

The Epistle

THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH
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John 1:1-14
Sandra Bottoms
- 9 - *The First Public Appearance*
Matthew 3:13-17
Burt Brooks
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John 1:29-42
Burt Brooks
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- 30 - *The First Big Sermon*
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Burt Brooks

“Where there is no vision the people perish.”

— Proverbs 29:18

Dear Friends,

I am excited about 2011 and The Brandermill Church. There is much conversation concerning the need for a visioning process which will ask the question, “where is God leading our church?” We can begin this process by reflecting on some very basic questions. These might be:

- ✓ What does Brandermill do well? Not so well?
- ✓ What are Brandermill's untapped resources, as well as, depleted resources?
- ✓ How does the church adapt to a changed world?
- ✓ What does ecumenical mean to people in 2011?
- ✓ Who are we reaching and who are we not reaching with our message?

These are just a few of many potential questions that a visioning process can address. It is my hope that we will not rush to find the answers, but rather we listen for the “still, small, voice.”

Visioning takes time and is far more than simply asking people what they like/don't like. A vision emerges on “kairos — God's time,” rather than “chronos — our time.” Either way, there must be a starting point. For us, it is 2011!

Blessings,



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning January 9 and running through February 13, Bob Krouse will lead us in the 6-week study by Adam Hamilton, *Christianity and World Religions, Wrestling with Questions People Ask*. This course is video-based with an accompanying study book. Learn more about Christianity in the context of the world, as well as the history and beliefs of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. The class will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:00 AM. Books will be available at the class or from the church office. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the belief systems of our fellow citizens of the world who seek God. *There will be no Adult Sunday School on January 2.*



BLOOD DRIVE

January 30
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Watch the bulletin or call Marcie (744-3661, ext. 101) for details.

**OWLS - Older, Wiser,
Livelier Seniors
(age 65+) -**



The Brandermill Woods Retirement Community invites The Brandermill Church OWLS to join them for some fun or informative activities:

Bingo: Fridays, 1:00 pm, Fitness Center, contact Frances (763-6318)

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays 2:00 pm, Ivy Room, contact Olivette (897-1531)

Mah Jongg: Lessons available, Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, Lounge, contact Olivette (897-1531)

Scrabble: Saturdays, 2:00 pm, Card Room, contact Jane (744-6514)

Duplicate Bridge: Mondays & Fridays, 1:00 pm, Ivy Room, contact JoAnn (744-3887)

Social Bridge: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, Ivy Room (need to call Carole Keiter, 521-8274)

Bowling: Wednesdays, 9:00 am, King Pin Lanes, contact Connolly (744-5796)

Dominoes: Mondays, 3:00 pm, Lounge, contact Wendell (744-3332)

Alzheimers Support Group: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Card Room, led by an Alzheimers Association representative.

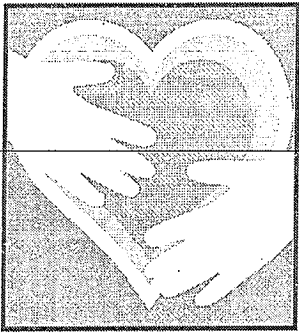
If you have any questions, please call Ann Gatz (639-6868) or Sonja Turner (639-6363).

*A*round the *G*rounds

Merry Christmas (belated) from the Grounds Committee! First, a big thanks to everyone involved with our December Fall Cleanup - the grounds looked great for the Christmas holiday season. The following participated on a beautiful Saturday morning: Chad, Alex & Zach Vanderslice, Tom Mullen, Wayne Davis, Kevin Barkdull, Tim Koon, Chris & Mike Bachmann, Don Crabtree, Dale Gentz, Doug Brandenburg, Nancy & Dick Rider, Jon Hartzler, Paul Pinnow and Hugh Davis - if anyone slipped in without signing in, thanks for your help as well. Thanks to the grounds committee members for their dedication and supplying their expertise - a special thanks to committee member Wayne Davis for winterizing the irrigation system, & providing the leaf vacuum truck source (no more loading pickup trucks!). Wayne has also helped secure replacement and new Kousa dogwoods that you see along the Loop Road (look for the blooms this spring).

As this is the time of year to rotate new committee members in, let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the variety of grounds activities during my three years as chair. I have been blessed that so many of you willingly volunteer as needed to maintain and enhance such a beautiful setting for The Brandermill Church. I am sure that you will show continued support to Doug Brandenburg as he takes the reins of the grounds committee for the next three years.

