

Thoughtful Faith Community (TFC)

Wednesday Night Schedule

Childcare is provided for newborns through pre-k from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

4:45-5:30 p.m.: River Road Camerata

5:15-6:15 p.m.: Dinner

6:00-6:45 p.m.: Children's Choirs

6:00-6:45 p.m.: TFC-Youth

6:15-7:15 p.m.: TFC-Adults

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Bell Choir

6:45-7:15 p.m.: TFC-Kids (kindergarten-2nd grades and 3rd-5th grades)

TFC-Adults Program Preview

September 6: Back to School! led by Ed Pruden

September 13: Book Review by Fred Anderson: *The Book of Joy*

September 20: Report from Ghana Visit with Ebenezer Quaynor and Team

September 27: Community Conversation with Daniel Glaze

October 4: Reformation Series with Bob Gallagher

October 11: Reformation Series with RRCB Clergy

October 18: Reformation Series with Pam Durso

October 25: Reformation Series with Loyd Allen

November 1: Reformation Series with Phyllis Tessieri

November 8: Recognition of Our Veterans

November 15: WMUV with Valerie Carter

November 22: No Dinner & Programs - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: Missionary Visit: Josh & Jessica Hearne

December 6: Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long by the Fire

December 13: Starlight Service of Remembrance

December 20: No Dinner & Programs - Merry Christmas!

December 27: No Dinner & Programs - Happy New Year!

Wednesday Night Dinner Standing Reservations

Standing Reservations for Wednesday dinners, September 6 through December 13, 2017 (no dinner on November 22), are now available. The pre-paid reservation provides a 10% discount from the normal price, so you can miss a Wednesday or two and maintain the convenience of having a standing reservation. The deadline to sign-up and pre-pay is anytime **before the first dinner on September 6**. To make your standing reservation, please call the Church Office (804-288-1131) and mail your payment, or make your reservation and pay online through Access ACS (www.rrcb.org/standingreservations).

14 Weeks Pre-paid Costs:

Adults & Youth - \$89

Children - \$38

Family Max - \$252

Weekly Costs:

Adults & Youth - \$7

Children - \$3

Family Max - \$20

This fall we are introducing new programming that has been created to help serve our children, youth, and their families on Wednesday nights.

Youth will have the opportunity to use the Youth Area as a study hall from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

The children will continue after choir from 6:45-7:15 p.m., and will be split into two groups, grades pre-k to 2 and grades 3 to 5. They will follow a rotation model:

- **Recreation** will either be on the playgrounds or in Chapel Hall.
- **Bible Story** nights are two weeks at a time to allow the children to learn a story, and then present the story to other children the following week.
- **Missions Education** will include learning from missionaries, both visiting RRCB and others around the world, or missions we participate in, such as CARITAS.
- **Intergenerational Nights** are presented throughout the fall where the children will participate with adults or learn the same topic, but in a child-friendly atmosphere.

The staff and the board of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation are excited about these new programs, but we do **need volunteer help in making it successful**. We are asking adults to commit to one activity in the rotation. We hope you will prayerfully consider volunteering, to sign up, please contact Kim Crowley (kimerowley@rrcb.org).

- 2 adults with youth (6:00-7:15 p.m.)
- 2 adults with grades pre-k to 2 (6:45-7:15 p.m.)
- 2 adults with grades 3 to 5 (6:45-7:15 p.m.)

TFC-Kids Program Preview

September 6: Recreation

September 13: Missions Education

September 20: Report from Ghana Visit with Ebenezer Quaynor and Team

September 27: Bible Story Lesson Week 1

October 4: Bible Story Lesson Week 2

October 11: Reformation Series with RRCB Clergy

October 18: Serving CARITAS

October 25: Missions Education

November 1: Bible Story Lesson Week 1

November 8: Bible Story Lesson Week 2

November 15: Recreation

November 22: No Dinner & Programs - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: Missionary Visit: Josh & Jessica Hearne

December 6: Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long by the Fire

December 13: Christmas Eve Family Service Rehearsal

December 20: Christmas Eve Family Service Rehearsal with Pizza

December 27: No Dinner & Programs - Happy New Year!



