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On Wendy's Mind...

By Wendy Wilson

On June 1st the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia will gather in one place for the Regional Assembly. The theme, "We Are Stronger Together," will be shared in worship and in the various workshops. We will meet at the University of Lynchburg from 10am-3pm. The total cost is only \$15 which includes all the activities plus a boxed lunch. It will be an exciting assembly as it will be Virginia's 175th Regional Assembly. The moderator of our region is known by many of you as she grew up at Radford Christian Church, Janice Martin Austin. She has provided strong leadership throughout the region and has worked very hard alongside our regional minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning to help our region grow in enthusiasm for and support of the many ministries we share. I am involved with several teams of the region, and I can honestly say there are a lot of great things happening in the churches and in our region. I am proud to be DOC in Virginia.

But why would you want to take a whole Saturday to participate in the assembly? Well, for starters, you would get to hear and see firsthand all the things going on in our churches. You would also be able to see old friends and make new friends. You would have the wonderful reminder that we do not do ministry alone. You would also be able to feel the contagious enthusiasm for our region through the worship, workshops, and conversation. Plus, it is always fun to visit the University of Lynchburg, one of our great DOC schools.

We truly are "stronger together," as the theme reminds us.

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I would love to have at least five members of Unity attend the assembly with me. If you plan to go you can register by going to <https://www.ccinva.org/ministries>. Please sign up on the form by the big bulletin board or email the church office so I will know who plans on going and we can plan a carpool.

I hope you'll join me at the assembly, on June 1.

175th Regional Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia

We Are Stronger ...

TOGETHER

Acts 2: 46-47
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

May 31 - June 1, 2024
Friday Pre-Assembly
Saturday 10 - 3
The University of Lynchburg
Total Cost \$15 and includes box lunch
We are a MOVEMENT for WHOLENESS in a FRAGMENTED World

Pentecost Offering Received on May 12 & 19

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

***The Virginia Region is in the process of starting two new churches-- Harrisonburg and Richmond your offerings will help.

RESTORE AND REWIND
2024 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 12 & MAY 19

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON;
THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE
THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. + ACTS 2:44-45

RESTORE AND REWIND
2024 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 12 AND MAY 19

REWIND TO WHOLENESS
HYMNS OF FAITH
DISCIPLES REVIVAL
THE GOSPEL ECHOES
FAITHFUL FREQUENCIES
RESURRECTION RHYTHMS
GOSPEL GRACE

THE 2024 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION
AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY

Good News Corner

by Gina Rhea

The chilly wind did not deter approximately 15 people from working in the prayer garden on April 12. Weeding, mulch spreading and fellowship marked the occasion. Thanks to all who helped beautify this sacred space.

Phillips Theological Seminary, a Disciples seminary located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently announced the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Lisa W. Davison as the next Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. Lisa is a daughter of the late Bernie and Peggy Wilson. She has taught at Phillips for the last fourteen years. Unity is proud to claim her as a "Priscilla."

Let's join in celebrating Angela and David Thompson's decision to go part-time at the church starting June 23. While we will miss their weekly presence, leadership, and talents, we will still be blessed by them every other week. Angela faithfully served First Christian Church for thirty-three years and Unity for twelve years. David faithfully served First Christian Church for twenty-two years and Unity for twelve. After much prayer and conversation, they have decided this part-time schedule is best for them and their family after such a long time of service. Their commitment to part-time will help the church continue with a strong music ministry as well as give us time to discern what is next for worship music in the future.

Children's Ministry

April was a rather calm month after an eventful Easter season. Many families enjoyed a restful spring break and time together. May is our final month of Children Worship and Wonder before we kick off our summer series. This summer series will be "Water Park, Make a Splash". We will kick off our summer series on Sunday June 9th! We will also wrap up our Summer Series with a family outing to Dollywood's Splash Country on Sunday August 25th! We have a lot of opportunities for fellowship this summer that you may want to mark your calendars for! More information about all of these things to come.

June 7th: Food Truck Party 5:00pm-9:00pm

June 9th-11th: Camp Firelight VBS 6:00pm-7:45pm

July 19th: Family and Faith Night at the Salem Red Sox 7:05pm

August 25th: Splash Country Family Trip, Leave UCC at 6:00am return to UCC approximately 8:30pm. Time at the waterpark; approximately 11:00am-4:00pm.

We are also excited to park cars for Radford University's Graduation on May 4th. This fundraiser helps us fund our Family and Children events and VBS. If you are interested in helping park cars you can join us at the church on Saturday May 4th at 7:30AM. Breakfast will be provided.

