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The Pastor's Pen - Rev. Dr. Matthew A. Merrill

SMALL GROUPS STRATEGY

Because the Session believes that Small Groups are the best venue for spiritual growth and care, we have been working hard for several months to consider the best way to implement groups moving forward. The reason we believe that groups are such a powerful context for spiritual growth is because it is an environment which combines the ingredients of biblical truth and trusting relationships. God often uses these two things in combination to grow our faith. And we'd love for you to grow.

We also believe that groups are a tremendous environment for congregational care to happen. Many of you have already told me stories about how during tumultuous times, it was the people from your small group who helped you out, took you to doctors appointments, brought you meals, prayed with and for you. Because of the types of friendships which are built in the context of groups, this makes perfect sense. While the Pastors and the Deacons are part of our care system, groups are also an integral component. As our church gets larger, it's critical that it also get smaller by providing rich relational connections for every member. Groups can do that.

As we head towards fall, you will be hearing more and more about two types of new groups we are forming: MicroGroups (3 to 4 people) and Community Groups (4-12 people). Some of these groups will meet in homes. Others will meet on the church campuses on Wednesday Nights, Sunday mornings and Sunday Night. These on-campus offerings have the benefit of coinciding with awesome

children's and youth programs. While we will have a clear emphasis on Small Groups heading forward, we will continue to offer great "medium sized" programs as well, such as Wednesday Night @ Crestwood and Sunday School.

You'll be hearing a lot more about groups as the fall gets closer. If you would like to lead a group, please contact Rob. Be praying for him and his team as we head into this next season together.

In Him,

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to the Life-Changing Jesus*

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Editor's Note:

Submissions due on the 15th of each month. Please send to: cathymarshall@crestwoodchurch.org

**RICHMOND CAMPUS LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND**

Richmond Campus worshipers are invited to gather following worship on Sunday, June 2, for a fellowship luncheon. Fried chicken, potato salad and ice cream will be provided. Donations welcome.



Because we think circles are better than rows, we are preparing to roll out new opportunities for connecting with people in smaller settings. Later this summer, watch for a chance to jump into a community group of 4 - 12 folks or a micro group of 3 - 4. Groups will be available on our campuses, as well as in homes and coffee shops and restaurants at all sorts of times throughout the week. Living life alone is hard. Get ready to circle up later this summer!



After a season filled with interesting programs and speakers, the PrimeTimers are taking a summer break. Plans for our fall kick-off will be announced in late summer!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

NAME	GRADUATING FROM	FURTHER EDUCATION PLANS
Margaret Earnest	Maggie Walker Governor's School	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Samantha Fee	Douglas Freeman High School	Virginia Military Institute
Parker Hall	Midlothian High School	Virginia Tech
Madison McCallum	Midlothian High School	
Andrew Serrao	Cosby High School	James Madison University
Julia Springer	James River High School	Saint Francis University
Hannah Tucker	Midlothian High School	James Madison University
Jeremy Vugteveen	Banner Christian School	Coastal Carolina University/Marine Science
Christopher Wade	New Kent High School	Hampton-Sydney College
Vongai Zhandira	Midlothian High School	John Tyler Community College/Nursing
Kara Young	Douglas Freeman High School	Virginia Wesleyan College

COLLEGE & GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATES

NAME	GRADUATING FROM	DEGREE
Brandon Chiu	University of Chicago (Otolaryngology)	Brandon and Katie will begin their medical attending careers at hospitals in Anchorage, Alaska this fall.
Katie Good Chiu	University of Chicago (Palliative Care)	
Blake Mogel	University of Virginia	B.A., Psychology and B.A., Global Security & Justice
John West	Christopher Newport University	B.S., Business Administration/Accounting (will be working for Dixon Hughes Goodman, L.L.D.)



Crestwood Kids Bible Camp

WHEN: August 13 - 15 (Tue-Wed-Thu)

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (light dinner included)

COST: \$5 per child / \$10 per family max

REGISTER: www.CrestwoodRVA.org or 320.2269

Richmond Campus Nursery Schedule June 2019		
02	Debra Lyle Dinna Niyonizigiye	232.1687 214.3188
09	Mary Beth Lambert Rozine Hafashimana	794.2046 433.0542
16	Janeti Mukarihami Judy West	873.9946 233.7175
23	Sandra Lenhart Mugisha Melianne	399.1570 594.5509
30	Joni Wade Catherine Earnest	966.9022 272.5424

NAVAJO MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE

June 9 - 22, 2019

Sunday - Thursday, June 9-13

Pray for traveling safety for the Advance Team as they depart for Gallup, NM; also pray for their safety as they commence site preparation and begin framing the building walls.