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THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

With apologies to the venerable Bob Dylan, the times are a-changin' at River Road Church, Baptist. I'd like to brief you a bit on some of these changes.

Rev. Chester Phelps will be stepping down as our Interim Minister with Youth at the end of August. As pastor, I have seen Chester serve our church faithfully during this interim time. As a youth parent, I have witnessed Chester share his heart with these teenagers. We are very grateful for the grace, leadership, and love of Chester and Margaret Phelps.

We are planning a celebration in the near future to properly honor and thank Chester. We'll announce those plans soon.

Your Minister with Youth Search Committee continues to work very diligently to seek out the best minister for our church to serve alongside such great youth. We have met numerous times to strategize over the job description, advertisements, and reviewing the resumes we've received. Concurrently, we've been doing some targeted recruitment, speaking with respected youth ministry leaders across the country. We've begun having conversations with candidates, and we feel very good about the possibilities before us.

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Thank you for completing our survey; we appreciated hearing from you! Your thoughts and insights have been valuable to our process and conversations.

Until we have a new youth minister in place, we have arranged for Rev. Kim Crowley, our interim Minister with Children, to increase her responsibility to include some youth ministry coordination. Her efforts will focus on keeping the good momentum going—continuing Sunday night discipleship, recreation opportunities, and possibly a retreat this fall.

While we are grateful for Kim's willingness to step up here, she will need our help. If you are willing to volunteer with our youth—either as a discussion group leader, or to add your loving presence to our gatherings, your church would be grateful.

Above all, we need your prayers. Please pray for Chester and Margaret, as they enjoy some well-deserved rest. Please pray for our Minister with Youth Search Committee as we seek God's will for our church. Please pray for our terrific teenagers—I know I'm biased, but it's true! May they continue to know and experience how much God (and our church) loves them.

Daniel

Celebration Sunday - September 10

As we begin to look ahead at where God is leading this gathered community of faith called River Road, we will celebrate the past summer as well as the beginning of a new season, expressing our gratitude for all that makes us the people of God in this time and place.

Parents, bring your children to Sunday School early so you can meet their teachers. Adults, invite those you haven't seen during the summer to join you in Sunday School that day.

Be present in worship as we pray for and celebrate all those who learn and teach in our community, as well as those who support our educational, missional, and worship ministries at our church.

Return to the church in the evening for a picnic with the deacons serving fried chicken and the rest of us providing sides and desserts. Then we will hear from our summer teams about their experiences and adventures. Sign up for the potluck by Wednesday, September 6 at www.rrcb.org/picnic.

Potluck Side Dishes — Last Name Begins with: A-F: starchy side | G-P: dessert | Q-Z: salad

Holland Lectures

Sunday, September 3

9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Hanna Zhu, Graduate of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and RUAH School of Spiritual Direction at Richmond Hill. **Topic:** The Spirituality of St. Anthony, the Founder of Christian Monasticism

Evening Bridge

Tuesday, September 5

7:30 p.m., LC #102

Anyone who likes to play bridge (singles or couples) is invited to join us for a fun evening of bridge. Contact Kitty or George Davis (804-285-9782) for more information.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 a.m., Reception Room

The men of River Road Church are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and partnership in prayer. Please reserve your spot by calling the church office (804-228-1131).

The Comma Club Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Our speaker will be Bill Lohmann, regular columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and author of several books featuring travel around the back roads of Virginia. Lunch is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please make your reservation by Friday, September 8 by calling the church office or filling out the form online (www.rrcb.org/seniors). This group is open to all those who are young at heart; "senior" is not a requirement.

Reminder: The Comma Club Trip to Back Roads of the Shenandoah Valley

Tuesday, October 10

Cost: \$108/person | Payment Due: September 15

Send checks to Dean Decker.

