



The Epistle

October 2009



The Brandermill Church Midlothian, VA



No Longer Strangers . . .

Ephesians 2:19

What a terrific Rally for Discipleship we celebrated a few weeks ago. As we kicked off our Season of Discipleship it was exciting to see so many people exploring the displays and talking with one another about the many ministries of The Brandermill Church. On behalf of all of us, I am grateful to all the ministry team members, council members and others who worked tirelessly to put the Rally together. And I am grateful for each one of you as you explore the ways God uses you as a disciple.

As we enter October and our Season of Discipleship continues, I want to remind everyone of what's coming. We'll celebrate and explore "Live Faithfully," "Serve Creatively," "Give Generously," and "Witness Boldly." We will have a chance to examine the stories of Zaccheus, Lydia and Peter's great sermon in Acts 2. We will also get to hear Jesus in perhaps his most memorable teaching, the Sermon on the Mount.

As the season concludes October 25, we will once again have the opportunity for the whole congregation to worship together at a single service. During that service, we will make a bold witness of discipleship as we present our time, talent and financial commitment cards for 2010. So as the day draws near, I invite you to join me in prayer for our congregation and to envision the way of discipleship God will ask each one of us, and together as a community, to follow in the year to come.

Shalom,

*Blessed are the
peacemakers:
for they shall be
called the children of God.*

Matthew 5:9

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Sermon Topics for October:

- 4 - *Show Me Discipleship:
Live Faithfully*
Sandra Bottoms
- 11 - *Show Me Discipleship:
Serve Creatively*
Gordon Mapes
- 18 - *Show Me Discipleship:
Give Generously*
Gordon Mapes
- 25 - *Show Me Discipleship:
Witness Boldly*
Gordon Mapes

COUNCIL CORNER

At our September meeting, the Council began participation with the staff in a book study as we discussed *Gathered before God*. The Council also:

- √ Rejoiced in the generosity of our congregational giving as we continue to faithfully fulfill the mission of our church.
- √ Will be offering our prayers for the Nominating Committee as they go forth in their search process to fill the following Council positions: Adult Ministries, Children's Ministries, Fellowship, Stewardship and Worship.
- √ Celebrated the opportunity to host the *Soundworks* concert as organized by the Fellowship and Outreach committees to support the Habitat for Humanity build.

The next Council meeting is Monday October 12 at 7:00 pm.

PRACTICING HOSPITALITY

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

(Matthew 25:35)

Many people in our community view returning to the routine of the academic year as a time to seek out a spiritual connection and find a church home. As a result, the number of folks visiting with us is escalating. Expect to see even more new faces in worship, and in the various activities of the fall and Advent seasons. Do you remember when you were new here? Or perhaps, started a new job or new school? What we most need in those first few days, weeks and months is for someone in our new environment to reach out and extend the hand of friendship and fellowship. For those of us who've been here a while, it's easy for us to be lulled into believing that welcoming is the task of a committee or the designated greeters on Sunday morning. However, as Christians, we are all called to be ministers of welcome. How then can we be intentional about extending the hand of welcome and friendship to each person that visits our church?

I offer you these five tips that you can practice this week

and every week, as we all strive together to be more hospitable to strangers in our midst...

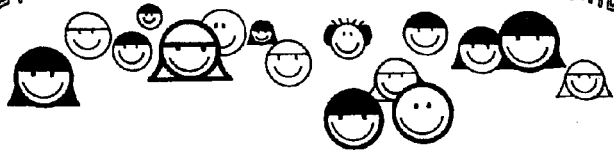
1. Greet each other. Be especially aware of newcomers. Engage people you don't know in conversation, even if those people are members. It's as simple as, "Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we've met. What's your name?"
2. Enact the "circle of 10" rule. ...make it a habit to greet anyone, member or guest, who comes within 10 feet of you.
3. Adopt the "rule of 3" which says you will not talk to other members or people you already know for the first 3 minutes after the worship service. Research indicates that it takes guests about three minutes to exit the church after worship, and we should make sure that someone has greeted them, and made them feel welcome before they leave.
4. During times of fellowship (either over coffee on Sunday morning or dinner on Wednesday night) it is particularly important for members to enact the "rule of three" already explained. In addition to talking with friends, be sure to invite into a conversation strangers and other people standing or sitting alone. Look for people who appear lost or confused...help them find the Nursery, escort them to a Sunday School class, invite them to sit with you in worship, introduce them to someone else during coffee fellowship.
5. Remember a time when you have been a stranger and what made you feel cared for and accepted. Recalling those situations each time you meet someone new will increase your welcoming sensitivity. Welcoming starts with being attuned to the needs and hopes of people. Be observant and attentive.

