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"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

It's GO TIME, sweet people. Time to begin again. Where do you feel the nudging of the

Spirit to re-engage in the life and work of Laurel? What are you hungry and thirsty to learn? To do? What brings you most alive? Let's explore the things that as Gladys Bowles says, "puts pep in our steps." Let's listen closely to our lives for the call of God emerging out of our summer slumber. You are not too old, or too young, to make an impact and to be impacted. God is alive and calls us all to think again about how we can be more fully alive, too.

Each week the bulletin will bring you fresh opportunities to imagine how you might want to connect meaningfully to kingdom life. Each week there are opportunities for friendship, study, or service. See what speaks to your heart and join in. You are always welcome at "the table," in fact, I would say that the Body of Christ is not complete without you. This is our go time so bring it to God, listen to your life, and join in.

As Frederick Buechner, reminds us . . .

"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is in the boredom and the pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments and life itself is a grace."

After 16 wonderful years of service, we are saying goodbye to David Clatterbuck and blessing him as he responds to a new call of God. He has been an instrument of love himself at Laurel as he pointed us beyond the music to worship our Cherished God. We will miss David's presence through his humble and generous heart, his professionalism and wonderful voice, his gifted piano and organ playing, his extraordinary talent for bringing out the best in our choir, and his unflinching belief that we were not too old

to sing. We appreciate how his music leadership lifted us up into the presence of God. He has accompanied us through memorial services and weddings and Christmas Eve services and Holy Week rites. We thank God for this beloved man of God who touched our lives and moved our hearts, and we bless him now to be a blessing as he goes forth to serve God in a new way.

As the summer comes to a close, we also say goodbye to Hannah P. Miller, our seminary intern. Hannah has been with us since June and will be starting her second year of seminary at Union. You will see her from time to time as she fills the pulpit. We are so grateful to God for her luminous presence where she generously shared her love of God and her vast talents with us.

As we say goodbye to David, we also say hello to Nancy Newins who comes to us as a friend with a rich background in music. Nancy used to practice on our organ during the pastorate of Mark Sprowl. She has extensive experience in choral, organ, and piano performance. She is studying to earn her professional credentials as an organist with the American Guild of Organists (AGO). God is good and is seeing us through our transitional space.

Sending love to each one of you!
Ann



A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Come into His presence with singing.

This is exactly what happened on August 21. Our worship service opened with a choir filled with mixed voices from old and new members. All present to show our love and appreciation to David Clatterbuck, music director, for his sixteen years of service and dedication to our church.

This was HIS day. It was a day to honor him, show expressions of love, to sing, to share food, and to worship in fellowship and song. It was wonderful to see the Fellowship Hall once again being used as our congregation gathered with heavy hearts, love, and appreciation.

Monetary donations made it possible for an egg chair to be presented to David.

To Reggie Fitch, our thanks and appreciation for the beautiful Blessing Box he made which housed all of our "Expressions of Love".

To Member Care and Missions, our thanks for all the delicious food, work and preparation.

It was a day to be remembered. It was filled with LAUREL LOVE.

When one door closes, another opens. We welcome our new temporary choir director, Nancy and look forward to collaborating with her.

Mary Jane Bowlin



SEPTEMBER FLOWER DEDICATION

September 4 - To the glory of God

September 11 - Joshua Stanton and Katie Stanton - to the glory of God and in loving memory of their Paw (Boo Bell) and in honor of their Nannie (Sue Bell) on this Grandparents Day.

September 18 - To the glory of God

September 25 - Phyllis Perross - to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Laura Perross.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY THIS COMING YEAR!

