (red), almost full (yellow), and available (green). Each day has a total of 15 slots.

Richmond Habitat builds Wednesday through Saturday each week depending upon the weather. You will need to sign up in advance, no later than the Monday before the start of our build date, so that we may prepare.

The on-line scheduler automatically leads you through the waivers, releases, orientation and build-site guidelines. Just read through them and check the acceptance box at the bottom of the page. You no longer need to sign paper copies of the waivers or make a trip to the ReStore on a Saturday morning for orientation.

Please be aware that they update our volunteer opportunities daily - check back often. If you do not see an opportunity to volunteer on a particular day, please call 232-7001.



Just as the flowers are springing up from the soil in anticipation of Spring, so is the excitement and anticipation blooming in Children's Ministries! We have several events on our calendar for spring and summer, so please keep your eyes on the website and bulletins for updates. If you are not receiving the *Parent Link* newsletter via e-mail, contact Val White: [val@brandermillchurch.org](mailto:val@brandermillchurch.org)

☺ **Camp Hanover Day camp** — June 21-25  
for rising 1st through 5th graders  
contact Caroline Moses - 763-1759, or  
[cchmoses@verizon.net](mailto:cchmoses@verizon.net).

☺ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** — July 26-30  
*Recruiting and signups starting soon*  
contact Kristy Marsh (595-0727) or  
Jennifer Booker (739-0836)

☺ **Helping Hands Mission trip, Waynesboro, VA**  
July 8-9  
for Rising 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders  
contact Cori Begg - 639-4577 or  
[southernbeggs@verizon.net](mailto:southernbeggs@verizon.net)

Believe it or not, the foundation is now being laid for our fall activities. To get in on the planning, or to volunteer in any capacity, contact Cori at [southernbeggs@verizon.net](mailto:southernbeggs@verizon.net)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE thru February 2010\*\*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>		
Giving	\$127,980	\$160,647
Other Income	\$3,400	\$3,461
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
Budgeted	\$161,155	\$163,271

**1ST Mortgage Balance: \$1,261,197.56**

**Thank you for your continuous giving!!  
2010 is looking terrific to date!**

\*\* detailed financial reports are available on request

# Worship Arts

## Music is a Fair and Glorious Gift of God

*I wish to see all arts, principally music in the service of Him who gave and created them. I would not for all the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart.*

Martin Luther

## Can Studying Music Benefit You and Your Family?

Did you know that . . .

- studying music enhances higher brain function!
- studying music improves reading and math skills!
- studying music raises IQ and SAT scores!
- studying music helps develop decision-making skills!
- studying music builds teamwork and social skills!

The Brandermill Church has a wide variety of musical ensembles open to YOU and your family! You can share in the fun and fellowship by joining one (or more!) of our ensembles this spring! *Everyone has a special gift from God and we will help you develop your gift to it's fullest potential!* Whether you sing, play handbells or flute, trumpet or drums; we have a special place for you! *Use your special gift to praise God today!*

## Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to create an audio team to handle the sound equipment for Worship and other special services. Some musical experience is helpful, but not required. Will train. Convenient location. Flexible hours. Spiritual environment. Contact Dawn Rancka or Jamie Barrack for more information. Note: If you are a member of a men's or women's group that may host an event or meeting in the Sanctuary, then you will benefit in many ways by becoming familiar with our sound equipment. Sometimes you may just need to turn it on/off and use the pulpit microphone. Other times you may need an additional microphone or want to adjust the volume. Get trained today! This is one more way to serve God and your church

family!

## Kid Zone!

Kids of all ages will enjoy visiting the website for the New York Philharmonic. You will have lots of fun meeting composers and musicians, sketching and playing your own music and creating new instruments, while listening to their sounds! This is a really awesome site that is also tons of fun! Visit <http://www.nyphilkids.org>

## Where Did That Come From?

This is the inspiring true story about the origin of one of our beloved hymns, entitled "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (United Methodist Hymnal, page 302). This hymn was written by Charles Wesley, for the first service in the Foundry Meeting House in 1739. The popularity of this hymn, originally entitled "Hymn for Easter Day," is due in part to the fine tune, however, the composer of the music has never been identified.

What I found most fascinating, is that the joyous "alleluia" at the end of each line was not written by Wesley, but was added by an editor to make the text fit the tune. "Hallelujah" or "alleluia" is from the ancient Hebrew worship service and was a common expression of praise in the early Christian Church. Jerome, an important leader of the early church who translated the Bible into the Latin language and died c. 420AD wrote that in his day the very ceilings of houses of worship were often shaken with the reverberating "Hallelujahs" when believers sang their praises to God! (condensed from 101 Hymn Stories) So let's shake the rafters on Easter Sunday morning – praise God and let those "Alleluias" resound!