Grace and peace,

Sandra



GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Hello again to my church family. Hope you each enjoyed the summer, and are looking forward to fall and all its beauty. I had a chance to sit down with Sue and Craig Edwards, and they are a great couple.

Sue is originally from Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and Craig is from Titusville, Pennsylvania (home of Drake Well – use wikipedia, it's interesting history). They currently live in Abbots Mill in Midlothian, and have been coming to The Brandermill Church since 2006. They both received their undergraduate degrees from Penn State, and that is where they met (through Sue's dog Oscar).

Sue has a degree in Earth Science, and a Masters of Science in Geology. Craig has a degree in Ceramic Engineering, and a Masters of Science in Material Science. Sue works for the Virginia Cooperative Extension, and she puts university knowledge into the hands of people (I took that from their website), in other words, helps others understand horticulture. She loves gardening, and hopefully you have noticed her talents for that, under the bell tower.

Craig has worked for Corning, and most recently at Carpenter here in Richmond. They both love the outdoors, reading, working in dog rescue, traveling and spending time together (the couple that plays together stays together). Besides wanting to help you get to know them, I wanted to share Craig's story with you, and hopefully spread comfort and inspire some that are in a similar situation. Craig was laid off from his job earlier this year, which we all know many of our church family members have experienced, or may experience, or maybe had a reduction in hours. It is a difficult time for many families, within and beyond our community.

Craig (Moses) and I have been through this in the past, and understand some of the disappointment and uncertainty.

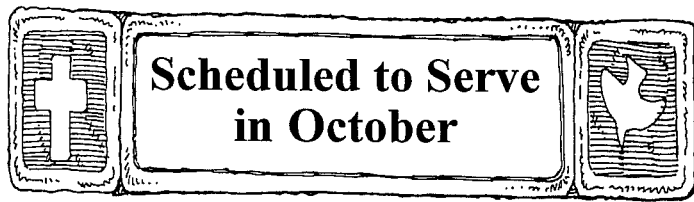
But what I think is most important to realize and remember, is that things will get better, and there are many people close to you, more than you realize, that can help you work through a difficult time such as losing a job. When Craig (Edwards) lost his job, he new he had to find something else, and like many, the feeling is to get something quick. It also may involve relocating to a new area, and when a family is involved, that can be tricky. Craig decided to stay put, and try a new career, something that may sound risky. He started taking classes at New Horizons Computer Training School, and will soon be taking a certification test. He also found help through the Capital Area Training

Consortium, which helped pay for his classes. He also attended the Transitions Group at our church, which provided support for him through this difficult situation. With the love and support from his family, his church family, friends, and his belief that God will always provide, I can honestly say that he is an amazingly happy person, considering what has happened.

It is not easy to overcome something like this, especially if this is a first time experience. I think it

is important to turn to others, talk about what you are going through, consider all the options. You can learn from others, and you can find comfort, and you never know what connections can be made to help your future. Remember, we are all here to love and support one another, no matter what happens. I hope you will say a prayer with me for Craig, and for all those facing similar difficulties. Please be sure to say hello to Sue and Craig, you will enjoy getting to know them. I hope you each enjoy the rest of these last summer days, and blessings to you all.

