

April 11, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 15**  
**Easter III**

Luke 24:36b-44

“Transformation”

Bryce Williams

**Sunday, April 22**  
**Easter IV/Good Shepherd**

Psalm 23/John 10:11-18

“When You Say

Nothing At All”

Rev. Courtney Allen

## A Word from our Pastor...

Sunday afternoon at 4 pm we will gather for our fourth iteration of "Space for Grace." When we imagined Space for Grace, we imagined it would include opportunities like the "Folk Eucharist" Richard Vinson has created. I am so excited about Space for Grace this Sunday and hope you'll join us for this unique service. On Sunday morning we will hear the story of Jesus' resurrection appearance to the disciples during which he asks if they have anything to eat. It seems fitting that we make our way to the table Sunday afternoon, April 15, to partake of the body and life of our Lord surrounded by folk melodies.

## Thank you for filling up the CARITAS truck!



Thank you to all the people who made the Caritas housewares donation event such a success. The truck was absolutely full! Thanks to all the people who donated their time and brawn to load the items when they were delivered, and a special thank you to Madonna Byrkeland for her superior organizational skills. I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of the Grace congregation. I know our Caritas families will be receiving quality items as they set up their new homes.

*Our next newsletter will be published April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>*

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**Meetings:**

**April 15**  
 Children's Commission Meeting  
 Following Worship in Fellowship Hall  
 Outreach Commission Meeting  
 Following Worship in Room 4  
**April 17**  
 Church Council Meeting  
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**April 18**  
 Properties Commission Meeting  
 5:00 pm in Room 4  
**April 25**  
 Quarterly Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

*Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).*

<p><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p><b>April 15</b>                  Space for Grace:                  A Folk Eucharist</p> <p><b>April 22</b>                  Youth Visit Westminster</p> <p>Bryce Williams Ordination                  3:00 pm</p> <p>Grace on Tap                  Ardent Craft Ales                  6:00 pm</p> <p><b>April 27</b>                  Youth Escape Room                  5:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Sundays</u></b></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p><b><u>Wednesdays</u></b></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies</p> <p>4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm The Welcome Table</p> <p>7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b><u>April Birthdays</u></b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Susan McGinley</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Carole Yeatts</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>David Burhans</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Wade McGinley</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Linda Levison</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Crystal Bayles Lennon</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Faith Dickerson</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Kellan Miles</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>David Carter</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Kathy Berry</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Susan Hebel</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Steve Lewis</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Lloyd Jewell</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Sallie Cross</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Bryce Williams</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	Susan McGinley	3	Carole Yeatts	4	David Burhans	5	Wade McGinley	6	Linda Levison	9	Crystal Bayles Lennon	13	Faith Dickerson	13	Kellan Miles	15	David Carter	17	Kathy Berry	18	Susan Hebel	20	Steve Lewis	20	Lloyd Jewell	25	Sallie Cross	28	Bryce Williams	30
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**The Welcome Table Menu**

Weekly Wednesday meals are scheduled from September to mid-June.  
 Reservations are requested. Sign up on the hall table next to the Church Office  
 or with our online form found on our Facebook page.  
 The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 3-11).

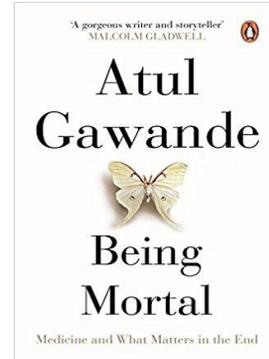
<p><b>April 11</b>                  Sticks Kabobs                  5:45 pm</p>	<p><b>April 18</b>                  Sgt. Peppers Pizza                  5:45 pm</p>	<p><b>April 25</b>                  Quarterly Business Meeting                  Meal by Sallie Cross:                  Greek Ziti Bake, Garlic Bread,                  Spinach Salad, Chocolate                  Brownie and Cherrie Trifle                  5:45 pm</p>
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# Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season

**Wednesday, April 11**  
"Making Your Final Arrangements Your Way"  
Bernie Henderson

**Wednesday, April 18**  
Resurrection: A Celtic Evening Liturgy



## Youth Schedule

April 13	Youth Nerf Night	6:30 pm
April 19	High School Small Group	6:30 pm
April 20	Youth Game Night	6:30 pm
April 22	Youth Serve at Westminster	12:00 pm
April 27	Escape Room - \$20	5:30 pm

## Youth Friday Gatherings

Part of building community in a youth group is providing a space for students to have fun and build memories together. This month we hope to provide a unique space for this to happen.