Love you all,
Candice

REACH UP

Worship in May - "Next Steps"

As we ask ourselves what's next as a church, it is important that we take the first big step of looking again at our spiritual lives. With this worship series we will explore spiritual disciplines together and why it is important to practice them.

April 28 - Training Vs. Trying
May 5 - Overcoming Spiritual A.D.D.
May 12 - Just Try It

Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3
Matthew 6:5-8
Mark 1:21-39

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday. Susan Osgood will bring our message.





Christian Women's Fellowship

by Anne Chrisman, President

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) is open to ALL women within Unity. We have 2 circles (day & night meetings) so you can choose the one that fits your schedule. If interested in more information concerning what we do, please reach out to President Anne (anne@prestarpackaging.com or 540-239-1633). We would love for you to join this active and energetic (& a bit crazy) group of ladies!

GRADUATES: We are gathering names of ALL high school & college graduates for recognition. Please let Wendy or Anne know if you or someone you know is graduating.

NEW OFFICERS: Betty Jones & Barbara Johnson are seeking new officers for CWF for 2024-2026 term. Please consider taking on a leadership role in our active women's group!

HOLLYBERRY FAIR:

Please bring in your gently used items (no clothes) and if can get downstairs, please put outside of HB Fair door (marked); otherwise, put under the coat rack and we will take down. We are in need of baskets for Charlotte to use so if you have any or find a good deal on them, we would love to have! Charlotte also needs items for the baskets such as: bath gel, lotion, mugs, men's small tools, kids items such as coloring books, holiday items.

Circle Meetings: CWF Circle Groups are open to all women who would like to be involved with a small group that meets once per month with option of morning meeting or evening meeting. See Anne for info.

OASIS (Gina): Tuesday, May 7th, 10:30 at UCC

M&M's (Janet B): Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 at UCC

CWF Meeting for April: Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 at UCC

REACH IN

God and My Girlfriends meet on Mondays at UCC. All ladies are welcome! If you are interested, contact the church to be put on the email list.

On May 26 we will begin our Summer Worship Series: "Faith in Film" and Wendy needs your help. What are your favorite movies that have inspired you, made you think more about your relationship with God, challenged some of your assumptions and thoughts about God and others? Let Wendy know about these films and let's see how we can reflect on them together this summer and have some movie nights too.

Email or Text your suggestions.

May Anniversary

5/8 Chuck & Becky Morris
 5/25 Michael & Candice Davis
 5/29 Darryl & Lisa Altizer

May Birthdays

5/2 Brenda Jervey	5/11 Victoria Cann
5/4 Josh Talbert	5/12 Sandy Pascoe
5/5 Brittney Stike	5/13 Charlotte
5/5 Wes Wilson	McCroskey
5/6 Kenny Bratton	5/14 Michael Turk
5/7 Alyssa Wilson	5/18 Jack Clay
5/10 Christopher	5/18 Morgan Via
Phillips	5/20 Barry Moore

Our Sympathy to...

Families of: Nancy Rose, Faye Wilmouth

Dear CWF friends,
 Thank you for the lovely Easter basket. It was a nice surprise. It made my Easter.
 Thanks again, Audrey Knepper

ATTENDANCE

	In Person	Facebook	Youtube
Mar 31	110	55	26
Apr 7	62	44	13
Apr 14	69	0	0
Apr 21	92	40	4

Looking to simplify your weekly tithe to UCC?

Head over to unitychristianchurch.flocknote.com/give and securely set up a recurring gift within minutes, with no login or password required! You can set up payment via credit card, debit card, or ACH. We use Flocknote for online giving which is the safest and most secure way to give to your church online. You can also scan the QR code provided here.



REACH OUT

Opportunities in MAY:

Community Table - helpers are always welcome!

UCC Spring Clean/Project Day on May 11

Fill the Cart: We will collect feminine hygiene products

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN/PROJECT DAY

1pm Jobs for all ages and
abilities will be
needed

MAY 11



**Be on the lookout for a
signup!**

UPCOMING ANTI- RACISM/PRO- RECONCILIATION TRAINING

Friday, May 3rd, 9am - 3pm Craig
Springs Campsite

Friday, May 31st, 9:30am - 3pm
Virginia Regional Assembly at
Univ. of Lynchburg

To register, email:
ccinva_sg@hotmail.com

Information on future training
sessions will be shared at a later
date.