Caroline Moses



Scheduled to Serve in October

10/4

Acolytes: Kiki Inman and Carly Ritter
Communion Server - 8:30: E. Monk, B. Bartges, S. Begg, G. Brenner
Communion Server - 9:45: D. Beatty, B. Beatty, W. Marshall, J. Marshall, C. Moses, A. Coble
Communion Server - 11:00: K. Riggs, B. Maust, B. Pritchett, A. Walters, G. Walters, K. Dixon, R. Evans
Greeter - 8:30: Ginny and Steve Menninger
Greeters - 11:00: Jean and Charlie Taylor
Grounds: Bill Lyon
Lay Leader - 8:30: Nancy Rider
Lay Leader - 11:00: Mike Clang
Ushers - 8:30: Sue and Doug Brandenburg
Ushers - 9:45: Ed and Gayle Pittman & Ben and Wanda Carter
Ushers - 11:00: Robert Redmon, Gary Shepherd, Mark Lyons, Billy Pritchett, Mary Ann McCole

10/11

Acolytes: Ellie Maust and Conner Marsh
Greeter - 8:30: Cathy and Wayne Shotwell
Greeters - 11:00: Cissy and Don Spivey
Grounds: Jon Hartzler
Lay Leader - 8:30: Tim Koon
Lay Leader - 11:00: Irene Carlisle
Ushers - 8:30: Don Vorhis and Fred Carter
Ushers - 9:45: Bob Weatherford & Brad and Ann Coble
Ushers - 11:00: Maggie Buchanan, Ben Anderson, Maggie Maust

10/18

Acolytes: Samantha Scifres and Emily Martin
Greeter - 8:30: Jane Newsome
Greeters - 11:00: Betty Waller
Grounds: Tom and Marissa Mullen
Lay Leader - 8:30: Dolly Pakurar
Lay Leader - 11:00: Kathy Dixon
Ushers - 8:30: Jack Risendal and Horst Arfert
Ushers - 9:45: Bruce Mason, Jim Allen, Ben D'Arrigo
Ushers - 11:00: Elizabeth Eisenhower, Edward Eisenhower, Rachel Bradner

10/25

Acolytes: Sarah Nelson and Natalie Mullen
Greeter - 8:30: Joyce and Colon Rowe
Greeters - 11:00: Sonja and Bill Turner
Grounds: Colon Rowe
Lay Leader - 8:30: Bill Harp
Lay Leader - 11:00: Marty Kump
Ushers - 9:45: Woody Lawman, Chris Remme, Warren Ragsdale
Ushers - 11:00: Bill Turner, Sonja Turner, Hugh Catlett, Victor Liu, Ken Braun

Altar Guild for October:
Marion Sanville

Building Stewards for October:
Bruce Mason and Jim Walters

Building Stewards needed!

Special skills required: flipping a light switch, turning a key in a lock...

We need some folks willing to open the church on Sunday mornings, turn on the lights and make sure we're ready for worship. Then we someone else to button us up when we're ready to head home.

Stewards serve for a "month of Sundays" but the actual time commitment is probably not much more than an hour per year. Training is available and we have a ready checklist so you'll know just what to do each week. Contact Marcie at the church office (744-3661, ext. 101) or Jim Walters for more information: (739-6768).

FINANCIAL UPDATE thru August 2009**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
Giving	\$548,769	\$516,701
Other Income	\$14,773	\$23,113
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Budgeted	\$613,306	\$583,323

1ST Mortgage Balance: \$1,279,926.43

Thank you for your continuous giving!!

It is very important to continue
meeting our commitments.

**detailed financial reports are available on request



2009/10

Our Fellowship season begins with Wednesday Night Dinners starting October 7. We welcome **Eric King** as our chief cook. Please sign up on the attendance pads in our Church pews or call Marcie Murphy to make a reservation for Dinner (744-3661, ext. 101). Please remember if you sign up and can not attend, let us know by the Tuesday before the dinner. Guest chefs are welcome once again this year. All cooks are welcome! **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SET UP, SERVING AND CLEAN UP.** Call Ethel Monk, 744-7995.

Rebecca Neas, (744-8576) leads **Feast and Fellowship** this year. There is still room to become a part of these fun gatherings.