For the month of April we will have 3 Friday night gatherings for the youth. This Friday we will have a youth nerf night at the church from 6:30-8:30pm. April 20th we will have a youth group game night from 6:30-8:30 playing games designed around teamwork and problem solving. April 27th the youth will be going to an escape room 6:30-8:30. Cost for the escape room is \$20.

## A Word from the Financial Secretary

The first quarter contribution statement will be emailed to those who have active email address in the system by April 15, 2018. If you have any questions please email Tina Webb @ [tinawebbva@gmail.com](mailto:tinawebbva@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your continued support and generous gifts to the mission and ministry of Grace Baptist Church!



## Grace on Tap

Join us for conversations on faith the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 6:00 pm

**April 22**

Ardent Craft Ales  
3200 W Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23230

**May 13**

Center of the Universe  
11293 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA 23005

**Space for Grace: A Folk Eucharist**  
**April 15 - 4:00 pm**  
Imagined and Designed by Richard Vinson

A couple of years ago I heard a song on the radio while I was driving down Cary Street. A woman in a strong, untutored voice sang an old ballad:

*Come, my dear friends and neighbors all,  
Come listen while I tell you  
Concerning of a mighty call  
Took place in Lou'siana*

On and on in a clear, unhurried tone, the singer told the tale of a great natural disaster. I immediately thought: wow, wouldn't it be wonderful if we all heard the stories of our faith in just that way? Then the song was over, and, of course, I didn't catch the name of the song or of the artist. Yet the topic and the tune and the *feeling* -- simple, lucid, immediate, almost cinemagraphic -- stuck with me.

I'm a sucker for folk music, no matter the era or region. The tune I heard that day had a simple melody built on only four notes: *sol - la - do - do - la - sol - la - do - re, sol - la - do - re - do - la - sol*. Years before, standing on a hillside in Kenya, I'd caught a snatch of a similar tune, but moving down the scale: *sol - la - mi - do - do*. I saw, way off down the valley, what looked like a girl walking behind a small flock of goats. She was singing to herself, and for a few moments her voice carried up to the hill where I stood. Two tunes, separated by an ocean, one sung by an old woman and one by a young girl, the first what I took for a field recording, the other overheard by accident; both simple, unadorned, hauntingly beautiful, both so real. I think folk music takes us right to the beating heart of the world. It springs unbidden from life itself, and its sounds, feelings, and stories are the distillation of life on earth. You can't get no more real than that.

Years of sporadic Google searches later, I learned to call that first song "Louisiana Earthquake." You can find a recording of it performed by Stella Gilbert on [the Digital Archive of Appalachia](#). It's also listed in *American Folk Songs: A Regional Encyclopedia*, under the heading for "Louisiana." I have no idea what the song from Kenya was called, or if it even had a name.

Now back to the question -- what if we experienced the stories of God like that? For those stories, like folk music, are a representation of life on earth, distilled through the hearts and mouths of generations of mothers and fathers and poets and preachers. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could *feel* the story unfolding, each word hung from a familiar tone, given life by a human voice?

After additional rumination, that question has shifted into a weird thought experiment -- what if Jesus had lived sometime around the Second Great Awakening in the coal country of Appalachia, and then the early church had developed its language and music of worship in an American idiom? Even imagining that involves a number of irreconcilable contradictions and anachronisms, e.g., how can we imagine an American English and hymnody without the language of the Authorized Version, and thus, without Christ and the apostles?

Well, it seemed worth it to me to try anyway. Imagination and memory are close cousins, and music can collapse space and time, allowing us to stand and sing with ancestors long gone and to overhear Palestrina and Bach and Watts and Wesley.

