

Join the RRCB Softball Team

The church will have a softball team in the Western Henrico Church Softball League again this year. This is a coed team for those 16 and older. Games are played Tuesday nights April through July (with some weeks off) including double-elimination playoffs at the end of the season. No experience required. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Chris Wilkinson (wilky17@verizon.net or 804-625-7379).



Easter Lilies

Easter: Sunday, April 16 | Deadline: Sunday, April 2

Our Sanctuary will be adorned with traditional lilies on Easter Sunday. You may purchase lilies in memory or honor of a loved one for \$11.00 each. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks where you can write the wording you wish to be printed in the bulletin for Easter and designate if you will take your lilies home after worship. Please make all checks payable to RRCB, and place the envelopes in the offering plate or give your envelope to the Church Office. The order deadline is Sunday, April 2. If you have questions, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604).

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MUSINGS ON HOLY WEEK

By the time you receive this, Holy Week will be approaching quickly. Because this week is so significant for us as people of faith (or perhaps because it's the busiest times of the year for the pastor), I've been thinking a lot about the significance of this week.

At various points during most weeks of the year, we may feel angry, happy, sad, disturbed, surprised, disappointed, or satisfied. The reality is that for most of us, our lives are a mixture of good and bad, joys and sorrows. Life's Ferris Wheel takes us up and back down again. We have good days and we have difficult ones.

During the seven days between Palm Sunday and Easter, Jesus experienced similar ups and downs. What I want to suggest to you is that perhaps what makes this week "Holy" is not simply the dramatic events surrounding Jesus' painful death, but also the ordinary and everyday events that Jesus underwent during his final week on earth. Perhaps the lesson for us is that we, too, can find comfort and holiness in the everyday ups and downs where most of us live. In the temporary triumphs, the secret worries, and the mundane events that make up each week of our

lives, there is holiness if only we are willing to search for it.

In coming to earth as a human being, Jesus allows us to see that God loves and cares for us as we are, in the middle of the commonplace things around us. In Christ, God reminds us of our original nature as we were created, that the separation between the "holy" God and the "unholy" things of the world is in fact, one of our own making. In that light, it is appropriate that Easter is both the finale of Holy Week and the first day of the following week. It looks backward as well as forward. We need the joy on Easter Sunday that comes from knowing that we can move on from our past and that our sins are not held against us. But we also need the hope of new life in Christ on Easter Sunday to remind us that we can move forward into the week ahead, because through Jesus' resurrection, we are redeemed and we are loved beyond measure.

Holy Week Blessings,

Daniel

MINISTER ON CALL ~ (804) 464-7968
Please note the new number above and call it if you have a pastoral need. The number will reach the designated minister for each weekend. The Minister On Call is listed in the *e-Spire*.

CHILDREN & YOUTH INFORMATION
Visit our website for information & activities:
www.rrcb.org/tag/cy-activities

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
April 17

Fellowship Fund

Every fellowship collection on Sunday is quickly used at the beginning of the week based on requests we receive weekly for assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations throughout the year. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online (www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving).

Board of Administration Monthly Email

To keep the membership informed of its efforts on behalf of the congregation, the Board of Administration provides PDF copies of approved minutes and financial statement to those members opting in to this email communication. To opt in, please fill out the form on our website at www.rrcb.org/boa.

Joyful Hearts: Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays, February 6 - April 24 (no class 4/10)

9:15 - 11:30 a.m., LC #102

Women of all ages and stages are invited to participate in a time of Bible Study and fellowship. Joyful Hearts will continue its study of Max Lucado's *Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God*. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

Youth and Children Parents Discussion about Wednesday Night Programming

Sunday, April 2

9:45 a.m., Assembly Room

A conversation with parents and representatives from the Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation (BCESF) about Wednesday evening programming. The discussion will be moderated by Frank Kendall. Please give some thought in advance to what you like/dislike about our current Wednesday evening line up as well as think of some new ideas for children, youth and adults. The BCESF desires to hear your ideas about how we can improve the Faith Formation experiences we are currently providing for our families. Please come and share your thoughts.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

The men of River Road Church are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and partnership in prayer. **Reservations are required**, please call the church office (804-228-1131).