FLO - For Ladies Only Luncheon

Friday, September 15

12:00 p.m., Casa Italiana Restaurant

RSVP to Liz Seward (804-282-3657) by September 11 and let her know if you would like to carpool from the church.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

September 4

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September 22

FIXERS

Thursdays, September 14 & 28

8:00 a.m., Reception Room

The FIXERS (Frequently Ingenious, eXtremely Energetic, Righteous Servants) are dedicated to keeping our beautiful church facility in top working order. The FIXERS meet for breakfast and fellowship, then break into teams and work on projects around the church. Please contact George Davis (804-285-9782) if you can make it.

Here's a test:

- Do you know what a weed looks like in mulch bed?
- Do you know which end of a screwdriver to hold?
- Does holding a broom not intimidate you?
- Do you like free breakfast?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you are qualified to join the FIXERS! Even if you didn't answer "yes" to any of the questions, you're still qualified to join the group. (As you can tell, our standards are not very high.) Men and women of all ages are encouraged to come.

Fall Church Work Day

Saturday, September 16

8:30 a.m., Plaza

The House and Grounds Committee is sponsoring an intergenerational church workday. We will meet on the Front Plaza and then disperse around the outside of the church for various tidy-up jobs. The jobs will vary for older preschoolers to adults. This is a great opportunity for families to come and be good stewards of their time, talents, and resources on behalf the church. A light breakfast of coffee, OJ, and pastries will be available. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, and other yard tools.

Dialogue for Parents & Families of College Students

Sunday, September 17

12:30 p.m., Reception

Parents and families of college students, particularly college freshman, are invited to a dialogue with Dan Bagby and Daniel Glaze. This is an opportunity to talk and share about any thoughts and feelings you may have, or ways we can be of support since your son or daughter went away to college. A snack lunch will be provided. Sign up by contacting the church office by September 13.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Organ Dedicatory Recital with Robert Gallagher

Sunday, September 17

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

WMU Connectors

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 p.m., Courtyard

The Connectors will meet for a potluck salad supper in the RRCB Courtyard. This is the group's first meeting in its 2017-2018 program year. All River Road women are cordially invited to join the group for an evening of good food and good fellowship. For more information please call Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320 or Peggy Pruden at 804-282-4942.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

(formerly Stop Hunger Now)

Saturday, September 23

9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We will be packaging 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger network. This is a great opportunity for children to participate alongside adults in a project that directly impacts the hungry in our community and around the world. Children 5 and older can participate in the event. Visit www.rrcb/rah to register your family.

Book Lovers Group

Thursday, September 28

7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Book: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

Everyone is invited to attend this program. For more information, please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782).

Men's Group: The Huddle

Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

The Huddle is a small group of men who minister to each other, make a plan to bring their lives together on a regular basis, and keep faith in that plan and each other. For more information, please contact Bill Thurston (804-514-3360).

Yoga

Thursdays, September 7 & 14

Mondays, September 18 & 25

5:45-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Hatha Yoga is a gentle form of stretching exercise that offers many health advantages. Darcie Anderson, a Registered Yoga Teacher is our instructor. There is a \$10 fee for each class you attend. Beginners and newcomers are most welcome.

Catch the Spirit - Mission Grant Opportunity

The *Circulo de Costelo* (sewing circle) at CrossOver Ministry has been a successful this summer. The group continues to meet weekly. Much of this success is thanks to faithful volunteers, donations from the congregation, and the grant provided by the Board of Missions *Catch the Spirit* special committee.

If there is a missions project or program in which you wish River Road Church would be involved and are willing to take the lead to make this effort happen, please fill out the application. Paper and online forms are available at www.rrcb.org/catchthespirit.