"A Folk Eucharist" (a working title) is an experiment: it's not an attempt to recreate the practice of any community that actually existed. It's more like translation, but in the process of translation, some things are re-created -- not made again, but made anew out of pieces of form that I hope will feel familiar. The goal is to experience the words and images and movements of faith in a way that is reminiscent of memory, *as though* we had received them from those who walked with Christ and with whom we share a common vernacular.

One goal I had in putting the service together was simplicity. Another was to capture something of what I perceive as the themes of folk art in the southern uplands. The images are stark; the language is gentle, but the motifs are not -- light and darkness, beauty, longing, death, and loss. Suffering and love go hand in hand. Through that suffering, though, is the Christian message of hope, forgiveness, new life, and eternity.

Disclaimers: I'm not a musicologist or a composer, so I stuck to existing tunes. I have no background in church history or theology of worship, so I tried to stick close to the Order for Sung Eucharist as published by the Anglican Church. I altered some texts as needed, mostly to achieve the correct meter, but that was easier than I expected; most of the old tunes are common meter, 8.7.8.7, or 11.11.11.11.

Finally, I'm not ordained and would not want to act as celebrant anyway -- which means my good friend and pastor, Courtney, will get to sing a solo in public worship. (I'm imagining her face now!)



### **Sew Blessed - Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Our Sew Blessed group will meet next on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch to enjoy as we gather together to create "Fidget Mini Quilts" that will be donated to the Memory Care of Westminster Canterbury Richmond. These mini quilts will be both machine and hand stitched to combine color and texture with creative sensory activities for use. All levels of interest are welcome.

### **CARITAS Setup & Family Hiking Day Trip**

We'll gather at Grace at 8:30 a.m. to help setup for CARITAS. From there, we'll travel in our cars to hike outside the city. We'll name our hiking location next week. Pack your lunch, water bottles, hiking stick and plan to hike a trail that fits your pace. We'll have a picnic lunch and devotional time together. More details to come. Sign up to let Suzanne know you'll be joining the fun by emailing her at [family@gbconline.org](mailto:family@gbconline.org) or texting at 804.869.1184.

THIS Wednesday night, April 11th - children and youth - we will plant bulbs in the memorial garden, so dress warmly and for dirt! Any others who wish to join us are welcome!

### **Caritas Families Coming to Grace April 28 - May 5**



Our hosting week is fast approaching, and I am excited by the level of participation thus far. There is still opportunity to get involved in hosting families experiencing homelessness, AND you don't have to be a member to get involved, we welcome all who want to serve. Keep in mind that this will probably be the last year we host Caritas in our church, so don't miss this opportunity to serve.

We still need some folks for overnight duty, shower transport and laundry. The iconic Caritas sign up board is in the back hallway, so give it a look to see where you might find a fit. The names and contact information of the coordinators are posted on the board if you have any questions.

The dinner menus have been finalized, and here they are for your consumption (pun intended):

- Saturday night - tacos by the deacons
- Sunday night - spaghetti by the youth
- Monday night - cookout by Adult IV
- Tuesday night - fried chicken by the Jubilee class
- Wednesday night, chili by 7th Street Christian Church
- Thursday night, pizza by Cool Springs Baptist Church
- Friday night, chicken Alfredo by Missions Commission

We won't know the mix of our guests until a few days before they arrive, so we don't know if we will need additional car seats or pack and play sets, but if you have any of these that meet the current safety standards, please have them at the ready just in case they are needed.

Cheryl

### **Fifth Sunday Offering April 29<sup>th</sup>**

This quarterly donation has been designated to go to Caritas to support their diverse activities. We will have missions commission members stationed at the front and back sanctuary exits to accept your loose change; we can also accept checks if you want to drop those with us or in the offering plates. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

