

Discipleship Opportunities through Fellowship & Mission

ADVENT WARMAMENT TREE - Continuing **TODAY**, there is a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring warm items - *mittens, gloves, scarfs, socks, etc.* - and decorate the tree. Your donations will be given to those in our community who are in need of extra warmth and love this winter season.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2019 - Honor a loved one or commemorate a special event by dedicating altar flowers. Continuing **TODAY**, you are invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall and sign up for a 2019 altar flower dedication. Arrangements are \$50 each and may be paid for during the week they are displayed.

MISSION / SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY - Once again this year, we are providing an opportunity for ALTERNATIVES to bring a selection from their store in Carytown to sell here at TBC. You may shop before and after services in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY**. AlterNatives is a non-profit trust established by the Highland Support Project, benefitting the women of Guatemala.

NAMI - The next meeting of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Group will be held on **December 17th** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Martin or Linda Reid at martinreid@me.com.

CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Many of you know that the band rehearses here every Monday night. What you may not know is that the band's holiday concert each year is presented as a thank you to the church! Come out and hear your holiday favorites at this year's concert on Monday evening, **December 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - On **December 17th and 18th**, the church is planning a Christmas Celebration Extravaganza for the preschoolers. Volunteers are needed to help the children and their teachers. All supplies will be furnished. Volunteers are needed from 9:45 until 12:00 each day. To help, please contact Barbara Flynt.

FEED23112 PANTRY CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE - Give the gift of a fully belly. Donate to the Feed23112 Pantry Christmas Food Drive through **December 23rd**. Specific items needed include: canned fruit, shelf stable milk, cereal, oatmeal, juice, and canned meat. Please - no canned vegetables, peanut butter, mac n cheese, or legumes (we have plenty of those). Your generosity blesses those less fortunate and is greatly appreciated. Contact Nan Johnson for more info: NanJohnson12@gmail.com.

BEETHOVEN IN BRANDERMILL - Our Music by the Lake Concert Series for 2019 will kick off in February, when we will once again host The Richmond Symphony in concert here on Saturday, **February 23, 2019** at 2 p.m. This afternoon concert will include Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6 (Pastorale)*, Reena Esmail's *Avartan* and Mozart's *Overture to Don Giovanni*. Why not do some early Christmas shopping and buy tickets for someone special! Visit the RSO's website at: <https://www.richmondsymphony.com/event/richmond-symphony-brandermill-church/> and use the online promo code **TBC1819** for a small discount! A portion of the proceeds will benefit the music ministry and missions here at TBC! Tickets at the door will be full price, so get them early!

MEDICAL MISSION TEAM needs items for distribution to five mountain villages the group will visit in Honduras, February 9-17, 2019. Most needed are men's sunglasses, flat cloth diapers/pins (*may need to be ordered on line from Walmart or Target*), and baby slings. Cash donations (via check to TBC with "Honduras" on memo line) towards medicines, dental/medical supplies, dentist, and translators will also be greatly appreciated, along with your prayers for the mission team.

YOUTH BAKE SALE - Our Thanksgiving Bake Sale was a huge success! We raised \$448.65! With this in mind, we've decided to have another! Youth and adult members alike are welcome to bake to raise funds to offset costs of summer activities such as the Jeremiah Project and Presbyterian Youth Triennium. As for the rest of the congregation: make sure you bring your money to buy baked goods for all your holiday parties!

Discipleship Opportunities on our calendar this week

Sunday, December 9:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (MP, CL, YR, LL)
10:00 a.m. AlterNatives Mission Shopping (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
2:00 p.m. Youth Group (OFF)

Monday, December 10:
9:30 a.m. MAP (FH)

Tuesday, December 11:
3:00 p.m. Bible Study (OFF)

Wednesday, December 12:
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (CL)
6:00 p.m. YouthGroup (YR)
6:30 p.m. Branderbells (SY, FH)

Thursday, December 13:
2:00 p.m. Knit Wits (CR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Sunday, December 16:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (MP, CL, YR, LL)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
11:45 a.m. Youth Ministry Bake Sale (CY)
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth (YR)
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Dinner (MP)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth (YR)
7:00 p.m. Music by the Lake:
Holiday Concert (SY)

- Advent Devotionals -
Booklets from the Society of
St. Andrew are free and available
in baskets in the Narthex -
pick one up today!

