

July 11, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 15**

“On Dancing”

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Rev. Courtney Allen

**Sunday, July 22**

“On Compassion”

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Rev. Courtney Allen

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

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

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## A word from Rev. Suzanne Vinson...

Over the last few years I've had more and more colleagues and friends ask me if I was planning to attend the Wild Goose Festival. Finally I can say, "YES!" This week I will be away from Grace traveling to the thin space of Hot Springs, NC where I will fill my mind, body, and soul with the goodness of God's creation, through story sharing, and through learning. I will be fully integrated as minister and artist at this festival. I am most excited to attend a pre-festival "Wisdom Camp" on the theme "**Regenerate and Resist: How to Embody Contemplative Freedom in Transitional Times,**" which will promote active learning and prayer, healing and support. My hope is to meet folks whose stories teach me about God, to hear new music and be moved by the experiences of movers and shakers in the work of social justice.

What is the Wild Goose Festival, you ask? From [wildgoosefestival.org](http://wildgoosefestival.org) - The Wild Goose Festival is an art, music, and story-driven transformational experience grounded in faith-inspired social justice. Once you attend, I hear it becomes a yearly event you do not want to miss.

Along with learning, I will be leading. My session "Spirituality & the ART of Daily Living" will take place this Friday afternoon at 3. Those who gather with me will experience something of this description of my session:

Life as art, a living work of art that is messy and true. We're all in the same boat, though our perception of what's around us might be different. Let us choose to see life through a lens of beauty. Even the dust of our days in the pile at our feet can be beautiful. How do you use the time in your kitchen to deepen your spiritual life? How do your interactions throughout the day weave into prayer? Suzanne I. Vinson will guide you in stories, pondering, and pause to encounter daily living with mindfulness, ease, and a deepening awareness of everyday spirituality. You will be invited into a "sacred pause" to create, reflect, and deepen through your senses. With guided meditation, creativity, poetry, prayer, and story, your spirit will be enlivened. You will depart more renewed than you entered, with insight for how to live into each day with #theartofdailyliving.

My hope is to return filled from this experience, eager and able to share stories and to integrate new ways of living faith. I give thanks for our church and the ways we create space for one another to grow and deepen in our collective faith journey. You travel with me.

peace. light.  
suzanne i. vinson

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**Meetings:**

**July 15**  
 Missions Commission Meeting  
 12:00 pm in Room 4  
 Deacon Meeting  
 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

**July 17**  
 Church Council Meeting  
 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

**July 25**  
 Quarterly Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

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

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<p><b>July 18</b>                      Senior Adults to the Valentine                      10:00 am</p>	<p><u>Wednesdays</u>                       Wednesday activities will resume in September. Stay tuned for Summer opportunities.</p>																																					
<p><b>July 19</b>                      Youth at CARITAS Building                      12:00 pm</p>																																						
<p><b>July 22</b>                      River Tubing                      12:00 pm</p>																																						
<p>Grace on Tap: Ardent Craft Ales                      6:00 pm</p>																																						



**Join us on July 16 at the Diamond when the Squirrels take on Erie.**

First pitch at 6:35 pm

Sign up outside of church office or email at [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).

\$5 per person.

## S-Citing Quarterly Business Meeting Meal - July 25

Our menu for the July Quarterly Business Meeting is the same as last year - **Shrimp Souffle** and **Scrumptious Summer Salads**. The salads will vary, in good part, based on you. I invite you to share any bounty from your garden with me by Tuesday, July 24 and I will create salads using your fresh and delicious produce. I know it is impossible to predict in advance what you might have to share, but feel free to communicate possible or likely options whenever, so I can make proper plans. Anyone not wanting Shrimp Souffle may do salads only for the kid's price of \$3. Remember, I only charge the church for the food supplies (not my time) so any contributions you make will help the church's bottom line. And don't forget the Ice Cream Social following the business meeting! It promises to be an evening of great food and fellowship despite the business!

Sallie Cross

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## Save the Date! Summer FX 2018



We are gearing up for SummerFX August 3 - 5th.

We're kicking off our Vital Worship Grant with the Joy of Love Dinner Party on Friday night from 5:30-8 p.m.

On Saturday from 9:30 am-3:00 pm our theme will be The Way of Love with storytelling, creative play, bible study, a "Love looks like..." scavenger hunt, and sharing a tasty meal together.