Horst and Company prepare their first **Men's Breakfast** on October 10.

Jane and Warner Marshall (379-0517) chair our **Sunday Morning Coffee time.** Sign up to join them as a host and hostess in the Fellowship Hall for our coffee hour.

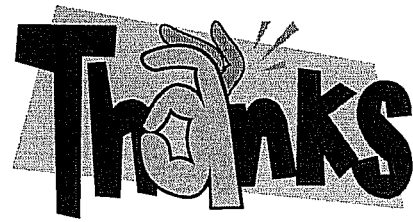
The Fellowship and Outreach committees are co-sponsoring a concert for the benefit of our commitment to Habitat. **Soundworks** has a versatile repertoire that spans many a cappella singing styles from Barbershop to Bop to Franz Biebl. Tickets are available every Sunday in the entryway and from Marcie Murphy. **October 18 at 3:00 P.M.** is the date and **\$15.00** is the price.

Claudia Lushch and Angie Branyon are planning the Women's Tea once again for this coming winter. Plan to attend and look for announcements in the bulletin and The Epistle

Fellowship Chairman
Ethel Monk

Around the Grounds

The Grounds Committee sends a huge



to all those who volunteered for the 2009 summer Adopt-A-Garden program. The weather was perfect for weeds this summer and the loyal crews conquered their foes (as well as being expert pruners).

Following are the people responsible for maintaining the beauty of our grounds: Kevin & Rin Barkdull, Craig & Sue Edwards, Dr. Connolly Gamble, Jon Hartzler, Barbara Hichak, Nan, Scott, Kerby, & Joelle Johnson, David Kohan, Kris Kruse, Mary Ann McCole, Caroline & Heather Moses, Linda Reid, Nanette Sweet, Dean & Georgie Thompson, Chad, Nichole, Alex, & Zach Vanderslice, Mary Kathryn, Brian, Abby, & Mary Anneke van Eerden, Reg Waggoner, Matt Williams, and Larry & Marilyn Wholley.

Everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated. Rest up – only 8 months till we do it again!

and a

big thumbs up for the Summer Sundays Clean-Up Crews!



Sunday morning worship attendees are welcomed to our church in many ways; the first being a neat and tidy parking lot, flowerbeds, entrance and sidewalks. The Grounds Committee gratefully acknowledges the following volunteers for giving their time either Saturday afternoons or early Sunday mornings this summer: Mike Bachmann, Jon Hartzler, Bill Lyon, Craig Moses and Larry Wholley. You are a blessing to our church family, and we thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER: One Sunday school class is being offered through the end of October, "7 Covenants of The Brandermill Church." This class emphasizes the importance of the church-wide effort this fall to focus on discipleship by exploring in depth the 7 Covenants of our church. Ed Arnaudin helps us look at how each covenant allows us to express and expand our faith within ourselves and to the community in which we live. Join Ed at 9:40 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

NOVEMBER: Have you been thinking yet about Christmas? About how to keep the "true" meaning in Advent? About how to de-emphasize the materialistic side of the season? We are offering a class just for you – a pre-Advent class offered during the month of November to get you and your family in the proper spirit to truly appreciate and celebrate the holiday season. Stay tuned for more details.

angelfood

Our Angel Food Ministry program continues as a strong community outreach effort - serving just about 100 patrons each month. We're excited to announce that they're offering a terrific special for November:

Thanksgiving Holiday Box \$36.00

Available for Pre-order thru October 28!

7 lb. (avg.)	Perdue Roaster
2 lb.	Frozen Green Beans
4.5 oz.	Brown Gravy Mix
2.5 lb.	Boneless Netted Ham
1 lb.	Frozen Cranberries
2 lb.	Frozen Diced Sweet Potatoes
17 oz.	Ready to Cook Corn Bread Dressing
12 ct.	Frozen Corn Cobbett's
8 ct.	Heat and Serve Large Dinner Roll
1	Dessert Item (Pie or Cake)
1	Recipe Sheet with scripture

Log on to www.angelfoodministries.com to place your order or call Marcie @ 744-3661, ext. 101 to make an appointment to order in person. You can now order specials with no other purchase required.