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 p.m., LC #102

Anyone who likes to play bridge (singles or couples) is invited to join us for a fun evening of bridge. Contact Kitty or George Davis (804-285-9782) for more information.

FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon

Friday, April 7

11:00 a.m., Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Tour The Rachel Lambert Mellon Collection of Jean Schlumberger - docent Arlene Deconti will provide a guided tour. After the tour, at 1:00 p.m., the group will have lunch at Amuse. RSVP to Liz Seward (ecseward@aol.com or 804-282-2657) and advise if you would like to carpool from the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

Save the Date: FLO 5th Anniversary Luncheon

Thursday, May 18

12:00 p.m., Reception Room

FIXERS

Thursdays, April 6 & 20

8:00 a.m., Reception Room

The FIXERS (Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Energetic, Righteous Servants) are dedicated to keeping our beautiful church facility in top working order. The FIXERS meet for breakfast and fellowship, then break into teams and work on projects around the church. Please contact George Davis (804-285-9782) if you can make it.

Here's a test:

- Do you know what a weed looks like in mulch bed?
- Do you know which end of a screwdriver to hold?
- Does holding a broom not intimidate you?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you are qualified to join the FIXERS. Even if you didn't answer "yes" to any of the questions, you're still qualified to join the group. (As you can tell, our standards are not very high.) Men and women of all ages are encouraged to come.

Watercolor 101

Mondays, April 10 – May 22, 2017 (no class April 17)

6:30-9:00 p.m., LC #102

Each watercolor class is a brand new set of sessions. Newcomers are always welcome. Judy Dixon will again offer Watercolor 101, a class that is geared for beginners: those who have never held a brush, or those who have never attempted watercolor painting because they do not know how to draw. Judy furnishes everyone with the drawings. This is not a "drawing" class but rather a class to learn the most basic principles of watercolor painting. Participants learn by painting together, step by step. The six-week course costs \$100. Please contact Judy Dixon (804-744-1613 or judy.griz@verizon.net) to sign up by April 3. A list of supplies will be provided at that time.

Youth CBF Missions Madness Weekend

April 21-23

Huguenot Road Baptist Church

Contact Chester Phelps (chesterphelps@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131) for more details.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Organ Dedicatory Recital ~ David Higgs

Sunday, April 30

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Eastman School of Music

Please note our ticketing process through Eventbrite. Reserve your FREE tickets at www.rrcb.org/higgs!

CELEBRATE 50 AND 50 MORE

2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of the River Road Church Endowment Fund. To celebrate the anniversary, the Endowment Fund is focusing on the many blessings afforded the church ministries in recent years and on the opportunity for members today to consider including a gift to the endowment in their estate plans.

Gifts made to the endowment in the fund's first 50 years are today a \$9 million resource supporting grants of \$300,000 or more annually in support of our church and her ministries. How wonderfully will God use us — and our legacy gifts — in the 50 years ahead?

On March 26, Ransone Hartz, president of the Endowment Board, introduced the **Celebrate 50 ... and 50 more** initiative in the worship service.

Visit www.rrcb.org/Celebrate50 by April 14, to reserve your place at any of six gatherings planned:

Buffet dinner and fellowship — Introducing legacy gift opportunities:

- Monday, April 24, 6 p.m., the Hartzes' home
- Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m., the Almonds' home
- Tuesday, May 2, 6 p.m., the Almonds' home
- Thursday, May 4, 6 p.m., the Hartzes' home

Seated dinner and program — Planning a legacy gift

- Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, May 11, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

MISSIONS

CBF Easter Offering

April 1-30

Extra time for reflection, prayer and meditation are Lenten practices taken on by many of us as Easter approaches. Some of us include fasting or giving up certain foods as part of our spiritual journey. Baptists have also included a Season of Prayer and an Easter Offering for missions. Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), with which River Road affiliates, sponsors missionaries, field representatives, who work in the Americas and around the world who work with the most neglected. They give support and assistance for "life needs," including the message of God's love.