Gladys Bowles (6)
Jean Cole (8)
Trudy Moolenaar (14)
LaVerne Miller (17)
Karen Johnson (23)

See something that grabs your attention? Please check it out. Remember it is "go time"

"Untapped" New this Fall – 4:30 pm, Tuesday, September 20

Join us this month for our first meeting of *Untapped*, for men. Chris Rhoden will be joining the conversation as we unpack contemporary issues through a faith lens. We will be meeting this time at **JJ's Grille** at Cross Ridge Shopping Center, 10298 Staples Mill Rd Glen Allen, VA 23060

"Lunch Bunch" – 11:45 am, Thursday, September 22

Thanks to the genius of Margaret Fitch, we are meeting for lunch once a month. This is for all of us. Please join us at **Hobnob** this month. They are located at 6010 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, VA 23228

“Uncorked” – 5:30pm, Tuesday, September 27th

This is a group for women who meet around wine and cheese to discuss our culture through a faith lens. We gather in the **Parlor**. Also, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to host our meetings with cheese, veggies, and dips.

“Wednesdays at Laurel” –2:30 pm September 14th and 28th

Join us every other Wednesday as we gather as a community of faith to serve. We have arranged flowers for worship, put together auto kits for the homeless, and sent get-well cards to our people. Come make your love known. We meet in the **Parlor**.

“Beloved” – 1:00 pm, Every Wednesday.

Beloved has moved back to a weekly forum. We are currently reading Richard Rohr’s book, *Falling Upward*. This is a group that is locating the image and likeness of God in each other so that we can see it in our families, our friends, our neighbors, and in the world. This is a group led by Chris Rhoden. This group meets in the **Parlor**. All are welcome and enjoyed.

“Sunrise People: Finding God in the Cracks of Loss” – New this Fall, 6 pm, Mondays Starting September 26

Most of us cannot journey through life without experiencing a significant loss. It is part of what makes us so human and vulnerable and yet it is what opens us up to the Spirit. This eight-session group invites us to find God in the cracks. This group recognizes that the process of grieving, while often seemingly unbearable, can be a time of great transformation and beauty. This is a group led by Chris Rhoden and Ann.



The **Shepherd on Call** for the month of **September** is **Michelle McBane**. Michelle may be reached at 804-432-3760. Please let her know if you know of anyone who needs a phone call, visit or extra Laurel Love.



LAUREL RECEIVES 5 NEW MEMBERS THIS SUMMER:

Please give a wholehearted welcome to these wonderful people who have chosen to make Laurel their church home:

- Carrie and Claude Dickerson**
- Wayne Alvis**
- Linda Maddy**
- Roy Shore**



IT WORKS!

Online giving at Laurel has been tested and is now functional! The project is nearing completion and the opportunity to give online will soon be rolled out for the consideration of the congregation to use (or not) as individual preferences dictate. You may remember that online giving allows a donor to make contributions using a credit or debit card. About half of the churches in the Presbytery already allow for online giving. On October 2nd I will be sharing information about how you can use this option if you choose to do so.

Pete MacRae

**DREAM BIG...SOAR HIGH!
OUR OWN MARSHALL CHAMBERLAYNE GOES SKYDIVING!! READ ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE HERE!**

Skydiving is something I have always wanted to do. Hannah (our summer intern) told me about her experience and that got the ball rolling. She told me about doing this at West Point. I thought why not try it. The experience is something I would consider doing again. The land was so beautiful looking at it from above. Everything looked absolutely perfect! This was a thrill for me in my old age. I highly recommend it.

Marshall





Ginger Lanier has moved. Her new address is 1712 Foxcreek Circle Henrico, VA 23238. Her cell number is 804-658-0613.

Let us keep the following people in our prayers sharing in both their joys and needs:

***New additions will be in bold.**

Our First Responders – Police, Fire, Rescue
Our Military Personnel, Healthcare Workers

