

Seventh Street's Serving Schedules for June

Elders

June 5 – Cheryl Lage & Steve Sanderford
June 12 – Olivette Cox & Pat Mays
June 19 - Jim Elliott & Betty Butterworth
June 26 - Linda Mottesheard & Paul Mennetti
Chairperson/Substitute - Olivette Cox

Deacons

Cheryl Lage (Leader)
Rick McCullough
David Koerner
Sharon Abernathy

Communion Stewards

June 5 - Nancy Garver
June 12 - Pat Mays
June 19 - Pat Mays
June 26 - Melissa Taylor

Prayers of the People

June 5 - Mark Anderson
June 12 - Barabara Dickinson
June 19 - Mildred Bruce
June 26 - Dr. Rolen

Offering Counters (Monday date unless noted)

June 6 - Judy Gunn & Lila Shotwell
June 13 - Joyce Clarke & Mary Rose Ragsdale
June 20 - Frank Bedell & Bill Buckner
June 27 - Olivette Cox & Nancy Garver



DWM Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11
8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Hanover Hall

Hope to see you Saturday!



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Stepping Stones for THE Journey – Jesus was and remains, for me, the greatest teacher with whom the world has ever been graced. His teachings still challenge every generation. One of the amazing things about “how” Jesus taught is He often used parables. Parables are stories of multiple levels of meaning. They challenge hearers to contemplate, interpret, “figure out” what they mean for the here and now.

Jesus explained very few of His parables. He expected and continues to expect hearers to invest time and energy grappling to discover God’s message. With that invitation I share the following parables from nature to provoke thought and meditation about the Christian journey and the life of Seventh Street Christian Church (DOC).

If one places a buzzard in a pen that is six or eight feet square and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to take off and fly will remain an absolute prisoner! The reason is buzzards always begin flight with a run of ten to twelve feet. Without space to run – a behavior that has nothing to do with their ability to fly, but is only habit – the buzzard will not even attempt to fly, but will remain in the pen like a prisoner even though the open sky calls from above.

Likewise, bumblebees – another breed of great fliers – if dropped into an open container like a jar they will remain until death. They will not recognize they can escape if they fly upwards, instead they will obsessively seek a way out by flying along the sides of the container, near the bottom.

These insights into how other face challenges – like Jesus’ parables – can help and encourage us as we journey the life of faith. God sent Jesus and Jesus gave His all so we can truly experience life eternal, life abundant!

“ ... Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed in Him in glory!” Colossians 3:1

“I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

Blessings as you learn from the Master and as you journey,

Chuck

Your **Pastoral Search Task Force** has begun the process of finding a new Senior Minister for SSCC. All friends and members of SSCC have an extremely important job: PRAY FOR US – PRAY FOR SSCC! Elders will lead the congregation in a short prayer for a successful search for the minister that can lead us forward to a significant role in bringing the potential of God’s grace and love to all.

– Steve Cheney, Board Chair

The **Property Committee** which is in charge of opening the church and seeing to the needs of the building, currently has spots open. Anyone interested in serving in this committee, please contact Bill Buckner (347-0382) or Rick McCullough (971-7872).

John Wayne Bible Study Series – Starts June 12



Giddy up and GO! To the John Wayne Bible Study this summer beginning June 12th at 9:45 A.M. in the Gathering Area.

Coffee, sweets and treats, movie clips and discussion!

Requesting photos for our Facebook page and website – There are a lot of great ministries and events happening at Seventh Street Christian Church. Help us spread the news to others who are looking for an active church home. Please send your photos to office@seventhstreetchristianchurch.org with a brief description about the event and your permission to use the photos online.