On Sunday morning we will celebrate the Story of Love as we sing and share stories during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

*Blessed are those who live love.  
Blessed are those who serve love.  
Blessed are those who share love.*

Our theme for SummerFX is LIVE LOVE. We will ask and invite response to the questions :: What does it mean to LIVE LOVE? How can we serve love? How do we walk in the way of love? What are the living stories of our faith? What are our "now" stories of where we witness God's loving presence in the world? How do you feel/experience/embody love?

Friday night - The Joy of Love  
Saturday - The Way and Work of Love  
Sunday - The Story of Love

Matthew 22:34-40

**When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

## Bible Brunch Buddies Summer Excursions

July 18



Valentine Museum  
Monumental: Richmond's Monuments (1607-2018)  
Guided tour of the Wickham House and Lunch

10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Meet at GBC at 10:00 am  
\$15 per person

Please sign up outside of church office, by phone, or by email at [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).

### Sing! Play! Summer!

We have booklets in the hall for any who want to experience reflections and recipes linked to songs created by the Salt.org house band Butterflyfish. These booklets have simple, achievable activities for folks to enjoy. You can find the songs [here](#).



### A New Sunday School Class is Forming!

Beginning in July, a new class is gathering to talk about what we believe and how we live out our faith, and learn from one another about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. This class, Discover Grace, is a great place for newer members and friends of GBC to gather and explore their faith together, for parents who want to engage in faith conversations, and for anyone who is interested in sharing their experiences and learning from the faith journeys of others. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in classroom 4 (the classroom closest to the church office, look for the sign on the door!). Coffee will be ready for you! We will be using the book, "Becoming a Thinking Christian" by John Cobb as our guide. The book will be available for purchase in the church office for \$8 and during the first class. The Jubilee class will also be reading the same book during July. Join us for a summer of discovery and growing in our faith at GBC! For questions about the new class - please contact Lisa Webb at [lisawebbva@gmail.com](mailto:lisawebbva@gmail.com), or by phone at (804)586-5122.

### Tuesday Gatherings Every Week through August

This summer our youth have been involved in what we call Tuesday Gatherings. This holy time of discipleship begins and ends with the community. We eat together, play together, and learn together. Each time we meet we take a story from the life of Jesus and look at it in a new way. For more information contact Bryce Williams.

### Youth Schedule

July 12	Shalom Farms	11:30-4:30 pm
July 15	Rock Climbing	3-6 pm
July 17	Tuesday Gathering	6-8 pm
July 19	CARITAS Building	12:00 pm



### 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

July 22

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



## New Green Paraments



“What are paraments?” you may be asking. Paraments are the hangings on the altar, pulpit, and lectern, which “clothe” or vest the central furnishings of the chancel. This year the Worship Commission has been working on procuring new green and white paraments, as our current sets are quite tattered after many years of use. Green is the liturgical color used during the Season after Epiphany and the Season after Pentecost, in which we currently find ourselves in the liturgical calendar. There are more “green” Sundays than any other throughout the year. Liturgical artist, Jeff Wunrow, has listened to our ideas, looked at photographs of our worship space, and created a beautiful design for us. New paraments include five unique pieces for the front of the altar, which can be used all together, three at a time, one singular piece at a time, or some other combination. The five pieces will give us the flexibility to vary the look of the altar throughout the

long stretches of “ordinary time.”



### Artist's Statement from our Parament Designer Jeff Wunrow

The central image of this design is our earth with a cross wrapping around it. I call this design “For God So Loved the World.” It was inspired by a presence candle I saw that was suspended in a spherical cage made of metal ribbons. I adapted that idea with overlapping circles and ovals of gold lame, arranging them in a way to create the cross. The variety of cotton prints is meant to represent the diversity of our world and our faith communities. I hope that each of you find a fabric there you particularly like. The companion pieces are meant to complement the main design with the same fabrics, but in a contrasting style, with the horizontal bands, and the overlapping circles of lame creating a patee cross.

We give thanks for these new paraments, purchased with Marion Ferguson Memorial Fund. They will enhance our worship experience for many years to come! The white paraments have been ordered!

