

Announcements

and reminders for this week

GROUNDS TEAM ~ WE NEED YOU!

Welcome back to church! Have you ever noticed the clean sidewalks when you walk into church on Sunday mornings? Probably not. But we know you would notice if they were littered with leaves, pollen and gum balls! Kevin Barkdull and his team do a fabulous job every Sunday morning cleaning off the sidewalks and getting our church ready for worship! But they need some help! Can you operate a light weight leaf blower? If so, sign up to help our grounds team with this once a week, small (yet very meaningful) task! Come on! Give it a try! Email Kevin (kbarkdull@coastalpc.com) if you are willing and able to serve!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH?

It is time for another TBC 101 class, where you will find out more about The Brandermill Church, the two denominations that we serve, as well as how you can become a part of the TBC family. We will hold TBC101 on August 1st at 11:30 AM, immediately following our morning worship service. You are invited to join us in this informal setting to find out more about how you can become a disciple. Please contact Barbara Flynt or Elizabeth Ford (elizabeth_ford@verizon.net) for more information. If you can't make this 30 minute, informal discussion, please also contact one of them.

365 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

As we begin Week 29 of our 365 Daily Bible Reading, we will be reading much of the 1st portion of Isaiah and the sins that the people are committing which makes God so angry. We will read a few verses from 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles and the entire book of Hosea. Remember it takes only 12 minutes a day to read through the entire Bible. Keep up the great work!!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All children are welcome in worship! We've missed you and when your family is comfortable to return safely, we look forward to seeing you again! Until then, remember to check our weekly eNews every Thursday afternoon for children's bulletins, lessons and coloring pages to help keep you connected! If you have any questions, please email Barbara.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We would like to continue placing a live flower arrangement on the altar each Sunday. Just 5 Sundays in 2021 are still available. Arrangements are \$50 and may be taken home following the service or picked up on Monday. You may sign-up by emailing Dawn in the church office.

MONDAYS AT PRAYER (MAP)

Mondays at Prayer continues meeting on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Everyone in the church is welcome and encouraged to come and pray with us. If you cannot join us, prayer concerns may be emailed to Pastor Jim or to Barbara to be included in our prayers.

USHERS & GREETERS - WE NEED YOU!

We are in need of 6 disciples each week to serve as greeters and ushers. No previous experience is required. For more information, please contact Chuck Davis at charles.davis@westrock.com or at 804-677-2903. There is a link in our eNews to sign-up for Sundays in July and August, or you may call Dawn in the office for further assistance with signing up.

Discipleship Opportunities

on our calendar this week

Sunday, July 18:

10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)

Monday, July 19:

9:30 a.m. MAP (CR)

9:30 a.m. Second Pres. Walk-In Ministry (off)

Wednesday, July 21:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (MP)

6:30 p.m. Youth: Windy Hill (off)

7:00 p.m. Summer Bells (SY)

Saturday, July 24:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry

9:00 a.m. VBS Decorating (ALL)

Sunday, July 25:

10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)

SY - Sanctuary MP - Multi-Purpose Room CL - MP Classroom FH - Fellowship Hall OFF - Offsite

THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH STAFF

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The Brandermill Church, where engaged Disciples worship, study and serve.

Offerings and Donations:

No checkbook?

No cash?

No problem!

By using this QR Code, you may easily and safely give to The Brandermill Church.



Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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ENCOURAGEMENT



*It Doesn't Get
Any Better than This!*

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

** Please stand as able.*

Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

He Will Carry You

arr. Tim Conyers

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather around, you are welcome here, and you will hear Good News. In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices,

**Many: it is the God of encouragement who will speak to us today.
God in Jesus Christ.**

One: So come, be at rest, let your weariness roll away. Lift up your hearts, and listen for the glorious Good News!

* HYMN FWS 2236 (vs. 1,2,4) *Gather Us In*

*Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: We confess to you, all knowing God, who we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Give us encouragement to put our trust in your transforming power. Raise us from guilt to freedom in the power of forgiveness. Send us from self to serve others in the power of love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17,18a). Thanks be to God!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:4, 7-12

SERMON

It Doesn't Get Any Better than This!