Available for pick up on Saturday, November 14.



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

2009 Fundraisers

This Fall we'll join eleven other congregations in the Richmond area for an APOSTLE BUILD, erecting a housing community in Richmond (33rd and T Streets in Church Hill). There will be multiple housing units, and a sample floor plan and/or pictures are available in the entryway. We will provide work teams for the dates of November 11 through November 14, and our share of the cost is \$5,500.

We have marked the sample floor plan into blocks, and you can help us achieve our goal of \$5,500 by "buying" a block of the house plan (\$25 each) and signing your name on the block that you choose. All amounts collected over this year's requirement will be designated for use in future Habitat for Humanity programs. Stop by our table, sign in your donation, and check the progress of our fundraising efforts.

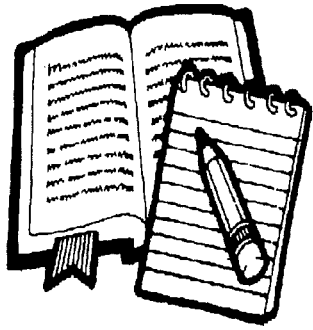
Signups for the work teams, lunch providers, and carpool drivers will begin in October when we are more certain what type of work we will be doing.

***Enjoy some great music
and help change a life
all for one low price!***

On Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 PM in our sanctuary, we'll host a concert by "SOUNDWORKS," one of the mid-Atlantic's premier *a capella* men's choral groups. They offer a wide range of musical presentations.

This concert is jointly sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committees with the net proceeds to go toward our share of the Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build.

Tickets cost \$15 per person, and will be available at a table in the entryway between and after Sunday services from now through October 18. Call Jim Allen @ 744-1221 if you have any questions.



From the Educator's Cubby,

Greetings! I can hardly believe it is October! Where has this year gone? As I've just finished 'penning' the Children's Ministry news, and moving through this first week of Disciple Bible

classes, I am acutely aware of all the activity that has commenced here at church – whew! We are off to a very lively and engaging fall!

Thanks to all who participated in Rally Day! I was so impressed! We had more participation this year than last with more groups and ministries represented. The tables were lively and creative – perhaps next year we should sponsor a 'table competition'! Many in our congregation took time to peruse the wonderful discipleship opportunities available.

As we continue to move this month through our Discipleship emphasis, I want to encourage all adults to attend our 'Covenant Study' taught by Ed Arnaudin on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:40 in the Multi-Purpose Room. This class is focusing on our 7 Discipleship Covenants that are printed on the front of our Sunday bulletins. (Have you noticed?!) As your Christian educator, I particularly want to focus your attention on the covenant, 'study regularly.' In the book the staff and council are studying together during this time, *"Gathered Before God: Worship – Centered Church Renewal"* the importance of reflection is emphasized. *Reflection is critical* for each of us to build and nurture our relationship with God and it takes many forms, both individually and communally. Certainly each of us leaves our time in worship with God and mulls over what we have heard and participated in individually as we drive home. *But it is equally important to share with each other our reflections and this is done in part in joining together in communal study.* Christianity is and always has been a communal, not an individual faith. Communal reflection is an important component of studies such as Disciple Bible as it allows for each person to share and hear different experiences and points of view while learning and forming a deeper relationship with God. There is *always* plenty of room on Sunday morning to join in a group for meaningful study during the discipleship hour!

On a personal note as I continue in my provisional ordination journey this fall, I am in desperate need of a 'videographer'! Lord knows that the Board of Ordained Ministry needs something better to look at than either I or Jim – both technologically challenged – could pull together! If you are willing and available to help me in my 'filming requirements' I would be exceedingly grateful! Just give me a call, or send me an e-mail!

Grace and peace to us all as we continue on our fall journey!

Blessings,
Val



We're off and running into our new school year! Thanks to all who participated in Rally Day in September – teachers, shepherds, 'goodie-bringers' who helped us

get off to a rousing start!

