

# The Herald



## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

BDM has sent out an update on various disasters. Look for it on the bulletin board in the gathering room. In light of numerous needs, the Board has decided to take up a special offering on **October 29** for hurricane relief-funds to go to Brethren Disaster Ministries. We've been listing in the newsheet the web address for on-line donations but for those that don't like to contribute that way we're offering this alternative.



## HAVE AN OPEN AFTERNOON?

Ann Andrus has an original drama based on a historic event scheduled for Sunday, October 22 at 2 pm at 7273 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, 23116. Ann wrote the script and will also be performing. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the gathering room.



## LADIES NITE OUT

The ladies are back on Broad Street on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** with reservations at Plaza Azteca (12020 W. Broad Street, Short Pump, 23233) at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Betty Ziegler by *Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>*, to make sure there's a place for you at the table.

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# Living Today for Today



**F**all has always been my favorite season of the year. I love the crisp cool air, the beauty of the fall foliage, and anything made with pumpkins or apples. I love the excitement of a new school year and welcoming folks back to church after summer vacations. I love pulling out favorite sweaters (and maybe even knitting a new one). Then one year, I discovered that I was struggling to enjoy fall, because I knew that meant winter was just around the corner (and I'm much less fond of that season). I love Christmas, and the first snowfall as much as anyone, but I'm not as excited about slippery walkways, heavy coats, and losing one glove again. I miss eating supper out on our deck and having several hours of daylight after we get home from work. That year, and every year since, I have to remind myself to not let apprehension about the winter take away my joy in today.

**T**his year, I've worked on applying this lesson to other areas in my life. As it has been for a number of you, this year has been a challenging one for our family. We've lost a family member and three very dear friends. As I write this, Jay is preparing for surgery. At times, it has been a struggle to not worry about what might be coming next, and to let that rob me of my joy today.

**W**hat is trying to take away your joy these days? Are you anxious about something in the season ahead? Is fear of

making ends meet in the future robbing you of the joy retirement should bring? Are fears about future health problems giving you heart burn today? Is worrying about finding a new pastor making it hard to enjoy this interim season in the life our church?

**I**f so, I invite you to join me in praying two sets of Scripture verses. The first is Philippians 4:6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* The second is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus.*

**T**hese verses don't change our circumstances, but they will help us to pause and regain perspective. Even when the darkness falls early, there is beauty blazing all around us. May God grant us all peace as we seek to make ourselves present in it. Need a little extra help? Don't be afraid to reach out - Dick and I, and every member of the West Richmond family are on the journey with you.

On the journey with you,

Tracy

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Love Feast	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>3</b> 9:45 am Ladies Circle 5:45 pm Hull Street Ministry  7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:30 pm Handbells 7:45 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café (away)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:05 pm Congregational Business Meeting 12:30 pm Board Reorg	<b>9</b> Office Closed Columbus Day 7:00 pm Church Board	<b>10</b> 9:45 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Handbells 7:45 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 1:00 pm Volunteer at Community Kitchen  6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:30 pm Handbells 7:45 pm Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:30 pm Handbells 7:45 pm Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café (away) 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out at Plaza Azteca (Short Pump) 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Trunk or Treat! 
<b>29</b>  Special Offering for BDM LAMBs Basket Collection 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm CROP registration 2:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk begins 5:00 pm Piano Recital	<b>20</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	 <p>If you cannot be present for worship, you can receive email copies of the bulletin and newsheet. Simply contact the church office to make it happen.</p>			



# Who's celebrating and Who's Doing What in...



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## Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

10/01 ... Tyler Goss  
*Emily Tulli & Dan O'Sullivan*

10/02 ... *David & Samantha Layman*

10/04 ... Peter Brunk

10/05 ... Paul Heckman-Johnson

10/06 ... Shirley Cheek  
Ken Searles

10/07 ... Thokozeni Lipato

10/09 ... Jessica Woodard

10/10 ... Joshua Diamond  
William Hodkinson

10/15 ... Chase Newborn (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Rebecca Vanderhoff