Bible Readings for May

5/1: 1 Chronicles 6	5/17 2 Chronicles 28-31
5/2: 1 Chronicles 7-8	5/18 2 Chronicles 32-34
5/3: 1 Chronicles 9-11	5/19 2 Chronicles 35-36
5/4: 1 Chronicles 12-14	5/20 Ezra 1-3
5/5: 1 Chronicles 15-17	5/21 Ezra 4-7
5/6: 1 Chronicles 18-21	5/22 Ezra 8-10
5/7: 1 Chronicles 22-24	5/23 Nehemiah 1-3
5/8: 1 Chronicles 25-27	5/24 Nehemiah 4-6
5/9: 1 Chron 28 - 2 Chron 1	5/25 Nehemiah 7
5/10: 2 Chronicles 2-5	5/26 Nehemiah 8-9
5/11: 2 Chronicles 6-8	5/27 Nehemiah 10-11
5/12: 2 Chronicles 9-12	5/28 Nehemiah 12-13
5/13: 2 Chronicles 13-17	5/29 Esther 1-5
5/14: 2 Chronicles 18-20	5/30 Esther 6-10
5/15: 2 Chronicles 21-24	5/31 Job 1-4
5/16 2 Chronicles 25-27	

UCC SUMMER PLANS!

UCC'S ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK PARTY - JUNE 7TH
"CAMP FIRELIGHT!" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 9-11



Unity Christian Church
Presents
**FOOD TRUCK
PARTY**
June 7th 2024
5:00pm-9:00pm
Food Trucks, Games, DJ,
and Fun for all ages!
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!



CAMP FIRELIGHT
UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH VBS 2024
JUNE 9TH-11TH

WHENEVER I'M AFRAID,
I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU
PSALM 56:3



Virginia Camping Ministry Registrations are open:

Camps happen in many locations across the region, from Craig Springs, University of Lynchburg and more:
<https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>

Here is the link to the new Craig Springs website:
<http://www.craigsprings.org/>

New Covenant Camp - June 23 - 27, 2024

New Covenant Camp is catered for our younger campers. Open those who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

Nature Camp - June 24 - 28, 2024

Nature Camp offers a camp experience for young campers who otherwise may not be able to attend camp. Adults serve as mentors to our high school campers. Nature Camp is by invitation only.

Special Camp - June 30 - July 5, 2024

Special Camp is an unforgettable week of love, laughter, and forming lasting friendships. Campers with intellectual and physical disabilities come from across the region to Craig Springs to learn about God's love for them through a welcoming, supportive and accepting camping experience.

CAMPDD - July 1 - 6, 2024

CAMPDD (Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama), pronounced "Camped," open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Grand Camp -

University of Lynchburg

A weekend retreat for grandparents and their younger grandkids from 4 years old to those who have completed 3rd grade.

Triple Camp 1 - July 7 - 12, 2024

Triple Camp 1 offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Triple Camp 2 - July 14 - 19, 2024

TREC Camp - TREC Camp is a new regional camp based out of Lynchburg, Virginia which will involve campers age 13 to 18 in high adventure activities each day of the week. In the past, our activities have included: hiking, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding, mountain boarding, rappelling and climbing, zip line and caving. This is a camp for youth who enjoy new challenges and the fellowship of a small camp. Must be able to swim.

Dates: July 13 - 20

Family Retreat - July 19 - 21, 2024

Family Retreat offers an economical way for the whole family to experience camp together for a fun-filled long weekend.

Camp Fees

The district will pay 1/2 and UCC will pay 1/2 of the campers' fees for camp.

When registering with the region, there is a place to indicate the district's and UCC's contribution.

Please return the district applications to Dennis Martin no later than May 15 (earlier would be nice).

Financial Assistance packets are available in the narthex and have been mailed to families with children.

May

5/3 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training at Craig Springs 9am - 3pm

5/4 RU Grad Parking Fundraiser; Community Table 4:30, Cheverton Team

5/5 Children's Choir 10:15am; Worship 11am

5/6 Elder Meeting 7pm

5/7 Oasis Circle 10am at UCC; M&M's Circle 7pm at UCC

5/8 Handbell and Choir practice 5:30 & 6pm

5/11 UCC Spring Clean/Project Day 1pm

5/11 Community Table 4:30, Moore Team

5/12 Mother's Day; Children's Choir 10:15am; Worship 11am; Pentecost Special Offering

5/13 God & My Girlfriends 6:30 at UCC

5/14 CWF 7pm at UCC

5/15 Deadline for scholarship applications

5/15 Handbell and Choir practice 5:30 & 6pm

5/18 Community Table 4:30, Lemmon Team

5/19 Pentecost Sunday; Children's Choir 10:15am; Worship 11am; Pentecost Special Offering

5/22 Handbell and Choir practice 5:30 & 6pm;

5/25 Community Table 4:30, Davis Team

5/26 Children's Choir 10:15am; Worship 11am

5/27 Memorial Day

5/31 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training at Univ. of Lynchburg 9am - 3pm