As all of us transition back into our fall routines both at home and at church, we'd like to call all parents' attention to changes in Children's Ministries, both made and forthcoming!

We hope you've noticed the new '**Communications Board**'! Be sure to check it each Sunday for any new news and information! This is where you will find it posted.

We've implemented a new system of room assignments for this fall. Each age group will have a stable – same each week- room to report to. The children may change rooms during their class time on a Sunday, but you will drop off and pick up in the same room each Sunday. Check the class assignment board for specific details. (The first bulletin board.)

❖ Be sure to pick up a copy of our new '**ParentLink**' newsletter. Until we build an e-mail data base, hard copies are available on the Communications Board. We hope to deliver this newsletter to you electronically each month by the November issue.

❖ **Mark your calendars for our Parent's Meeting – October 11th at 9:45 in the multipurpose room.** This will be an opportunity for us to get together and receive

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feedback and your thoughts as we go forward in planning ahead. **Be sure to get a children's ministry survey form before the meeting and return it to Val's box either on her office door, or in the copy room, before the meeting.**

❖ Our current CMC chair, Sheri Stoots will be rolling off at the end of this year. The church nomination committee will be receiving names of individuals. Let them know if you or someone else would be willing to serve. Also, the CM committee has openings for new individuals to join the committee and bring fresh perspectives! See Val or contact her via phone (744-3661, ext. 103) or e-mail (val@brandermillchurch.org) if you are interested in serving on this meaningful committee.

❖ Our 4th / 5th grade class is using a brand new curriculum, 'Grapple' which includes an on-line component and allows the class to create its very own 'web page' and work on thoughts and ideas at home during the week and then come back as a group to 'grapple' with them on Sunday. Jennifer and Michael Booker are heading up this exciting new effort!

❖ **FYI – for third grade parents** (and any child that has missed it in previous years) 'Preparation for Worship' class for the 2009-2010 year will be in January – February again, starting on Jan. 11 and ending February 22, and will include attending the Ash Wednesday service. Mark your calendars now so your child won't miss a class.

Stay tuned for more to come as we move toward making changes to improve and strengthen our Children's Ministries!



WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Lena Bartges Circle meets October 15 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The Semi-Circle meets Monday, October 19, at 7:30 PM We welcome old and new members! For further information, please contact Susan Clement (748-5917).

Nurture News

Thanks to all who dropped by the Nurture table on Rally Sunday. On the Nurture poster were the words, "Find your niche." In other words... what is it God made you for and how do you respond to God's calling? Caring for one another is how Nurture responds to our congregation with prayers, cards, meals, care packages, prayer shawls, receptions, rides. One card we received said, *"...the meals, cards calls, and most of all your prayers were ... a blessing to us during my recovery. We truly felt surrounded by our church family."*



♥ Next Nurture meeting: September 27 at 12:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

♥ Emergency preparedness information is available online at www.ready.gov

♥ Medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, crutches etc.) is available for short term use. Contact Shelia Mullen or Marcie Murphy for the listing if you have a need or if you would like to share your good condition equipment for others to use

♥ Upper Room publications are available in print the display rack in the entryway and also available online: www.upperroom.org/DAILY/. Just make it a favorite on your web browser.

For more information about any of these items, contact Shelia Mullen @ 590-3668 / mullenoaks@msn.com.



BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

October 11

8:00AM to 12:30PM

Contact Marcie for an appointment: 744-3661, ext. 101



The Chesterfield County Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 on the Brandermill Trails. The Brandermill Church will host the event which begins at 2:00, with registration at 1:30. Mark it

on your calendar now and join us as we raise funds to help people around the world who lack basic food and clean water. Look for the special envelope in your packet. Adrienne Strandberg (763-4718) and Lorraine Weatherford (744-2962) would love to have several volunteers to help on the committee. We also need someone to take over as treasurer. Let's make it a great event!

IT'S FLU SEASON



Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at church on Sunday, October 4 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Nurses from IVNA will administer the shots. The fee for a flu shot is \$28; pneumonia shots are \$45. Those with Medicare Part B can get them at no cost.