YOUTH

Sunday Night Schedule

5:00-6:00 p.m.: Youth Choir

6:00-6:15 p.m.: Snack Supper

6:15-6:45 p.m.: Youth Music

6:45-7:30 p.m.: Youth Bible Study

September 17: Meeting with Parents, 6:00-6:45 pm

September 24: Regular Schedule begins

October 1: Regular Schedule; Snack Supper volunteer needed

October 8: Regular Schedule; Snack Supper volunteer needed

October 15: Youth Choir & Serve CARITAS

October 22: Regular Schedule

October 29: Regular Schedule

November 5: Regular Schedule

November 12: Regular Schedule

November 17-19: Fall Retreat & Youth Choir Jam Weekend

November 26: No Programs - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3: Regular Schedule

December 10: Christmas Party

December 17: Christmas Eve Family Service Rehearsal

December 24: Christmas Eve Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

December 31: No Programs - Happy New Year!

CHOIR

Choir Registration is Open

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join our choirs for the upcoming season! Sign up to register online at www.rrcb.org/choirreg.

- Cherub Choir (Pre-K & Kindergarten) [Pre-K: Must Turn 4 by September 30, 2017]
- Carol Choir (Grades 1 & 2)
- Crusader Choir (Grades 3-5)
- Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)
- Chancel Choir (Adults)

Happy Birthday!

September 1

Taylor Bostic
Nancy Bullock
Mike Clingenpeel
Robert King, Jr.

September 2

Kendall Collins
Mary Anne Deane-Sullivan
Millie Gray
Alyne Kennedy
Scott Leake
Jake Nurney

September 3

Spencer Mang
Jack Moss, Jr.
Noralee Stephenson
Barbara Updike
Jeanne Waller

September 4

Nancy Brown
Catherine Burkett
John Gray, III
Susan Mathers
Audrey Thomson
Ben Willis

September 5

Madison Gilmore
Taylor Pounders
Elizabeth Thorne

September 7

Jane Leake

September 8

Mary Haydon

September 9

James Howe
Matthew Howe
Alyson Stoakley

September 10

Ellis West

September 11

Casey Hawthorne

September 12

Allie Johnson
Henry McGee
Neal Short

September 13

Ann Hays
Blair Hinckle
Virginia Smith
Sue Strother

September 14

Claire Early
Sharon Seward

September 15

Myles Fallen

September 16

Abby Thornton
Phyllis West

September 17

Madeleine Barbier
Margie Davis

September 18

Susan Gordon
Dotsie Williams

September 19

Cindy Davis
Norton Howe Jr.
Cathryn Paul
Eleanor Roberts

September 22

Jean Eubank
Ava Hare

September 23

Karen Luper
Mary Katherine West

September 24

Mac Eldridge

September 25

Scott Eldridge
Bob Halloran
Skip King

September 26

Griz Dixon
Bill Paulette
Anita Tamagni
Shirley Wagner

September 27

Ron Benton
Katherine Farmer
William Gray, V
Anthony Morgan

September 29

Jane Budwell
Alisa Parris

September 30

Maxine Redford

Happy Anniversary!

September 1

John and Tracy McGuire – 10 years
Eleanor and Sam Phillips – 68 years

September 2

Peter and Jeffra Schowalter – 56 years

September 4

Robert and Audrey Harris – 57 years

September 6

Mike and Margie Davis – 31 years
John and Barbara Harvie – 59 years

September 7

Raj and Briar Chatterjea – 32 years
John and Susan Gordon – 54 years

September 8

Mike and Susan Rucker – 38 years

September 9

Charles and Susan Phillips – 39 years

September 10

Mark and Lucy Mathews – 29 years

September 11

Charles and Bertie O'Neal – 57 years
Paul and Jane Thompson – 47 years

September 12

Jay and Beth Howe – 19 years

September 13

Dick and Lee Schaffer – 59 years

September 14

Whit and Debbie Stoddard – 21 years

September 16

David and Catherine Both – 17 years
Richard and Donna Bower – 39 years

September 18

Ronnie and Mary Iva Jones – 52 years

September 19

Hill and Julie Almond – 19 years

September 20

J. R. and Michelle Pruden – 9 years

September 22

Peter and Louise Mason – 27 years

September 24

Curtis and Diane Linderman – 34 years

September 27

James and Pamela Hughes – 48 years
Ken and Alisa Parris – 37 years

September 28

John and Mary Anne Dean Sullivan – 21 years