



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

"Newness of Life"

Spring is here and with it come beautiful reminders of God's extravagant abundance. Beautiful flowers are blooming, birds are migrating and competing for mating rights, and our bee friends are collecting pollen and nectar to store up for next winter. God has created a world full of awe and wonder.

At the same time we are slowly beginning to emerge from the "covid slumber" as more and more people receive their vaccines. Thanks be to God. In the midst of these times God brings us a newness of life and with it excitement for the future.

Here at Westover we are gearing up for another season in our community garden, which provided over 500 lbs of fresh produce to our neighborhoods. This year we will create 20 new bee colonies that will be hosted by schools, parks and residents all throughout the city. The monastic community also continues to come closer to fruition as we continue to solidify renovation plans. Thank you to all of you that have supported us in these efforts as we look to further God's kingdom on the Southside of Richmond.

As we move forward in this exciting time of the year let us anticipate God's activity and blessing. God is not done with us or this

neighborhood of which we are a part. God is working and moving among us and will continue to lead us and guide us on this journey. So let us continue to look to God for guidance and depend on God's spirit to move us forward. Let us also look to extend the many blessing we've received from God to others. Let us imitate God and live with love and generosity in everything we do.

With Gratitude,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .



Adrian Banks, Bob Beasley, Mary Ann Belcher, Lolas Brown, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Karen DeCicco, Chris Farmer, Jackie Harman, Nancy Headley, John Houff, Marie Jordan, Betty and Jerry Lajoie, Laura Liskie, Wesley Marr, Shirley Overton, Gary Pfeiffer, Pat Pfeiffer, Glenn Pope, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, William Shook, Gordie Taylor, Deneen Terrell, Austin Thor, Pam Weaver. SPRING ARBOR: Joan Brandon

April Birthdays

8 Jerry Lajoie	20 Naomia Painter	24 Marcia Geiger
19 Gayle Moschler	21 Stephen Dareing	26 Kathleen Pope

Sunday Mornings: Our Sunday School is held virtually via Zoom each Sunday morning at **10:00 a.m.** We meet for Worship each Sunday morning at **11:30am**, both in-person and via Zoom. Please wear a mask if coming in person. Join via Zoom by entering this ID and Passcode into your Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 964 5655 9276 Passcode: 534593

- OR - by accessing the following link ...

<https://zoom.us/j/96456559276?pwd=TXNZQUVEaTBteVhlc2tBb3RNMlQ2QT09>

GIVING OPTIONS for OFFERINGS

- 1) Drop your offering through the bronze mail slot in the 49th Street door.
- 2) Mail your offering to: **Westover Baptist Church**
PO Box 13048
Richmond, VA 23225
- 3) Give online at: <https://onrealm.org/WestoverBaptist/give/offering>



****Please remember to review your instructions in Online Giving for 2021!**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

MARCH 7 - MARCH 28, 2021 (4 Sundays)

General offering received	\$4,487.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$5,692.00
General offering received in 2021	\$16,179.00
General offering budget requirement for 2021	\$18,500.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$245.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$655.00

TELLERS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 5	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman
Monday, April 12	David Cosby / Betty Garrett
Monday, April 19	Marcia Geiger / Kathleen Pope
Monday, April 26	Marcia Geiger / Mike Geiger
Monday, May 3	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman

April Ministry Volunteers

Deacon of the Week

April 4 Betty Garrett
 April 11 Mike Geiger
 April 18 Kathleen Pope
 April 25 David Cosby

"Deacons' Dialogue"

The Deacons have discussed establishing goals for 2021... to be intentional about what we want to accomplish as the community of faith known as Westover Baptist Church. Here are updates on some of the items:

- Start outreach and invite friends to church - we discussed changing the church sign to display that we do meet in person on Sundays at 11:30am...hoping others will come
- Connect with the other churches that are meeting in the building - Drew and South City Church have discussed joint worship services on 5th Sundays...possibly on May 30th
- Finish repairs to the building - Tommy is working on repairing the outsides of the windows.
- Find ways to be part of the global spiritual awakening - Carrie and Drew plan to develop a Facebook page for outreach to younger persons about experiencing Jesus.
- Examine our church programs and teams/committees - we plan to begin this discussion next meeting.



APRIL MISSIONS UPDATE

Website: www.livingwaterrva.com Email: livingwatercommunitycenter@gmail.com

Living Water Community Center seeks to foster healthy community through contemplative practices such as meditation, mindful beekeeping, and urban farming, where we hope to create a more sustainable and healthy community, both for the individual and the ecosystem.

We hope to inspire a new paradigm for living in a sacred and dynamic world, fostering a way of life that lives in harmony with the rhythms of nature and awakens us to embrace life in its fullness.



Backyard Beehives: The queens in the hives have begun laying drone eggs, which means spring has arrived! Over the next few months honey bees will be collecting nectar and turning it into honey. There will be some honey available to purchase beginning in July.

Daily Meditations: Join in each **Monday-Friday** at **6:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm** for 30 minutes of silent prayer and meditation. You may join at any or all times, in person in the church sanctuary, or via Zoom by entering the following into your Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 984 8820 2549 Passcode: 192547 -OR- by accessing link...

<https://zoom.us/j/98488202549?pwd=Yk1DUTYrZGxlc2N0c3hycmZYeXVldz09>



Community Garden is back in operation! The weekly garden workday is every Thursday morning from 9:00am to 11:30 am. Come out and help plant the garden for this spring.

Food Pantry Mission * 1-3PM *

The **Food Pantry** operates twice a month, on the **1st and 3rd Fridays**, from **1:00pm-3:00pm**. Thanks to Pastor Horace Wade and the Rising Liberty Church, we are able join with them and partner with the Chesterfield Food Bank to provide up to 2 full bags of groceries to local families that are impacted by food insecurities. Produce from the urban garden is also included. Come out and help in the garden and stay to help with the food distribution effort ... please consider helping if you are able.

REMEMBER THE MISSION OFFERING OF THE CHURCH!

For 2021, this offering is distributed among both the state and national bodies of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the South Richmond Baptist Center. You may contribute separately and directly to our mission ministry Living Water Community Center.

Holy Week 2021



*"He is not here;
For he has been raised..."*

Matthew 28: 6

This Easter season, may we remember these upcoming Holy Days....

Palm Sunday

Sunday

March 28, 2021

11:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Zoom

Maundy Thursday

Thursday

April 1, 2021

6:00 p.m. Sanctuary & Zoom

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday

April 4, 2021

11:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Zoom

(Zoom info same as Sunday Mornings)

South Richmond Baptist Center

"I serve the River City Faith Network (of the Richmond Baptist Association) as one of three community missionaries. God's call and your gifts and your prayers make it possible for me to serve as the Director of the South Richmond Baptist Center."

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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 5:30PM Meditation 6:00PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)	2 Good Friday Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 1-3PM Food Pantry <i>[7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]</i>	3 <i>[7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]</i>
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