The cost is slightly higher than elsewhere, but the IVNA (Instructional Visiting Nurse Association) uses the proceeds for community outreach programs, so you'll be helping someone else stay healthy too. Please call Marcie (744-3661, ext. 101) to get more details and to schedule an appointment.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings continue on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. in the back of the Sanctuary. (*note the new time!*) Come join us whenever you can for fellowship or help learning to knit or just to visit.

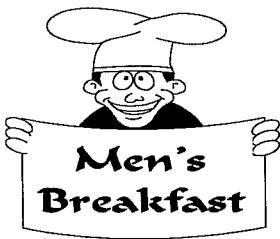
If you have any questions about this ministry or want to join this special group, please call or email Carol Allen at 744-1221 or cardinal14011@aol.com.

All Saints Service of Remembrance, Prayer & Healing

Join us for a special candlelight All Saints Day service that will include prayer and healing.

Sunday, November 1 7:30 PM

The service will include a necrology and candle lighting for those remembered. Please use the tear off slip below to submit the name of a loved one to the church office by October 28. You may identify those who have claimed Christ's kingdom this past year or in prior years.



**Resumes
Saturday,
October 10
8:00 AM**

Our speaker will be Delegate Lee Ware, who represents parts of Chesterfield and Powhatan. Delegate Ware can talk on just about anything historical; look for his topic in the upcoming weekly bulletins. Horst and Company will prepare a hot breakfast to get us started for a time of Christian fellowship and interesting discussion. You can sign up on the red attendance pads in the sanctuary, or you can contact Marcie at the church office by e-mail or phone. See you there!

Please add to the necrology for this service:

I/we will attend to light a candle in their memory.

_____ yes _____ no

Name _____

Phone _____

October Schedule *The Brandermill Church Youth Page*

Sunday, October 4th
-Youth Group Meeting
6-6:45PM Middle School
6:45-7:15 Dinner for All
7:15-8PM High School

Sunday, October 11th
-Youth Committee Meeting
Noon in the Youth Room

-*Haunted Tour of Richmond*
Meet @ church @ 7PM

Monday, October 12th
-Columbus Day (1/2 Day of School)

Sunday, October 18th
-3rd Day Concert
Meet @ church @ 5PM
Concert is in Charlottesville starts @ 7PM - Could be a late night

Sunday, October 25th
-Crop Walk

Saturday, October 31st
-Halloween!

*Sunday School for Middle School youth will meet in the Youth Room each Sunday morning at 9:40AM. Linda Reid will be teaching!

Hey everyone! October is probably my favorite month of the year! It is the month that my beautiful wife was born and the month that we were married, and I love that the weather starts getting cooler and the leaves begin to change into orange and maroon (beautiful VT colors!). Some people do not like to see this time of year because in a way a lot of things in nature begin dying and it is a downer. They would much prefer to be in spring when things are turning green and the flowers start blooming. It is that way in life a lot of times too. None of us really want to deal with the hard times of life but instead would rather have happy times. But the reality is that hard times do come, but the good news is we are not alone. Psalm 18:1-3 says, "I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved." If you are experiencing an especially difficult time in your life right now find your strength in the Lord. Call upon His name and he will save you. As you put your faith in Him, He will get you through, and the next thing you know, you will be smelling the blooming flowers of a new season of your life. Take care of yourselves. Your friend, - Rich

Small Groups Have Started!!

Small Groups for all ages of youth have started and if you haven't joined one it is not too late. We are meeting on Wednesday and Thursday nights and if you can be a part of one please let Rich know and we will plug you into a group ASAP!

Looking for Confirmation Students

We are going to be beginning the process of connecting Confirmation Students to Mentors this month even though Confirmation Classes will not begin until January. If you are in 8th grade or have not gone through the Confirmation process, please contact Rich (744-3661 ext. 104) and let him know.