Mark Your Calendars: (details are in this month’s newsletter)

- Saint Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral’s Greek Festival, June 2-5
- 172nd Regional Assembly of the Christian Church, June 3-5
- A Time to Heal Small Groups, June 5 (sessions start)
- Peachtree Christian Youth’s CAST “Esther on the Air,” June 7
- Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond Executive Board Meeting, June 8
- DWM Yard Sale, June 11
- Teacher Appreciation, June 12
- John Wayne Bible Study, June 12 (series starts)
- Church Board Meeting, June 13 (Library, 7 P.M.)
- DWM Potluck Luncheon, June 14
- VBS June 20-24

Youth Activity Council and Youth:

- The Youth raised \$150.75 at their Youth Bake Sale during the Gracie’s Guardians Yard Sale. This money will go toward their mission project for the purchase & installation costs of a pet waste station which will be installed on the church’s property for the community to use. Thank you to everyone who supported this mission project!
- The Youth had a great time at the End of School Celebration on May 20. They prepared the baked goods of their mission project, and had a taco contest. These zany tacos will be posted on the Youth bulletin board this month so you can attempt to guess which Youth made which wacky taco. Thanks to all who made it a great night!

End of Summer Missions Project – Anthem Lemonade Project

Sharon Abernathy will be asked to lead this project. Sites will be considered beyond the church Narthex.

The Director of Children and Youth Ministries’ job search is in the initial development stage with plans to fill the position before schools start. Your prayers of support and guidance are encouraged.

Education Events:

Teacher Appreciation will be held Sunday, June 12 to thank all the many people who work to provide educational experiences for our church members. There will be a Teacher Recognition Reception in the church parlor immediately after the service.

Seventh Street Christian Church would like to thank the following people for their support of education for the Summer of 2015-Spring of 2016:

- Rev. Mark Anderson
- Mildred Bruce
- Barbara Dickinson
- Rev. James Elliott
- David Koerner
- Liz Hulette
- Jesse Kelly
- Cheryl Lage
- Linda Davis-Rolen
- Dr. Charles Rolen
- Libby Thurston



Seventh Street Christian Church Ministries Updates:

Disciples Women's Ministries:

- **DWM** will hold their annual Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 11**, in Hanover Hall from 8 A.M.- 1 P.M.. Proceeds from the yard sale will go toward their ministry projects including: A Grace Place, Church World Service, Women to Women Project, Spring Project, Scholarship Fund, Library/Audio Visual Fund, and Chaplaincy Service in Virginia.
- **Volunteers** are needed to help move and set up tables for the DWM Yard Sale:
 - **Ongoing:** Move items from Hanover Hall stage to floor for yard sale; move heavy partitions to block off $\frac{1}{3}$ of Hanover Hall; and help set-up.
 - **June 9, 4 P.M. (after READ Center finishes)** – Move Long Tables from upstairs' rooms to Hanover Hall.
 - **June 11, P.M. (or immediately after yard sale ends)** – Assist with yard sale clean-up including moving the tables back to upstairs' rooms.
- **DWM** will have a potluck style luncheon to celebrate the end of the year on **Tuesday, June 14**, at 10:30 A.M. in Hanover Hall. This ministry will start back up in September.
- **Women's Ministries** events are open to any woman to attend. For more information contact Pat Mays (339-3171 or 262-7859).

Outreach Ministries:

Liberation Family Services

Lunch was served to the veterans at the Liberation Family Service Center on Sunday, June 5. Items collected for the LFS were delivered during this visitation. Thank you Janet Morris for serving in this ministry and to everyone who generously contributed!

Meals on Wheels

Our MOW team delivers food on the 4th and 5th Mondays of every month. Thank you to Nancy Garver, Olivette Cox, Carole Chaffin, and Mary Crutchfield for your continual service to this ministry.

Outreach continues to collect non-perishable foods for Feed More, toiletries for Meals on Wheels, and novels & DVD's for LFS. You may place your items in the baskets provided in the hallway.

Notice – The Wish Basket collection for Gray Haven, LFS, and ACTS has come to an end. Items will be distributed this month. Thank you to all who generously supported this ministry!