## Music Ministry – Dates to Remember!

Easter Cantata "The Lenten Sketches"

April 2 - 7:00PM (Good Friday)

presented by the Sanctuary Choir

Children's Musical "Bible Quest" - April 18

presented by the Cherub and QuarterNotes Choirs – if you are not already singing with us, now is a good time to join – this musical will be awesomely fun! See Dawn Rancka for details!

Jamie Barrack, Director of Music

Dawn Rancka, Assistant Director of Music

Kim Peachy, Accompanist

Tonya Cory, Accompanist

Marty Kump, Chair, Worship Committee

## April Schedule

**Thursday, April 1st**

-Seder Meal and Maundy  
Thursday Service - 6/7:30PM

**Friday, April 2nd**

-Good Friday Service - 7PM

**Sunday, April 4th**

-Easter Sunday!  
No Confirmation Class or Youth  
Group Meeting

**Sunday, April 11th**

-No Confirmation Class or Youth  
Group Meeting - Spring Break!

**Saturday, April 17th**

-Brandermill Night @ the  
Diamond - 6:45PM (\$7)

**Sunday, April 18th**

-Confirmation Class - 10:45AM  
-Youth Group Meeting  
6-6:45PM Middle School  
6:45-7:15 Dinner for All  
7:15-8PM High School

**Friday-Sunday (23rd-25th)**

-Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday, April 25th**

-Confirmation Class - 10:45AM  
-Youth Group Meeting  
6-6:45PM Middle School  
6:45-7:15 Dinner for All  
7:15-8PM High School

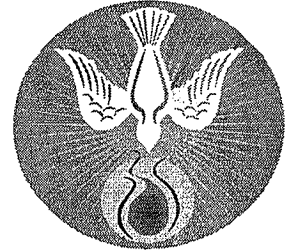
\*Sunday School for Middle  
School youth on Sunday  
mornings at 9:45AM. Dave  
Daniels will be teaching!

## *The Brandermill Church Youth Page*

Hey everyone! I attended the Broadway Drama "Wicked" when it was in Richmond, and I thought it was an awesome performance. The premise of the show was the story of how the Wicked Witch of the West became Wicked before we see her in the Wizard of Oz. She was born with green skin, was always made fun of by others because of it, and always had an impossible time fitting in. She tried to do right, but others only saw what made her different. Is there something about you that you think makes you different in a weird way? Is there something about you that you wish you could change but you can't? Remember, God made you in His perfect image, and He does not make mistakes. I Samuel 16:7 says, "*The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*" God knows you and loves you no matter what you look like, feel like, or act like. God has a plan for you and it isn't to become wicked but instead it is for you to embrace what makes you different and know that it is a gift. Your Friend, Rich

### Upcoming Dinners

We are soon going to be having meals for some of our students who are being recognized. On Sunday, May 16th, we are having our graduate recognition brunch and need 11th grade students and their parents to participate in preparing and serving that meal. Please see Carol Beth Buchanan if you can help. On Saturday, May 22nd, we are having our Confirmation Dinner and need 7th grade students and their parents to participate in preparing and serving that meal. Please see Linda Reid if you can help. Thank You!



### CONFIRMATION

*Please be in prayer for our  
Confirmands for this year  
as well as their Mentors.  
Classes started February  
14th and end with a  
Confirmation Service on  
Sunday May 23rd.*

# Youth Sunday May 9th

We need ALL youth to participate!

All 3 services

Help make Mother's Day special

Sign-up on Youth Bulletin Board

# Brandermill Night Baseball!

Come see the new Richmond team

The Flying Squirrels!