Craig Moses



NURTURE NEWS

♥ The next **Nurture meeting is Sunday,**

January 16 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all new members. Join us for fellowship and discover the many ways you

can serve our church community...card ministry, meals ministry, homebound communion, transportation ministry, congregational care visits, Dignity Robe project, memorial receptions, military and college care box programs, Va Blood Services visits and IVNA Flu Shot clinics.

♥ The next **Congregational Care Team** meeting will be January 23 in the library. If you would like to visit our homebound members, this is the place to get connected.

♥ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets Thursdays from 2:00 -4:00 in the library for fellowship and for help learning to knit. Blessings abound here. Contact Carol Allen for more information 744-1221 or 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 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/

♥ Check out the hallway **Nurture News board** for the latest news and prayer concerns.

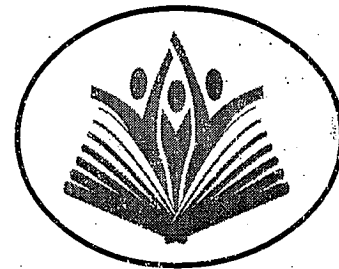
For more information contact Shelia Mullen @ 590-3668 / mullenoaks@msn.com.



Mothers of Preschoolers

Are you a mom of young children ages newborn-Kindergarten and looking to connect with other moms? Do you

know a mom searching for a group to travel the journey of motherhood? BRANDERMILL MOPS next 2 meetings will be Friday, January 7 and Friday, January 21 at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided for infants-pre-K through our MOPPETS program and Safe Sanctuary trained workers. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month to connect, recharge, and grow. To learn more about our group, MOPS International and to hear how you can be a member, contact Heather Nghiem, Coordinator at brandermillchurchmops@gmail.com or 405-7571.



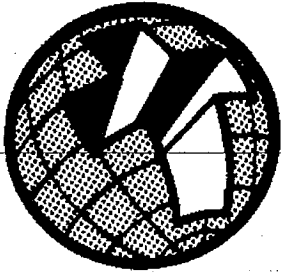
Women's Circles

Lena Bartges Circle - meets January 20 at 1:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Thursday afternoons in the library from 2:00 to 4:00PM. Come join us whenever you can for fellowship, help learning to knit or just to visit.

If you have any questions about this ministry or want to join this special group, please call or email Carol Allen at 744-1221 or cardinal14011@aol.com.



Mission and Service Team

"If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat."

This was the message of one of Burt's first sermons. It inspired me to read the book with this same title by John Ortberg. It also gave me the boost I needed to take my own plunge into unfamiliar waters.

Beginning in January, I will be serving a 3 year commitment as a member of MAST (Mission and Service Team). Our purpose is to inspire, equip and connect individuals and congregations with mission ministries within the Presbytery (Presbytery of the James), the state of Virginia and the world.

I've walked away from two preliminary meetings wide eyed and amazed at the many ways God is actively working through caring individuals and groups. I want to name a few of the purpose groups that I'm learning about:

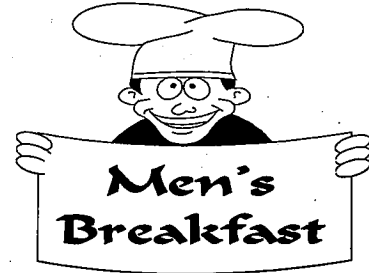
- **Friends of Forman College.** This Christian College is located in Pakistan. It leads the way in providing a model for interfaith cooperation and harmony as well as a liberal arts education.
- **Haiti Purpose Group.** This group connects churches with mission opportunities and initiatives in Haiti.
- **African Immigrant Fellowship for Peace and Reconciliation.** This group serves immigrants from various African nations and tribal groups that come to the area. Many come with the emotional and physical wounds of conflicts from their homeland. Opportunities for learning the ways of peace and reconciliation through prayer, scripture study are provided. Special attention is given to the children and youth.

We are all missionaries for Christ. As I discover and learn from my personal participation in MAST, I want to periodically share with you the many ways each of us has the opportunity to grow our church, God's church through mission outreach and ministry.

Brenda Bartges



Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Christmas Mother program. Because you cared and shared, seven single seniors and 22 children from seven families had a bright Christmas. May you feel the joy and happiness of Christmas giving throughout the New Year.