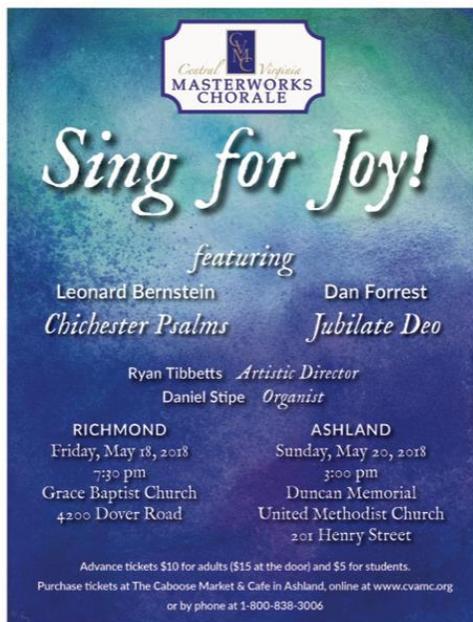
Puerto Rico Mission Team Video and Reflections during Sunday School

Congregational Lunch and Asset Mapping following worship

What gifts, talents, resources do we have at Grace  
and how is God inviting us to use them in our city, community, and world?

Sign up for lunch outside the office and don't miss this significant opportunity for us to look at the abundance of resources given to us and imagine how God is calling us to utilize those gifts!

**Masterworks Chorale to Perform "Sing For Joy" at Grace Baptist  
May 18, 2018**



The Central VA Masterworks Chorale is excited to return to Grace Baptist Church on Friday, May 18, at 7:30pm. The Chorale will present "Sing For Joy!", featuring Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo". Renowned Richmond organist, Daniel Stipe, will also perform. Artistic Director, Ryan Tibbetts, again takes the podium to conduct the Chorale and the orchestra.

The world premiere of Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" took place in 1965 in New York's Philharmonic Hall, directed by the composer himself. The Forrest "Jubilate Deo" (Be Joyful in the Lord) is a contemporary piece set in seven different languages, including Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Zulu, and Spanish. Each movement combines some of the characteristics of its language-group's musical culture, and closes with a movement combining several of these languages with English.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the classical as well as the contemporary with your entire family! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at The Caboose

Market & Cafe in Ashland, online at the Chorale's website, [www.cvamc.org](http://www.cvamc.org), by phone at 1-800-838-3006, or from any Chorale member.

For questions or more information, please contact Becky Severin, Chorale President, at [rvseverin@gmail.com](mailto:rvseverin@gmail.com) or call 804-798-3999.

**Deacon of the Week**

Royce Savelle  
(804)745-8157

**EXTENSION MEMBER**

Lois France  
Golden Living, Room B26  
3600 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23060



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**Extension Members**

*(Please send a note or make a phone call to these members. Contact information is in the church directory.)*

Catherine Carter  
Lois France  
Nell Hobson  
Shirley Lam

**Members with Continuing Needs**

Mac Angell  
Dara Fennell Baker  
Brynna Boykin-Carter  
Bill Ford  
Joe Furio  
Denyse Hunt  
John Luck  
Wade McGinley  
Beverly Pugh  
Jim Rothrock  
Maurianne Roberson

**JOYS AND PRAISES**

We celebrate **Tricia Dunlap** and **Ken Cossaboon** joining Grace Baptist on Easter Sunday!  
*2418 East Franklin Street Unit 110, Richmond, VA 23223*

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

Melissa Walker, cousin of **Deb Loftis**, in ICU at St Mary's with complications from epilepsy.

**Ann Ashcraft**, friend of GBC, hospitalized with stage four pancreatic cancer. Ann and Randy appreciate our prayers.  
*10 Tow Path Circle, Richmond, VA 23221*

**Christian Sympathy is extended to...**

**Wanda Sauley Fennell** in the death of her friend, Gail Quinn Ellis, who passed away on March 29 after a long battle against ovarian cancer.

## Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Kathryn Beaver, niece of **Crystal Bayles Lennon**, recovering from surgery March 28 for stage 3 thyroid cancer. *7709 Bransford Drive, Henrico, VA 23228*
- ❖ **Jane McNeil** recovering from broken ankle. *524 Williamsdale Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23235*
- ❖ Brad Sullivan, son of **Margaret and David Sullivan**, undergoing tests in preparation for open heart surgery. *8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344*
- ❖ Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, at Autumn Care Rehab for broken hip. *7600 Autumn Park Way Room 415, Mechanicsville, VA 23111*
- ❖ **Sallie Cross** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on February 26<sup>th</sup>. *306 Hollyport Road, Richmond, VA 23229*
- ❖ Becky M. Dale, sister in law of **Terry Cavet**, (married to Terry's brother, Mike Dale, a former member of GBC), is in process of chemotherapy for Multiple Myeloma stage 1-2 and squamous cell skin cancer on nose. *P.O. Box 14555 Richmond, VA 23221*
- ❖ Joe Banks, grandson of **Susanne Freeman**, has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C.
- ❖ Kathryn Beaver, niece of **Crystal Bayles Lennon**, has been diagnosed with stage III thyroid cancer.
- ❖ Tyler Etchison, nephew of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, in treatment for several health problems.
- ❖ Nancy Wretschko, cousin of **Mac Angell**, of Toledo, OH, is undergoing radiation treatments
- ❖ Mary Rounds - 2 year old daughter of friend of the **Fennells**, will be going to *Children's Hospital in Philadelphia* with lifelong unexplained problems that prevent weight gain.
- ❖ **Betty Pugh Mills**, pray for relief from neuropathy in feet and hands due to chemo.
- ❖ Greg and Sandra Ferguson, friends of **Susanne Freeman & Phil Hale**. Sandra, 53, continues decline from Alzheimer's.
- ❖ Richard Pittman, cousin of **Mac Angell**, showing the first stages of Parkinson's.
- ❖ Suzanne Belongia, mother of **Lisa Webb**, has been approved for a kidney transplant and is now officially on the waiting list. Home address: *7700 Lazy Creek Court, Prospect, KY 40059*
- ❖ Sunshine Rae Hughes, infant daughter of Ricky Hughes, great-great niece of **Barbara Hughes** and **Jane Moody** has hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
- ❖ Lois Levison, having health issues. Mother of **Linda Levison**.
- ❖ Steve Lowry, brother-in-law of **Pam Geib**, has polymyalgia rheumatica and multiple myeloma.
- ❖ Morton Baldwin, father of **Robin Baldwin** is struggling with health issues and dementia.
- ❖ Marcia Cole, sister of **Wade McGinley** is experiencing multiple health issues.
- ❖ Bobby Dean, brother-in-law of **Susan McGinley** has Parkinson's disease.
- ❖ Chuck Holmes, prostate cancer; Sarah Holmes, wife of Chuck, sister of **Priscilla Biddle** has migraines.
- ❖ Sydney Hughes, granddaughter of **Barbara Hughes** has Tuberous Sclerosis.

### RECENT VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Please pick up a copy of Church Family Matters outside the church office for more information on recent GBC visitors.

Please add / remove names by contacting the church office at 804-353-0134 or [gbchurch@gbconline.org](mailto:gbchurch@gbconline.org).

### Current GBC Missions

Camp Alkulana, CARITAS, Children Incorporated, Christian Education Center "Diamond" Poland, Hands Up Ministries, Hope Tree, Oregon Hill Baptist Center (RCFN), Grace Baptist Church Institute, Monrovia- Liberia, Liberation Veteran Services, Heifer International, The Shepherd Center.

# SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

## Sunday, April 15

Acolyte:

Childcare Workers:  
 Sunday School:  
 Worship:

Chimer: Orion Spiridopoulos

Deacon of the Week: Royce Savelle

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:  
 Chip Hardy  
 Jesse Kent  
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent  
 Barbara Sadtler

Money Counters:  
 Susan Hebel  
 Chad Hudson  
 Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Greg Miller

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

## Sunday, April 22

Acolyte: Zeke Hudson

Childcare Workers:  
 Sunday School: Sallie Cross  
 Worship:

Chimer: Milagros Cavet

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Hunter

Extension Member: Nell Hobson

Greeters/Ushers:  
 Richard Cross  
 Sallie Cross  
 David Boykin  
 Bernie Henderson

Money Counters:  
 Susan Hebel  
 Chad Hudson  
 Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Faith Dickerson

Sound System: Don Hill

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$102,417.00</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$310,399.00</b>

April 8

Gifts given:	\$3,569.00
Other Income:	\$1,776.00

### PLEASE NOTE

- Outside the office you can find:
- Church Budget
  - Birthdays (April)
  - Church Directory
  - Church Newsletter (Weekly)
  - SIGN UP SHEETS