Saturday, April 17th - 6:45PM

Sign-up on Youth Bulletin Board

Cost is \$7



- Apr. 1 - Carol Bechtler, Ed Gallagher,  
Chris Grubbs, Roy Hansen, Kim Peachy,  
Brian Plante, Logan Stevenson
- Apr. 2 - Andrew Booker, Radley Edson, Florence Hunt,  
Bob Snider
- Apr. 3 - Brad Coble, Jordan Ferguson, Victor Liu
- Apr. 4 - Steve Bachouros, Grace Garrity, Jim Kelly,  
Toni Mastro
- Apr. 5 - Matt Williams
- Apr. 6 - Blair Bennett, Kevin Cheney,  
Christian Hoagland
- Apr. 7 - Nathan Gardner
- Apr. 8 - Becky Bennett, Maxine Sartain,  
Mary Katherine van Eerden, Lila Vidito,  
Liza Witthoefft
- Apr. 9 - Dave Blauch, Hadley Capshaw,  
Devon Hawkes, Wendy Meyer
- Apr. 10 - Lola Chamberlain, Laurel Meyer
- Apr. 11 - Mike Carbiener, Evan Dixon,  
Christine Penterson, Paul Pinnow, Rae Roberts
- Apr. 12 - Charlie Conrad, Garrett Dodgen,  
Tom Earle, Benjamin Handzel, Rebecca King,  
Sam Lee, Karen McDaniel, Madison Stoots
- Apr. 13 - Trenton Hightower, Linda Reid
- Apr. 14 - Chuck Clement, Lou Elsaesser, Katy Hunter,  
Zach Laramore, Ann McEachron,
- Apr. 15 - Daniel Adams, Julie Halliwell, Degnan King,  
Tamara McGinn, Bob Monk,  
Stephanie Overboe, Tim Sanders
- Apr. 16 - Jim Keeton, Stuart Mapes, Angel Miller,  
Jacob Strader
- Apr. 17 - Ava Helmantoler, Janit Llewellyn, Ellie Maust
- Apr. 18 - Will Hammitt, Hannah Rioux
- Apr. 19 - Debby Anderson, Jacob Babb,  
Donna Cheatham, Cindy Eramian,  
Carlton Stoots
- Apr. 21 - Eloise Huff, Gretchen Schultz, Polly Wriston
- Apr. 22 - Dane Barber, Richard Eramian, Paul Oliver,  
Sue Saunders, Caroline Thielsch
- Apr. 23 - Beth Capek, Karin Koch, Devon Maust,
- Apr. 24 - Cindy Bollinger, Nicole Helmantoler,  
Tracy Stuckey

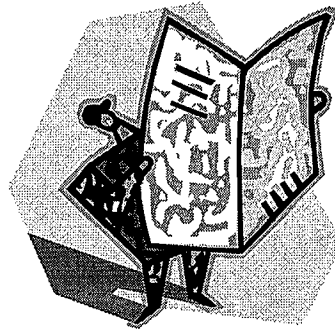
- Apr. 25 - Barry Conrad, Roberta Hare,  
Emily Longenecker, Matson Ross
- Apr. 26 - Jerry Bourdow, Trudy Laidig, Alysse Lyons,  
Alan Manden, Warren McElfresh,  
Duncan Monroe, Chris Remme, Aimee Spader,
- Apr. 27 - Elena Acevedo, Casey Coble
- Apr. 28 - Morgan Davis, Mary Schaeffer
- Apr. 29 - Forrest Clapp, Morgan Lawman,  
Scott Shumaker
- Apr. 30 - Lenora Davidson

## Church Family News

### New Members:

Christy and Ley Richardson  
Reese  
Chesterfield 23832

Suzanne and Warren Greth  
Anni, Gabi & Izzi  
Midlothian VA 23112



### Condolences to:

Bonnie and Amanda Bradford on the death of their husband and father, Bob Bradford.

## ATTENTION PARENTS!!

We'll celebrate Graduate Sunday on May 16 and will honor our graduates in worship.



*Please let Rich Catlett know if you know a member of the class of 2010 who should be included! 744-3661, ext. 104 or rich@brandermillchurch.org*

Thanks!

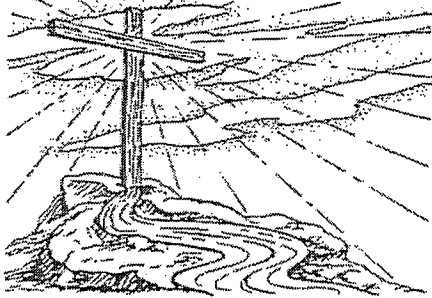
## Holy Week Services

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

Seder Supper - 6:00 PM (*reservations required*)  
Communion Service - 7:30 PM

### Good Friday, April 2

*Lenten Sketches* - 7:00 PM  
performed by our Sanctuary Choir

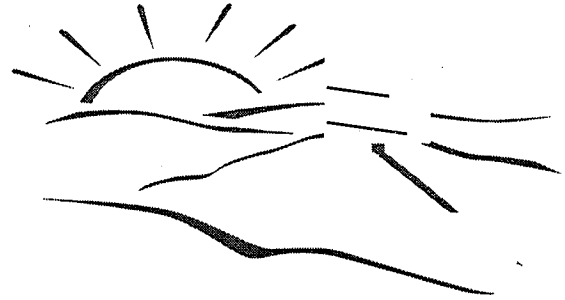


## Easter Day Services

### April 4 -

Sunrise Service and  
Continental Breakfast:  
6:30 AM, Sunday Park Pavilion

Easter Worship Services:  
8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM



March 28

ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

*immediately followed by a farewell reception for Gordon Mapes*



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