

***e-Spire* Headlines**

Headlines that are underlined are linked to our website for more information.

## Worship

**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
**Saturday, December 24**  
**4:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

It's our tradition that the children bring a non-perishable food item wrapped in white paper to give a gift to someone less fortunate in our community.

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**Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight & Holy Communion**  
**Saturday, December 24**  
**11:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

The service will be preceded by music for organ and handbells beginning at 10:30 p.m.

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**Christmas Day**  
**Service of Worship**  
**Sunday, December 25, 2016**  
**11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

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## Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

**December 28**  
No Wednesday Night  
Dinner & Programs

**Standing**  
**Reservations**  
**Now available!**

**January 4, 2017**  
**Epiphany Service**  
6:45 p.m., Chapel  
Dinner reservations  
due by Friday,  
December 30.

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# Upcoming Events

## 2016 Contributions

Please [click here](#) to carefully read the important dates and information regarding end of the year contributions.

- Deliver to the church: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m.
  - Postmarked: Saturday, December 31
  - Online: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m.
  - Contributions put in the offering plate on Sunday, January 1, 2017, will go toward your 2017 pledge.
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## Children & Youth Activities December 2016

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### Church Christmas Decorations Take Down **Wednesday, December 28** **9:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

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### New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk & Personal Meditation **Saturday, December 31** **10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Please enter the Fellowship Hall through the doors facing the front plaza. We suggest that you allow approximately 45-60 minutes for the labyrinth experience. For first time walkers, or if you'd like to learn more about the labyrinth experience, Rev. Libby Grammer will offer guided meditative walks from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Appointments are not necessary; everyone is welcome.

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### Evening Bridge **Tuesday, January 3** **7:30 p.m., LC #102**

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### FIXERS **Thursday, January 5** **8:00 a.m., Reception Room**

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### *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series* **St. Olaf Choir** **Friday, February 3** **7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Northfield, Minnesota

Anton Armstrong, director

**Ticketed Event:** [Tickets are ONLY available online through St. Olaf Concert.](#) Since this concert is likely to sell out months in advance, tickets will not be available at the door.



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Campaign Update

- \$1,172,917 has been pledged with 259 pledge cards received.
- 129 of the pledges have been increased from last year by a total of \$132,960.
- 25 family units who did not pledge last year have pledged \$48,816 for 2017

If you have not yet made your commitment for 2017, you may do so by filling out one of the commitment cards in the pews, or by calling the church office.

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### Thoughtful Giving: *For Such a Time as This*

- [Testimony by Libby Grammer](#) (11/20/16)
- [Sermon "Christian Stewardship" by Tom Graves](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Chester Phelps](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Dan Bagby](#) (11/6/16)
- [Testimony by Bob Gallagher](#) (10/30/16)
- [Mission Vision: Thoughtful Giving](#) (10/30/16)



## Missions

### CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions and Christmas Offering 2016 Deadline: January 1, 2017

[Click here](#) for more information including a video by CBF. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. If you would like to make a contribution online, please select "Global Missions." Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

### Field Personnel Stories:

- Missy Ward-Angalla & Francis Angalla ([CBF](#) | [RRCB](#))
- Greg & Sue Smith ([CBF](#) | [LUCHA Ministries](#))
- [Alicia & Jeffery Lee](#)
- [Keith Holmes & Mary Van Rheenen](#)
- [Chaouki & Maha Boulos](#)

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### Micah Opportunities and Needs - Fall 2016

## **Service:**

- Classroom assistance and one-on-one tutoring
- Office assistance
- Food backpack distribution on Friday afternoons

## **Donations:**

- Children's book drive
- Clothing
- Bikes



# Rejoice & Give Thanks

## Campaign Updates

- [Sound Update Fall 2016 \(09/06/16\)](#)
- [Photo Galleries \(updated 09/06/16\)](#)
- [New Sound, Old Sound \(06/15/16\)](#)
- [Summer 2016 Update \(06/01/16\)](#)
- [Spring 2016 Update \(03/01/16\)](#)
- [Winter 2015 Update \(12/01/15\)](#)
- [Fall 2015 Update \(09/01/15\)](#)
- [New Organ Console Delivery \(06/09/15\)](#)
- [Piano Refurbishment Project \(02/09/15\)](#)



# Church Information

## **Minister On Call**

December 23-27 ~ 804-229-6163

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## Christmas Decorations - Thank You

Our church was decorated for Christmas on December 2 and December 9 by many volunteers who shared their time and talents. We would like to say thank you to the following people who were a part of this special time: Margaret Almond, Julia Tyler, Betsy Lowery, Jan Davis, Deb Gray, Michael Clingenpeel, George Davis, Peggy Pruden, Sallie Sparks, Martha Lou Green, Carol Alford, Steve Pugh, Beth Wilson, and Carol Cruickshanks

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## Stewardship Discovery Report

The Stewardship Discovery Report from this summer's work by Dr. Tom Melzoni and Horizons Stewardship is available by contacting the Church Office. You may request a digital copy or hard copy.