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Many: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Only Trust Him

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Many: Through the power of your Spirit, bless these gifts that they might be used to the glory of your name. You have called us by name. Please use these gifts to welcome into your house of encouragement all who are your children. Amen.

* HYMN FWS 2032

My Life Is in You, Lord

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.*

*I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.*

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you, in you.*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

arr. Tim Conyers

*The Brandermill Church . . .
where YOU are always Welcome!*

The flowers on the chancel . . .
are given in loving memory of Patrick Dolby,
by Joyce Dolby.

Please be advised . . .
that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos
of various events online and in printed materials.
Services will be broadcast via live stream and digital recording.
We do not identify children by any means.

Discipleship Opportunities
praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Horst Arfert, Marie Ball, Marian Hartig, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Ethel Miller, Tim Hodges, Muriel Barton, David Lescault, David & Judy Smith, Wayne & Elizabeth Paul, Rev. Silva, Sydney Davis, Casey Coble, Kelly Cook, Darrel Waterman, Angie Cason, Scotty Doyle, Kit Carson, Jim Dunkin, Kathleen Lane, Dick Rider, Susan Ayers

Thank you for the amazing prayers and blessings that have been shared through blue card emails since March 2020.

Pastor Jim has sent over 275 emails, containing over 5600 messages, and the recipients have been so grateful!

Thank you for your caring and compassionate messages!

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THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

We continue to serve our community every Saturday morning from 10AM-12PM. And to fill boxes every week, we need your generous donations! The list of needed items varies week to week, based on the variety of donations received. Please review the list below for items needed *this week!* Thank you for your continued support! We need: Breakfast bars, Green vegetables, Canned other vegetables, Peanut butter, Canned Soup, Crackers, Canned chicken, Canned Ready meals, Canned fruit, Mac and cheese, Bread mixes, and Shelf stable milk. And we are always looking for volunteers to help with packing and distribution. If you can lend a hand, please call Dale Gentz at (804) 317-7554 or sign-up using the link in Thursday's eNews.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration continues to Rocky Railway, but don't miss the TBC stop! Registration ends on Monday! To register your child(ren), go to <http://vbspro.events/p/brandermillvbs>

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of the church are invited to meet weekly at 8:30 a.m. for Bible study and group fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome at any time! You may contact Fred Carter at 804-639-1259 for more information.

SUMMER BELLS

As we welcome everyone back to church, we are in need of several more ringers to help fill positions with the Branderbells! If ringing bells is something you've done in the past or if you'd like to try something new, you are invited to join us. We are gathering at 7 p.m. for fun, fellowship and easy ringing on 4 Wednesday evenings this summer, July 21 & 28 and August 18 & 25 — come by and give us a try! For more information, please contact Dawn Rancka.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & KEYS / BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

As the beginning of the school year approaches, we want to invite you to join us in worship on Sunday, August 22nd for a blessing of backpacks and keys, for our students and teachers. Yes! Bring your backpacks and keys to worship with you that day! After worship everyone is invited to stay for lunch and outdoor fun! More info coming soon!

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP . . .

Next week in worship, we will welcome Ashley Hall, Director of Communities in Schools (CIS) for Chesterfield County. Ashley will speak during our Moment for Mission about the CIS program and how we have been partnered with Chalkley Elementary to help furnish much needed school supplies for some of their students. In its simplest form, CIS of Chesterfield is a dropout prevention program. They partner with the community through public schools which are chosen based on need. This year, many of the students at Chalkley will need these supplies: pencils, composition books, crayons, loose leaf paper, markers, glue sticks, dry erase markers, scissors, highlighters, pencil cases, folders, binder dividers, binders, spiral notebooks, headphones & earbuds, and color pencils. We will be collecting supplies from August 1st through August 21st. Ashley will return to worship on August 22nd for our Blessing of the Backpacks & Keys, as we will also bless your school supply donations to the Chalkley students. If it's been some time since you've purchased school supplies, remember Walmart, Staples, OfficeMax and Target have great deals and August 6th - 8th is Tax Free weekend here in VA!