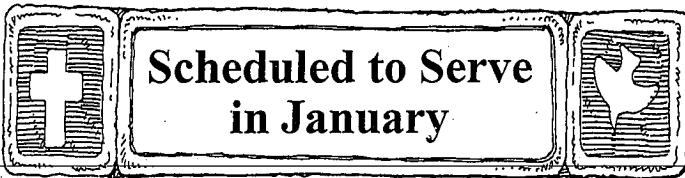
**Saturday,
January 8
8:00 AM**

Horst, Earl and Mark will prepare a hot breakfast to start the morning. Our speaker will be Stan Huie, Chair of the Committee on Men's Ministry for the Presbytery of the James. Stan has an M. Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and runs Lifechange Seminars of Virginia. He has been teaching the Bible and serving in many aspects of Christian Ministry for the past 15 years in the Fredericksburg area.

Stan will speak to us on strategies for developing strong men's ministries and the special challenges to be met in doing so. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, inspiration and learning.

You can sign up on the attendance pads in the sanctuary by designating "MB," or you can e-mail or call Marcie at the church office. See you there!





**Scheduled to Serve
in January**

1/2

Acolytes: Eddie Acevedo and Teresa Bricker
Grounds Team: Wayne Davis
Lay Leader - 9:00: Dave Thompson
Lay Leader - 10:30: Marty Kump
Ushers - 9:00: Bob Weatherford, Ann and Brad Coble, Terry Lynn
Ushers - 10:30: Bud Gardner, Gayla and Greg Gardner, Reg Waggoner

1/9

Acolytes: Carly Ritter and Cameron Mann
Grounds Team: Craig Edwards
Lay Leader - 9:00: Brenda Bartges
Lay Leader - 10:30: Ray Holmes
Ushers - 9:00: Bruce Mason, Carol and Ben D' Arrigo, Jim Allen
Ushers - 10:30: Maggie and Matt Buchanan, Elizabeth Eisenhower, Kaye Marie Ferguson, Duncan Monroe, Ethan Martin

1/16

Acolytes: Natalie Mullen and Griffin Claus
Grounds Team: Jon Hartzler
Lay Leader - 9:00: Nancy Rider
Lay Leader - 10:30: Irene Carlisle
Ushers - 9:00: Cathy and Wayne Shotwell, Warren Ragsdale, Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen
Ushers - 10:30: Mary Ann McCole, Gary Shepherd, Mark Lyons, Billy Pritchett

1/23 -

Acolytes: Emily Martin and Kyle Thielsch
Grounds Team: Bill Lyon
Lay Leader - 9:00: Joyce Rowe
Lay Leader - 10:30: Kathy Dixon
Ushers - 9:00: Laraine and Ed Gallagher, Horst Arfert, Jack Risendal
Ushers - 10:30: Woody Lawman, Chris Remme, Jeff Branyon, Nan Sharp

1/30

Acolytes: Eddie Acevedo and Teresa Bricker
Grounds Team: Tom, Marissa & Natalie Mullen
Lay Leader - 9:00: Dolly Pakurar
Lay Leader - 10:30: Bill Harp
Ushers - 9:00: Bruce Mason, Carol and Ben D' Arrigo, Jim Allen
Ushers - 10:30: Sonja and Bill Turner, Hugh Catlett, Victor Liu, Ken Braun

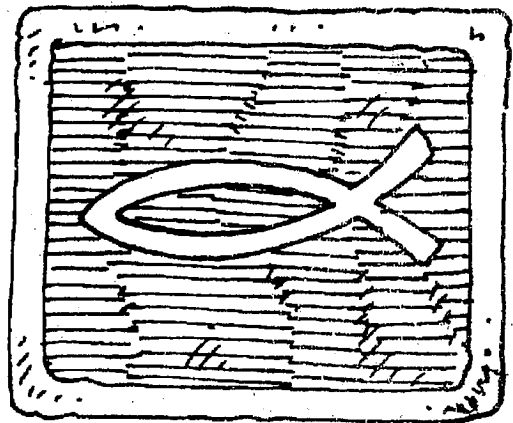
Altar Guild for January:

Marion Sanville

Building Stewards for January:

Opening Steward:

Closing Steward: Ted Lushch



Editor's Corner

The Epistle is published monthly by The Brandermill Church. We welcome submissions for *The Epistle* that pertain to the life and ministries of The Brandermill Church. The deadline for publication is the 15th of the month. All articles or notices must be approved by staff, and will be included on a space-available basis. They may be edited for length and content.

We kindly request that articles be submitted via email to marcie@brandermillchurch.org or on computer disk.



Worship Arts

Happy 2011 from the Music Ministry and the Worship Committee!

Well, Advent was certainly a big season for the Music Ministry! We'd like to thank the congregation for your support of our efforts during the Hanging of the Greens, our cantata "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" and during the children's musical pageant "God's Gift." Your gracious comments and loving support of our efforts were truly appreciated.