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## [Fellowship Fund](#)

In the third quarter of 2016, our congregation contributed over \$7,000 (over \$25,000 for the year) helping over 120 people and their families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online ([www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving](http://www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving)).

For more information on the Endowment Fund match, online giving, and the Fellowship Fund, [click here](#).

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## [Pastor's Blog](#)

- [Patiently Waiting \(Sort of\)](#) by Libby Grammer
  - [A Great Sunday Together](#) by Daniel Glaze
  - [Some Things We Shouldn't have to Wait for](#) by Kim Crowley
  - [Handel's Messiah - Our Messiah](#) by Bob Gallagher
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## [Glimpses of Faith](#)

### Four most recent stories:

- ["Ubi caritas" by Duruflé](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Glimpses Across Liminal Thresholds](#) by C. Page Highfill
- ["Agnus Dei" from Duruflé Requiem](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Wonderful Words of Life from Mike](#) by Nancy Brown

Share your faith story with us through written words, poetry, art, or other media, and we'll share it with others who may grow from it.

To see an invitation from Dan Bagby, for more information about your submission, and to find the full list of stories click [here](#).

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## [Happy Birthday!](#)

### **December 22**

Carole Gustavson, Tanner Rozum, Mildred Scherer

### **December 23**

Kathi Harrison, Meredith Miles, Paige Newcomb, Dale Robinson, Gaynelle Worley

### **December 24**

Carter Brooks, Eleanor Cox

### **December 26**

Fred Anderson, Betty Damon, Dottie Eldridge, Kristen Groseclose, Whitney McGuire, Bonnie Way

### **December 27**

Carol Alford, Alice Boyd, Nicholas Cavallo, Christopher Collins, Bob Harris, Jack Heisler, Ruth Tanner

### **December 28**

Robyn Tyer

### **December 29**

Tom Cox, Bob Grigsby, Gary Hammerly, Beth Howe, Dan Lynch, Mike Mistretta

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## Happy Anniversary!

### December 22

Judy & Earle Ware - 60 years

### December 26

Judy & Dick Morris - 57 years

### December 23

Kathy & Charles Cosby - 44 years

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## Church Family Information

*Folks who are bolded are additions or changes from last week's list.*

**AT HOME:** Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Margaret Collins (daughter's home), Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, **Barbara Paterson**, Sam Nixon, Jackson Savedge, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, Bill Smith, Mary Lee Stark, Beth Stuhlman, Mac Taylor

**IN HEALTHCARE:** Jean Eubank - The Hermitage, Eunice Garrett - Morningside, Mary Lib Grizzard - Westminster, Mary Haydon - The Crossings at University Park, Charlotte Ladd - Lakewood, Ann Moss - Westminster, Martha & Bob Younger - Westminster

**IN ASSISTED LIVING:** Jane Budwell - Beth Sholom; Ellis Cunningham - Elmcroft Assisted Living; Mary Gauldin - Our Lady of Hope; Jeanette Gholston - Chestnut Grove Assisted Living; Lovell Glasco - Lakewood; Sue Kalbaugh - Gayton Terrace; June Lane - Lakewood; Sarah MacLellan - Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community (Culpeper, VA); Clayton Marr - Our Lady of Hope; Vivian Mathews - St. Mary's Woods; Mary Noble - Cedarfield; Gloria & Doug Pace - The Memory Center Richmond; John Pearson - Lakewood; Merle Showalter - Lakewood; Mary Shreve - Spring Arbor Assisted Living; Sandy Thornton - Sanders Health Care Center (Gloucester, VA), Kemp West - The Hermitage

**IN REHABILITATION:** Jerry Crute - Westport Manor, Janet Currie - Beaufont Rehab & Healthcare

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Ron and Linda Benton upon the death of his father, to Alison and Ty Smith upon the death of her grandfather, and to Blake Thomas and Ashely Smith upon the death of their great-grandfather in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Glaze family upon their move to Richmond this week! Their address is: 10180 Stonemill Rd., Richmond, VA 23233

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## Calendar of Events

***If you have an event or meeting planned at the church, please contact Cassandra Ducca to schedule it on the calendar.***

### Thursday, December 22

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

### Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Friday, December 23

### Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m.: Chancel Committee  
Flower Team, Choir Room

**Saturday, December 24**

4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Family  
Service, Sanctuary

11:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Service of  
Candlelight & Holy Communion,  
Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 25**

11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle,  
Reception Room

9:00 a.m.: Christmas Decorations  
Take Down, Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 28**

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

*Key: LC - Lower Commons | UC - Upper Commons | CH - Chapel Hall*

Stay Connected



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