Friday - Saturday, June 14-15

Pray for safe travel for the follow-on Mission Teams; ask that God would prepare our way.

Sunday, June 16

Pray for the construction, cook, sports camp, and VBS teams as we set-up and prepare for the week ahead.

Monday, June 17

Pray for safety for the construction team; stamina for the cook and sports camp teams; God's leading for the VBS team.

Tuesday, June 18

Pray that the weather (temperature!) would be bearable and all team members would stay hydrated and healthy.

Wednesday, June 19

As the week draws to a close, pray for a harvest of souls for the Lord.

Thursday, June 20

Pray as we celebrate the dedication of the new church building and glorify God for the opportunity to serve Him in this unique ministry.

Friday - Saturday, June 21-22

Pray for safe travel home; pray for the Fort Defiance believers that they would continue in the work of the Lord and be a lighthouse in the desert.



CAMP CRESTWOOD MIDLOTHIAN CAMPUS

July 15 - 19 9:00a - 12:00p

Age 4 through Grade 5

Register at CrestwoodRVA.org

WORKDAY

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.



**June 24 - 29
Philadelphia, PA**

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers.



Summer Women's Bible Study

Join us for this 5-week study which will include brief video teaching by [Lisa Harper](#) and plenty of fellowship time to discuss this unique topic!

When: June 19, 26, July 10, 24, 31 at Midlothian Campus

Time: Wednesday mornings – 10:00 – 11:30 am

Facilitators: Sandy Konopky (slkonopky@gmail.com)

Susan Jenkins (sjenkins612@yahoo.com)

Please Note: Childcare available for registered children. Please register with Peg Webb. peg@crestwoodrva.org

NEWS FROM THE DIACONATE

HAND IN HAND MINISTRY

A simple idea that can help to solve complex issues

Are you, or someone you know, in a season of caregiving? Are you searching for a place to share frustrations and fears with others in similar situations? Are you longing to receive encouragement and prayer? This was the simple idea that came to Heather Anderson, and she responded to the Holy Spirit's prompting by forming the "Hand In Hand Ministry" at Crestwood. Its purpose is to provide support to those caring for others with a long-term illness or a permanent, debilitating condition. Whether a child caring for a parent, a spouse caring for a spouse, or a parent caring for a child; no matter the circumstances, Hand in Hand was established to provide much needed nurture and support. In Heather's words, *"The gatherings will provide a safe place for those who need "time out" to pray, talk and share together. My hope is we will encourage each other and learn that we are not alone and make each other stronger. Caregivers can come as often as they need to or once if they have a specific request. The group is open to anyone, anytime."* Hand In Hand meets on the third Saturday each month from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., at the Midlothian Campus. For more information or to join, contact Heather Anderson at grizwood@gmail.com or 423.930.7567.

MONTHLY MEAL - HOMEAGAIN MEN'S SHELTER

Offering hope and proving a safety net for men in the Richmond area

The HomeAgain Men's Emergency Shelter provides a temporary safe haven for single men who are experiencing a housing crisis. This facility also provides transitional housing for honorably discharged U.S. veterans, who are on their way to exiting the program. Crestwood supports the HomeAgain Men's Shelter by providing a hot dinner once a month for approximately thirty men. Dinners are served on the second Saturday each month at 5:30 pm at the shelter located at 11 W. Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219. *"This is one of our Small Group's most cherished activities,"* shared a Crestwood member recently. *"The joy of serving those less fortunate and the delightful fellowship with the men at the shelter cannot be matched."* To volunteer to prepare and serve a monthly meal, go to our SignUpGenius site: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca4ad2ea31-monthly> or contact Rob Bundick at robbundick@verizon.net or 966.0680.