Request for volunteers – The Outreach ministry teams at Seventh Street provide a much needed service to many in need through the Liberation Family Services, Gray Haven Project, ACTS, and other crisis agencies. If you would like to volunteer with Outreach or would like more information, please contact Liz Hulette (794-9219). **There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.**

TeleCare

Telecare is currently looking for members. Anyone needing TeleCare is invited to become a member. Age, sex, race, religion, financial status or anything else will not disqualify you from this free service. Members call our Telecare volunteers each and every morning to let them know that they are well and also to enjoy some pleasant conversation. If a member does not call, TeleCare contacts a neighbor or relative who has been designated to assist in an emergency.

This service is custom made for those who live alone, or spend long periods along, especially elderly, independent adults. No cost. Absolutely free service.

Call TeleCare (358-8755) or Tush Metcalf (288-8755) to become a member or volunteer.

Ties that Bind:

Beloved Church Family---

For over 10 years now, you all have been so generously faithful in prayer for Scott's health, and for our family's strength. With great joy and immeasurable gratitude to God---and each of you---we are removing his name from the official "prayer list."

Scott is cancer-free---and we are hopeful, he will remain so for a lengthy, happy lifetime.

You are welcome to keep praying, we'll be grateful for your intercession; but be sure to include prayers of thanksgiving!

*Thank you all so very much--we love you,
Cheryl and the Lage Family*

I'd like to sincerely thank the 7th Street congregation for the lovely send-off you gave me on my last Sunday. The reception was beautiful and the warm expressions of caring and gratitude will go with me as I embark on a new chapter in my life. Mark & I have loved calling 7th Street our church home, and we will both miss you dearly. Thank you for having been a wonderful part of our life.

Mary Beth Bennett and Mark Bowersox

Seventh Street's own Darren Lage will be playing Gollum in Chesterfield Children's Theatre's June production of "The Hobbit," with shows June 10, 11 & 12. Tickets can be purchased via www.showtix4u.com.

Gracie's Guardians' Yard Sale:

On behalf of Gracie's Guardians' I'd like to thank "Seventh Streeters" for their generosity. It was a wonderful community event – the sun was shining; the Youth were there; people running by stopped to see what was going on; and adoptable dogs were on Seventh Street's lawn. A special thanks to the church family that were able to stop by and shop and those who volunteered to help clean up!

Because you shared your space with us, we held an extremely successful sale in the parking lot and surpassed last year's amount raised. Though all the donations are not in, we are hoping to surpass \$5,000! Not only that, but we raised a lot of awareness for the plight of animals in our community. With the funding and potential new volunteers, we will be able to offer many more free spay/neuter surgeries, free dog houses/food/straw and educational opportunities in classrooms.

*With thanks,
Whitney Walters*

Special Thanks to Rachel Marie and Colter Lanois ("who were incredibly helpful!"); all the volunteers: Connie and Ford, Paul Londeree, Mary Crutchfield, the Rolens, Laura Lanois, Andrew Walters; and especially to Whitney Walters for organizing and managing the entire event!