SY - Sanctuary CR - Conference Room MP - Multi-Purpose Room CL - MP Classroom
LL - Lower Level YR - Youth Room FH - Fellowship Hall NSY - Nursery KT - Kitchen
Choir - Choir Room FC - Family Classroom OFF - Offsite NAR - Narthex CY - Courtyard

THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH STAFF

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Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round gon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, shepherd's quake, at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born! Silent night, holy night, Son of God born to us here; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of heaven's peace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born! Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round gon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday in Advent
10:30 a.m.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

** (Please stand as able)*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Hymns and Responses are also projected on the screens for your convenience. We ask that you silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

WELCOME / NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Kinyon
The Branderbells

ADVENT SONG *Calm and Bright*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *The Field Family*

One: We continue this season of waiting by lighting the second candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see. Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us – in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Many: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

* RESPONSE *Christ Be Our Light*

* HYMN BCH 206 (vs. 1&3) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Loving God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news of the psalmist: If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night," even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day. The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us HAS come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the brokenhearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. So arise, shine; for your light has come.

Many: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE *Christ Be Our Light*

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, children in grades K through 2 are invited to WOW! (Wonders of Worship) meeting downstairs. After service, children may be picked up in the Narthex.

* HYMN BCH 230 (vs. 1) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Psalm 86:9-11 (page 473) Teddy Bringman*
Luke 2:8-20 (page 833) Mary Handzel

ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort, O My People arr. Hopson*
The Sanctuary Choir

SERMON *What's JOY Got to Do With It? Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BCH 881 *The Apostles' Creed*

WELCOME OF NEW DISCIPLES

Bob and Judy Boatwright Steve Bowman Dick and Pat Davis
Joyce Dolby Doug Grider John and Janet Klotz
John and Jen McClaire Jim and Margie Scott Annette Vaught
Paul and Jean Williams

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) arr. Tornquist*

* RESPONSE *Christ Be Our Light*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, joy and comfort to all the world. Shine your light brightly through these gifts. Amen.

*** PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 246 *Joy to the World*

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE *We Need a Silent Night in Here*

* POSTLUDE *How Great Our Joy arr. Tornquist*

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin, Pastor
Rev. Terry K. Eum, Associate Pastor

Lay Leader
Leigh Harp-Walls

Hospitality Ushers
Youth Usher Team

Acolyte
Jackson Hill

Attendance last week
325

The flowers on the altar
are placed in memory of brother Rick Harvey, given by Judy & Jim Stewart, and in memory of Stephens Lafayette Harp, MD, given by Karen & Bill Harp.

The rosebud on the altar
celebrates the birth of John Thomas Carter, son of Adam & Amanda Carter, grandson of Ben & Wanda Carter.

Childcare for infants and children up to age 4 is available in the Nursery, located in the entryway.

Worship bags, blue for younger/early readers and green for older elementary children, are available in the baskets under the table in the narthex.

Children's Bulletins (available from our ushers) for children ages 3 to 6 and ages 7 to 12 each Sunday morning during worship. These special bulletins often have activities that pertain to the sermon and the Scripture reading that morning.

Rocking Chairs are available in the back of the sanctuary for parents who would like to rock their infants.

Cheerful Givers

Cheerful/Hilarious Givers at The Brandermill Church -

Following Commitment Sunday, we have been receiving your cheerful/hilarious commitments for 2019! If you have not returned your commitment card for 2019, please pick up a card this morning on the table outside the sanctuary, mail your card to the Financial Office, or send an email with your commitment to financialoffice@brandermillchurch.org.



Together we can face 2019 as a cheerful/hilarious body of Christ.

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praying for each other

CHURCH FAMILY

Gwyn Westerfeld, David Williams, Flora Williams, Ethel Miller, Mike Fedoriw, Verna Fedoriw, Lacey Lee, Bill Kump, Marcia Dixon, Jaimeson Stockhaus (son-in-law of Ben & Wanda Carter), Ralph Spencer, Bob Pretty, Nancy Strite, Polly Wriston, Reg Waggoner, Paul Werkmeister, Laurel Meyer, Roland Davis, Betty Bigger, Rich Taylor, Cathy Kirkland, Olive Johnson, Tom Wriston, Karen Winne, Sara Bottorf, Scott McDowell, Scott Trawick (son of Don & Linda), Gloria Keeton, Justin Ott, Ely Solley, Sue Akin

HOMEBOUND

Marie Ball, Penny Goodall, Alice Palmer, Ethel Butler, Pauline McFarlane, Mary Alice McCarthy, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Patricia Hubbard

The extended prayer list is available in the entrance hallway.

Help to decorate our Warmament Tree

Your donations will be given to those in our community who are in need of extra warmth and love this winter season.

Christmas Eve Services

5 p.m. Family
7 p.m. Candlelight
9 p.m. Candlelight & Communion