10/16 ... Shawn Baker

10/17 ... *Kenny & Joyce Keithly*

10/18 ... Michele Crawford

10/19 ... Lisa Martin

10/23 ... Ginny Heatwole  
Steve Vanderhoff

10/24 ... Polette Brunk  
Don Holsinger  
*Dave & Kathy Miller (30<sup>th</sup>)*

10/27 ... Brian Crawford  
Brian Diamond

10/28 ... Mark Diamond  
Ariel Lindgren  
Risto Marttinen

10/29 ... Ray Ryan  
Coleson Tulli

10/30 ... *Jack & Reneé Clark*

10/31 ... David McCloud  
John Vassar

October	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Greeters</b> <small>(Dolly Guyer)</small>	Dolly Guyer	Sandi Davis	Paula Bryant	Betty Altic	June Diehl
<b>Acolytes</b> <small>(Belinda Layman)</small>					
<b>Worship Leaders</b> <small>(Lib Kinzie)</small>	Ann Andrus	Alyce Newman	Richard Barry	Barbara Beers	Bill Kinzie
<b>Nursery Care</b> <small>(Sandi Davis)</small>	Sandy Faw & Annie Lipato	Peter & Amparo Brunk	Eric & Susan Evenson	Charles & Belinda Layman	Paula Bryant & Sandra Lynch
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b> <small>(Sandi Davis)</small>	The Kinzies & Barbara McCann	Ann Andrus & Vi Leach	Nancy Martin & Alyce Newman	David & Judy McCloud	Sandy Faw & Carol Goss
<b>Tellers</b> <small>(Nancy Martin)</small>	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Betty Altic & Sandi Davis	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman	Joel Guyer & Larry McCann	Bob & Pat Gangwer
<b>Care Giving</b> <small>(Barbara McCann)</small>	Carol Goss				

Want to be included in any of these activities? Please contact its coordinator.

If you cannot fulfill an assigned date, please swap with someone and then contact the church office.

# In Our Congregation



## RICHMOND CROP WALK

No child should go to bed hungry! Help us build a world where all God’s children have nutritious food to eat, clean water to drink and a safe place to call home. Support local hunger agencies like Senior Connections, Shalom Farms, CARITAS and 31st Street Baptist Church and global groups like Church World Service. Join Zack Hurst in the Richmond CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Help us reach our goal of 10 walkers and \$1000 raised! For more information, please to go [www.crophungerwalk.org/richmondva](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/richmondva). Register or donate online today! Questions: See Zack Hurst.



## C.A.R.I.T.A.S.

West Richmond is hosting CARITAS this year -- **December 2-9**. Thirty-two men will arrive at 6:00 pm and leave by 5:15 am each day. We will serve supper, provide breakfast, and bagged lunches and have many other ways we will need your help. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room. This week we want to highlight providing health kits for each guest.

Sandra Martin will be purchasing items and on November 19 during fellowship hour, we will assemble the kits. We are placing a CARITAS donation jar by the sign-up sheet, for contributions towards purchasing kit items. Sandi Davis, Dustin Dedrick and Carol Goss are on the planning committee and will gladly talk with you about opportunities to be involved. Carol will help to form meal preparation groups where needed. We are excited that once again we can be God's hands of love as we serve the homeless in our community.



## CALLING ALL THOSE WHO KNIT OR CROCHET

It's that time of year again – Sandi Davis is looking ahead to December when our C.A.R.I.T.A.S guests will be here. She'd like to have scarves and hats for each of them... about 35.

Please use a knitting weight of 5 or double strand of knitted worsted so the scarves are nice and warm. She can provide the yarn. Contact Sandi for details.



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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Church office (M-F)..... 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or the line is busy, voice mail will pick up — *please* leave us a message. Items for the bulletin’s weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted by **noon each Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **November** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **October 15, 2017**.

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