

# Weekly Newsletter

## UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ~Isaiah 6:8*

One of our favorite hymns comes from this verse, and we'll sing it on Sunday. Isaiah here's God asking who will follow God's call and offers himself as one who will. Isaiah may not know exactly what he is getting himself into but he knows that the God who is calling him is seeking the redemption of his people. The thing that we can often miss when singing this beautiful song is that the people Isaiah is sent to won't listen.

The first thing God tells Isaiah is that the people are listening but they don't care to get it. They are not listening for the truth, they are not looking for that which will heal them, they are not desiring what will deliver true goodness. The people are listening for what they want to hear, looking for signs that they are already ok, they desire goodness but only on their own terms.

There are two big takeaways in this. First, are we listening to others in a receptive way? More often than not we are listening much like the listeners in Isaiah, closed off to anything that isn't what we want. Second, when we answer God's call to help people it doesn't mean we will be well received. If we can stay open to both of these things we will still be a part of the work for God's justice: willing to be changed when we hear the word of God; and willing to plant the seeds of justice even when they may not be easily received.

Thankful to be doing this work  
with you!

Pastor Ben



## Upcoming...

- 6/20** Community Table 4-4:30pm Towle Team
- 6/21** Worship 11am with Libby Pfaff; Happy Father's Day!
- 6/24** Lunch Bunch noon at Sal's Jr
- 6/27** Community Table 4-4:30pm Moore Team
- 6/27** VBS Kickoff Party 8-10pm
- 6/28** Worship 11am
- 6/28-6/29** VBS 6:15-8:15pm
- 6/29** Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC

### **The CWF is once again sponsoring the August Kids Project through The Clothing Bank.**

This program provides new clothes and shoes to Radford children before the new school year. **Donations will be accepted through UCC on Sunday, June 21st & June 28th.** Last year, the program purchased for 292 children from Radford. Make your check to UCC and note "August Kids" in memo section (or though Givelify please note August Kids).



The poster features a dark blue space background with stars, a yellow comet, a red planet, a blue rocket, and a blue planet with a face. The word "GALAXY" is written in large, 3D yellow and blue letters. Below it, a banner reads "Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love". The main text invites children to VBS 2026, detailing a kick-off party and VBS sessions. A QR code is provided for registration, with the text "Scan here to register!" and "SCAN ME!". The logo for Unity Christian Church is at the bottom.

**Join us for VBS 2026 where we will explore the galaxy of God's never ending love!**

**KICK OFF PARTY "UNDER THE STARS"**  
JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 8PM-10PM  
RIDGEWOOD SWIM CLUB IN CHRISTIANSBURG

**GALAXY VBS**  
JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:15PM-8:15PM  
400 TYLER AVENUE, RADFORD VA

Scan here to register!

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**UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Disciples of Christ Radford, Virginia

### **Church Members:**

#### **New Concerns:**

Ken Bratton, Sharon Dodson, Alice Gallimore, **Family of Cheryl Hinkley**, Ruth Hinkley, **Family of Mike Hopkins**, Betty Jones, Joe Marshall, Sandy Pascoe, Alban and Phyllis Shumate, Brittney Stike, David and Angela Thompson, Ronnie Wheeler

**Long-Term:** Frances Carter, Johnny and K.C. Cole, Glenn and Karen Johnson, Jessica Jonas, Tenny Jones, Max Mottesheard, Richard Sandoe, Aubrey Scaletta and family, Danielle Shelton, Phyllis and Alban Shumate, Keith Whitt

**Community Friends:** Hope Aidam, Teddy Altizer, Pamela Bartle, Douglas Chapman, Carly Sandoe Cole and family in Dubai, Lucy Coleman, Mike Crews, Kem Darden, Lt. Ken Forbes and all military in the Middle East, Catherine Fox, Jerry Gill, Phillis Grubb, Toby Hedge, Ricky Jackson, Rosemary Kesling, Jeff Lovvorn, Jeff McConnell, Dori Meginle, **Family of Robert Morris**, Joey Murphy, Renie Price, Wayne Queen, Harold Rhodes, Kay Snider, Mary Ann Tate, Pam Thomas, Kate Vicars-Soloway, Amanda and Alex Wilkens and family

#### **Shut-ins:**

Delilah McConnell - Commonwealth, Christiansburg  
Betty Wilson - Kroontje Health Care Center  
Doyle Barton - Kroontje Health Care Center  
Annie Akers - Heritage Hall

**If you need specific prayer, send an email to:**  
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## WORSHIP JUNE 21

**Announcements/Greeting**  
**Children's Blessing**  
**Music Meditation**

**\*Call to Worship - Prayer of St. Francis**

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

**People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love**

Leader: Where there is despair, hope

**People: Where there is darkness, light!**

**\*Opening Hymn** no. 452 (all)  
"Here I Am, Lord"

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Scripture** **Isaiah 58:6-9**  
**Good News**

"Imagine a World with More Justice"

**Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer**

**Moment of Gratitude**  
**Music During Offering**  
**Prayer for Offering**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn** no. 464 (1,3,5)  
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**Prayer for Bread and Cup**  
**Words of Institution**  
**Share in Communion**  
**Prayer After Communion**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Hymn of Invitation** (on screens)  
"Sing About Love"

**\*Closing Prayer**

**\*Going Forth** "Weave" no. 495  
*Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together, together in love.*

\*denotes standing, if able

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### BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK

20. Psalms 76-78  
21. Psalms 79-81  
22. Psalms 82-84  
23. Psalms 85-87  
24. Psalms 88-90  
25. Psalms 91-93  
26. Psalms 94-96

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### Serving in Worship this Sunday

Rev. Ben Moore  
Elder: Jackie Lemmon  
Media: Craig Chrisman  
Worship Leader: Kelly Evans  
Deacons: Dwayne Dickerson, Gary Davis, Katie Lemmon, Treena Stike  
Music: Praise Team  
Accompanist: Gina Rhea