Chris Berger

Gladys Bowles

Reverend Ann Cherry and family

Vin Cibbarelli, father of Pastor Ann

Helen Clark

Bonnie Clatterbuck-mother of David
Mildred Clayton, mother of Steve Scearce

Jean Cole

Wayne & Marcia Deisher

Carrie Dickerson

Donna Edwards

Emily, Matt, and Vivian Godon

Claudia Hicks

Sherrie Kolb

Howard Lawrence

Mary Lawrence

Ann Leveridge

Eddie Ann Mathewson

Ann McDermott

LaVerne Miller

Muriel-neighbor of Michael Henderson

Eugene Peterson

Phyllis Perross

Ann Roeder

Barbara Rose

The Ruff Family

Nana Sarfo-Kantanka

Carol Short

Rick Short

Dot and Page Shepherd

Carolyn Stinger

Autumn Waddell

Becky Zolnai

Prayers for the World

Prayers for the people of Afghanistan

Prayers for Ukraine

Prayers for Ruling Elders

Prayers for friends and families

Prayers for the hungry and homeless

Prayers for Laurel's vision team

Prayers for the incarcerated

Prayers for the COVID isolated and infected

If you know of someone in need of prayer or need prayers, please call Barbara Rose @ 270- 6978.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE...

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. All are invited.
Carol Short

OFFICE MANAGER SOUGHT:

We are seeking someone to manage our church office and administrative functions, from office supplies to bulletin love. This is currently an unpaid position. If you are a detail person and enjoy working with others, please contact Diane Jackson at 804-747-6315 of Personnel, or Duane Berger, our Clerk, at 804-876-3414. Even if this sounds too big to tackle, but you are drawn to a small part of it, please let us know.

NANCY NEWINS, INTERIM ORGANIST

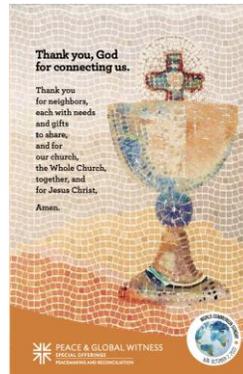
Music has always been my avocation. I have played piano, organ, and flute, and sung in choirs and choruses, from high school on, accompanying the William and Mary chorus and choir as an undergraduate. During my 31 happy years as a college librarian, I also continued to study piano and organ, at both VCU and University of Richmond and continued to sing in church choirs locally. Currently I am working toward an American Guild of Organists (AGO) Certification in Service Playing. I look forward to the opportunity of working with the music program at Laurel Presbyterian Church.



LAUREL CHURCH PICNIC-SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, we will be having our church picnic. Denis Ramdas has graciously offered his beautiful backyard again for this event. Details in October newsletter and bulletins.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING, SEPTEMBER 4- OCTOBER 2



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of

peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Please consider giving generously.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

The MCM Team is collecting school supplies for The Academy at Virginia Randolph, an alternative school for middle and high school students. Supplies needed include backpacks, spiral notebooks, highlighters, notebook paper, legal pads, and folders. You can drop your gifts in the box located in the hallway underneath the coat rack where we normally collect our donations. The last day to contribute is September 11.

Thank you to our dedicated lawn mowing team who have been keeping Laurel looking good all spring and summer: Pete MacRae, Clint Miller, and Glenda Miller.



MARSHALL JUMPS FOR "LIFE"

Marshall Chamberlayne, an 84-year-old, geared up and jumped out of a small prop plane this August because he wanted to. As he puts it, "84 is a good time to spread your wings!"

This is what living in the *third, third* looks like. It is full of adventure and robust living and chock full of meaning.

THE ASK: Where do you want to spread your wings?

What have you wanted to do that you have put off trying? Many of us want more meaning in our days than marking off doctor appointments. Ask God. Pause. Journal. And then share your revelations with Ann.

MEMBER CARE AND MISSION

Member Care & Mission has been busy over the summer supporting members of our congregation who have experienced illness or surgeries.

Our fall projects include collecting school supplies for The Academy of Virginia Randolph, an existing alternative school for middle and high school students.

The Women's Circle also continues to collect food supplies (canned or boxed items) for our local LAMB's Basket.

Thank you to all those that have supported our Car Care Kits. Many kits have been distributed to members already, to be handed out to our homeless community. Thank you also to members of the Wednesday group for putting them together.

Please reach out to any of our MCM elders to report any concerns. (Diane Jackson-747-6315, Brenda MacRae-314-6671, or Linda Coulson-519-4507. Linda Coulson

FEEDING OUR HEROES...