Now, just to let you know, we have gi-normous plans for 2011. If you've ever thought about joining this exciting ministry, now is a great time to jump in! All of our ensembles will be starting new music and further developing plans for Lent and for spring. For more information, please contact Jamie Barraek or Dawn Rancka.

The Worship Committee would like to thank all of those who served through 2010 in the many functions overseen by this committee. Everyone from the Altar Guild, Communion servers, Ushers and Acolytes are guided through volunteers on the Worship Committee. If you'd like to help in 2011, please see our Worship chairperson, Marty Kump.

Prayer - let your New Year's Resolution be to grow closer to God - **on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am** we will gather in Tammy Tipton-Nay's office to pray for our members, their children and the world. We will pray in a variety of ways as we talk to God and listen for God's voice and will.

Inspirational Dinner January 11, at 6pm - all Sunday school teachers, Circle leaders, Men's Bible study, and Disciple Leaders are invited for a delicious dinner and moment of Inspiration on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. R.S.V.P. by January 4, 2011 to Tammy Tipton-Nay at tammy@brandermillchurch.org

Safe Sanctuary Training - January 16, following the 10:30 service there will be a safe sanctuary training session in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an updated DVD. If it is time to renew your status please plan to attend. R.S.V.P. to Tammy by 1/14/11.

Family Worship Class for 3-5th graders and their parents - register now for this exciting opportunity to participate in A Family Worship Class consisting of a six-week study about the ways we worship as a community of believers in Jesus Christ. The class begins on **February 6 from 9:00-9:45**, and then we will worship together as a family at the 10:30 worship service.

To register for any of these events or if you have questions please contact Tammy Tipton-Nay at tammy@brandermillchurch.org or 744-3661, ext. 103



January Schedule

Sunday, January 2nd

- No Youth Group Meeting
- Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 9th*

- Confirmation Class #1
- 10:15-11:45AM
- Youth Group Meeting
- 4:45PM for 6th-9th graders

Sunday, January 16th*

- Bowling for HS students
- For youth in 9th-12th grade
- 9PM @ Bowl America
- Cost is \$10 per person

Monday, January 17th

- MLK Holiday!

Sunday, January 23rd*

- Confirmation Class #2
- 10:15-11:45AM
- Youth Group Meeting
- 4:45PM for 6th-9th graders

Sunday, January 30th*

- No Youth Group Meeting

Monday, January 31st

- Youth Ski Trip
- For Youth of all ages
- We need adult chaperones
- @ Wintergreen Resort

*There will be Sunday School for Middle School students in the Youth Room and for High School students in the Library at 9AM.

The Brandermill Church Youth Page

Hey everyone! The start of a new year is at hand. And for me, I will be celebrating two years here at Brandermill as your Youth Minister. I have already exceeded the average youth minister's stay by about 6 months! As I start into my third year of service I wanted you to know a little about the direction I see us heading. I have spent my first two years really trying to establish relationships with our young people and to earn a certain level of trust from them. I am now at a point where I am ready to venture into some new directions. I feel that it is time to challenge our students a bit more in the areas of spiritual growth and development. We will accomplish this through some new and exciting outings/retreats as well as ramping up our small group and youth group times together. I foresee an awesome year ahead for us and I feel so blessed and privileged to be on this journey with you all. Here's to another wonderful year together! Your Friend, Rich

It's Not Too Late for Small Groups!!

If you are in 7th through 12th grade and haven't signed up to be a part of a small group yet, it's not too late! This is the most important and meaningful activity that you can be a part of as a Youth at the Brandermill Church. This is where we socialize, have fun, and discover more of who Jesus is and the plans He has for our lives. Please, do not hesitate any longer to be a part of small groups this year. I promise that being part of a small group will enrich your life and you will not regret it. For more information contact Rich Catlett at 744-3661, ext. 104.



CONFIRMATION!

Confirmation classes are starting in January for any student in 8th grade or older who has not been through Confirmation. If you have a student who is interested in participating, contact Rich ASAP! 744-3661 ext. 104

SKI TRIP!!!

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For Youth of all ages
At Wintergreen Resort
Sign-up on Youth Bulletin Board

We need chaperones!