## Summer Caroling

We have just passed the summer solstice, so Christmas is-a-coming... and there is no need to wait for December to take some music to friends who are not always able to attend worship with us. It is a long time from December to December, so we are going to visit some folks on July 29 and sing hymns with them. You all (no age limitations!) are invited to participate in this joy-filled singing mission. Mac Angell recently wrote in the newsletter about his experience of having the choir come to sing with him, and it was a wonderful time of fellowship indeed with not just Mac, but with his sister, who sang along in Delaware via the telephone. We were also touched by a visitor to Mac's room who said we were singing some favorite hymns of her husband, a patient down the hall.

We will eat some pizza in the Fellowship Hall after worship that day, then head out to sing. We'll take hymnals so no one has to worry about not knowing the words. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the church office so we will know how much pizza to order, or you can sign up [here](#). Cost will be same as regular Wednesday night meals - \$6. If you want to bring your own lunch rather than eat pizza that will be fine.

If you can't participate this time, don't worry - we are going to do this again - but we hope that we'll have enough people eager to sing that we can divide our forces and visit more than one of our friends on July 29. All this brings to mind a hymn that I recall from childhood, "Singing I Go" by Eliza E. Hewitt (b. 1851), who was herself homebound for a long period of time. The hymn begins "The trusting heart to Jesus clings" and the refrain proclaims:

*Singing I go along life's road,  
praising the Lord, praising the Lord!  
Singing I go along life's road,  
for Jesus has lifted my load.*

It is our joyous vocation to join Jesus in the lifting of loads, even for a few minutes, through God's gift of singing. May all our singing be to the glory of God.

**Deacon of the Week**

Royce Savelle  
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**EXTENSION MEMBER**

Catherine Carter  
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**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, July 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  
Nell Hobson  
Shirley Lam

**Members with Continuing Needs**

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

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

**Lisa Forester**, recovering at home from surgery for ovarian cancer.  
*3328 Pinebrook Drive, Richmond, VA 23225*

Joan Vinson, mother of **Richard Vinson**, recovering from a stroke.  
*15494 AL Highway 251, Athens, AL 35613*

**Ann Luck** is recovering from broken leg and is in rehab.  
*14215 Foliage Court, Midlothian, VA 23112*

Nancy Nash, daughter of **Ron Gotschalk**, diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. Will start chemotherapy on Thursday, June 21.  
*14065 Big Bear Court, Montpelier, VA 23192*

Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, is in hospice care at Autumn Care.  
*8277 Fort Myers Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116*

Jenall Brock, **Maurianne Roberson's** caregiver and friend, being treated for pancreatic cancer.  
*1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235*

**Mac Angell** hospitalized at Johnston Willis and having additional surgery on his foot.  
*9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond, VA 23235*

## Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ **Dan (Danny) Harris**, being treated for metastasized malignant melanoma. *Danny Harris, P.O. Box 1344, Mathews, VA 23109*
- ❖ Brad Sullivan, son of **Margaret and David Sullivan**, is home, recovering from open heart surgery on May 24<sup>th</sup>. *8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344*
- ❖ Remember GBC friend, **Jane Taylor**, formerly of Dorridge Methodist Church in England, in prayer as she mourns the recent death of her husband, John.  
*James Cottage, 6298 Toodyay Road, PO Box 417, Toodyay, Western Australia 6566*
- ❖ Russ Owen, 35 year old, friend of the **Allen's**, being treated for advanced tongue cancer at MD. Anderson.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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, July 15

Acolyte: Ben Blakely  
 Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards  
 Sunday School:  
 Worship:  
 Chimer: Milagros Cavet  
 Deacon of the Week: Royce Savelle  
 Extension Member: Catherine Carter  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
 Chip Hardy  
 Jesse Kent  
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent  
 Barbara Sadtler  
 Money Counters:  
 Susan Hebel  
 Chad Hudson  
 Jesse Kent  
 Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent  
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

## Sunday, July 22

Acolyte: Spencer Anderson  
 Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards  
 Sunday School:  
 Worship:  
 Chimer: Sarah Grace Timberlake  
 Deacon of the Week: Crystal Lennon  
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
 Richard Cross  
 Sallie Cross  
 David Boykin  
 Bernie Henderson  
 Money Counters:  
 Sallie Cross  
 Jesse Kent  
 Opener/Closer: Richard Cross  
 Sound System: Chad Hudson

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$213,891.80</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$198,924.20</b>

July 8

Gifts given:	\$7,407.00
Other Income:	\$106.00

### PLEASE NOTE

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