Please pray for this ministry. Offering envelopes are in the Sanctuary pew racks. You may also make a contribution online (www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving then select "Global Missions").

A Night For Alkulana

Saturday, April 22

5:30 p.m., Chamberlayne Baptist Church

A Night for Alkulana is a benefit dinner to support the ministries of Camp Alkulana. The cost is \$10 per person (includes dinner) or groups may buy a table of 8 for \$70. Vegetarian dinner option is available. Please reserve and pay online (www.alkulana.org), call 804-399-7563, or e-mail juliewo71@gmail.com.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website for missions opportunities:
www.rrcb.org/missionsnews

Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

April 5	Lenten Series: Faith Stories, Musical Style Menu: Broccoli Alfredo or Country-style Ribs, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Apples (spiced), Dinner Rolls, Coconut Macaroons
April 12	No Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs - Spring Break!
April 19	Introducing Our Möller Organ, Part II with Bob Gallagher Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Apple & Cherry Cobblers
April 27	CrossOver Ministries with Julie Bilodeau, Executive Director Menu: Chicken Divan w/ Broccoli, Rice, Dinner Rolls, 2 types of Pudding & Cookies

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. | Program at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. Please make your reservations by 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. Please check our website for more information and to make dinner reservations at www.rrcb.org/wednesdays.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SERVICES & EVENTS

Palm Sunday Service of Worship

Sunday, April 9, 2017

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sermon by Daniel Glaze

Anthems by the Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choir

Palm Sunday is the day we remember the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection. Palms are distributed at this service. The processional will be led by the children waving palms, reminiscent of the crowd greeting Jesus. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9, 2017, Following Worship

Preschool: Lower Commons Courtyard

Elementary: Front Plaza

Chapel Open for Prayer

Monday-Friday, April 10-14, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please feel free to visit our Chapel during Holy Week. Devotional material will be in the Chapel narthex.

No Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Tenebrae

Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Anthems by the Chancel Choir

(Childcare provided by request)

This evening will focus on two important events. First, we observe a special Communion service in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus' self-giving act for our salvation is observed through Tenebrae, a ritual in which the gradual extinguishing of the candles occurs while the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion is read.

Labyrinth Walk & Stations of the Cross

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00* p.m.

Friday, April 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00* p.m.

Saturday, April 15, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00* p.m.

* Please begin a labyrinth meditation 45 to 60 minutes before the ending times listed above.

Our canvas labyrinth is a replica of the one originally laid in the twelfth century in the floor of the Chartes Cathedral in France. As Holy Week comes to a close, River Road Church cordially invites you to experience a meditative walk. Written material on the last words of Christ as well as material about the labyrinth's history and symbolism will be available. We suggest that you allow approximately 45 to 60 minutes for the labyrinth experience.

The Stations of the Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall along with the Labyrinth. The walk takes no longer than a lunch break. The fourteen Stations of the Cross trace Jesus' path from Pilate's house to Golgotha to His tomb, mixing some events that we find in Scripture with some that come to us via the tradition of the church. Each station will have a written explanation and prayer. You may walk and read these to yourself or come in a group and have a person read at each station.

Easter Service of Worship

Sunday, April 16, 2017

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sermon by Daniel Glaze

Music by the Chancel Choir, Brass Quintet, and Timpani

The service is marked by joy and emphasizes the Easter theme of new life. This year we will worship together at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School classes are planning their own gatherings before worship. If you'd like to attend a class that morning, please ask one of the greeters for assistance.

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 17, 2017

Happy Birthday!