On July 20 seven members of Laurel Church, Jim Smith, Mary Jane Bowlin, Duane Berger, Steve and Mary Scarce, Kathy Boyce and myself delivered food to feed 3 shifts of Police Officers at the Central Station. They were so very appreciative and enjoyed meeting the folks and thanking them. A big thank you goes out for all the food contributed by members of this church. You are such a blessing. Sue Bell



Dear Church family,
Thank you for your prayers, the lovely flowers, and the cards. They meant so much to me after my knee surgery.
Love, Carolyn Stinger

Thank you to my Laurel friends for the lovely flowers, the cards, calls, and prayers during my illness. I am hoping to see you soon. Please know that I look forward to seeing each one of you and singing and praising together. I treasure your friendship. Gladys Bowles

To My Laurel Church Family:

Thank you for being there for me in every way possible with flowers, cards, phone calls, food and lots of love and prayers. My surgery recovery has been good but was so sudden and overwhelming! You made it so much easier! I've felt your love and joy and I thank you and love you so much. Barbara Rose

When we officially joined the church on Sunday July 24, we wanted to give a big thank you to the Member Care Committee for the church directory, coffee mugs, tea towel and that delicious lemon blueberry bread. Your love shines through. Claude and Carrie Dickerson

To My Laurel Church Family,
I have seen Laurel love in action by your prayers,
phone calls and cards. I thank you so very much.
Carrie Dickerson

I cannot thank you enough for ALL the Laurel Love
you have shown me this summer! Thank you for your
openness in including me in committee meetings,
small groups, pastoral visits, and worship. Thank you
for your generosity of heart in welcoming me and
helping me feel like a part of the Laurel family from my
first week. This has been a wonderful place to learn
and spend my summer, and I will miss you!
Hannah Miller

GINGERBREAD COTTAGE PRESCHOOL

Our in-house Preschool begins their new year on
September 12. Their hours are 9:00am-12:00pm M-F
Please be mindful of their presence in our building if
you are there conducting church business during those
hours.



FREE ART EVENT AT GLEN ALLEN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER!

ART NIGHT - GRAND OPENING OF FOUR NEW EXHIBITS!

**Thursday, September 15th, from 6-8pm at The
Cultural Arts Center | Free Admission | Invite a
friend!**

Invite a friend or make it a date night and join us for a
special grand opening from 6-8pm on September 15th,
featuring 4 exciting exhibits at The Cultural Arts
Center! Enjoy live music and a wine & beer cash bar
that helps support our outreach programs. Plus, meet
the artists behind the exhibits, explore our sculpture
garden, and discover items by local makers in our gift
shop. Mark your calendar for a fun evening of art!

EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

KALEIDOSCOPE – REKINDLING A HISTORY -

Kuumba Afrikan American Quilting Guild showcases a
fantastic variety of artful & colorful quilts ranging from
reimagining traditional patterns to modern renditions of
textile art.

THE PEACHES WILL BE BLUE-Contemporary
collage and acrylic paintings by Kay Vass Darling, who
uses color and pattern as a way of playing with the still
life subject matter.

RICHMOND: A DIARY - A series of paintings by John
Price that captures a variety of moments in Richmond
he has shared with his girlfriend throughout the years.
This diary records day to day events and personal
thoughts that shape their collective memory.

UNUSUAL TURNINGS - An exhibit showing the
amazing wood sculptures that can be made from local
woods that are turned on a lathe. Barbara Dill is a local
artist who is recognized internationally as an innovator
in the field of woodturning.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS FOR SOME FUN!

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to
make calls on people who are not afflicted with any
church.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning
at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship
Hall after the B.S. is done.

Evening massage – 6 p.m.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the
congregation would lend him their electric girdles for
the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end
of the recession.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung
without musical accomplishment.

For those of you who have children and don't know it,
we have a nursery downstairs

(From LaughBreak.com)

DEADLINE FOR GAZETTE – 19th OF EACH MONTH

Consider going paperless and receiving the Gazette via email. Just send me a message at the below address and I will take care of the rest.

Gazette email: pamacrae@comcast.net

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