Haunted Tour Of Richmond

Sunday, October 11th at 7PM
We will hear real ghost stories
Shadows of Shockoe Bottom

Invite a friend to attend

Sign-up on Bulletin Board

Concert!!! Third Day

Sunday, October 18th
At the Charlottesville Pavilion
Concert starts at 7PM cost is \$20

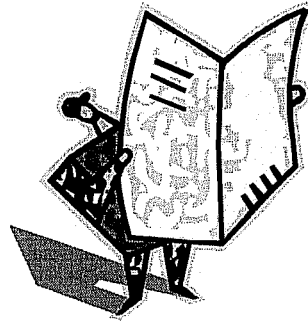
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- Oct. 1 – Vance Barber, Ben Hichak, Sheila Walters
- Oct. 2 - David Kohan, Mary Quinlan, Ethan Radtke
- Oct.3 – Abby Bartholomew, Carson Halliwell,
Connor Maclean, Pat Tomasik
- Oct. 4 – Gloria Keeton, Dolly Pakurar, Joseph Rioux,
Erin Roeber
- Oct. 5 – Michael Garrity, Leanne Hassinger-Conrad,
Craig Moses, Kani Wagner
- Oct. 6 – Ginny Joyner, Jessamyn Liu, Rebecca Neas
- Oct. 7 – Joe Bartholomew, III, Raymond Bissell,
Chris Coble, Krista Phillips
- Oct. 8 – Maggie Maust
- Oct. 9 – Matt Buchanan, Jane Jenkins, Fran Topper,
Lois Vorhis
- Oct.10 – Charlie Bechtler, Laurie O’Brien
- Oct.11 – Cori Begg, Doug Bollinger, Gregory Chalker,
Rob Earle, Chris Zitzow
- Oct. 12 – Madison Barrow, Rachel Bradner, Anne Catlett
- Oct. 13 – Janet Hightower, Terri Lindsey, Gavin Wagner
- Oct. 14 – Meagan Baker, Chandler Cain,
Ellen Robins, Grant Shumaker,
Mary Don Shumaker
- Oct. 15 – Hope Cashion, Jon Hartzler, Susie Higbie
- Oct. 16 – Kathy Lancashire, Chris Laroche
- Oct. 17 – Bill Riggs
- Oct. 18 – Caitlyn Baker, Sheri Daniel, David Rosenberg,
John Steuber
- Oct. 19 – Katie Livingston, Margaret Raddin,
Jennifer Ritter, Bob Saxton, Jimmy Walters,
Jim White
- Oct. 20 – Sheila Mullen
- Oct. 21 – Kristi Rosenberg, Jim Stewart
- Oct. 22 – Mandy Begg, Andrew Cigal, Gayla Gardner,
Ethan Martin, Kendall Stuckey,
Zach Vanderslice
- Oct. 23 – Carolyn Sanville
- Oct. 24 – Hancel Bonds, Chris Cannon, Craig Edwards,
Connolly Gamble
- Oct. 25 – Aaron Capek, Davis Chalker, Kevin Rhule,
Alex Upadhyaya, Sharon Wilson
- Oct. 26 – Steve Menninger, Stuart Penrose,
Warren Ragsdale
- Oct. 27 – Lee Farmer
- Oct. 28 – Jake Barrack, Mark Laramore,
Michelle Remme
- Oct. 29 – Barbara Hill, Jack Winn, Ella Witthoefft

- Oct. 30 – Kirk Cumpston, Lauren Deem,
Jack Finkbeiner, Claudia Lushch
- Oct. 31 – Debbie Ellis, Barry Hite,
Matt Piper, Cindy Roberts, Dave Saunders



Church Family News

New Members:

Dawn and Austin Dantzler
Aubrey and Corrine
11707 Walnut Wood Court
Midlothian 23112
608-0155

Baptisms:

Corrine Austin Dantzler, daughter of Dawn and Austin
William David Kohan, son of Lisa and David
Alexander Curtis Hawkes, son of Tami and Devon
Cooper Sims Hammitt, son of Rebekah and Craig

Condolences to:

Marie Daniel on the death of her husband, Herman
Nancy Materna on the death of her mother, Sara Materna
Joan Shifflet on the death of her father, Louis Davis

Editor’s Corner

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

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