June Birthdays



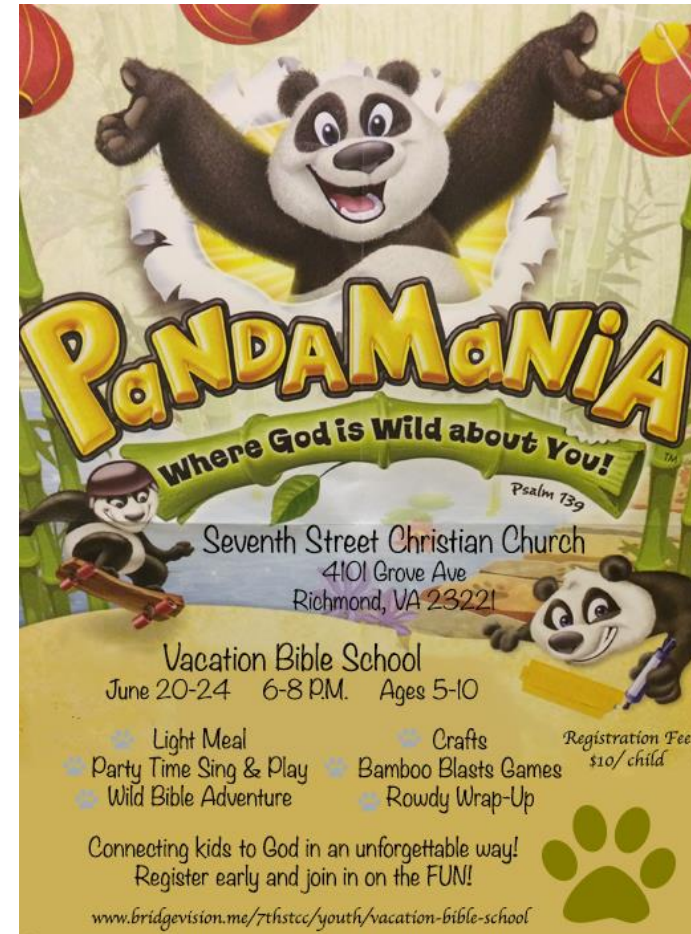
3 - Larry Connatser, Jennifer Wright
4 - Terry Ragsdale
7 - Shelby Fields
10 - Emily Hinckle
11 - Hannah Taylor
12 - Mary Ann Bagby, E.L. Butterworth,
William Morris
13 - Donna Browning, Rev. Joyce Trickett-
Powers

15 - Annabelle & Carmella Mooney
16 - Karen Alvis
17 - Hilary Moorefield, George Richardson
20 - Aletta Cockrell
21 - Betty Thompson
29 - Bridger Thurston

PandaMania is coming to Seventh Street on June 20!

Seventh Street Christian Church will be offering Vacation Bible School to kids ages 5-10 years-old on June 20-24. Registration fee is \$10/child and registration forms can be found online: www.seventhstreetchristianchurch.org/vacation-bible-school or at the Narthex. We hope for a good turnout with this wonderful program designed to make Jesus real to kids. Please spread the word about VBS to your community. Encourage them to register early because space is limited.

Contact Linda Mottesheard (372-2255) for more information, including how to volunteer for this wild and wonderful event.



VBS Schedule

6 P.M. Light Meal for Kids and Crew/Staff

6:20-6:40 Party Time Sing & Play

6:45-7:05 Crafts/ Games/Wild Bible Adventures

7:10-7:30 Games/Crafts/ Wild Bible Adventures

7:35-7:50 Wild Bible Adventures/Games/ Crafts

7:50-8:00 Rowdy Wrap-Up

On June 24, parents and grandparents are invited to join the Rowdy Wrap-Up for Build Your Own Sundaes.



Please Keep in Your Prayers

Ryan Abernathy's mother & co-worker – Elaine Abernathy & Luke Heller
 Sharon Abernathy's friend – Donna Hammond
 Mildred Bruce's daughter – Nancy W. Hamilton
 Bill & Margaret Buckner, Bill's brother, Bob Buckner & cousin, Carl Otto
 Steve Cheney's brother – Paul Cheney
 Aletta Cockrell
 Linda Davis-Rolen's cousin – Dr. Betty Robbins
 Jim Elliott
 Judy Gunn's cousins – Sarah Eggleston & Carol Snyder
 Cheryl Lage's mother – Carole Ross
 Connie Lanterman's sister – Kathy Gold
 Donald Lindsey
 Rachael Londeree's grandfather – Bill Londeree
 Pat May's friend – Susan Korb
 Members in the military – Katy Lindsey, Ted Slusher
 Betty, Paul & Elizabeth Mennetti
 Janet Morris & her sister – Jeanne Foster
 Luke & Billie Wills' son – Byron Wills
 Karen Satterfield's brother – David Satterfield
 Alex Slusher
 Mark Slusher's mother – Ann Lang
 Carolyn Schwarz