April 1
Brian Lyne

April 2
Nancy Moses
Meredith Smith

April 3
Chris Fallen
Ashley McGuire
Grover Robinson
Elizabeth Savedge
Shannon Sundberg

April 4
Colin Berry
Carolyn Briggs
Allan Cruickshanks
Katherine Hall
Kelly Mercer
Madison Moore
Bill Pollard
David Stevens
Martha Taylor

April 5
Janet Booher
Charlie Butcher
Cabot Hunt
Emily Page
Gordon Thomson

April 6
David Davis
Martha Donohue
Liz Morley
Sarah Phillips
Emily Whitty
Michael Whitty

April 7
Bob Lyne, Jr
Madeleine McAllister
Carolyn Thomas
Cathy Whitty

April 8
Thomas Crouch
Avett Foster
Vivian Foster
Harry Phelps

April 9
Tim Clingenpeel
Peggy Fore
Abby Holland
Rich Jante
Logan Johnson
Gresham Pollard

April 10
Jack Butcher
John Cary
McKenzie Gates
Dick Harwood
Abigail Leshar
Scott Measell
Blair Parker
Sandy Thornton

April 11
Margaret Phelps

April 12
Catherine Davis
Betty Hall
Britt Holt
Page Kral

April 13
Sandy Bowen
Evan Coldiron
Dave Draper
Elizabeth Fields
Bonnie Livick
Cindy Mistretta
Tim Smart
Tom Smart
Michael Taylor

April 14
Marcia Collier
Pat Harwood
Lauren Lessels
Kellie Robertson
Bill Rusher, Jr.

April 15
Chris Roberts
John Sexton

April 16
Anna Dockum
Richie Martin, Jr.

April 17
Martha Caruso
Dennis O'Neal
Tim Campbell
Alexandra Davis
Betsy Robinson
Caleb Stanley
Betty Woolcott

April 18
Alice Oakey
Austin Lee
David Thomas

April 19
Will Thorne

April 20
Anne Both
Courtney Bunn
Mike Derrer
Holden Seward

April 21
Deborah Cassidy
Mason Cox
Sheralyn Jackson
Carl Sizemore

April 22
Kristina Barbier
Alice Blanton
Rob Collier
Katrina Leshar
Peter McCabe

April 23
Julia McGuire
Quinn McGuire
David Sims
Bill Smith

April 24
Rusty Cleveland
Anne Carroll Ezzelle
Abigail McAllister
Jonathan O'Neal

April 25
Mark Mathews
Emily Phillips
Cliff Shelton
Letty Wood

April 26
Andrew Clark
Emma Phelps
Dave Wagner
Sarah Williamson

April 27
Brenda Holland
Clint Hubbard, Jr.
Travis Ives
Tracy Johnson
Alice Oakey

April 28
Greg Burnett
Jan Davis

April 29
Vaughan Cruickshanks
Jean Draper
Pam Grady
Jim Hughes, Jr.
Ray Judd
Alexander Macturk
Linda Schreiner
Laura Jane Straw

April 30
Edward Custer Jr.
Brent Leshar
Diane Linderman

Happy Anniversary!

April 1
Roger and Debbie Hailes – 42 years

April 4
William and Eleanor Nurney – 25 years

April 5
Bill and Marge Rusher – 31 years
Jim and Ann Wilson – 42 years

April 6
Adam and Vanessa Jante – 4 years

April 7
Tom and Susan Gilsdorf – 38 years

April 9
Rob and Sarah Collier – 12 years

April 10
Skip and Cecil King – 41 years
Jim and Paige Peak - 35 years

April 14
Steve and Nancy Bailey – 38 years

April 16
Bill and Kathryn Sperry – 23 years

April 18
Craig and Maria Bashinski – 19 years
Tom and Ladona Smart – 19 years

April 19
Ed and Brenda Bass – 31 years
Sean and Erin Wright – 9 years

April 20
Brian and Anne Carroll Ezzelle – 26 years
Janice and Rusty Whitaker – 28 years

April 22
Doug and Kristen Phelps – 22 years

April 23
Ethan and Melanie Butterworth – 23 years

April 25
Hampton and Carole Bates – 59 years

April 26
Sarah and Brian Bain – 4 years
Charles and Blair Parker – 14 years

April 28
Joseph and Mallory Manriquez – 5 years

April 29
Perry and Meredith Miles – 17 years
Chris and Ashley Stevens – 16 years

More information about the services and events can be found online at www.rrcb.org/holyweek. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (804-288-1131 or info@rrcb.org).