Youth Sunday

2/13/11

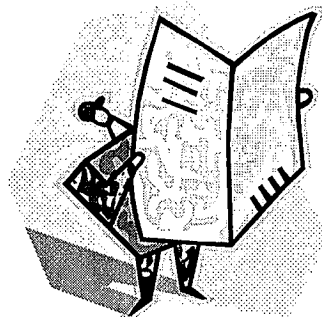
We need **ALL** youth to participate!
Both Services
Help make the day memorable

Sign-up on Youth Bulletin Board



Jan. 30 – Dick Barton
Jan. 31 – Kevin Bachouros, Alex Begg, Vickie Frick,
Laraine Gallagher, Jill Hughes,
Jenna Rosenberg, Martha Saunders,
Nichole Vanderslice

- Jan. 1 – Cathy Monroe, Jean Taylor
Jan. 2 – Bob Beatty, Ken Braun, Bill Cantrell,
Richard Koch, Alok Upadhyaya
Jan. 3 – Jane Hansen, Will Meijer, Brad Osterhout,
Jack Saunders, Al Walters, Collin Williams
Jan. 4 – Jackie Bricker, Susan Edwards, Randy Riggs
Jan. 5 – Marie Daniel, Jonathan Kirkland,
Harold Liu, Jay Novak
Jan. 6 – John Archie, John Kirkland,
Andrea Lyons
Jan. 7 – Rich Catlett, Annelise Hannon,
Hugh Hubbard, Megan Kohan
Jan. 8 – Sydney Ingram, Lauren Miutz
Jan. 9 – Wanda Elam, Ellena Purvis, Marc Shumaker
Jan. 10 – Bruce Fauth, Anne Logan,
Martha Oden, Alan Saul, Reg Waggoner
Jan. 11 – Marie Ball, Betty Bonds, Scott Clause,
Zach Frick, Mike Hill, Joan Humphrey
Jan. 12 – Nancy Aden, Carla King, McKensie Miller,
Olivette Robinson, Jason Witthoefft
Jan. 13 – Bob Gibbons, Emily Martin,
Michelle McLees, Heather Moses
Jan. 14 – Mary Redmon, Henry Sartain,
Paige Schultz, Kyle Thielsch
Jan. 15 – Ott Jensen, Melinda Lawman,
Kerryn Manden, Lucy Meyer
Jan. 16 – Chuck Maddux
Jan. 17 – Chris Smith
Jan. 18 – Joe McGinn, Lindsay Piper,
Harry Roberts, Bob Weatherford
Jan. 19 – Teresa Bricker, Nolan Harris, Dan Koon,
Gabe Laroche, Randy Robins
Jan. 20 – Matt Earle, Jay Howerton, Garrison Miller,
Shirley Moody, Bill Phillips
Jan. 21 – Katie McCrum, Kim Steuber
Jan. 22 – Erin Bradner, Kathy Thomas
Jan. 23 – John Buchanan, Katherine Cheney,
Molly Claus, Annabella Greth, Kevin Stanton
Jan. 24 – Karyn Carpenter
Jan. 25 – Betty Dishner, Lovie Holmes
Jan. 26 – Patrick Liu, Bryce Rosenberg
Jan. 27 – Jeff Branyon
Jan. 28 – Claire Cheney, William Saul
Jan. 29 – Justin Thomas, Gayle Walters



Church Family News

New Members:
Marsha and Chris Duncan
1000 N. 1st St. #100
Midlothian VA 23112
703-946-1234

Baptism: Alexander W. Duncan, son of Marsha and
Chris Duncan

Condolences to: Betty Bonds and her family on the
death of her husband Hancel Bonds.

Church Photo Directory



Members who have their picture taken will receive a **free 8x10** portrait and a **free Brandermill Church picture directory**. You can even include your pet in your personal portrait. Sign up at church through January 9, or call Mary Ellen Futrell at 744-6428.

Special Note: Our new directory will include **military pages**. Please submit photos of your immediate or extended family members serving in the military by placing them in the folder in the copy/work room.

Contact Us

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WORSHIP SERVICES AT
9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Staff

<i>Burt Brooks, ext. 105</i>	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Sandra Bottoms, ext. 108</i>	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
<i>Rich Catlett, ext. 104</i>	<i>Director of Youth Ministries</i>
<i>Tammy Tipton-Nay, ext. 103</i>	<i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>
<i>Jamie Barrack, ext. 107</i>	<i>Director of Music Ministries</i>
<i>Dawn Rancka, Assistant Director of Music Ministries</i>	
<i>Marcie Murphy, ext. 101</i>	<i>Administrator</i>
<i>Gina Glick, ext. 113</i>	<i>Financial Administrator</i>
<i>Kim Peachy, Tonya Cory</i>	<i>Accompanists</i>
<i>Dawn Rancka, Jamie Barrack</i>	<i>Choir Directors</i>
<i>Liz Squitieri, Teresa Tabor</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>Debbie Ellison, ext. 106</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>
<i>Robert Dunford</i>	<i>Custodian</i>

May God bless:



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