Richard Bagby
 Barnes Family
 John Chenault
 Loretta Taylor

Billie & Glen Delano
 Becky Edwards
 Bob Garian
 Bill Tolbere

Susie Hillery
 Sarah Schweitzer
 Mary Shuford
 Tyke Ware

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
 for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JUNE 19

Name:		
Address:		
Email address:		
PHONE:	MOBILE:	WORK:
Birthday information for each church member in your home:		
Name:		Birthday (month/day)

Seventh Street would like you to serve on at least one committee in 2016/2017.

I would like to serve as a member of one of the following Areas of Church Life:

- Chancel Choir
- Education
- Fellowship
- Membership
- Outreach
- Property
- Steward-Finance
- Worship
- Other _____

Update on Our Transformation Journey

Transformation at Seventh Street continues. Here is what SSCC has accomplished in our transformation efforts:

Business/Finances:

- Balanced budget for 2016 (to be presented to the Board and Congregation for approval in June.)
- Review of Permanent Fund policy by Randy Johnson of the Christian Church Foundation – Report received and is currently being reviewed by Trustees and will be presented to the Board.
- Revising Church Constitution and Bylaws – Committee continuing to meet
- Develop Vision/Mission statement – currently holding cottage meetings to discuss and get feedback
- Negotiating with HARPS/ Academy of Music for rental of space/use of building

Search & Call/Personnel

- Completing the church profile (expected completion by mid-June)
- Pastor position currently posted on the Christian Century website and to be advertised in their June publications.
- Developing job description for Part-time Director of Children/Youth Ministry position at SSCC
- Developing job description for Part-time Director of Music position at SCC
- Evaluating custodial needs, will explore possibility of custodian/maintenance position

Property Structure

- Enhancement of outside appearance – installed new benches, plantings, and sprinkler system
- Repainted outdoor signage & outside doors to the building
- Outdoor lighting on Church sign on Grove
- Welcome center in the Narthex

Public Relations

- Updating church webpage (includes preparing a member login where Board Meeting Minutes, financial statements, and Member Directory will be internet accessible.
- Discussing adopting a complimentary name reflective of our church location – e.g. Seventh on Grove (still will remain legally “Seventh Street Christian Church”)

Public Relations (cont.)

- Preparing updated Membership Directory to be published when final budget for 2016 is approved by congregation.
- Wearing nametags every Sunday so visitors know who we are
- Greeters each Sunday at the West Entrance

Mission/Service

- READ (Reading and Education for Adult Development) residing at SSCC
- Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond – coming soon to SSCC
- Gracie’s Guardians Dog Rescue – SSCC is site for their annual yard sale fundraiser (scheduled for Saturday, May 28)
- Telecare – providing daily calls /phone contact with people living alone, or who spend long periods of time alone – especially elderly, independent adults
- Peace Festival – Peace Festival held at SSCC in 2015
- Liberation Family Services – providing lunch and opportunity to socialize with Veterans
- Gray Haven Project
- Meals on Wheels – SSCC MOW (Seventh Street Christian Church Meals on Wheels volunteers) deliver meals to Richmond residents on the 4th and 5th Mondays of each month
- ACTS
- CARITAS

Education

- PandaMania (Vacation Bible School) is coming to SSCC in June
- Summer intergeneration Sunday School opportunity to begin in June – Join us at 9:30 A.M. for meaningful discussion and learning

Special thanks go out to the entire congregation and the many Task Force Group members that have helped make this impressive list of Transformation items possible. Rest assured there are still a lot of ways to get plugged into the Transformation efforts happening at Seventh Street. Feel free to ask any of the Task Force leaders how you can help!

There’s a renewed spirit and excitement at Seventh Street Christian Church as we continue in our transformation journey!

Your Transformation Team

(special thanks to David Koerner for compiling this document.)