MISSION TRIP TO BIG LAUREL, KENTUCKY

Monday, July 8 – Saturday, July 13, 2019

<https://www.laurelmission.com/ministries>

Tucked away in the mountains and the coal mines of Kentucky is Laurel Mission. Started in 1938, the mission reaches out, sharing the love of Christ, helping people, and changing lives every day. Through volunteers and donations, the mission is able to offer a store on Wednesday mornings for the people in the area and also provide repairs and additions to their homes. This July 8th – 13th, you are invited to join Joan and Bob Heath in sharing the love of Jesus Christ through Laurel Mission. Families are welcome! There are things for children age 8 and up to do. You will come away feeling truly blessed. Now before you say I can't do this kind of work, or I don't have the talents needed, or there is so much going on and this is not the right time, please stop and pray, asking God what He would have you do. Put it in God's hands and step out in faith. The cost is \$9.00 per person per day to stay in a bunk house at the mission. Food and gas costs are shared among the group or on your own. To learn more about this opportunity, please call Joan or Bob Heath at 320.4748 and leave a message.



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| 01 Kyle Rowland | 17 Debra Lyle |
| 01 Kayte Keim | 17 Martin Kairu |
| 01 Colin Brinkley | 17 William McCann * |
| 01 Layla Jernigan * | 18 Katie Schuster |
| 01 James Niyokuru * | 18 Euphrasie Ngendakumana |
| 03 Brian Regrut | 19 Ellen Jackson |
| 03 Christopher Earnest * | 19 Cole Kieling * |
| 03 Mohamed Obendje-Keita * | 20 Dick Webb |
| 04 Liz Martin | 20 Martha Wilson |
| 04 Mugisha Gaharure * | 21 Sandi Welch |
| 08 Rebecca Dudding | 21 Dan Applewhite |
| 09 Hope Parker | 21 Elizabeth Kingdom |
| 09 Sofia DelliCompagni * | 22 Laurie Palmen |
| 10 Dolores Bisbee | 22 Thomas Applewhite |
| 10 Tim Howerter | 23 Susan Cummings |
| 10 Benjamin Haslego * | 24 Roy Cope |
| 11 Michelle Mogel | 24 James Heath * |
| 12 Margaret Ann Winn | 27 Susan Coppage |
| 12 Susan Jenkins | 27 Alex Springer |
| 13 Frances Bowe | 27 Peyton Weeks * |
| 13 Janet Herr | 28 Bill Nicholson |
| 13 Brandon Letourneau * | 28 Laura Bundick |
| 14 Bob Cole | 28 Krista Copeland * |
| 14 Christy Mack | 29 George Parker |
| 14 Ann Good | 29 Chloe Minyon |
| 15 Jim Lemmert | 29 Harper Keim * |
| 15 Claire Lyle * | 30 Frank Crowley |
| 16 Kay Dixon | 30 Moses Ngendakumana * |
| 17 Jane Shives | |

* child / youth

PARISH NEWS

HOSPITALIZED / ELSEWHERE:

- Frances Trenka, The Hermitage

ACTIVE MILITARY:

- Stephen Johnson, Ft. Benning, GA
(son of Mary Johnson)
- John Kennedy, Virginia Beach, VA
(son of John & Betty Kennedy)
- Navy Lt. Ruth Cook, Newport, RI
(granddaughter of Priscilla Cook)
- Air Force Lt. Samantha Cook, F.E. Warren AFB, WY (granddaughter of Priscilla Cook)
- Air Force 2nd Lt. William Cook, III, Columbus AFB, MS (grandson of Priscilla Cook)
- Brian Swenk, Ft. Story, VA
(son of Rob & Trisha Barton)



Happy Birthday to...
Matt Merrill - June 16

Staff Anniversary
Peg Webb - June 1, 2007
Danny Smith - June 29, 2015



Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible!

Francis of Assisi



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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DATE	TIME	Event
01	9:00a	Cleanup Day & Camp Crestwood Workday
02	10:00a	Worship & Communion Graduate Recognition
09	10:00a	Combined Worship & Report from Dr. Borden
10	7:00p	Town Hall Meeting
19	10:00a	Women's Summer Bible Study Begins
25	9:30a	Terrific Tuesday (Rising K - Grade 2)
26	9:30a	Wild Wacky Wednesday (Rising Grade 3 - Rising Grade 5)

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02	10:30a	Worship & Communion, Graduate Recognition Fellowship Luncheon
09	10:00a	Combined Worship & Report from Dr. Borden Midlothian Campus
16	9:15a 11:45a	New Member Class Session Meeting to Receive New Members



SUNDAY, JUNE 16



The Church Offices are once again observing "Half Day Fridays" beginning June 21 and continuing through August 30. The offices will close at 12:30 p.m. each Friday. This is a practice in many churches and our Session believes it is a great benefit to our church staff.